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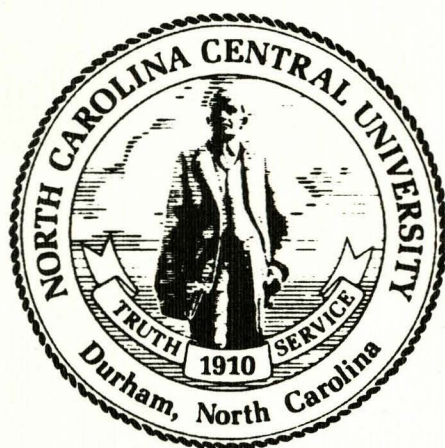
*North Carolina Central University*

*School of Law*

*Class of 2015*

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*Commencement Exercises*



James E. Shepard, Founder

*Saturday, May 9, 2015*

*King's Park*

*11:00 a.m.*

## *Processional*

<i>Welcome</i>	Bianca P. Williams SBA President
<i>Remarks by Students with Highest Honors</i>	Michelle M. Weiner Day Program  John K. Whetzel Evening Program
<i>Introduction of the Speaker</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean
<i>Speaker</i>	Josephine Arnold Chief Counsel, Minority Business Development Agency United States Department of Commerce
<i>Charge to the Class</i>	Ray J. Griffis, Jr. Class President

## *The Class of Two Thousand Fifteen*

<i>Presentation of Degrees</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean  Angela Gilmore Associate Dean  Adrienne L. Meddock Assistant Dean
<i>Alumni Oath</i>	Clayton J. Jones, Jr. President, Law Alumni Association
<i>Closing</i>	Phyliss Craig-Taylor Dean

## *Recessional*

# *Juris Doctor Degree Candidates*

## *May 9, 2015*

Lalisa Abdul-Malek	❖ Teta L. Jackson	Bridgette M. Richards
♣ Matthew A. Adams	❖ Jaweria Y. Jamal	Jeremy S. Rigsbee
♣ Jada I. Akers	❖ Alicia R. Johnson	♣ Abdul J. Roberts
Natia S. Akins	William C. Johnson, III	Adrian J. Robey
John J. Aldridge, IV	Nerlande Joseph	Christina M. Robinson
♦ Peyton E. Alston	Willymena Joseph	♣ * Jasmine L. Ross
♣ Erika N. Angles	Nestoras D. Katsoudas	Gregory L. Rouse, II
♣ Tricia V. Argentine	Jacob J. Lane	♣ Geneva G. Runion
♣ * Vera C. Attaway	♣ ♦ * Kaj S. Larsen	Lora B. Rupert
♣ James A. Azarelo	Myron L. Latney, Jr.	♣ Taalib Saber
Tameka C. Baldwin	♣ Robert Stephen Latreille, II	Clarissa Saintflex
♣ Darryl M. Barney	❖ Jenaye M. Lawrence	♣ Candi Schiller
Starr L. Battle	Shelly D. Lea	♣ Whitcomb R. Scott
♣ Zachary J. Beasley	♣ ♦ Woo-II Lee	Kierra L. Simmons
Alice B. Bennett	♣ Michaela Levandoski	Jacquelyn L. Smith
♣ Karen K. Bestman	Jarelle A. Lewis	Steven A. Smith, II
♣ ♦ Zachary R. Blackwell	♣ Virginia Ann Lifchez	Dymond K. Spain
Tamara Bailey Bowles	♣ Christina J. Llewellyn	♣ * Margaret H. Stacy
♣ Chadwick E. Boykin	Michael J. Lonati, Jr.	♣ * Maigan E. Stanback
Ellen A. Bragg	♣ * Jaqueline Lopez	♣ * * Carolina G. Stephenson
Thomas Douglas Bridges	♣ Fatima J. Lorick	♦ * Joshua A. Strachan
♣ Jaimee A. Bullock	♦ Jason Scott Lunsford	Brian K. Strickland
Dorian N. Burton	Shawnda M. Martin	Demetria E. Stuart
Mark Anthony Burts, II	♣ William Heath Martin	Jarrod B. Summey
♣ Tamara Louise Bynum	Neena Pravin Masters	♣ Christina Carter Thomas
❖ Sean F. G. Callahan	Angaza Mayo-Laughinghouse	♣ Antwan J. Thornton
♣ Andrew J. Cameron	♣ Mark C. McIntyre	♣ Steven M. Tirado
Karina M. Campbell	♣ Jassmin N. McIver-Jones	Mary Jane Tkach
Jeremy R. Carpenter	♣ Marissa C. Meredith	Jillian L. Torres
♣ ♦ Michael A. Coletta	Katie Elizabeth Mills	♣ Joshua R. Turner
Bishari D. Cooper	Ashley Monique Mooney	♣ Heather A. Vaughan-Batten
♣ Tyler Y. Cumbo	Barbara D. Moore	♣ * Tameka M. Walls
Shelvia L. Dancy	♦ Lindsey E. Moore	Mark K. Wampler
♣ Kali D. Davis	♦ ♦ Rena J. Moore	❖ Alisha Ward
♣ Richard H. Dingus	♣ Clifton E. Morgan, III	♣ Shekei'ra R. Ward
Rita Beard Dorry	♣ ♦ Brittany V. Mullen	♦ Holley A. Watts
Ceymone E. Dozier	♣ Petal A. Munroe	♣ Michelle M. Weiner
♣ * Amber M. Eades	❖ Ryan S. Murphy	♣ John K. Whetzel
❖ Daniela Endara	♦ Ashley D. Nesbitt	♣ Amy K. White
♣ Aaron T. Fennell	* William S. Newsome	♣ Janet C. White
♣ Paul D. Florence	❖ Vincent J. Nicolsen	♦ Bianca P. Williams
Tanisha D. Folks	♣ Jasmina A. Nogo	Jaleesa D. Wilson
♣ Martin A. Folliard	♣ Diana Ngozi Obodoako	Malory O. Windham
❖ A. Blair Fortune	Pooyan Ordoubadi	Emma N. Wingfield
♣ Ashley H. Foxx	Natalee Marie Ott	♦ Charles A. Woodyard
Shelley B. Fullwood	Jeffery L. Painter, Jr.	♣ Shana D. Wynn
♣ Sherita N. Gooding	Joseph Duffy Palmer	
♦ Christopher Greenidge	♣ Joshua E. Palmer	♣ Summa Cum Laude
♣ Ray J. Griffis, Jr.	Isaiah S. Parlier	♦ Magna Cum Laude
❖ * Malikah A. Hall	Akeem J. Parsons	♣ Cum Laude
♣ ♣ Anna-Patrice M. Harris	Brittney L. Pass	• JD/MBA
❖ * Kia V. L. Harvey	Tamekia C. Patrick	• JD/MLS
Ronald Haynes, Jr.	Jenee' T. Peace	❖ Alternative Dispute
♣ * Anthony T. Hinman	Bonnie Sue Pierce	Resolution Certificate
♣ Alecia J. Houston	Alysha E. Poles	♣ Civil Rights and
♦ Lauren Lewis Ikpe	♣ Stephen B. Radford	Constitutional Law Certificate
Otoufon Inyang	❖ William Ivy Rankin, II	* Justice in the Practice of
		Law Certificate
		* Tax Certificate



*The colors of the cords the graduates are wearing symbolize the following:*

*Gold: Graduating with highest honors (summa cum laude)*

*Purple: Graduating with high honors (magna cum laude)*

*White: Graduating with honors (cum laude)*

*Red, white and blue: Members and Veterans of the U.S. Military*

*Maroon and gray: Student Service Impact Award Recipients*

*Kelly and royal: Earned the Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate*

*Green and silver: Earned the Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Certificate*

*Teal: Earned the Justice in the Practice of Law Certificate*

*Silver and gold: Earned the Tax Certificate*

*Red, black and yellow: Members of the African Law Students Association*

*Maroon: Members of the Animal Law Organization*

*Light blue: Members of the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review*

*Red, black and green: Members of the Black Law Students Association*

*Maroon and white: Members of the Christian Legal Society*

*Dark green and gold: Members of the Environmental Law Society*

*Orange: Members of the Hispanic Law Students Association*

*Navy blue and silver: Members of the Intellectual Property Society*

*Royal blue and white: Members of the Law School Democrats*

*Royal blue: Members of the Moot Court Board*

*Silver: Members of the North Carolina Central Law Review*

*Rainbow: Members of the Outlaw Alliance*

*Purple and gold: Members of Phi Alpha Delta*

*Red, blue and yellow: Members of Phi Delta Phi*

*Navy blue and red: Members of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society*

*Red: Members of the Trial Advocacy Board*

*Lilac: Members of the Women's Law Caucus*

*Black and silver: Class of 2015 Executive Board*

*The following graduates are wearing medallions:*

*The Executive Board of the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review*

*The Executive Board of the Moot Court Board*

*The Executive Board of the North Carolina Central Law Review*

*The Executive Board of the Trial Advocacy Board*

*The Executive Board of the Student Bar Association*

## Josephine Arnold



Ms. Josephine Arnold serves as the Chief Counsel for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) within the United States Department of Commerce. The Chief Counsel for the MBDA provides legal and policy advice to the MBDA National Director, and to the Agency's headquarters and five regional offices, covering all aspects of MBDA's operations and programs. MBDA functions as a primary operating bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is authorized by Executive Order 11625. MBDA's mission is to foster the establishment, growth and global competitiveness of the nation's minority business enterprises (MBEs).

Prior to joining the MBDA as Chief Counsel, Ms. Arnold served as a Senior Attorney with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) located in the U.S. Department of Commerce for 11 years. At NTIA, she was the lead attorney on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and State Broadband Data Development grant programs established under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009; she provided advice and counsel, prepared documents, and reviewed awards, and assisted with aspects of administering the programs. As counsel for the BTOP grants, she assisted NTIA's Minority Telecommunications Development Program in obtaining revised Small Business Administration size standards for minority applicants.

Ms. Arnold was also the lead attorney for three reports to Congress on the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN). The ESIGN Act established the legality of electronic signatures and documents in commercial transactions. Ms. Arnold represented the United States Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program and the United States Agency for International Development in Egypt and Morocco where she participated in seminars on the establishment of electronic signatures law for regulators, attorneys, judges, and technical professionals in those countries. She assisted in the production of reports on broadband usage, spectrum management, and the Digital Television Transition Coupon program.

Ms. Arnold began her federal service in 1997 with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). While working as an Attorney-Advisor for the FCC, she participated in proceedings related to competitive pricing for wireline telecommunications carriers. Ms. Arnold served as an attorney-advisor for the District of Columbia Public Service Commission where she participated in all aspects of regulating and setting rates for Verizon (then Bell Atlantic Telephone Company). She also worked as an Associate in the telecommunications practice group of the Washington, D.C. office of Reed Smith Shaw & McClay.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Ms. Arnold returned to the state briefly to serve as a judicial clerk for the North Carolina Supreme Court. Ms. Arnold is an honor graduate of Howard University and Howard School of Law.