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# Law Alumni Newsletter

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School of Law Alumni Association

June

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## President's Message

Dear Alumni:

I am pleased to address you in this edition of our Newsletter. Nichelle Perry mentioned in the most recent edition of the Newsletter that I traveled to Accra, Ghana where I was a visiting lecturer of Trial Advocacy and Ethics for six (6) weeks. The trip was made possible by the American Bar Association and the United States Information Service, African Law Initiative Sister Law School Program. The program is designed to facilitate the exchange of faculty and students from our law schools on an annual basis. North Carolina Central University School of Law has been linked with The Ghana School of Law as sister law schools.

The Ghana Law School at the present time does not have an Alumni Association and its Director has requested information concerning our Alumni Association. In an effort to assist The Ghana Law School with the development of its Alumni Association, I will provide the Director with a copy of our Bylaws and other relevant information. I plan to visit Ghana again, Jun 15 - 23, 1996 to attend the National Bar Association's International Meeting. Additionally, while visiting Ghana, I hope to continue the dialogue between our schools for our mutual benefit.

North Carolina Central University School of Law continues to establish a strong reputation in the area of Advocacy. Nichelle Perry has accepted the challenge as Moot Court Board Advisor. Adrienne Meddock has established an Intellectual Property Moot Court team. The Trial Advocacy Team had another very successful year under the direction of Professor Thomas M. Ringer, Jr. and myself. The trial team was a finalist in the Southeast Region of the National Trial Competition and Champion of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) - Student Trial Competition. The ATLA team

competed in the National Finals held in West Palm Beach, Florida. The teams' final ranking is 7th out of the 105 law schools and 175 teams participating in the competition.

The majority of the trial teams' members are now members of the Alumni Association, and will be seeking employment following the successful completion of the July bar examination. Employ or recommend for employment one of our graduates.

The following is an excerpt from the president's speech during the induction of the new graduates into the alumni association:

"The legal eagle is a very special creation. You have been created by the supreme being, the Grand Architect of the Universe, and molded into the form of legal eagles by your matriculation at North Carolina Central University School of Law. You have been given the sword and the shield of the gladiator that you may go out and do battle against injustice wherever you may find it. Yes, even more, you have been given the intellect of may that you may think and reason, the patience of the oxen that you may bide your time and await the opportunity to strike, the boldness and courage of the lion that you may seize the opportunity. Yes, even more, you have been given the swiftness of the eagle that you may soar high or swoop low to meet the challenge as the needs dictate. Yes, I say you the legal eagle is a very unique creation.

You have been invested with the aforementioned qualities, you have earned the right to be inducted into the Alumni Association. If you will state your name and repeat after me:

"I pledge my allegiance to North Carolina Central University School of Law. I shall support, defend and contribute to its relief as the needs dictate and my abilities permit." I commend the excerpt to all members of the association.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors approved the first dues increase in eight (8) years. The current dues are as follows:

*Graduates in or after 1991 - \$40.00*

*Graduates in or before 1990 - \$50.00*

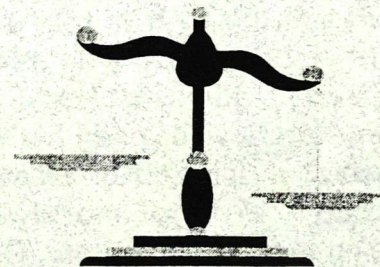
*New Graduates - dues waived from graduation until January 1, of the following year, thereafter dues are \$40.00 for five (5) years, then \$50.00 per year.*

The Alumni Association needs your financial support and participation. Please pay your alumni dues and contribute to the annual fund today.

The Alumni Association does not have paid employees. Thus, the information available to the Newsletter is provided by you, the members, of the association. Therefore, we ask that you to furnish information you desire to appear in the Newsletter to the Newsletter Chairperson, Nichelle Perry, or myself. Additionally, if you move, please provide us your new address. The Alumni Association is spending hundreds of dollars each year on return postage fees. If you have any concerns regarding the Newsletter, please address them to me. As the President of the Alumni Association, I will endeavour to address your concerns expeditiously.

Very truly yours,

Grady Jessup, '86  
President





## ALUMNI NEWS

### *IN MEMORIAM*

**Samuel M. Clement**  
Class of 1963

**Congratulations to Anthony C. DiLello '95** on passing the N.C. Bar exam. DiLello is an associate with Mitchell M. McEntire's firm in Graham, N.C.

**Ariel Townsend Rosamond '95** passed the South Carolina Bar Exam and is a partner at the Townsend Law Firm, Orangeburg, SC.

**Hugh G. Shearin, Jr. '95** is enjoying litigating and working in the health care law arena while serving as Counsel for Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore in Raleigh, NC.

**Sondrea Tolbert '94** is a member of Monte Watkins' firm in Nashville, TN specializing in juvenile and domestic law.

Congratulations to **Rubin Greene '94** on passing the February '96 Virginia Bar exam!!

Congratulations to **C. Wesley Black '93** on his recent marriage to Becky Ann Rogers. Black is in private practice in Cherryville, NC.

Congratulations to **Dan Soderberg, 1993** and his wife, Silvia, on the birth of their son, born December 24, 1995. Soderberg serves as Legal and Commercial Counsel for the Exploration Division of Western Mining, a major worldwide mining company in Aurora, CO.

**Lydia E. Lavelle, '93** has returned to Durham Parks and Recreation in the newly created position of Leisure Service Manager. Lavelle is maintaining her law office in Durham on a part-time basis.

Congratulations to **Manus Holmes '91** on passing the February '96 Virginia Bar exam.

**Edward J. Bullard '90** has joined the District Attorney's Office of Robeson County as an Assistant District Attorney.

Congratulations to **Debra Crumb Quigley '90** on the birth of her first child, J. Andrew Quigley born March 9, 1996.

**Carol Goins '89** has become associated with the law firm of Gudger & Gudger in Ashville, NC. Goins will specialize primarily in the area of family law.

**R.L. Robbie Edwards '85** is opening two new Law Offices. One will be located in Greenville, NC and the other in Rocky Mt., NC.

**Bruce A. Lee '85** has joined the firm of Williams, Johnson and Lee, P.A. and will practice in the area of criminal defense.

**Leslie Wickham, Jr. '83**, formerly of the now dissolved firm of Edwards, Sharpe and Wickham P.A., has opened an office in Durham, NC concentrating in workers compensation.

Congratulations to **James Adams '82** who was recently elected County Court Judge in Fort Myers, Florida.

**Leonard Jernigan '76** has just finished the supplement to his book Workers' Compensation-Law and Practice and after 20 years of practice, is taking a well deserved four month sabbatical from the practice of law.

**Ira Williams '64** is an administrative consultant for a New City cable television show entitled "Take It To The Hill." The program airs on channel 67 in Brooklyn on Tuesdays at 9:30 pm and Wednesday at 1:30 pm.

### **CORRECTION**

The persons listed in the last newsletter under "1995 Bar Results" were persons that the Alumni Association had notice of passing the bar. Please notify us if your name was omitted from this listing.

### **Send Us Your News**

Please keep the Alumni Association informed of your address and/or any career changes. Send changes and other items of interest to:

**Nichelle Jones Perry**  
Alumni Newsletter  
P.O. Box 57  
Durham, NC 27707





## *Degree Candidates*

*May 11, 1996*

◆ Summa Cum Laude  
♦ Magna Cum Laude  
⌘ Cum Laude

# ***Juris Doctorate Degree***

Atiba Adams ◆  
Charlene Armstrong  
Simone Belcher  
Jamila Bennou  
Karen Simpson  
Biernacki ♦  
Lee Biggar  
David Blow  
Richard Broadnax  
Percel Brown  
Amy Bullock  
Marcia Burton ⌘  
Robert Cain, II  
Jannika Cannon ⌘  
Claudia Clark  
Harold Cogdell, Jr.  
Dawn Conger  
Rebecca Cozart  
Bernell Daniel  
Ernest Dessausure  
Shawna Early ⌘  
Marka Fleming ⌘  
Natalie Ford  
William Frasier  
Douglas Freeman  
David Gasper ⌘  
Molly Gavigan  
Millicent Goins  
Alfred Griffin  
Jason Groves  
Thomas Gulley, Jr.  
Roydera Hackworth

Belynda Hairston  
Sandra Hall ⌘  
Arlene Hanks ◆  
Lisa Harding ⌘  
Kent Harrell ⌘  
Veronica Harvey  
Tom Hayes  
William (Bill) Hill  
Jennifer Holland  
Dock Hooks, Jr.  
Felicia Gore Hoover  
Marty Houglan ◆  
Craig James  
Joyce Jenzano ◆  
Rolf Jones  
Kara Lashley  
Frank Lay ⌘  
Kimberly Lay  
Melissa Lilly  
Tanya Locklair  
Mark Locklear  
Cleophus Marshall, II  
Erika Matthews  
Cynty McAlister ◆  
Reggie McKnight  
Janet McLamb ⌘  
Cynthia Morris  
Joe Morris III  
Troy Morris  
Robert Morton ⌘  
Dorothy Nachman ◆  
Bart Njoku-Obi ⌘

Robert Olsen  
Darnell Parker  
Tiffany Peguise  
Valarie Perkins  
Nicolle Phair  
Michael Phillips ⌘  
Tyler Pokrass  
Karen Pope  
Misa Raynor ⌘  
Kimberly Reaves ♦  
Margaret Richardson ♦  
Tsopei Robinson  
Joanne Romano  
Sandy Rothschild  
Susan Sandquist ⌘  
Joe Seagle  
David Shellenberger  
Angelicia Simmons  
Jimonique Simpson ⌘  
Casandra Skinner ◆  
Monique Skinner ⌘  
Evadne Smith  
Gerald Spuill  
Diane Tilley ⌘  
Brian Tomlin ⌘  
Timothy Turner ◆  
Tamla Tymus  
Gwendolyn Walker  
Brian Westrom  
Brian Wilks  
Linda Williamson  
Anthony Yancey

## *1996 Class Officers*

Cleophus Marshall, II,  
Evadne Smith,  
William (Bill) Hill,  
Belynda Hairston,

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer



# 1996

## ALUMNI DUES AND ANNUAL FUND

Dues for the 1996 year are \$40.00 for persons who graduated in or after 1990 and \$50.00 for those persons who graduated in or before 1989. Dues are waived for members of the class of 1995 for the 1996 year. Become an active member of the Alumni Association by providing the following information and sending it with your check to:

**Alumni Association**

Post Office Box 57

Durham, NC 27702

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a new address \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No?)

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated in or after 1990. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated in or before 1989. Enclosed in my check in the amount of \$50.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the class of 1995 so my dues are waived for the first year.  
[However, enclosed is my contribution to the annual fund.]

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES! Please count me in as a contributor to the 1995-1996 Annual Fund Drive.  
( Monies received from the Annual Fund Drive are used to fund scholarships, research assistantships and other important projects.)

### GIFT CATEGORIES

GOLDEN EAGLE	\$5,000.00	SILVER EAGLE	\$2,500.00
BRONZE EAGLE	\$1,000.00	DEAN'S CLUB	\$ 500.00
PATRON'S CLUB	\$ 250.00	FRIEND'S CLUB	\$ 100.00
GRADUATE'S CLUB		\$ 50.00	

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Congratulations !

Recipients of the Bar Scholarship  
(\$800.00) include:

Tamla Tymus  
Brian Wilks  
Lisa Harding  
Percel Brown



## ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Many thanks to the following  
persons who have contributed  
to the 1995 - 1996 Annual Fund  
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Ira Williams '64  
Hugh D. Cox '74  
Deborah Hargett-Robinson '90  
Nicholas E. Harvey '81  
Nathan Garrett '86

## **DUES PAID MEMBERS 1996 - 1997**

The Alumni Association wishes to  
recognize the following  
persons who have, since the last  
edition of the newsletter, paid  
their Alumni dues.

Jonathan P. Babb '94  
Tracy Hicks Barley '93  
Charles K. Blackmon '88  
Julia Boseman '92  
Janet W. Brown '85  
Judge Logan T. Burke '86  
Irma C. Clement '94  
Hugh D. Cox '74  
Rhonda G. Davis '89  
Dale G. Deese '89  
William A. Dudley '76  
Brenda Eaddy '93  
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Nathan T. Garrett '86  
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Sandra J. Hairston '87  
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M. Lynette Hartsell '81  
Christopher G. Harper '91  
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Wilton Hyman '92  
Martin J. Horn '91  
Leonard T. Jernigan, Jr. '76  
Bonnie L. Jones '82  
Jeff Langenderfer '92  
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Erik A. Martin '92  
Alan McSurely '82  
Steven B. Phillips '93  
Wendy Phillips '90  
Donald L. Pitts '69  
John W. Perry '91  
Debra Crumb Quigley '90  
C.J. Riley '89  
Deborah Hargett-Robinson '90  
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Kimberly Jones-Smith '92  
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John C. Stiles '94  
Phyllis Transhese '89  
Suzanne J. Wassiolek '89  
Monte D. Watkins '84  
Brian S. Welch '91  
Ira Williams '64  
Leslie Wickham, Jr. '83  
George Whitaker '87

## **MORE CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

### **New Alumni Association Board**

#### **Members**

Charles Blackmon '88  
Tawanna Taylor '91  
Lowell Siler '79  
Nichelle Jones Perry '93  
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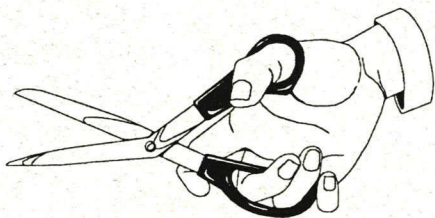
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associate, please let the Law School  
know by writing to:

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NCCU School of Law  
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Durham, NC 27707



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