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Letter from the Dean

Dear Alumni:

I bring each of you greetings from the Dean's Suite at your North Carolina Central University School of Law. I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful, productive year. We are continuing to push forward here at the law school with the type of work we believe to be important to our legacy and our future.

Our year was truly eventful. As you know, we pride ourselves on producing the kind of graduate who can immediately walk into any courtroom in the state, region, or country and represent clients. We could not achieve this without providing a strong foundation of academic classes and a diverse range of clinical opportunities for our students. In 2014, the efforts of our Clinical Program received national acclaim when *National Jurist Magazine* named us the fifth best program in the country for providing clinical opportunities for our students. The magazine used data from the 2013 American Bar Association (ABA) – Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Official Guide and determined that our program deserved the top five ranking. Our ranking placed us ahead of law schools such as Cornell University, the University of California-Berkeley, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. We are very proud of this unit and look forward to continuing to use our clinics to serve clients and the greater Durham community.



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor

Though we are first and foremost a teaching institution, our faculty members also continue to use their scholarly writings to bring a new, unique perspective to the discussions in legal publications and law journals across the country. Thanks to their diligent efforts and much-needed support from the university administration, our faculty is now publishing at a greater rate than ever. We remain immensely proud of the work our faculty has done, both inside and outside of the classroom.

We enter the new academic year with a few changes in our administration. Angela Gilmore, one of our full professors, is our new Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Fred Williams, a long-time professor at the law school, has agreed to serve as Assistant Dean for our Clinical and Professional Skills Program. Kathleen Wallace will also serve as our new Director of our Dispute Resolution Institute. While he joined us late in the previous academic year, we are also very pleased to have Ted Meyers on our team as our new Director of Development. We are immensely excited about the enormous talents of our new administrators.

As always, my most sincere thanks for your support and best wishes during my tenure as Dean of your law school. We are working hard to continue to make you proud of your institution.

In Truth and Service,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Phyliss Craig-Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phyliss Craig-Taylor
Dean and Professor of Law

Readings & Features

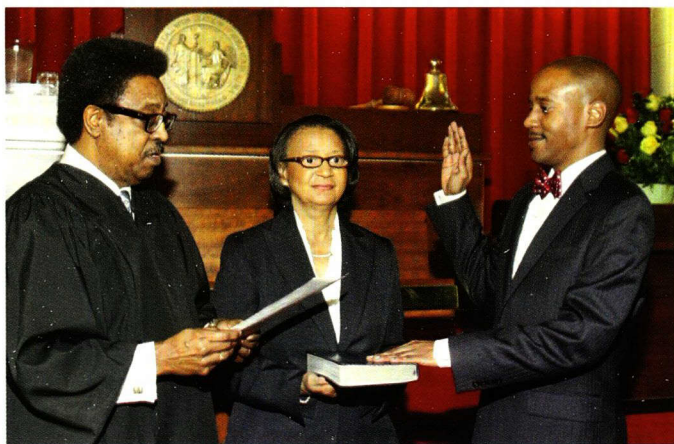
A Family Tradition

By Petal Munroe, NCCU School of Law

NCCU School of Law has a rich history full of landmark years, celebrated achievements, and prominent alumni. Included in that history are several generations of families that have made becoming a Legal Eagle a family tradition. The following stories illustrate many of those families who share a common bond, a sense of unity and pride and, most importantly, lasting legacies at NCCU School of Law.

The Baskerville Family

Judge Randolph Baskerville '76 *District Court Judge, Judicial District 9B*



After graduating from NCCU School of Law in 1976, the Honorable Randolph Baskerville became the first African American to be appointed Assistant District Attorney in 1979 for the Ninth Judicial District. He held that position for six years and subsequently worked in private practice for twenty years. Then, in 2005, fellow Legal Eagle and former Governor of North Carolina Michael Easley appointed Randolph Baskerville to serve as district court judge in North Carolina's Ninth Judicial District. Serving on the bench for the past nine years, Judge Baskerville says the highlight of his career is swearing in his son, Nathan Baskerville, as an attorney and as a North Carolina legislator.

Judge Baskerville was elated when his son attended law school at his alma mater. "It was great that he decided to follow me and obtain a great education at Central like I did," he said. "A couple of my classmates were his professors."

Having graduated from three HBCUs, Judge Baskerville opined that he obtained a great legal education from Central, which enabled him to showcase his talent in the courtroom. "I can sit back and say, hey, I do a pretty good job," he declared. "I'm a good lawyer, and it's all because of Central. I give them all the credit."

Nathan Baskerville '06 NC House of Representatives, 32nd District

NCCU School of Law has been a part of the Baskerville family for nearly forty years. "It gave my father, a country boy who grew up on a farm, a chance...gave me a chance and hopefully my children as well," Nathan said. Nathan felt honored to graduate exactly thirty years from the date that his father graduated from the law school. "NCCU was the only school that accepted me – the only school that believed I had what it takes to be a great attorney," he said. "From that point, I was determined to be a great attorney, and to prove NCCU right for providing me a chance." During his time at NCCU School of Law, Nathan was elected as the 2L Class President and was a member of the Trial Advocacy Board.

After graduating from NCCU School of Law in 2006, Nathan worked as an Assistant District Attorney in North Carolina's Prosecutorial District 9A. In 2010, Nathan established his own law firm, Nathan A. Baskerville, PLLC. Since 2013, Nathan has served as the Democratic member of the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 32nd District, including Vance, Granville, and Warren counties. He is also currently the Vice President of the ninth Judicial District Bar Association and the Chairman of Vance County Indigent Defense Committee, both elected positions. Highlighting Nathan's career are the ceremonies during which his father, the Honorable Randolph Baskerville, swore him in as an attorney and later as a state representative.

The Brown Family



Harry C. Brown, Sr. '76 Attorney in Private Practice

Although his fondest law school memories are of events that took place in the building that remains in the heart of NCCU's undergraduate campus, Harry Brown, Sr. was the first in his family to attend NCCU School of Law. "I felt a great sense of pride when my daughter gained acceptance into NCCU School of Law because it meant she would be able to carry on my legacy," he said. "An education at NCCU School of Law gave me the opportunity to attain a lifelong dream of becoming an attorney and being able to give back to the community."

Ashley M. Singleton '10 Attorney at the Law Office of Harry C. Brown, Sr.

This father-daughter duo not only shares a Legal Eagle legacy – they also work together in private practice. Ashley felt it was important to continue her father's legacy at NCCU School of Law. "I saw first-hand the impact that he had on the community as a result of his training at NCCU School of Law," she said. "An education at NCCU School of Law means that I am capable of competing with attorneys across the nation."

The Dudley Family



William A. Dudley, Sr. '76 *Chief Deputy Secretary, N.C. Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, Limited Private Practice (Retired)*

At the time William Dudley, Sr. began his tenure at NCCU School of Law in 1973, the

Turner Law Building had not yet been constructed. "We took classes in the chemistry building on campus," he said. "There were many struggles over the years. African-Americans had endured challenges in the profession, but with the support of the faculty and administration, we were able to endure and overcome." As the root of the Dudley family legacy, William Dudley, Sr. candidly revealed that graduating from the law school in 1976 meant a ticket out of poverty. "Receiving an education at NCCU School of Law was an economic stepping stone for the Dudley family," he explained. By the time his son graduated from the law school in 2008, the graduating class grew from a size of thirty students to more than 130 students. "I felt very proud of my son and the law school," he said. "I have seen the law school come into its own."

William Dudley, Sr. admired the commitment and dedication of the faculty members during his time at NCCU School of Law. He noted their willingness to give of themselves and go above and beyond the call of their duties. "I will never forget their display of brilliance and the students' reactions," he said. One of his fondest memories included sitting in class as a 1L during a lecture from LeMarquis DeJarmon when one of his classmates blurted out, "Damn, Dean! How do you remember all of those cases?" William Dudley, Sr. recalled that the Dean spoke with the cadence of a southern Baptist preacher. "Dean DeJarmon was a dynamic lecturer," he said. "Some of the students were amazed by him and, quite frankly, I was too."



William A. Dudley, Jr. '08 *Attorney at Parexel in RTP*

As a young child, William Dudley, Jr. visited the law school and saw his father leading the Alumni Association and interacting with administrators, students and alums. "I recall

meeting great men and women attorneys and knowing that one day I could also achieve my goals," he said. As the son of a Legal Eagle, William Dudley, Jr. realized the importance of an education at NCCU School of Law. "It is a vessel into an old and sometimes exclusive profession," he explained. "A NCCU Law education opens up opportunities in a field historically reserved for those with old money and generational influence."

Similar to his father's experience, William Dudley, Jr.'s most memorable law school moment occurred during his 1L year in Civil Procedure class with Professor Thomas Ringer. "I was in awe of Professor Ringer's control over oration and the grace in his presentation," he said. "At the conclusion of his lecture the class gave him a standing ovation as they likely had never before experienced such professorship."

The Frasier Family



Ralph Kennedy Frasier '65 *Of Counsel to Porter, Wright, Morris and Arthur, LLP (Retired)*

Prior to law school, Ralph Frasier served honorably in the United States Army. In 1965, he graduated from NCCU School of Law and joined Wachovia Bank and Trust in Winston-Salem. He

also worked at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP and later spent 22 years as general counsel and secretary of the

\$56-billion Columbus, Ohio-based Huntington Bancshares and affiliated companies. Throughout his career, Frasier has given generously of his time, energy, and treasure to many non-profit and public sector institutions.



Ralph Kennedy Frasier, Jr. '94 Attorney at Frasier & Griffin, PLLC

Ralph Frasier, Jr. graduated from the law school's evening program with his sister Kären in 1994. After graduation, Ralph worked in private practice at a law firm in Columbus, Ohio. He currently works as the Managing Partner

of Frasier & Griffin, PLLC in Durham with his relative and fellow Legal Eagle John R. Griffin '98. In addition to representing clients in state and federal courts across North Carolina, Ralph devotes a great amount of his time as a Board member at the John Avery Boys and Girls Club in Durham. He has been on the Board for ten years and has served as Board Chair for the last four years. He credits his community service to following the Frasier family motto: "To whom much is given, much is required."

During his time in law school, Ralph fondly remembers the cookouts he had on Fayetteville Street. "I really enjoyed the friendships I developed with many of my classmates," he recalled. "NCCU provided me with the tools needed to become a successful and respected attorney in my field. I also remember every day as I face off with attorneys across the State that 'an eagle ain't no ordinary barnyard fowl.'"



Kären Frasier Alston '94 Senior Counsel, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

As a single mother attending law school in the evening, NCCU School of Law was an optimal choice for Kären

Frasier Alston. "NCCU School of Law had served my father and other relatives extremely well, laying the foundation for stellar careers in law and business," she said. "With knowledge of that reputation, NCCU School of Law was my only choice." After graduating from NCCU School of Law, Kären clerked for the Honorable Robert F. Orr on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Subsequently, she practiced law in the areas of immigration law, family law and personal injury law. She then served her alma mater in several capacities, including serving as the University's first Grants Compliance Officer of Title III Programs, the law school's first Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, and initially, as Director of Recruitment/Enrollment Management. Her fondest memories includes the time she spent serving as the law school's Associate Dean for Finance and Administration. "I believed in the law school and its mission," she explained. "I believed in the work that I was doing and that I was contributing to the mission. I was completely committed to the law school, and I knew that what I was doing was, at its foundation, a direct result of the education and relationships I had built while attending the law school as a student. It was very satisfying."

Currently, Kären serves as Senior Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Thuwal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Kären asserts that the education she received at NCCU School of Law gave her a strong foundation in terms of legal and practical skills. "Without the legal education that I received from NCCU School of Law, I, without a doubt, would not have had the profoundly satisfying career working in legal, higher education, U.S. national policy and compliance, and international environments."

The Frye Family



Henry E. Frye, Jr. '87 *Attorney in Private Practice at Maddox & Gorman, P.A.*

Henry Frye, Jr. is the son of a former NCCU School of Law Professor and North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Henry E. Frye, Sr. After graduating from the law school in 1987, Henry Frye, Jr. served as an Assistant Public Defender in Guilford County from 1988 to 1993. Thereafter, he worked in private practice with Farrior & Associates from 1993 to 1996 and subsequently served on the bench as a superior court judge for the 18th Judicial District from 1997 to 2009. Currently, Frye is working in private practice at a Greensboro law firm. "Through each phase of my career, I have enjoyed the challenges that the law provides," he said.

When he found out that his oldest daughter, Whitney, had gained acceptance into his alma mater, Frye was glad that she would become a third-generation Frye attorney. "I was elated that Whitney chose to be a lawyer and that she was going to become a lawyer because of NCCU Law," he said. Not only was Frye a proud parent, he also realized what an education at NCCU School of Law signified. "It means excellence in preparation, surety in guidance, focus in interpreting the law, dedicated and passionate teachers, truthfulness in evaluation, and the assurance of knowing that you will be a lawyer with a degree from NCCU Law," he explained. Frye recalls his fondest memory at the law school as a twofold one — the day he was accepted into the law school and the day he graduated. "On those two days, I realized my journey and destiny as a lawyer began to unfold. Amen."

Whitney C. Frye '11 *General Counsel and Associate Commissioner at the NC High School Athletic Association*

As a third generation lawyer in her family, Whitney Frye felt proud to share the news of her bar passage with her father and grandfather. "It is rare that you have three generations of attorneys, let alone three generations of black attorneys, and it is amazing to see the strides that have been made since my grandfather was admitted to the bar," she said. Whitney revealed that she applied to no other law school because she knew that NCCU School of Law was where she needed to be. "Some of the same professors who taught my father also taught me, and I understood the value of the education that NCCU provides," she noted. "An education at NCCU Law is worthwhile, valuable and incomparable." Whitney submitted that NCCU teaches students to become more than just lawyers — students learn to become advocates. "I think that anyone coming to NCCU Law School should understand the history of the institution and recognize the tenets of responsibility, truth and advocacy that its history mandates," she explained.

Of her fondest memories at the law school, Whitney recalled two moments with Professor Susan Hauser, her Civil Procedure professor:

She told the class that three people had scored perfectly on the midterm and she would be giving a coupon for free Krispy Kreme doughnuts if we would come and let her know. As I rounded the corner, she looked sad as if I were bringing bad news. When I asked for my coupon, she jumped up and squealed, and I think she may have clicked her heels. She seemed more excited than I was that I had done so well. I really appreciated her enthusiasm for my progress as a student. That is something I will never forget. Later in the year, we had a footrace in a Washington, D.C. airport, and she beat me. I can just remember her taking off and me racing after her with all of my luggage. She won, but I'll always have a rematch to look forward to.

The Moore Family



Milton Moore '70
Attorney in Private Practice (Retired)

After graduating from NCCU School of Law in 1970, Milton Moore felt he was always welcome to go back and receive the support that he needed. "I felt a sense of loyalty and gratitude to the school," he said. "I wanted my children to receive the best education in an environment where they can soar."

Regina Moore '73 *Attorney in Private Practice (Retired)*

On September 20, 1973, Regina Moore became the first female lawyer admitted into practice in Martin County. Her husband, Milton, was right there by her side on the day she was sworn in. The Moores also became the first husband and wife to start their own law practice in Martin County. As double eagles, the Moores created a legacy that their children would later follow. "As a mother, the highlight of my career was to see all four of my children graduate from NCCU and two of my daughters graduate from NCCU Law School and become attorneys," Mrs. Moore said.

Kimberly Moore '94 *Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of NC*

Although just a baby when her parents attended the law school, Kimberly thought she was destined to follow in their footsteps. "Since I was a child, I have always known that I was going to attend NCCU and NCCU School of Law," she said. "Being part of a legacy fosters a certain loyalty to NCCU School of Law." As a freshman at NCCU, Kimberly was chosen to participate on the debate team. Her father told her to introduce herself to NCCU Law Professor Thomas Ringer and ask for help. Professor Ringer served as her debate team coach, and Kimberly's team won the competition. On her first day of law school, Kimberly remembered introducing herself to the law school registrar, Johnnie Brown, and telling Brown who her parents were. "I remember that her eyes got as wide as two saucers and

then she gave me a big hug," she said. "There was a familial atmosphere at NCCU School of Law, and I felt that when I arrived."

The familial support of the law school was never more apparent when Kimberly served as the U.S. Department of Justice's Resident Legal Advisor to the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo. "Never in my wildest dreams did I believe that this girl from the small town of Williamston, North Carolina, would take part in developing another country's criminal justice system," Kimberly explained. While conducting training in Kosovo, Kimberly felt the support from her law school professors. "I had never lectured before, and I called on Professors Irv Joyner and Fred Williams for guidance," she shared. "I patterned my trial advocacy class after Professor James 'Butch' Williams' class." As a graduate of NCCU School of Law, Kimberly realized that the possibilities are endless. "This law school has produced amazing attorneys, and I have never met a stranger who attended my law school," she said. "From my experiences, we share a bond, we support each other, and we are proud of each other."

Miltonia (Toni) Moore Cameron '01 *Assistant District Attorney, 1st Judicial District*

After both her parents and her older sister, Kimberly, graduated from NCCU and NCCU School of Law, Toni was next in line to fulfill the double-eagle legacy. "I grew up with NCCU School of Law being a part of my upbringing," Toni explained. During a tour of the law school prior to her 1L year, Toni recalled seeing a picture of her father smiling with his law school classmates. "I knew how proud he was to be there, in a place he dreamed of attending, and I was his namesake making my start the same way he did," she said. "I pointed his picture out to my classmates and was determined to have a graduation picture from NCCU School of Law with a 100-watt smile like his." At that moment, Toni knew she was in the right place. At a young age, her parents told her that the professors at the law school were supportive and would prepare her to do what they were doing in the courtroom. "I couldn't wait to get into Central's Law School," she revealed. "And when I got to Central, what they said was true." Although the classes were big at times, Toni recalled her law professors, especially

Professor Thomas Ringer, giving one-on-one time for the students who needed it. "When I took it upon myself to do extra work and talk to my professors, it was reflected in my grades," she recalled. "That's what makes NCCU School of Law stand out to me."

Toni's proudest moments included receiving her acceptance letter into NCCU School of Law after completing PBAP and subsequently, law school graduation. "Both moments fulfilled a dream I had as a child of following in my parents' footsteps," she explained. "I also became particularly fond of a Legal Eagle and married him." Since graduating from the law school in 2001, Toni has worked in four eastern North Carolina judicial districts as an assistant district attorney, public defender, defense attorney, and as the designated domestic violence attorney. She enjoys mentoring new attorneys and working with interns and teen court participants, while always making sure she steers them towards attending NCCU School of Law. "I make them aware of local Legal Eagles in the courtroom and on the bench so they know that they, too, can bring their skills and talents back to Eastern North Carolina."

The Murphy Family



Calvin Murphy '77
*Special Superior Court
Judge for NC Business
Court (Retired)*

Calvin Murphy is a special superior court judge for the North Carolina Superior Courts. He has served in this position since 2007. In 2010, he was appointed to serve as

a special superior court judge for North Carolina's Business Court to handle complex business cases. On December 31, 2012, Murphy was reappointed to that position by Governor Bev Perdue.

Sommer Joy Murphy '08 *Administrative Judge in D.C. Office of Employee Appeals*

Sommer Murphy followed in her father's footsteps when she began working in his law office at the age of sixteen.

"He's an irreplaceable role model for me and countless others," she said. Having matriculated at the undergraduate level where African Americans were not the majority, Sommer greatly appreciates the world view honed by her education at NCCU School of Law. "It prepared me to take my place as a leader and apply acute sensitivities to professional encounters," she explained. "I recommend that experience to everyone, inside the family or not."

Just like her father, Sommer points to serving on the bench as one of the highlights of career. Calvin Murphy, who graduated from NCCU School of Law in 1977, recently retired from the bench in June, 2014, after serving as a special superior court judge for North Carolina's Business Court. Having attended the same law school and judicial college as her father, Sommer recounts that both experiences were amazing. "I'm pleased that my following in his footsteps has created a family legacy at NCCU School of Law," she said. "Tradition is important; not for its own sake, but because it represents a special continuance, a familiarity of shared place. I am truly honored to be his daughter."

The Newell Family



The Newell family roots are deeply planted at NCCU School of Law. The matriarch of the family, Dottie Newell, graduated from NCCU School of Law in 1974, and then three of her children continued the legacy: Regina Newell Stephens graduated in 1987; Angela Newell Gray graduated in 1994; Michael Newell graduated in 2009; and Pamela Newell, who graduated from UNC School of Law in 2000, taught legal writing at the NCCU School of Law

from 2006 to 2014. Angela Newell Gray's son, Mark Gray, II, will also begin his journey as a Legal Eagle in August 2014.

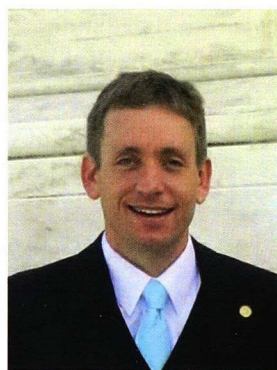
Coming from a family full of lawyers, Angela believes an education at NCCU School of Law is the best education money can buy. "In all my years practicing law, I can truly say I was almost always the best prepared lawyer in the courtroom," she said. Angela has been in private practice since graduating in 1994 and specializes in civil litigation with a focus on employment law. "In situations where I have been able to vindicate a victim of discriminatory treatment in the workplace, I have felt very fulfilled," she revealed. During her 1L year at NCCU School of Law, Angela's Civil Procedure professor, Thomas Ringer, predicted her future. "He was such a great professor and an inspiration," she explained. "One day I told him I was going to be a bankruptcy attorney when I graduated. He looked at me and smiled and said, 'you're going to be a trial attorney.' He was right!"

The Nieman Family



John Nieman '92
*Guilford County
Assistant Public
Defender*

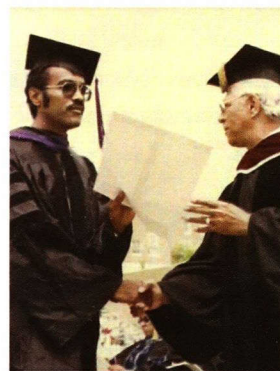
As a former prosecutor and now a public defender in Guilford County, John Nieman credits the education he received at NCCU School of Law for his success. "I am a lawyer because of NCCU," he said. Of the four colleges he attended for undergraduate, graduate, and law school, John's fondest memories are of his time at NCCU School of Law. "I can say that without a doubt the finest instructors I have ever had were the professors at NCCU Law," he said. "Now over twenty years after graduating, I still find myself quoting Professor Thomas Ringer, Dean Janice Mills, Professor Fred Williams, Professor Walter Nunnalee, and others."



Jeff Nieman '06
*Assistant District
Attorney, District 15B*

As a middle school student, Jeff Nieman saw his father graduate from NCCU School of Law. "I was grateful and excited that NCCU gave me the opportunity to study the law and become an attorney, as it had for my father," he said. "Becoming an attorney is a great honor and responsibility. My education at NCCU instilled in me the importance of applying our skills to help the people of North Carolina."

The Parker Family

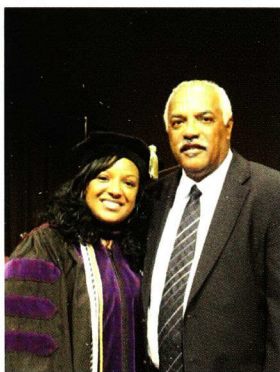


Jason R. Parker '79
*Prosecutor (Retired),
Limited Private Practice*

As the first in his family to graduate from NCCU School of Law, Jason Parker began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in Wake County. Following that position, he worked in private practice for six years, and subsequently served as the Chief Assistant District Attorney in western North Carolina, including Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, and Iredell counties for twenty-three years. Besides trying several high profile and difficult first-degree murder cases, Parker also served as an instructor at the District Attorney's Summer Conference on three occasions. Adhering to the law school's motto, "truth and service" has been a driving force throughout Parker's twenty-five year career as a prosecutor.

An experience in trial advocacy class at NCCU School of Law helped to mold Parker into the attorney he was destined to become. "I was assigned to defend a guy who shot his wife and who was caught with the gun in his hand. My brother agreed to play the role of the defendant. He took the stand, claimed it was an accident, and cried

like a baby. I was embarrassed by the acting job that he did. I made a closing argument that based on the angle of the gunshot wound, it was obvious that my 'crybaby client' didn't intentionally kill his wife; and that it was just a horrible accident. I had an all-female jury of NCCU undergrads that apparently felt sorry for him and they found him not guilty. My instructor told me that was the first time the defense had ever won that case on that set of facts." Mr. Parker maintains that he owes his entire legal career to NCCU School of Law because it was the only school he applied to. "I wanted to experience attending a historically black university," he said. "Had NCCU not afforded me the opportunity to matriculate there, I would never have become an attorney."



Ashleigh Parker Dunston '12 Wake County Assistant District Attorney

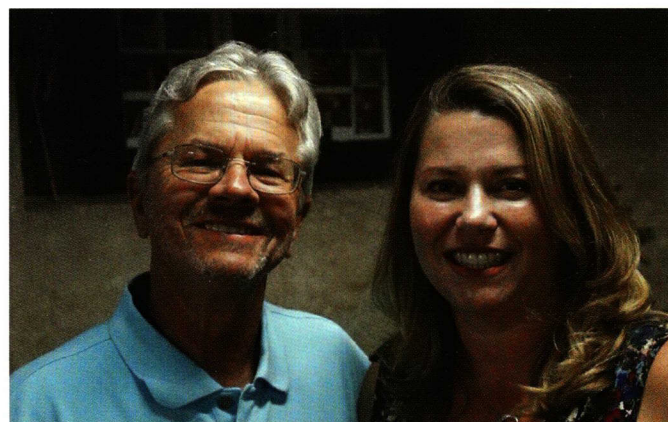
Just one month prior to her dad retiring as a prosecutor, Ashleigh Parker Dunston graduated from NCCU School of Law. Ironically, both Ashleigh's and her dad's

first job out of law school was as an Assistant District Attorney at the Wake County District Attorney's Office. "I love representing the State and the victims and doing my part to ensure that the laws of North Carolina are upheld," she said. This passion for public service also runs through her family as her father, Jason Parker '79, and first cousin, the Honorable Judge Ola Lewis '90, both graduated from NCCU School of Law and maintained careers as a prosecutor and superior court judge, respectively. Her father's legacy remains evident at the law school. "I was actually walking down the hallway on the first floor where all of the past graduate class pictures were hanging and [saw] my dad's photo with his dark glasses and huge afro."

Candidly revealing the fact that she is a daddy's girl, Ashleigh felt it was important to continue the family legacy of attending NCCU School of Law. "I knew that I wanted to be a prosecutor like my father, and since he was

so great at what he did, I figured that for me to be great, I should attend the same school as him," she explained. Ashleigh realized that receiving an education at NCCU School of Law signifies that she graduated with the ability to dominate a courtroom. "I gained my litigation skills and confidence from NCCU law, and no other school provides that as well as NCCU."

The Shuford Family



Thomas Shuford, Jr. '73

Meredith Shuford '97 District Court Judge, 27B Judicial District

At nearly four years old, Meredith remembered attending her father's law school graduation ceremony where Jesse Jackson was the commencement speaker. When the time came to follow in her father's footsteps, she chose to continue the family legacy at NCCU School of Law. "I was excited to attend the school my father had attended," she said. Prior to her appointment as a District Court Judge in 2007, Meredith practiced law with her father in a general practice for nine years. "I have fond memories of sitting as co-counsel with my father for two separate jury trials when I began my practice," she recalled. Now as a judge, Meredith feels fortunate to spend the majority of her time in the courtroom focused on the issues of the individuals who appear before her and the law. "I believe I was truly prepared to practice law," she said. "Based on the training from the professors and my experience in my NCCU trial advocacy program, I was immediately comfortable in the courtroom."

Kathleen Wallace Reports from the Sochi Paralympics



USA Team Welcoming Ceremony in the Alpine Plaza

The Paralympic Wall stood as a backdrop in the Athlete Village at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Games. The Wall was signed by staff and athletes alike throughout the Games. The Wall represented a salute to the United Nations Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities, which defines rights of people with disabilities, including accessibility, equality and non-discrimination, living independently, mobility and participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport. During the opening ceremony of the Sochi Games, Philip Craven, the International Paralympic Committee president, called upon spectators to have a “barrier-free mind,” stating that “the sport you witness here will change you. Not just for now, but forever.” For Professor Kathleen Wallace, the sport and the individuals she witnessed in Sochi in March 2014 did just that. The Sochi Paralympic athletes show the potential of people with disabilities when given an opportunity.



Professor Kathleen Wallace and Alpine Skier, Stephani Victor

Wallace served as crisis intervention specialist, mediator, and attorney to Team USA throughout the 2014 Paralympic Games. Given the political climate in Russia at the time and the nature of almost any world athletic event, the types of crises were unpredictable at best. She reports that, for the most part, Sochi 2014 was a wonderful display of the power of sport in bringing nations and peoples together, regardless of nationality, race, gender or disability. Seeing athletes from all over the world competing together with determination and sportsmanship, eating together in a single dining facility, laughing and trading pins and other memorabilia is representative of the spirit of the Paralympic (and Olympic) Movement. It is peace at its best.

Wallace said that the crises for the United States at this year's Games mostly involved severe injuries on the unseasonably warm Alpine slopes, airlifts to the local hospital, mobilizing translators and adequate care in a foreign country, and contacting loved ones back home. There were also rule interpretation issues, disqualification issues and questions about athletes' rights that arose. What Wallace says is special about working with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and Paralympic athletes is the emphasis that the USOC puts on "athletes first," which in a Games setting means that every staff member plays a role in making sure the athletes have what they need and are free from distractions. This includes tasks such as helping to tie the Ralph Lauren scarf just the right way for the opening ceremony, carrying extra limbs during the closing ceremony, putting the coffee on at 5:30 each morning, restocking the water cooler each evening, making extra special peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for an athlete who does not have use of his arms, waving

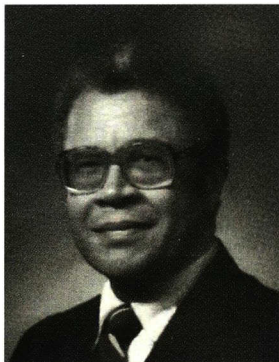
the American flag in the stands when the United States plays Russia in sled hockey, helping an athlete with a traumatic brain injury find his dad across town in a country that speaks little English, taking a service dog for a run while her owner is off competing in his events, escorting a medalist through the typical doping control protocols, disputing a start line disqualification that caused a U.S. athlete to lose a medal, or appealing a last minute re-classification of disability level by the international qualifiers. Wallace noted that she enjoys the unpredictable nature of the work and continues to be inspired by athletes who model what it means to transform adversity into opportunity as individuals and as national representatives.

Wallace is on the faculty at the law school, where she directs the Dispute Resolution Institute and has worked with the USOC since 2005, when she proposed that mediation be a more prominent forum for resolving disputes between athletes and governing bodies and in governing Olympic sports in the United States. Since then, she has served as a mediator for the USOC, ombudsman at the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara and the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, and a member of the Board of Ethics of USA Archery.



USA team supports at the top of Rosa Peak at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Ski Resort; Wallace and Alpine Skier, Stephani Victor

Life and Work of Dean Harry Groves



Harry Groves, who served as the dean of the North Carolina Central University School of Law from 1976 to 1981, died on August 24, 2013. Groves earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in 1943, and then entered the U.S. Army, where he was a second lieutenant in an

artillery unit in Europe during World War II. He returned to school, earning a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago in 1949 and an LL.M. from Harvard University in 1961. Groves was called back to the Army and served in the Korean War as a second lieutenant with the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. When he was discharged, he set up a solo law practice near Fayetteville.

Groves' first teaching job was at North Carolina College for Negroes (now NCCU), and he later served in the capacity of dean of the School of Law at Texas Southern University and University of Singapore, respectively, before his appointment as president of Central State University in Ohio from 1965 to 1968.

As noted on Chicago's law school web site, "His accomplishments brought him to the attention of Harvard Law School, which offered him one of ten positions it had created for up and coming legal educators to conduct postgraduate study. He chose to study the constitution of the recently formed Federation of Malaya, and his analysis was published in a law review. In his career, he published six books, including a casebook on comparative constitutional law, and many influential studies and articles." Groves taught at Harvard for one year.

Groves was appointed dean of the NCCU School of Law in 1976, and during his tenure, he was instrumental in

supervising the school's move into its current location in the Albert L. Turner Building. He was the guiding force behind the creation of the evening program, a program that served as the only evening law school program between Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. for several years. Dean Groves went on to become the Henry Brandis Professor of Law at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he retired with emeritus status in 1986.

One of his lasting achievements was spearheading the review of North Carolina's legislation that governed continuing care retirement communities (CCRC). Ultimately, Groves concluded that existing laws were inadequate to give residents the protection they needed. Accordingly, in 1988, he called together a small group of North Carolina retirement community residents and members of the North Carolina legislature to seek their assistance in providing better laws. The North Carolina Continuing Care Retirement Association (NCCCRA) was organized and Groves proposed new legislation. The following year, this small group of people successfully lobbied the legislature to gain passage of what is now North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 58, Article 64, to license and regulate CCRCs in the state.

Groves was a man of vision, integrity, energy and enthusiasm. In recognition of his contributions to legal education, in 1997, Dean Groves received the Robert J. Kutak award from the American Bar Association. The award is given annually to the individual "who meets the highest standard of professional responsibility and demonstrates substantial achievement toward increased understanding between legal education and the active practice of law."



Dean Groves and former Governor Jim Hunt



Professor Wendy Scott, Professor Susan Hauser, Victoria Bennett (2L), Professor Lydia Lavelle, Professor David Green, Julie Halter, Jonathan Savage '14, John O'Tuel, John E. Curtis

E-Discovery: The Legal Landscape

On March 28, 2014, the Civil Procedure professors at North Carolina Central University School of Law hosted an electronic discovery (e-discovery) panel of distinguished experts from around the country. The panelists began their visit with a luncheon hosted by Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Civil Procedure professors David Green, Susan Hauser, Wendy Scott, and Lydia Lavelle. The e-discovery panel was designed to introduce the topic of e-discovery to first-year law students. The program was mandatory for all first-year law students, with the presentation being available via webcast for evening students. The program also included an impromptu oral argument during which Judge Facciola intensely questioned a student from each of the three sections. The students were poised and well prepared and demonstrated "eagle excellence." All agreed that the program was a tremendous success. The e-discovery panelists were as follows:

Judge John M. Facciola, who was appointed to be a United States Magistrate Judge in the District of Columbia in 1997. Prior to being appointed to the bench, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan from 1969-73, and was in private practice in the District of Columbia from 1974 to 1982.

Julie Anne Halter, who is a partner in the Seattle office of K&L Gates. Her practice includes general commercial and business litigation, and in particular, the management of large, document-intensive cases, specifically those involving electronic discovery. Halter is a member of the The Sedona Conference Electronic Document Retention and Production working group and is a frequent author and speaker on discovery issues.

John O'Tuel, who is Assistant General Counsel at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and works in the Dispute Resolution & Prevention (DRP) group located in Research Triangle Park. Since joining GSK in 2005, O'Tuel has progressed through successive roles of increased responsibility within GSK's Legal Department. In addition to his case management duties, he is involved with litigation and IT processes with a focus on e-discovery.

Connecting Law and Social Services (C.L.A.S.S.)

by Glenna Boston '14

Due to the vision of Glenna Boston, a third-year law student, the Family Law Clinic of North Carolina Central University School of Law has partnered with local social work departments to implement C.L.A.S.S., an acronym which stands for "Connecting Law and Social Services" in child welfare. C.L.A.S.S. is designed to better equip future family lawyers to provide quality legal representation for parents and child welfare social workers. Furthermore, C.L.A.S.S. hopes to bridge the widening gap between child welfare social workers and attorneys by showing them how to work together towards a common goal, the best interests of the child, and not necessarily towards a victory, which often focuses on more self-centered professional goals.

On September 7, 2013, students from NCCU School of Law hosted a full-day workshop at North Carolina State University for students pursuing their master's degrees in social work. Workshop topics included information about the legal implications of social work as it pertained to abuse, neglect and dependency. The participating law students moderated panels that discussed topics such as Title IV-E funding, the courtroom structure, and the interplay between state and federal law. Presentations were conducted by fellow Legal Eagles Maria Bruner, Ana Nunez, Jonathon Jerkins, Alisha Benjamin and Fatina Lorick. Several of these students have social work degrees and all have a passion for serving families.

On November 6, 2013, the September workshop attendees were able to apply the knowledge and skills they had learned by participating in a mock trial hosted at the Durham County Courthouse with Judge Beverly Scarlett, District 15B, presiding. The fact pattern for the

Reaching Out With the Street Law Program

You never know how you are going to touch someone's life and how you may affect their future. Jesse McCoy '08 and Tanisha Chapman McCoy '08 had no inkling of the impact they would have on students in the classes they taught at Riverside High School in Fall 2007 as a part of Professor Page Potter's Street Law course. This spring, Hugh Hudson, one of the high school students from the McCoys Street Law classes, completed his 1L year at the NCCU School of Law – as a direct result, he says, of the two law students who came to his high school class many years ago.

In Street Law, offered at NCCU School of Law since 2002, law students are paired with a middle or high school Social Studies teacher in one of Durham's public schools. After learning the rudiments of lesson planning and instruction, law students teach the middle or high school students classes on topics such as the court system, the criminal trial process, and the Bill of Rights. Teaching Street Law sharpens law students' public speaking and presentation

skills and hones the ability to break down legal concepts and communicate them in terms that tenth graders can readily understand. Street Law students also help make the law real and relevant to high school students and serve as role models and ambassadors for the legal profession.

Hugh credits the seeds planted by the McCoys with giving him the motivation to work hard and achieve academic success and later, to apply to law school. Following high school graduation in 2008, Hugh Hudson enrolled at NCCU, graduating with a degree in Sports Management with a Business minor in December 2012 and matriculating at NCCU Law School in Fall 2013. During the past semester, remembering what had inspired him, Hugh spent one afternoon a week at Neal Middle School with other NCCU Law Citizen Schools volunteers, teaching mock trial skills to sixth graders.

The McCoys were excited to learn about Hugh's career and



NCCU law students and NCSU social work students with Beverly Scarlett '93 following the mock trial at the Durham County Courthouse in November 2013

mock trial was based on an actual child welfare case with students from the NCSU Master of Social Work program participating as the witnesses. Legal Eagles Justin Ratliff, Erin Swinney, Jonathon Jerkins, and Glenna Boston served as legal counsel for the parents, the Guardian-At-Litem, and the Department of Social Service. The social work students were able to experience the gravity of testifying under oath in an actual court room, observe the importance of being prepared, and respond effectively in unpredictable circumstances. On the other end of the spectrum, the law students saw a different side of the legal profession—one that focused on the best interests of all parties involved, rather than just the interest of their particular client.

C.L.A.S.S. was taught during the Spring 2014 semester and included students in the NCCU Master of Social Work program.

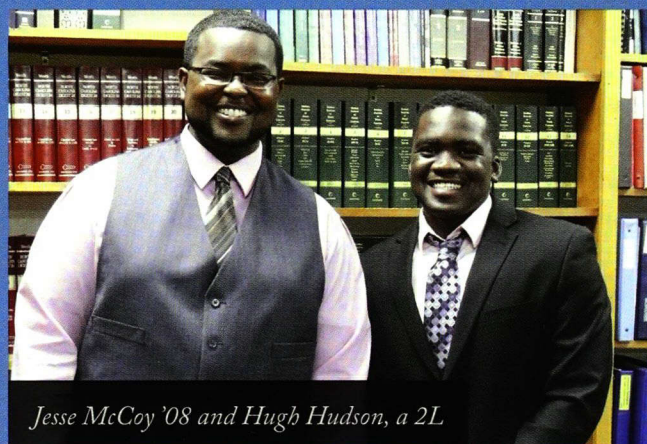


Molly Morgan '14, Shaundricka Ranel '14, Alisha Benjamin '14, Jonathan Jerkins '14, Fatina Lorick 3L, Judge Beverly Scarlett '93, Glenna Boston '14, Ana Nunez '14, Justin Ratliff '14, Maria Bruner '14, Erin Swinney '14

accomplishments subsequent to Riverside. Jesse stated, “I am amazed to see the fruits of our efforts to inform young people about the need for attorneys and laws. I understand what it takes to survive and succeed as an African American male from Durham County, and I could not be more proud to see that success embodied in Mr. Hudson. Further, I was delighted to learn that Mr. Hudson is currently going back to Neal Middle School to expose tomorrow’s generation to the law.” Tanisha went on to say, “I was happy to hear about his story and his matriculation at NCCU Law. I have no doubt that he has the ability to become a great legal mind. This is an enormously proud moment for me because it is the exact reason I applied to law school. In my personal statement for admission to NCCU School of Law, I wrote that I never aspired to be the next Johnnie Cochran, but I desired to teach the next great legal mind.”

Hugh remembers, “The class was instructed on many different areas of the law and how impactful it could be to know the law. The class engaged in numerous mock trials and simulations of court proceedings. As a high school

student, with uncertain aspirations, I was able to obtain insightful information from these sessions and subsequently, formed an interest in the law. All in all, the experience of having Jesse and Tanisha visit my high school class has contributed immensely to my chosen career path and most importantly, the determined person I am today.”



Jesse McCoy '08 and Hugh Hudson, a 2L

Faculty Spotlights

Professor Brenda D. Gibson will serve as Chairperson of the Southeast/Southwest People of Color (SE/SW POC) Executive Planning Committee for the 2015 SE/SW POC Legal Scholarship Conference to be held at the North Carolina Central University School of Law on March 19-22, 2015. Gibson was also appointed to the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Monograph Series Board of Editors in February 2014. She was also a panelist at several programs/conferences this academic



year: LWI Sixteenth Biennial Conference 2014, "Tackling Institutional 'isms' in LWI," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 2014); 2014 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, "From Law School Faculty to Administrator and Back," Houston, Texas (February 2014); and ¡Adelante! Moving Forward program, sponsored

by the North Carolina Bar Association Minority in the Profession Committee and the Latino Affairs Committee, Cary, North Carolina (February 2014).

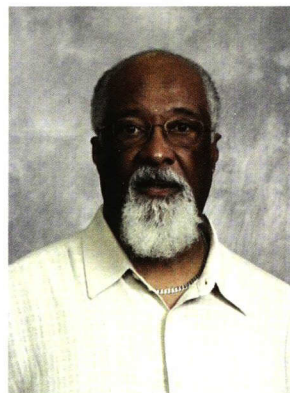
Professor Susan Hauser published a book titled, *Graduating with Debt: Student Loans in Bankruptcy* (American Bankruptcy Institute, co-authored with Professor Daniel A. Austin), in October of 2013. During the academic year, she made eight presentations on student loan debt around the country, including presentations at the Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy



Attorneys, the Texas State Bar Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Course, and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Winter Leadership Conference. Hauser was also a course planner for the ABI Student Debt Symposium, held at Georgetown Law Center on May 30, 2014. Finally, this

past academic year, she was awarded the 2013 Women of Justice Award by North Carolina *Lawyers Weekly* and was elected to a two-year term on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*.

Professor (Irv) Joyner wrote the article, "Pimping Brown v. Board of Education: The Destruction of African-American Schools and the Mis-Education of African-American Children," which was published in the *North Carolina Central University Law Review*. He also has received the following awards during this past academic



year: 2013 Legacy Award as The People's Lawyers from the Institute of the Black World in Washington, D.C.; 2013 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the North Carolina NAACP in its statewide annual convention in Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Torch Award for Legal Accomplishments

from The National Newspaper Publishers' Association in Washington, D.C.; 2014 Man of the Year Award from the Scotland County NAACP; and 2014 Outstanding Service Award from LaGrange-Frink Alumni and Friends Association.

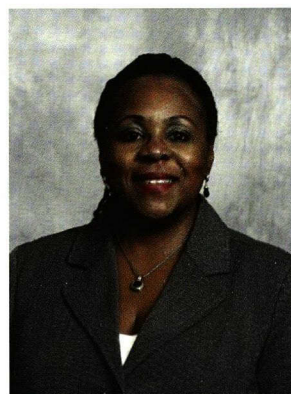
Professor Lydia Lavelle participated in several conferences during the academic year: Presenter, "Anti-Discrimination Rules with Regard to Sexual Orientation: A Survey of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the



Fifty States," Carolina Junior Scholar Series, April 11, 2014; Presenter, "On Your (Quotation) Mark, Get Set, Go!," LeadHERship Conference, Professional Development for Recreation and Parks, Cary, North Carolina, April 10, 2014; Moderator, "The Changing Face of North Carolina: Implications of U.S. v.

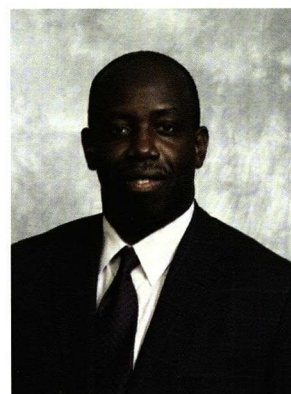
Windsor for North Carolina," North Carolina Central Law Review Symposium, March 21, 2014; Panelist, "Breaking Through: Movie Screening and Panel Discussion, LGBT Representation and Rights," Global Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 5, 2014; and Panelist, "Jewish Community Center Conversations: Love & Equality," Levin Jewish Community Center, Durham, August 25, 2013.

Professor Wendy Scott has been selected to serve as the new Dean for the Mississippi College School of Law. Scott becomes the eighth Dean at the Mississippi



College School of Law and the first African American to serve in that capacity. Her term began on August 11, 2014. She will also be jointly publishing the article, "Reflections on *Justice Marshall and Shelby County v. Holder*" in the *Berkeley Journal of African American Law & Policy* and the *Touro Journal of Race, Gender & Ethnicity* in

Fall 2014. The article compares Justice Thurgood Marshall's position on the right to vote and his opinions in Voting Rights Act cases with the 2012 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, in which the United States Supreme Court crippled the application of the Act.



Professor David A. Green received a Service Award from the Faculty Senate for work with the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly.

*Kory Sgrignoli 2L, Barbara Henry 2L, Ryan Stowe 2L, Clifton Morgan 3L, and
Kristen Lee 2L finishing up their congressional internship with Rep. G. K. Butterfield*



At School Now

Lawyer on the Line Law School Co-op

The NCBA's Lawyer on the Line (LOTL) public service project supports Legal Aid of North Carolina. Individuals who call Legal Aid's statewide toll-free hotline are pre-screened and referred to private attorneys, who give a free 30-to 60-minute consultation and brief advice by telephone. The volunteers receive the client's phone number and basic information about their questions and call the client on their own schedule. LOTL's motto is "One Call, One Client, One Hour." As a part of the LOTL Law School Co-op, second and third-year law students provide telephone consultations under the supervision of a law school faculty member or volunteer attorney, with a Legal Aid staff attorney providing mentoring and advice as needed.

During the first year of the LOTL Co-op, eight law students assisted fourteen clients with landlord-tenant, Medicaid, family law, and expunction issues. By handling these brief advice cases, LOTL frees up Legal Aid staff attorneys and enables them to devote their time to cases requiring more intensive work.

Reenactment of *Brown v. Board of Education* and *McKissick v. Carmichael*



Professor April Dawson, Gregory Speirs '14, Professor Nareissa Smith, Shelvia Dancy, Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor, Lynn Roberts III '14, Professor Cheryl Amana, Jonathan M. Savage '14, Ms. Chanel Patrick '14, Shelley B. Fullwood, Sonye Randolph '14, Cassandra Patterson '14, and Khalilah White '14

On Wednesday, April 2, North Carolina Central University School of Law students, faculty and staff impressed Chancellor Deborah Saunders-White with a reenactment of four moot court arguments including *McKissick v. Carmichael*, *Brown v. Board of Education* (parts one and two), and Moral Monday advocacy arguments. The Reenactment Program focused on the history of civil rights advocacy and the desegregation of the educational institutions within the United States. NCCU law students researched the constitutional issues for their cases and argued before a mock appellate bench of judges and professors.

To begin the program, Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Associate Dean Angela Gilmore welcomed Chancellor Saunders-White to the program before an audience of NCCU law students, alumni, Moral Monday advocates, and members of the McKissick and Brown families. Professor Malik Edwards set the stage for the arguments with an overview of the civil rights movement leading up to 1949 lawsuits involving NCCU School of Law.

Professor Wendy Scott gave an overview of the *McKissick* case before the court heard the State's argument. Students Kinna Clark and Anthony Burts represented the State, arguing that the funding and conditions of North Carolina College for Negroes (NCCN, the historical name of NCCU) provided by the state substantially complied with the "separate but equal" precedent. Students Lynn Roberts, III (as Thurgood Marshall) and Shelley B. Fullwood (as Conrad O. Pearson) argued that the State had denied NCCN students their Fourteenth Amendment rights by not providing a graduate school with the same qualities and opportunities afforded to those at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Professor Nareissa Smith next gave an overview of the *Brown* decision before students Gregory Spiers and Ammee Smith provided a rousing rendition of the State's position. Students Jonathan Savage (as Charles Scott) and Shelvia Dancy (as Spotswood Robinson) represented the plaintiffs in part one of the landmark case, while students Ronald Williams and Sonye Randolph argued part two of *Brown* before the bench.

Professor April Dawson discussed the contemporary civil rights movement, focusing on the Moral Monday challenges to the North Carolina Senate and House legislative repeals. Students Amelia O'Rourke-Owens, Larry Dempsey, Cassandra Patterson, Meredith Darlington, and Molly Brewer represented the Moral Monday protestors before the Court.

Professor Irving Joyner, Moral Mondays NAACP legal counsel, closed the program by explaining how local white opposition to integration led to the closing and destruction of black schools in the state of North Carolina.

During the program, the efforts of several community advocates were recognized. Attorney Jaime Phillips '12, NAACP legal counsel, was recognized as an honoree for her work on Moral Mondays for the NAACP. NCCU employee Dr. Charmaine McKissick-Melton was recognized for her courage and achievements as one of the persons who integrated Durham public schools. Moral Monday participants who had been arrested and went to trial were also recognized for their courage and tenacity in preservation civil rights.

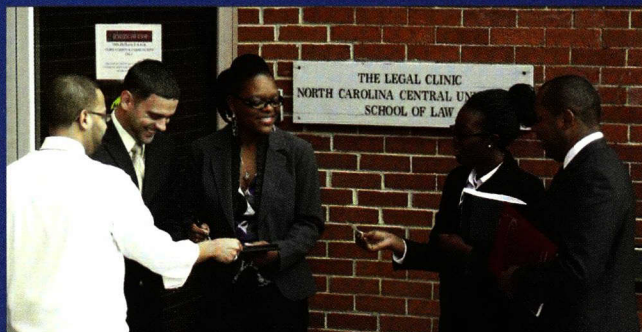
NCCU School of Law faculty and alumni served as judges for all three sessions. Judges included the Honorable Leon Stanback, the Honorable Ernest Fullwood, the Honorable Patricia Evans, the Honorable Cressie Thigpen, the Honorable Milton Tingling, the Honorable Paul A. Hardison, and Professors Geeta Kapur, Scott Holmes, Michael Wallace, David Green, Patti Bynum, Cheryl Amana and Deria Hayes.

Professor Brenda Reddix-Small's chaired and organized the committee that produced the Reenactment Program. She also coached the law students on the Fourteenth and First Amendment constitutional issues and mooted them in preparation for the unscripted questions from the panel of judges.

School of Law's Clinical Program Ranked Fifth in the Country for Clinical Experience

Yale Law School, University of Utah, University of the District of Columbia, and University of Wisconsin were the four law schools that topped North Carolina Central University. In the February 2014 edition of the *National Jurist*, the North Carolina Central University School of Law was named fifth in the nation for providing clinical experience to its students.

"The magazine ranked law schools in order of most clinical opportunities by dividing the total number of full-time clinical course positions filled by the number of full-time students." The article explained how valuable clinics are in today's legal education in light of the need to afford students an opportunity to get practical experience and improve their marketability upon graduation. "Despite the cost of attending law school," Pamela Glean, previous Assistant Dean for Clinical & Professional Skills, says "everyone benefits from practical experience in law school and we're focusing on practical skills." The law school's Clinical Program hosts 14 different clinics including the Bankruptcy, Domestic Violence, and Low Income Tax Clinics. The law school recently added the Patent Clinic and Trademark Clinic.

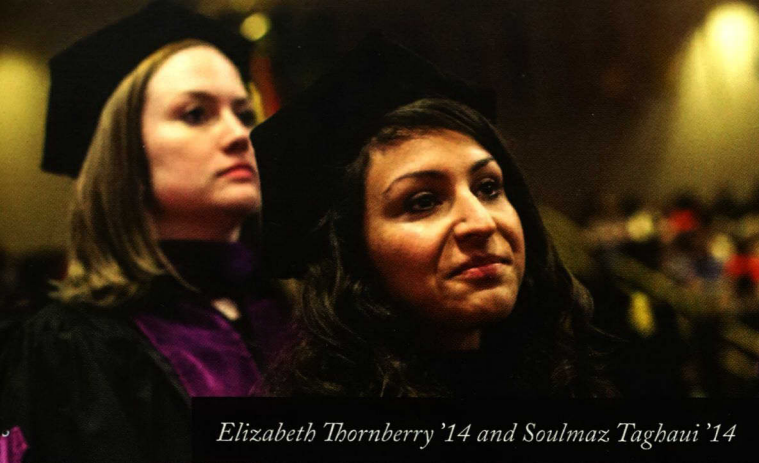


Eric Williams '09, Kevin Boxberger '13, Jocelyn Calvin '12, Henrietta Asiedu '12, and Jaron Barbee '12

A photograph of Paulette Brown, a Black woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a black graduation cap with a gold tassel and a black gown with a purple stole. She is smiling and looking towards the right. A microphone is visible in the foreground on the right.

2014 Commencement Ceremonies

The commencement ceremony for the Class of 2014 was held on May 10 at King's Park International Church in Durham. Paulette Brown, partner and chief diversity officer of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP law firm, served as the keynote speaker. Brown will become the next president of the American Bar Association. She was nominated by the ABA Delegates Nominating Committee by unanimous vote to be its next president-elect. She has also been recognized by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Attorneys in the United States. Brown spoke encouraging words that were sure to inspire the 130 graduates during the ceremony.



Elizabeth Thornberry '14 and Soulmaz Taghavi '14



Micah Bryd '14 and Matthew Buckner '14



Kelly Quick '14



Erin Swinney '14



Naomi Ellis '14, Dylana Cullar '14, Auria Dupuch-Freeman '14

Alumni Events

With the gracious assistance of alumni, the North Carolina Central University School of Law hosted the following receptions this year:

Alamance County, NC

The Alamance County Alumni Reception, hosted by Larry Brown Jr. '08, was held at the Alamance County Criminal Court Building in the Jury Lounge on March 27, 2014.

Atlanta, GA

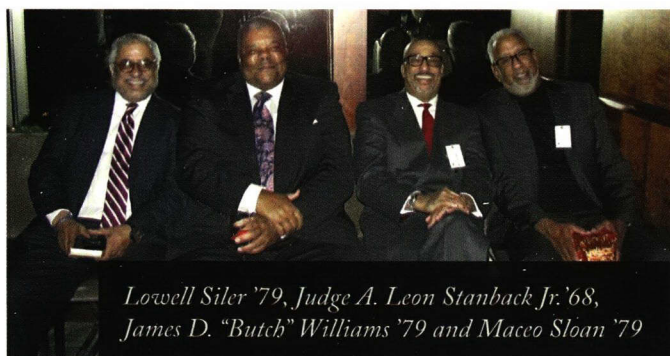
The Atlanta Alumni Reception, hosted by Senator Leroy Johnson '57, was held at his home on November 21, 2013.

Asheville, NC

The Asheville Alumni Reception, hosted by Eugene Ellison '83, was held at Pack's Tavern on May 1, 2014.

Durham, NC

The Durham Alumni Reception, hosted by Maceo Sloan '79, was held at the University Club on December 11, 2013.



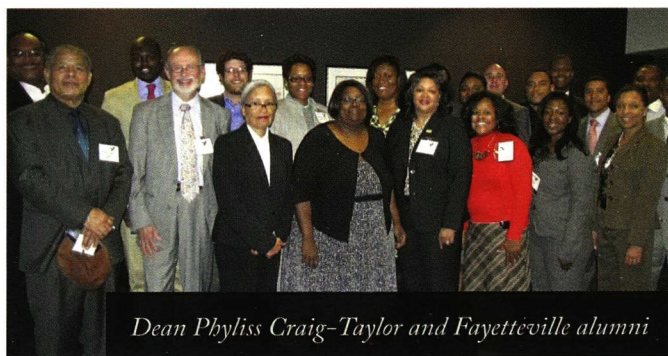
Elizabeth City, NC

The Elizabeth City Alumni Reception, hosted by Judge J. Carlton Cole '87, Judge Eula Reid '97, Philip Godwin, Jr. '78 and Lyle Burnham '12 was held at Island Breeze Grill on November 7, 2013.



Fayetteville, NC

The Fayetteville Alumni Reception, hosted by Glenn Adams '84, was held at the Adams Burge & Boughman law firm on December 5, 2013.





Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Raleigh alumni

Lumberton, NC

The Lumberton Alumni Reception, hosted by Arnold Locklear '73, was held at Adelio's Restaurant on December 5, 2013.

New Bern, NC

The New Bern Alumni Reception, hosted by Ciara Rogers '09 and David McFayden '79, was held at the Oliver, Friesen, Cheek PLLC law firm on April 24, 2014.



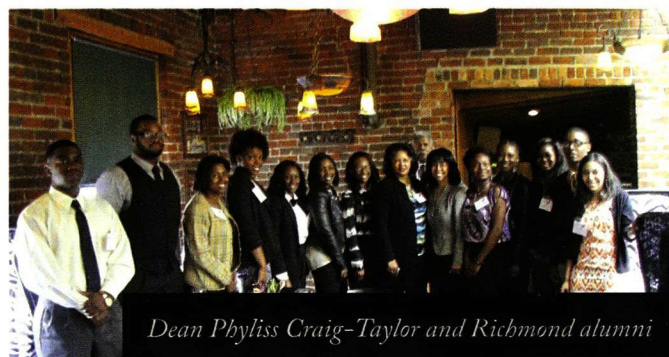
Robert Raynor '81, Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor, Ciara Rogers '09, David McFadyen '79, and John Harmon '65

Raleigh, NC

The Raleigh Alumni Reception, hosted by Leonard Jernigan '76, Victor Boone '75, A. Root Edmonson '76, Judge Wanda Bryant '82, Judge Rick Elmore '82, William Dudley, Sr. '76, Joe Mitchiner '76, Jay Chaudhuri '99, William Polk '99, Hugh Harris '03, Robert Brown '04, Sara Carr D'Amato '08 and Sarah Jessica Farber '08, was held at the North Carolina State Bar building on April 16, 2014.

Richmond, VA

The Richmond Alumni Reception, hosted by Tonnie Villines '88 and Joyce Rene Hicks '84, was held at the Tobacco Company Restaurant on April 18, 2014.



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Richmond alumni



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Washington, D.C. alumni

Sunset Beach, NC

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice Alumni Breakfast, hosted by NCCU School of Law, was held at the Sea Trail Resorts on June 17, 2014.

Washington, D.C.

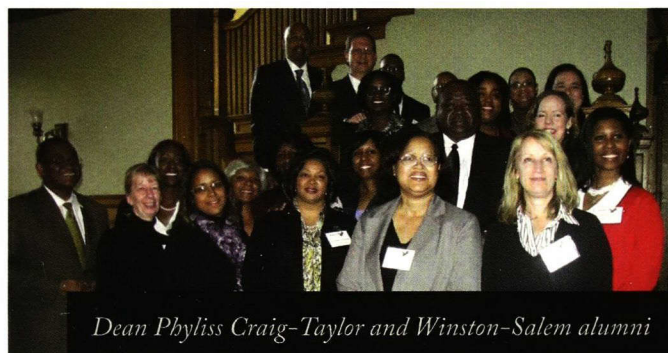
The Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception, hosted by Donna Douglas '84, Stephen Redmon '87 and Judge Sommer Murphy '08, was held at 1331 Lounge & Bar at the JW Marriott on January 23, 2014.

Wilmington, NC

The North Carolina Bar Association Alumni Reception, hosted by NCCU School of Law, was held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel on June 20, 2014.

Winston-Salem, NC

The Winston-Salem Alumni Reception, hosted by Angela Newell Gray '94, Helen Parsonage '06 and Lisa Johnson-Tonkins '03, was held at Elliot Morgan Parsonage law firm on March 26, 2014.



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor and Winston-Salem alumni

Alumni News

Trial Attorney Willie Gary and Team Awarded Over \$16 Million in Compensatory Damages and \$23 Billion Dollars in Punitive Damages Against Big Tobacco (RJ Reynolds) as a Result of Client's Smoking-Related Death

By Petal Munroe, NCCU School of Law



Willie Gary '74

Trial attorney Willie Gary, along with his law partner Donald Watson, of the Florida-based law firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, & Watson, P.L.L.C., and Chris Chestnut of the Chestnut Firm in Atlanta, Georgia, and Howard Acosta of St. Petersburg, Florida, were awarded just over \$16 million in compensatory damages and \$23 billion in punitive damages on behalf of client Cynthia Robinson. Throughout the course of a four-week trial, Gary and team proved that RJ Reynolds was negligent in informing consumers of the dangers of tobacco and, therefore, caused the unnecessary and untimely demise of Michael Johnson, Sr. Johnson contracted lung cancer as a direct and proximate result of smoking cigarettes. Johnson furthermore became addicted to cigarettes and was unable to quit smoking despite numerous attempts.

Dayle Flammia '80 was honored by *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Lawyers as a 2014 Best Lawyer for Raleigh in Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Workers' Compensation Law – Employers. This is his eleventh consecutive year receiving this honor. Should you wish to contact him, his email address is dflammia@teaguecampbell.com.



Judge Reuben Young

Reuben F. Young '85 was appointed as Special Superior Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District of North Carolina in December, 2012, by Governor Bev Perdue. He was sworn in on December 31, 2012, at the Wake County Courthouse. Young previously served as Secretary for the N.C. Department of Public Safety and prior to that served as Secretary for the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety under Governor Perdue. He was also Chief Legal Counsel for

Governor Michael F. Easley '76. Young received the Distinguished Service Medal for his support of the North Carolina National Guard during his tenure as Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Ira L. Foster '88, a senior supervising attorney with the Georgia Legal Services Program in Macon, was recently named the incoming president for the Macon Bar Association for 2014-15. Foster is only the third African American to serve as the president of the association. The Macon Bar Association is a 140-year-old voluntary membership organization of attorneys who practice in Macon and the Central Georgia area.



Brian Beverly

Brian O. Beverly '95 was selected for inclusion in the North Carolina *Super Lawyers*® 2014 publication.

Barry Shuster '99 published an article in the June 2014 NCBA

Health Law Section Newsletter, *Prognosis*. The article was titled, "Frankly Speaking: Talking Points When Counseling Clients on Completing North Carolina Advance Directives."

Jay Chaudhuri '99, general counsel and senior adviser to the state treasurer of North Carolina, was elected chairman of the board of the Council of Institutional Investors (CII), May 8, 2014. Chaudhuri, who had been co-chair, succeeds Anne Sheehan, director of corporate governance at California State Teachers' Retirement System. CII is a non-profit association of pension funds, other employee benefit funds, endowments and foundations with combined assets of over \$3 trillion.



Vanya Allen

Vanya Allen '02 was awarded the 2013 Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers (BESLA) Achiever Award at its 33rd Annual Conference

North Carolina Central University Announces "Forty under Forty"

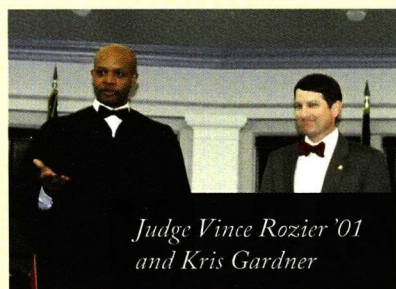
North Carolina Central University announced the 2014 "Forty under Forty" recipients who were honored at an Awards Gala on September 12, 2014, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. Included among the honorees are law school alumni Dominique W. Williams '09, Emily M. Dickens '02, and T. Greg Doucette '12.

Recipients are selected from among 150 candidates who have demonstrated significant accomplishments before the age of 40 in arts, entertainment, healthcare, sciences, education, law, business, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, public service or government.



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at the Paradisus Palma Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on October 19, 2013. The Achiever Award, which recognizes a member's growth from law student to an outstanding BESLA professional, is presented to a former BESLA scholarship recipient in recognition of his/her professional accomplishments and contributions to the organization. Allen was a recipient of the BESLA North Carolina Central University Scholarship in 2001.



*Judge Vince Rozier '01
and Kris Gardner*

Kris Gardner '02 was appointed to the Morrisville Town Council on March 25, 2014, to fill the remainder of a four-year term.

He is a partner at Tharrington Smith, LLP in Raleigh. Gardner was sworn into office by the Honorable Vince Rozier '01.

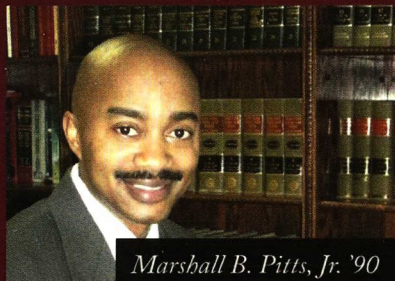
Sonny Haynes '10 was honored at the North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting for graduating from the 2014 Leadership Academy.

Oneshia Herring '10 has been named by the National Bar Association as one of this year's "Top Trailblazers Under 40." The award honors legal trailblazers who have achieved prominence and distinction in their fields, including the practice of law, academia, business, civic and charitable affairs, judiciary, or politics, and have demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the goals and mission of the National Bar Association. Herring is legislative counsel at the Center for Responsible Lending, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to protect homeownership and family

wealth by fighting predatory lending practices. The awardees were honored during the Trailblazers Under 40 Gala on July 26, 2014, in Atlanta, Georgia, during the organization's 89th Annual Convention.

Houtan Kargar '10 along with his father and 23-year-tenured Professor of Management at NCCU School of Business, Dr. Javad Kargar, submitted and was accepted by Allied Academies, Inc. for co-publication upon submittal to its International Academy for Case Studies (IACS) March 2014 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. "Was Cooper Tire Ripe for Sale?" can be found online in its IACS March 2014 edition (Vol. 21). Specifically, with considerable impact on business disciplines, the case will examine the future direction of a successful tire company in a highly competitive global tire industry.

NCCU School of Law Alumni Honored at Bar Association's Annual Meeting



Marshall B. Pitts, Jr. '90

The North Carolina Bar Association recognized several North Carolina Central University School of Law alumni at its Annual Meeting in June, 2014, in Wilmington. Kristin R. Kelly '08 was awarded the Younger Lawyer Pro Bono Award. It was noted that Kelly's efforts "give voices to the voiceless" through her extensive domestic violence and custody representation in the Forsyth County community. Kelly also accepts cases from Legal Aid's Winston-Salem office, and through her firm's intake process. She also volunteers to provide pro bono divorce and custody pro se clinics monthly at Legal Aid.

In addition, the NCBA, in conjunction with the Citizen Lawyer Committee, announced the 2014 recipients of the Citizens Lawyer Award, also presented at the Annual Meeting in June, 2014. This award recognizes lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their communities. Marshall B. Pitts, Jr. '90 and Gemma L. Saluta '07 were among that group of awardees, which includes government officials, coaches, and mentors and voluntary leaders of nonprofit, civic and community organizations.

Melanie Bates '11 was selected for the New Leaders Council (NLC) Institute in Washington, D.C.

Lakeisha R. Randall '11 was selected to be a panelist at the 2014 Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law & Business, which is a two-day leadership conference designed to help female attorneys of color develop critical skills to become leaders in their respective fields. The panel provided advice to law students and was titled, "Career Tips and War Stories from Recent Law Graduates: Making Smart Career Choices—'What I Wish I Knew before I Went to Law School.'"

Carolina B. Paul '11 has



Caroline Paul

joined the law firm of Maxwell, Freeman & Bowman, P.A. in Durham. Prior to joining the firm, Paul

worked as an insurance defense attorney in Raleigh. Her primary practice area is civil litigation, with a concentration in personal injury, motor vehicle negligence, premises liability, commercial liability, and produce liability matters. Paul also practices in the area of divorce and family law. An avid animal lover and horsewoman, Paul participates in community events to raise awareness regarding the importance of pet adoption and spends much of

her free time riding her horses and training for competitions.

Ariel Harris '11 joined



Ariel Harris

Smith Moore Leatherwood law firm's Litigation Group in Charlotte. "We are delighted to add to the

incredible talent in our Charlotte office and welcome Ariel Harris to the Smith Moore Leatherwood team," says Rob Marcus, chairman of the firm's Management Committee.

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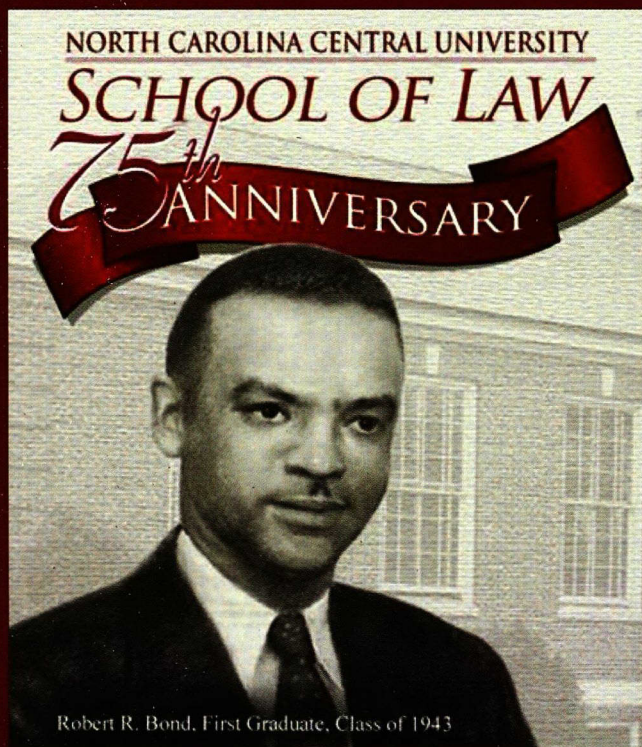
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