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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



February, 1998

A Publication of the North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association

President's Message

Greetings Alumni,

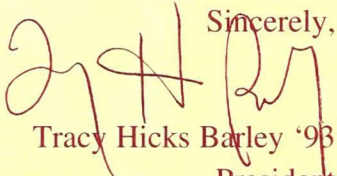
It is a great honor to serve as President of our Alumni Association. When initially approached by the Nominating Committee my immediate reaction was, "I would like to but I really don't have the time to commit to being President. I've got too many other things going on and I'm not a very good politician." After I said that, I thought of the many times over the last two years as Secretary of the Board of Directors, I'd had other alumni tell me something very similar. Needless to say I was both embarrassed and ashamed of my response. So, after some convincing I agreed to accept the nomination.

I've spent a great deal of time debating how I would use my position as President and what my goals would be as President of the Alumni Association. I looked over the plans of past presidents. I reflected on what things about NCCU School of Law made me proudest as a student, employee and alumnus. I've read numerous law related articles, journals and magazines. I've looked at the news, read newspapers and listened to people talk. I've watched and listened to other lawyers, judges and clients. Finally, I reflected on the things I enjoy the most. After all of this, I decided that the best way I could serve our Alumni Association would be to rededicate and recommit myself to a life of service to others.

My goal over the next two years is radical, yet simple. The goal is to make conscious individual and collective efforts to serve our communities, states and nation. Whether that service includes mentoring high school students, building *Habitat* homes, paying tuition for a needy student, giving seminars for the elderly, providing scholarships, etc... our lives will be enriched by giving of ourselves and those we serve will be enriched by the service. As the Director of Recruitment for four years, I told students that NCCU School of Law led the nation in producing public service lawyers; let's make this a reality! There are so many ways and opportunities for service every day. I would encourage each of you to write and let us know of your individual projects and ideas. As a Board, we will plan activities and projects for the Association and report to you. Noteworthy and unusual projects will be featured in the quarterly *Alumni Newsletter* along with ideas.

Even though my primary focus will not be fundraising, it is impossible for our Association to function without your annual gifts and dues. Alumni giving has been down for the past several years and it is my hope that as we plan major service projects your gifts will increase in support of those projects. Your dues are currently due and payable.

Finally, on behalf of the Association and Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks and appreciation to Grady Jessup, our immediate past president. He devoted an inordinate amount of time and energy to the Association and the School of Law as well!!

Sincerely,

Tracy Hicks Barley '93
President

Meet Your Association Leaders....

Tracy Hicks Barley, President

President, 1997-present; Secretary of Board 1995-1997; Board Member 1994. Winston Salem State University, B.A.; NCCU School of Law, J.D.

Former Director of Recruitment at NCCU School of Law. Currently, partner at Pillmon-Day & Barley in Durham, N.C.; practices primarily Worker's Compensation, Employment Law and Juvenile Law.

Kären Fraiser Alston, Board Member

Hampton Institute, B.A. in Chemistry; NCCU School of Law, J.D.

Former Law Clerk to Justice Robert Orr of the North Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Currently, Associate with the Law Offices of James D. "Butch" Williams in Durham, N.C.; practicing primarily Immigration and Family Law.

Kathy Everett, Secretary

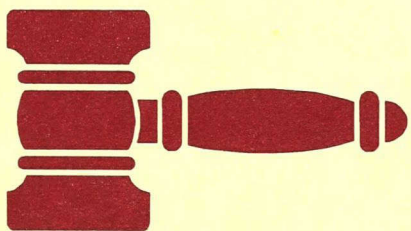
Board Member, 1996-97: N.C. A&T State University, B.S.; NCCU, M.S. and J.D. Admitted to the North Carolina and District of Columbia State Bars.

Currently, Associate at Roberti, Wittenberg, Holtkamp & Lauffer, P.A. in Durham, N.C.; practices in the areas of Social Security Disability and Worker's Compensation.

Charles K. Blackmon, Board Member, Chair of Revenue Committee

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S.; NCCU School of Law, J.D. Admitted to North Carolina and Pennsylvania State Bars.

Former Associate at Dessen, Moses & Sheinoff in Philadelphia and currently a partner at Whitfield, Blackmon and Morse, L.L.P. in Greensboro. Practices primarily Personal Injury and Criminal Defense.



NEW OFFICERS

*Congratulations to our new Alumni
Association Officers*

President - Tracy Hicks Barley

Vice-President - S.Y. Mason

Secretary - Kathy Everett

Treasurer - Jonathan Babb

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

James Rogers

Kären Frasier Alston

Grady Jessup

Interested in Serving?

The Alumni Association Committees want you! Please contact Alumni Association President Tracy Hicks Barley at (919) 956-9440 or any of the Committee Chairpersons listed below:

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Budget Committee
Jonathan Babb

Awards Committee
Rhonda Davis

Nominations Committee
Judge Paul A. Hardison

Newsletter Committee
Lisa Harding

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marcus B. Jimison '93 who received the Julian Thomas Pierce Award, **Ellie Kinnaird '92** who was presented with the Clifton E. Johnson Award, **Robert E. Lambright '93** who received the Floyd B. McKissick Award, **Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra Hairston '87** who won the Albert L. Turner Award, and **Sue Wasiolek '89** and **Tracy Barley '93** who shared the Daniel G. Sampson Award.

Shawna Early '96 who passed the July '96 Bar exam and completed her L.L.M. in Taxation at the University of Florida in the Spring of 1997.

Simone Belcher '96 who passed the Maryland Bar exam and is now at Emory University pursuing a Master's in Public Health.

Bernell Daniel '96 who passed the February '97 South Carolina Bar examination.

Tamala Tymus Scott '96 and **Eric Scott '95** on their marriage. Tamala is associated with the Law Offices of Thomas C. Porter in Charlotte, N.C. Eric is a partner with Bennett and Scott in Charlotte and Monroe, N.C.

Lisa Harding '96 and **Brian Wilkes '96** on their marriage. Lisa is employed by Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice and Brian is an Assistant Public Defender in Durham.

Danita Hicks Curry '94 and husband Pat on the birth of their daughter Kayla Dionne Curry born April 20, 1997.

Michael Jordan '93 and his wife Maggie on the birth of their first child, Alyson Grace Jordan, on June 8, 1997. Allie has her own Web page (www.stomper.com/maj/allie.htm). Michael and **Jim Moore '94** have a thriving practice in Durham, focusing on Traffic cases and Personal Injury.

Catherine Constantinou '92 who is the producer of a feature film "Chesterfield", which played at the Rialto Theater in Raleigh and the Carolina Theater in Durham.

John Perry '92 and **Kathy Everett '94** on their engagement. A June '98 wedding is planned.

Mark Anthony Clayborne '88 and Tharius Andriell Davis on their recent marriage.

Audrey Jordan '95 and **Arthur "A. J." Wiggins '94** on their marriage. Audrey and A.J. have made their home in Hawaii where A.J. is stationed with the Marine J.A.G. Corp. (Wish we all could be so lucky!)

Sharon Skyers Jenkins '93 on her marriage to Michael Jenkins. Sharon and her brother **Erroll Skyers '92** practice together in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Sharon is also working on her MBA degree.

Teresa Vincent '93 and her husband Drewery "DJ" Vincent on the birth of their son Drewery "Drew" Vincent, Jr.

N.C.C.U. School of Law and the Fourteenth Judicial District Juvenile Law Committee are pleased to co-sponsor a Continuing Legal Educational program entitled:

"Juvenile Law Primer:

Representing Parents in Department of Social Services (DSS) Court Actions"

Date: Friday, March 27, 1998

Time: 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Place: Courtroom #5, 2nd Floor Durham County Judicial Building

Cost: \$35.00, Early Registration Discount (if paid by March 16)

\$45.00, Regular Registration (on site and after March 16)

Credit: 5.5 Hours (pending approval)

**Attendance at annual Juvenile Law CLE is mandatory under Fourteenth District Local Rules for Indigent List Attorneys.

For information, contact:

M. Victoria Taylor at 919-560-3327

Tracy Hicks Barley at 919-956-9440

Catherine Constantinou at 919-683-1302



EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION



M. Victoria Taylor '97 is the new Director of Recruitment for the Law School.

Michael Springs '97 has become associated with the firm of Olive & Olive, P.A. Michael will be practicing in the area of Patents.

Andru E. Wall '97 has accepted an offer to join the Navy J.A.G. Corp.

David "Tony" Abernathy '97, Monica Armstrong '97 & Stacy Kula '97 are pursuing L.L.M. degrees in taxation at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Therese Smith '97, Dezmona Mizelle '97 and Myra Leake '97 are employed by Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

Gwendolyn Walker '96 has accepted a position as a trial attorney with the Georgia District Counsel office for the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, GA.

Cynthia V. McAlister '96 and Alisa Huffman have opened a law firm in Raleigh, concentrating in family law and divorce mediation.

Al Benshoff '93 is the new City Attorney for the City of Lumberton.

Brenda Eaddy '93, formerly an Agency Legal Specialist with the North Carolina Industrial Commission, has opened a law office in Raleigh, N.C.

Lydia Lavelle '93 and **Kevin Foy '94** practice together in Durham, N.C. Lydia is also the Pro Bono Coordinator and Director of Alumni Relations at the Law School. Kevin is currently a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Lamont Wiggins '93 ran for and successfully obtained a seat on the Rocky Mount City Council.

Tracy Hicks Barley '93 and **Janice Pillmon-Daye '94** have formed the law offices of Pillmon-Daye & Barley in Durham, N.C. Tracy was also recently asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Legal Assistance Program.

Alice Glover '94 has become associated with the firm of Allen & Pinnix in Raleigh N.C. concentrating on Immigration Law.

Monique Morris Peebles '94, formerly with Simeon Law Offices, has joined the law firm of Michaels Jones Martin Parris & Tessener, P.A. and will concentrate on personal injury trial practice.

Stephen Walker '94, formerly of the Disability Action Center of Georgia, was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in October '97 and has opened his own practice.

Michael Duncan '92 is pleased to announce the relocation of his law office to 1042 Washington Street in Raleigh, N.C.

Nina Neal '92 has accepted a full-time position as Assistant Program Director for the Paralegal Technology Program at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C.

Arthur Yancey '92 is an Assistant District Attorney in Chatham and Orange Counties.

Tracey Cline '89 is now associated with the firm of **James Rogers '88**. **Sterling Thomas '97** is also associated with the firm.

Kevin B. Duckworth '85 is in private practice in Chicago, Ill. with the firm of Duckworth and Schumann, P. C. concentrating in the areas of personal injury defense, products liability, medical malpractice defense and employment defense.

Clayton L. Jones '85 received his L.L.M. from George Washington University. Clayton is now the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

Lundy R. Langston '83 has been named a full professor at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center.

Judge Carolyn Johnson '73 has retired from her seat on the Durham County District Court.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the Recipients of the 1997
Alumni Bar Review Course Scholarships

Lenita Echols
Charm Nichols

Myra Leake
Chekeshia Jones

THANK YOU TO...

James McNeil for sending us a copy of *The Barrister*
from March of 1969 which detailed the State Board
of Higher Education's proposal to close NCCU
School of Law.

ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Many thanks to the following persons who have
contributed to the Annual Fund Drive since the last
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Steven B. Phillips '93
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Irma Clement '94
William D. Acton, Jr. '77

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John T. Kilby '75
Kevin B. Duckworth '75
Gwendolyn S. Hailey '88

DEAN'S CLUB

Christopher Harper '91

SILVER EAGLE

Ralph Frazier '65

DUES PAID MEMBERS

The Alumni Association wishes to recognize the
following persons who have, since the last edition of
the Newsletter, paid their 1997 Alumni dues.

William M. Davis '86
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Raymond Sitar '72
Dennis Martin '93
Christopher G. Harper '91



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ALUMNI DUES DRIVE

Dues for the 1997-98 year are \$40.00 for persons who graduated in or after 1992 and \$50.00 for those persons who graduated in or before 1991. Dues are waived for members of the class of 1997 for the 1997-98 year. Become an active member of the Alumni Association by providing the following information and sending it with your check to:

NCCU School of Law Alumni Association
Post Office Box 57
Durham, NC 27702

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_____ I graduated in or after 1992. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$40.00.

_____ I graduated in or before 1991. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$50.00.

_____ I am a member of the class of 1997 so my dues are waived for this year.
(However, I would like to enclose my contribution to the annual fund)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

_____ YES! Please count me in as a contributor to the 1997-98 Annual Fund Drive.
(Monies received from the Annual Alumni Association Fund Drive are used to fund scholarships, research assistants 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

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Stacy C. Kula	Christine Wright

In Memoriam

Freddie Polhill	Class of 1969
Max Matthews	Class of 1982
Bill Hamilton	Class of 1985
Angela Dolby	Class of 1992

1997 BAR RESULTS

Congratulations to the following persons whose names we have received as successfully completing a Bar exam in 1997. If we do not have your name listed, please complete the "News form" and let us know so that we can include it in the next edition of the Newsletter.

David Abernathy	Reggie McKnight
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Monica D. Armstrong	Stephanie R. Montgomery
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Craig James	Sterling R. Thomas
Michael A. Jones	Andru E. Wall
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Stacy C. Kula	Sherryl L. West
Myra C. Leake	Brian Westrom
James B. Maloney	Bobby D. White

CORRECTION

In the last Newsletter, we erroneously congratulated Angela Gray '94 rather than Angela Foster '94 on the birth of her daughter Savannah. We apologize for this error.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES, CAREER CHANGES OR PERSONAL STORIES. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO : NCCU LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, C/O LISA HARDING WILKES, P.O. BOX 57, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27702.

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