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# New Horizons

FALL 1990

## Westerfield Resigns: Wright Appointed Interim Dean

Louis Westerfield, Dean of the Law School since 1986, has resigned his position to become dean at Loyola, New Orleans, where he obtained his law degree in 1974. He assumed his new duties July 1. Assistant Dean Mary Wright has been selected to serve as Interim Dean for the 1990-91 academic year.

Westerfield was the second black law professor ever appointed to the faculty at Loyola and the first to receive tenure there. His new appointment was an opportunity to pursue his commitment to legal education and to return to his home town. Because he grew up in an area not far from the law school, Westerfield feels that he will serve as an important role model and inspiration to youngsters there.

Dean Westerfield describes his time at North Carolina Central University School of Law as, "the most important time in my life, both personally and professionally." The Law School's mission is one with which he closely identifies. "I hope the school will always continue to provide a good legal education to people who would not otherwise have a chance."

When asked how he wanted to be remembered at North Carolina Central, Westerfield gave several replies. "I want to be remembered, first, as a person who did not make a decision without asking whether it was best for North Carolina Central University School of Law, and as a person who would make that decision even though it was a very difficult one. Second, I want to be remembered as a dean with an open door policy who would listen to any student on any matter." Among his achievements as dean, Westerfield counts as the most important the increase in faculty publications and the steps the Law School has made toward AALS accreditation.

## Administrative Changes

Mark Morris, Assistant Dean for the Evening Program since 1987, has resigned his position. He will remain at the Law School as a member of the faculty. Frances Cappelletti Solari has been chosen to take Dean Morris' place. Both Solari and Morris are 1982 graduates of the Law School.

Janice Mills has returned to her position as Assistant Dean for the Day Program in the wake of Mary Wright's appointment as Interim Dean.

## Duncan Appointed to the Court of Appeals

Allyson Duncan, a faculty member since 1986, was named as the first black woman to serve on the North Carolina Court of Appeals by Governor Jim Martin. She replaces Charles Becton, who resigned in February.

While at North Carolina Central, Judge Duncan taught Property and Appellate Advocacy. She also co-authored a book, North Carolina Appellate Advocacy, published by Harrison Co., with fellow faculty member Patti Solari. Duncan received a bachelor's degree from Hampton and graduated from Duke Law School in 1975.

Duncan said she was "very proud and very pleased" with her appointment. "I appreciate the Governor's confidence in me." Judge Duncan will have to win the November election to retain the position.

## AALS Inspection Team Visits

The Law School's application to American Association of Law Schools resulted in a visit by an AALS inspection team in late March. The team included Chairman Arthur LaFrance, from Lewis & Clark School of Law; Kathryn Sowel, from the University of Miami; Dean Dan Bernstine, from Howard University; Phoebe Haddon, from Temple; and Robin Mills, from Emory. After reviewing a Self-Study prepared by the Law School faculty, the team attended classes and interviewed students, faculty, staff and alumni during their three days in Durham. Chancellor Richmond hosted a reception for the team at his home, and members of the Alumni Association sponsored a luncheon for the team at the Durham Omni Hotel.

The team will present a fact finding report to the accreditation committee of AALS this fall. Dean Wright and Chancellor Richmond are scheduled to appear before that committee in October. The committee then makes a recommendation to the executive committee of the AALS, and a final decision will be made at the Association's annual meeting in January.

## Alumni Association Elects Officers

The Alumni Association has elected new officers for the year 1990-91. They are:

Genevieve Sims '86 President

Michael Morgan '79 President-Elect/Vice President

Patti Solari '82 Secretary

Deborah Mayo-Jeffries '76 Treasurer



## Bar Scholarships

Again this year, the Alumni Association provided four \$250 grants to help defray the cost of preparing for the bar examination to first time takers of the North Carolina bar exam. This year's recipients were Robin Tatum, David Brannon, Phyllis Gorham, and Vercelia Young.

## Alumni Update

**Justice Robert Glass '57**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut has been awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Bridgeport. According to the announcement, "Justice Glass is known for his clear, thoughtful writing on the bench and for the quality of his viewpoint in the Court's decisions. He has established himself as one of the leading members of the state's judicial system. He has set an example for others to follow."

**Gene Ellison '83** has been elected to the City Council in Asheville, NC.

After completing an LL.M. in Taxation at the University of Florida, **Reginald Mombrun '88** has taken a position as Staff Attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC.

**Vickie Gipson '88** received an LL.M. in International Legal Studies - Banking & Trade from American University, Washington College of Law.

**Frank S. Turner '73** has become Associate Judge of the Orphan's Court for Howard County, Maryland.

**Edward W. Phelps '89** has opened an office for the general practice of law in Greensboro.

**Cathryn Garner Rivera '88** has become a member of the Iowa bar and serves as Program Associate in the Business Office of the University of Iowa.

**Elizabeth Stevens '87** is an associate with the firm of Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering in Washington, DC.

**Michael Duane '86** has completed an LL.M. in Taxation at Georgetown and works in the Employee Benefits section of the Internal Revenue Service.

**Margie Rose '87** and **Kathryn Bumgardner '88** serve as Legal Services Coordinators for the Women's Center in Raleigh.

**Gwen Gardner-Jones '87** has become Shelter Directors for the Orange/Durham Coalition for Battered Women.

**Patti Cappelletti Solari '82** has been named Acting Assistant Dean for the Evening Program at NCCU School of Law. She replaces **Mark Morris '82** who has returned to the faculty to teach on a full time basis.

**Wayne Hamilton '90** is pursuing an LL.M. at the University of Florida.

**Stephanie Commander '90** is enrolled in the LL.M. program at William & Mary.

The following members of the Class of 1990 are currently serving in clerkships:

Jo Ann Bernard	Justice Frye (NC Supreme Court)
Susan Fisher	Judge Johnson '67 (NC Court of Appeals)

<b>Willie Gilbert</b>	Judge Duncan (NC Court of Appeals)
<b>Gregory Lewis</b>	Judge Hedrick (NC Court of Appeals)
<b>Robin Tatum</b>	Judge Dupree (Eastern District of NC)

**Vincent White '90** is an attorney with the Air Force JAGC.

**Sondi Franklin '90** is an attorney with the Army JAGC.

**Christopher Allen '90** is an attorney with the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

**Wendy Phillips '90** has accepted employment as an attorney with the Legal Aid Society in New York.

The following members of the Class of 1990 have taken positions with law firms:

<b>Curtis Brown</b>	Arthur McGowan & Assoc. (Virginia Beach)
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<b>David Brannon</b>	Eagen & Eagen (Durham, NC)
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<b>Carol Andres</b>	Young & Assoc. (Asheville, NC)
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<b>Kathryn Cole</b>	Edwards, Sharpe & Wickham (Durham, NC)
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<b>Jennifer Umbaugh</b>	Shipman, Lea & Allard (Wilmington, NC)
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**Carolyn Winfrey '90** is serving as the Academic Development Specialist, Performance Based Admission Program, NCCU School of Law.

## Law Week 1990

The annual law week celebration was held from March 25 to March 31. This year's theme was "Tapping The Powers Within: A Look Into Our Own Conscience A Focal Point for the Nineties." Elaine O'Neal and Sharyl Mason were chairs of the event.

The week officially began with the Opening Dedication Ceremony at the NCCU Health Sciences Building Auditorium. Durham Attorney C.C. Malone was the speaker. A brief history of the law school was given, and Brenda Hampden and the Group performed.

On Monday, a forum on "Women in the Judiciary" was held in the Moot Court Room. Miriam Thomas was the moderator and the panel consisted of various North Carolina women judges.

On Tuesday, a second forum entitled "Rights of Women and Minors" was held in the Moot Court Room. North Carolina Central Law School Professor Janice Mills moderated.

An open forum on "Race Relations at NCCU Law School" was conducted on Thursday. This event was moderated by Central Sociology Professor, Dr. Isaac Robinson. Members of the law school faculty and student body were in attendance.

The Law School sponsored a continuing legal education seminar on Friday. The topic was "Professional Responsibility."

Friday's events continued with a welcoming reception for alumni in the Law School Lobby at 5:15. This was followed by a fashion show featuring law school students at the Omni Europa Hotel. A dance was then held at the Omni Europa from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Faculty, alumni and students were all in attendance.

Saturday's events included a golf tournament at the Duke University Golf Club and the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting at the Omni Europa. The Alumni Association's Cocktail Party immediately followed. The Law Week Committee then presented



various awards and scholarships. Judge Allyson Duncan was the speaker at the banquet which was also held at the Omni Europa. The last Law Week event was a dance featuring "Couvacous" as entertainment.

Co-Chair Elaine O'Neal felt the event came off very well. All who participated and helped with the 1990 Law Week Activities are to be congratulated.

## Annual Fund/Alumni Giving Summary 1989-90

### New Horizon's Fund

Western Carolina Legal Eagles	\$1,350.00
Tom Earnhardt	70.00
Mary Corr	100.00
Justice T. Clark Hull	100.00
N.C. Central Alumni Asso.	2,000.00
Professor Pat Marschall	900.00
Justice Henry Frye	100.00
Judge Robert Orr	100.00
Justice Robert Glass	200.00
Law Day Committee	2,627.10

The following are contributions made to the Alumni Association's 1989-90 Annual Fund Drive as of May 8, 1990. Gift categories included Bronze Eagle, for gifts of \$1000; Dean's Club, for gifts of \$500; Patrons Club, for gifts of \$250; Friend's club, for gifts of \$100 and Graduate's Club, for gifts of \$50. Alumni listed below made contributions:

### Bronze Eagle

Earnest Fullwood                      Joseph A. Williams

### Dean's Club

Willie Gary

### Patron's Club

Eugene W. Ellison

### Friend's Club

Theaoseu T. Clayton	David L. Cook III
S. Timothy A. Crawford	Gail Donovan
George Graham	M. Lynette Hartsell
Ben Hollowell	Kimball H. Hunt
Ronald S. Patterson	E. Yvonne Pugh
Anita Quigless	Frank S. Turner
Sterling W. Walker	Michael W. Willis

### Graduate's Club

Rebecca Barbee	Rhonda G. Davis
Robbie Edmonds	James Faison
Deborah M. Jeffries	John T. Kilby
Barbara S. Kitchell	James C. Lamb IV
Daniel R. Long, Jr.	Michael J. McCrann
Henry W. Oxendine	Gregory Selbert
Raymond Sitar	Herman L. Sloan
William G. Spencer	W. Turner Stephenson
Angus Thompson II	Suzanne Waisolek
Marion J. Weaver	Debby Lynn Willis

### Other

Floyd H. Brown  
Ira L. Foster  
David W. Sapp  
Judith G. Stewart

J. Wesley Covington  
Gregory Hughes  
Thomas Shuford  
Connie J. Stone

## Tax Workshop

On Wednesday, March 6, 1991, the North Carolina Central University School of Law will present a one day tax workshop in conjunction with the Tax Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. Professor Walter H. Nunnallee will prepare a manuscript and will serve as the discussion leader for the workshop, entitled "Taxation of Closely-Held Corporations." The workshop will be aimed toward the general business practitioner, and alumni are particularly encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Professor Nunnallee at (919) 560-6333.

## Development Activities

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded the NCCU Law School \$75,000 to be used for scholarships which will enable the recipients to devote their full energies to their law school studies. Interim Dean Mary Wright has selected the initial group of Z. Smith Reynolds Scholars composed of fifteen first year students and four second year students who will receive between \$750 and \$2,000 each semester during the 1990-91 academic year, based on need. The Law School has reserved \$20,500 for the purpose of recruiting students for the entering class of 1991. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has long been committed to both education and minority affairs and has supported NCCU in various endeavors in the past. We are very pleased that the Foundation's Board of Trustees has made this generous grant to help our law students gain the maximum benefit from their legal education.

The Fletcher Foundation also has indicated an interest in funding scholarships for NCCU Law School students. We currently have an application pending with the Foundation and we hope to get a favorable decision in the near future.

Former Dean Louis Westerfield and Assistant Dean for Development Pat Marschall contacted Glaxo During the fall of 1989 and discussed various needs of the Law School. Glaxo is working on a package grant for the entire campus, and hopefully the Law School will be part of that package.

Assistant Dean Janice Mills and Assistant Dean Marschall contacted the Executive Directors of both the Bryan Family Foundation and the Babcock Foundation in August about possible grants to the Law School. They will continue to emphasize the importance of scholarships and also will be seeking funds for the NCCU Law School Endowment for Excellence.

Anyone in the Law School Community who knows any of the officers or trustees of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation will want to thank them for their foundation's generous grant. A good word about our needs, especially for scholarships, will be helpful if you know trustees or officers of the Fletcher Foundation, Glaxo, the Bryan Foundation or the Babcock Foundation.



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## Intellectual Property Law Seminar for Minorities

The NCCU School of Law presented a half-day program on the basics of intellectual property law on October 13, 1990. The seminar included information about job opportunities in the field, and was co-sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers.

Presenters at the seminar included the following persons:

Joscelyn G. Cockburn, IBM Corp.  
Rhonda Davis, Burroughs Wellcome Corp.  
Charlotte Givens, U.S. Copyright Office  
Phillip G. Hampton II, Kenyon & Kenyon  
Charles A. Malone, Mobil Oil Corp.  
Veo Peoples, Peoples, Hale & Coleman  
Thomas L. Peterson, Banner, Birch, McKie & Bennett  
Horace St. Julian, IBM Corp.  
Carrie L. Walthour, Limbach, Limbach & Sutton  
Ronald Williams, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
Samuel R. Williamson, Bell Laboratories  
Debbie K. Wright, The Upjohn Company

## 1990 Admissions to the North Carolina Bar

The following persons passed the July, 1990 North Carolina Bar Examination and have been admitted to the practice of law in North Carolina. Congratulations to all!

Christopher Edward Allen	Carol Byrne Andres
Beverly Dare Basden	David Scyster Brannon
Dujuan E. Brown	Laura Ellen Snipes Butler
Haral Edward Carlin	Kethryn Busacca Cole
Debra Kristine Crumb	Diane Edwards
Susan J. Fisher	Willie Dee Gilbert
Grant Franklin Harris	Alma Hinton
Barbara Ruth Holloway	Mary Kingsbury
Ola Mose-El Lewis	Robert Gregory Lewis
Alan Patterson	William Thomas Peregoy

Terry C.J. Reilly  
Staci Tolliver Rust  
Mark Terrell  
Phyllis Tranchese  
Tim R. Watson

Jeffrey Mark Rossman  
Robin Lee Tatum  
Alice Tramonte  
Jenifer L. Umbaugh  
Vercelia M. Young

## Law Week 1991

The 1991 Law Week will be held April 1 through April 6, 1991. The Annual Banquet will be Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Many worthwhile events are being planned for Law Week, including a continuing legal education seminar to be held Friday afternoon, April 5.

You will be receiving more information about Law Week as the plans progress, but mark your calendars now so that you may attend. Your presence is a must to make the 1991 Law Week a success.

## Alumni Dues

The North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association dues are \$25.00 for the 1990-91 year. These dues are waived for persons who graduated in 1990. Alumni Association dues are used for operating expenses of the Alumni Association and for worthwhile projects to aid the Law School and its students. For example, the Alumni Association awarded four research assistantships during the 1990-91 academic year and four bar scholarships to students who were studying for the July, 1990 North Carolina bar exam.

Mail your dues today to:

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