



"The Sky Has No Limits."

North Carolina
Central University

School of Law

35th Annual
Law Week Celebration

April 3-9, 2005

Law Week 2005 Calendar of Events

“NCCU Legal Eagles: The Sky Has No Limits”

Celebrating Advancing
Diversity Justice
North Carolina Central University

Sunday April 3	Monday April 4	Tuesday April 5	Wednesday April 6	Thursday April 7	Friday April 8	Saturday April 9
<p>Trial Advocacy Mary Wright 1L Competition First Round Sat. April 2 2:00pm; Room 701 Sponsor: 1L Class Reception: 3:30pm</p> <p>Women Faculty Appreciation Brunch 10:00am-12noon Hilton Raleigh-Durham Sponsor: Women's Caucus</p> <p>Trial Advocacy Mary Wright 1L Competition Final Round 2:00pm; Room 701 Sponsor: 1L Class</p>	<p>Speaker: Charles Ogletree 3:30-4:30pm Auditorium Sponsor: BLSA</p> <p>Women Judges Forum 5:15-6:30pm Executive Dining Room Reception Sponsor: Women's Caucus</p> <p>Basketball Tourney 1Ls vs. 1L/2L winner 7:30-8:45pm NCCU Gym</p>	<p>Spirit Day! All students, faculty & staff...wear paraphernalia and show your NCCU Law Pride!</p> <p>Pro Bono Superstars 11:30am-1:30pm & 5:30-6:30pm Cafeteria</p> <p>Basketball Tourney 3Ls vs. 1L/2L winner 7:45-9:00pm NCCU Gym</p>	<p>Public Interest/ Pro Bono Brown Bag Part II 12noon-1:00pm Cafeteria</p> <p>Moot Court Board Ernest Fullwood Competition Final Round 6:30pm Moot Courtroom Reception: 7:00pm</p> <p>Basketball Tourney Day Program winner vs. Evening Program 7:30-8:45pm NCCU Gym</p>	<p>SBA & Class Officer Elections Posted Hours Cafeteria</p> <p>Talent Show 7:30-9:30pm N.C. Mutual Auditorium Sponsor: SELS</p>	<p>Symposium / CLE 10:25am-3:00pm “Immigration and National Security Law and Policy, Post 9/11” N.C. Mutual Auditorium Sponsor: The Law Journal</p> <p>Students can attend the Symposium / CLE for free. Lunch and a manuscript is \$10.00. See Dean Lavelle in room 726 to register for lunch/manuscript by April 4.</p>	<p>Banquet “Meet and Greet” Reception 6:00-7:00pm * Cash bar and free hor d'oeuvres and a chance to win FREE door prizes!</p> <p>Law Week Banquet 7:00-9:30pm Downtown Durham Marriott Keynote Speaker: William M. Polk '99</p>



Greetings!

The theme of our 2005 Law Week Celebration is *NCCU Legal Eagles: The Sky Has No Limits*. This is indeed a fitting theme for this year's event, the last one under my tenure as dean. When I accepted the deanship, my immediate vision for the Law School was quite simple: to raise our expectations of each other. As students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, we responded positively and actively to advance many aspects of our program.

Student enrollment has grown and resulted in an increase in revenue and faculty positions. We now offer a varied array of elective courses. Our clinical legal experience program has expanded from three to seven different choices. Bar passage rates have stabilized at a respectable level.

Fund-raising is at an historic level for the Law School, and we will soon celebrate another milestone event: the comprehensive renovation and expansion of the Albert L. Turner Law Building. At the completion of the project, students, faculty and staff will return to a tremendously enhanced learning and teaching environment. A brand new "Great Hall," additional classrooms and computer labs, new technology, and most importantly, a new HVAC system are only a few of the eagerly-awaited changes.

Remember and live this year's theme: *NCCU Legal Eagles: The Sky Has No Limits*. As students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, please continue to positively and actively promote the Law School.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice L. Mills".

Janice L. Mills

President 2004-05

Student Bar Association

Jeffrey L. Nieman



Greetings students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends:

On behalf of the students of North Carolina Central University School of Law, welcome to Law Week 2005!

The mission of NCCU School of Law can be summed up in the maxim: "Celebrating Diversity, Advancing Justice." NCCU has a distinguished history of providing opportunity, while producing attorneys who serve the greater community of North Carolina and beyond.

Every year, Law Week provides us an opportunity to celebrate all that the School has to offer, reflect on past achievements and look forward to the future. That future could not be brighter as we look forward to the completion of the newly-renovated Albert L. Turner School of Law Building. The North Carolina Mutual Life building has proven to be more than adequate as a temporary home. However, the new facility boasts a large increase in instructional space and the most advanced technological equipment available.

Please join us this year as we proclaim that at NCCU School of Law, "The Sky Has No Limits!"

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Nieman

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Vice-President 2004-05 Student Bar Association



Sherri L. Hale

It is with great pleasure that I bestow greetings on behalf of the 2005 Law Week Committee.

During Law Week, the Legal Eagles show gratitude to the many organizations, groups and individuals who support the vision to sustain the tradition of excellence at the Law School. It is also a time to recognize our alumni who have made an impact on the legal profession. Through this period of transition at the Mutual building, we learned that NCCU School of Law is not bound by stereotypes, statistics, or the sticks of a building. It is the learning and growing through education that enlarges our minds for life's journey. Law Week 2005 is dedicated to the renewal of Central's legacy of granting young lawyers a life of distinction—a limitless life in advocacy.

NCCU School of Law is many things—a historically black college & university, an institution providing an equal chance for learning, a school of opportunity. Eagles, it is time to move beyond opportunity to achievement. Unlike the past, the future has no limits. Our graduates hold positions from the governor's mansion to the legislature, from the attorney general to the district attorney's office, from the corporate boardroom to the classroom - Central's legacy is firm. It is time for us to reflect on tradition, renew our network of friends, and dream a bigger dream. Hold the highest vision possible for Central Law and it can come true.

Legal Eagles of yesterday and today, make the world take notice and know that *"The Sky Has No Limits."*

Sincerely,

Sherri Lynn Caldwell Hale

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HAPPY 20th BIRTHDAY PBAP!



“Former PBAPers” currently at the Law School

2005 marks the 20th anniversary of the Performance-Based Admissions Program (PBAP). The pilot program for the first PBAP class took place in the summer of 1985, funded by a grant from the Law School Admission Service (LSAS).

This conditional admissions program, for a approximately thirty-five applicants yearly whose credentials do not qualify them for unconditional admission but whose records nonetheless show promise of success, has produced many esteemed alumni of the Law School. Applicants selected for this program have an opportunity to gain admission for the fall semester through their performance in a two-week, non-credit summer program.

Participants do not apply separately to the program. Admission to PBAP is made on a rolling basis. Therefore, prospective students are encouraged to apply to the Law School early in the admission cycle, which begins October 1st.

PBAP participants spend two weeks in the summer in a classroom setting where experienced faculty members give them instruction in one substantive law school course and a writing course. Additionally, participants learn basic skills: how to prepare for class; how to organize and outline course material; and how to answer legal questions. The decision to admit a PBAP participant to the Law School in the fall is based on their performance on examinations and his/her law school application file.

The Admissions Committee selects the participants from those applicants who apply to the Day Program. The Admissions Committee considers the following factors when deciding who will be invited to participate in the program: (1) a history of below average standardized test scores followed by successful academic performance; (2) marginal academic performance but above average standardized test scores; (3) work experience; (3) a significant time lapse between the undergraduate degree and law school application; (4) completion of other advanced degrees; and (5) a socio-economically disadvantaged background.

PBAP at NCCU School of Law is very unique compared with conditional admissions program at other law schools. The cost is minimal and the small class size allows individual attention by the faculty.

We salute all of NCCU School of Law's present and former PBAP participants!



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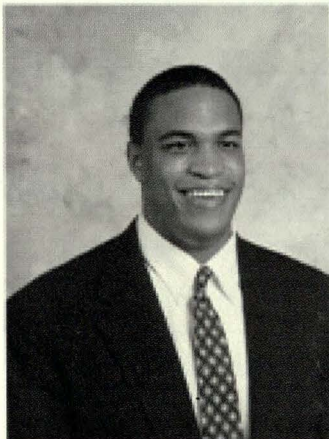


Law Week Committee

Coordinator: Sherri Hale 2L

William M. Polk '99

Law Week Banquet Keynote Speaker



William M. Polk '99 is the director of the Victims and Citizens Services Section of the Attorney General's Office and a former PBAP student. Polk is a native of Harrisburg, N.C. He received his B.A. in Political Science/Criminal Justice Concentration from North Carolina State University in 1996, and his J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1999. He is admitted to the N.C. Bar and U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Polk's previous experiences included working for the Office of the Governor as a policy analyst. Currently, he is the Attorney General's Designee to the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, and the chair of the Workplace Committee. He serves on the N.C. Child-Well Being and Domestic Violence Task Force. Polk has been recognized for his legislative efforts by being awarded the Legislative Advocacy Award by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

He is married to Sharlini Sankaran and has a daughter, Nisha.



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left to right:
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Tesha Clemmons 2L
Angelique Harris 2L



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Chair: Tim Wipperman 4LE



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David Andrews 2L*



Moot Court

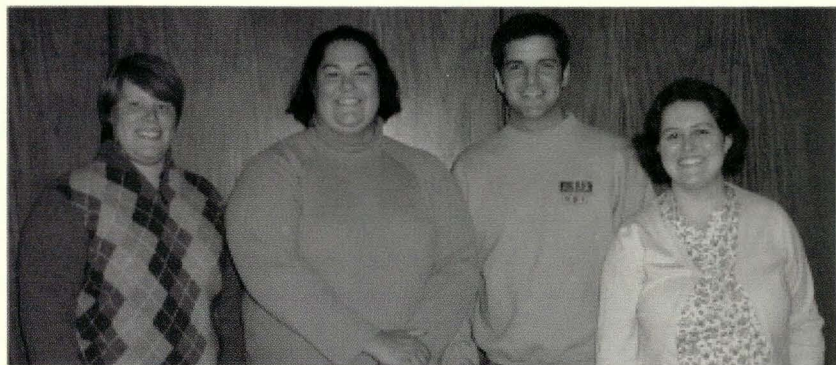
Chair:

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Sports and Entertainment Law Society

Chair: Keysha Council 2L



Intellectual Property Society and Trademark Moot Court Board

Chair: Mike Atkins 4LE

Organizations not pictured

The Federalist Society

Chair: John Cashwell 3L

Humanitarian and Human Rights Society

Chair: Sonal Shah 2L

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