Gifts Put the Campaign for Carolina Law on Brink of $30 Million Goal

“These two wonderful commitments will help us achieve our ambitious $30 million goal for Carolina Law. Both gifts exemplify how alumni can give back to Carolina Law in meaningful and enduring ways. Without doubt the examples of the George and Susan, and Ed and Mandy will inspire others to find ways to support an institution we all respect and cherish. Working together, I’m confident we can meet and surpass our campaign goals by December 31, 2007.”

Marion Cowell, Jr. ‘64, Chair of the Campaign for Carolina Law

George ('66) and Susan Beischer Pledge $1 Million Challenge Gift for Center for Banking and Finance

George ('66) and Susan Beischer have pledged a $1 million challenge gift to establish an endowment fund supporting the UNC School of Law’s Center for Banking and Finance. Receiving the full $1 million is contingent upon two requirements: first, that the Center be named for Lissa Broome; the founding director of the Center for Banking and Finance and Wachovia professor of banking law; and second, that the School of Law raise an additional $1 million in endowment funds for the Center over the next three years. The Beischers hope that the additional $1 million will be raised well within the three-year deadline.

The Beischers have always valued the importance of education, funding a prestigious student scholarship and a professorship at Duke University, where they met as undergraduates. They believe that their challenge gift is an opportunity to continue their interest in supporting educational programs while also recognizing Broome, an outstanding educator.

“Lissa would never say this, but without her leadership, the Center for Banking and Finance would not exist,” said George Beischer. “Her commitment to the Center and its mission has resulted in a first-rate organization that provides invaluable information about and for the vibrant banking environment that has become so vital to North Carolina.”

Ed Chaney ’07 and Mandy Hitchcock ’07 Establish Endowed Fund to Support Public Interest Programming

Ed Chaney ’07 and Mandy Hitchcock ’07 first crossed paths as undergraduates at UNC Chapel Hill in the early 1990s as a result of their involvement with the Campus Y, UNC’s largest social justice and community service student organization; both were co-presidents of the organization. As Ed describes it, “We met again at a pre-orientation social gathering of incoming 1Ls at continuing Ed Chaney and Mandy Hitchcock

SmithGroup Completes Building Study: The School of Law Faces Building Decision

The SmithGroup, the architectural design group chosen by UNC School of Law to develop a conceptual design for law school expansion and renovation, recently submitted its report to the School of Law’s Building and Grounds Committee and Dean Jack Boger ’74.

Recognizing the need to address the future growth of the School of Law and the limitations of the existing space, the University agreed to share in the funding of the SmithGroup study. Boger established a committee chaired by Professor Elizabeth Gibson ’76 to oversee the planning of the school’s new building program. The SmithGroup conducted a needs assessment that involved multiple interviews with faculty, students, staff and alumni. The committee also asked the SmithGroup to benchmark the School of Law’s physical operations with its peer

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We greet this fall at Carolina Law with news of accomplishments that promise a greater future for this venerable institution. Most prominently we are on the brink of attaining our seven-year, $30 million Campaign for Carolina Law fund-raising goal. Literally thousands of friends of Carolina Law have combined to share their finances with this school, that generosity allows us to retain our position among the nation’s very top public university law schools and to dream new and bigger dreams.

Some of the dollars will assure new endowed professorships, which will support our brilliant faculty. These new professorships will be named for some of our most outstanding graduates—Judge John J. Parker (1908), former UNC NC (and judicial) J. Dixon Phillips ’48, Ralph Stockton ’50, Ambas- sador Boyd Gray ’66, Tom Taft ’72, and Geneva Yeargan Rand, mother of Walter ’64 and Senator Tony Rand ’64. Other dollars will support Chancellor Scholarships, need- based aid and the lively student activities that enhance the professional training of our students. Still other funds will fortify our remarkable Centers—on Banking & Finance, Civil Rights, Law & Government, Poverty, Work & Opportunity—and strengthen several new Centers in prospect on the environ- ment and media law. Our library is even bigger. Our emeritus faculty members—Bob Carrboro. We have simply reached the absolute limits within our current building. I recognize, would mean some loss of physical area. Moving forward with that option, involve no disruption of classes, and cost only as “complicated, challenging, and of protracted in actual construction, involve the displacement the current site, a project the architects describe lies before us: an expansion and renovation on front page of this issue, detail the choice that soon Chess McMillan’s column and a story on the 13 years to add curricular strength in several critical areas. The assistance of Carolina Law alumni was crucial to the passage of this legislation, although many of you spoke to your legislators and made telephone calls (Ken McCotter ’71 and Phil Baddour, Jr. ’67, and many others), no one worked harder, or was more effective, than our current Law Alumni Association President, John McMillan ’67, who knows well the art of conveying the needs of a client to the General Assembly. We are deeply grateful to John for his leadership on this legislation.

Finally, we have made steady progress on our road toward a much-needed building expansion. President McMillan’s column and a story on the on this site, a project the architects describe as “complicated, challenging, and of protracted duration that would consume five or more years in actual construction, involve the displacement of the library for at least 15 years; or alternatively, the construction of a brand new facility at Carolina North (the University’s proposed future building site at the old Horace Williams Airport), which would apparently take only two years, involve no disruption of classes, and cost only 5-12% more than renovation and expansion on the current site. Moving forward with that option, I recognize, would mean some loss of physical proximity to the historic core of the campus. We are currently talking with faculty, students and staff, and with the University Board of Trustees and administrative officials, exploring carefully both of these options.

Our space needs, meanwhile, are growing even greater. Our emeritus faculty members—Bob Byrd, Don Clifford, Ron Link, Bill Murphy, Dan Pollart and others—have been moved from their offices to a new large central room with separate desks, and later this fall, a number of our Centers and some of our administrative staffers, including Alumni Affairs and External Relations, will move to temporary space in the Carr Mill Mall in Carrboro. We have simply reached the absolute limits within our current building.

The good news is that we have, within prospect, the once-in-very-few-generations opportunity to envision facilities fit for the very finest public university law school in the 21st century. In every area, from courtrooms to student activities to interactive classrooms to joint work space, Carolina Law can offer our future students an optimal learning environment that will elevate their sights, strengthen their experience as law students and maximize our strengths as a leading public law school. The challenge, of course, is to find the financial resources to bring this vision to reality. As dean, I plan to devote substantial time over the next year taking on that challenge.

In addition to all these exciting developments, our faculty and students continue to do brilliant work. One faculty member argued and won a case in the Supreme Court of the United States this spring. Another testified before the United States Senate. Several filed amici curiae briefs in important federal cases. Professor Hiroshi Motomura’s book Americans in Waiting has received wide acclaim as an important look into the experience of immigrants in this country. Professor Don Hornstein’s article, “Complexity Theory, Adaptation, and Administrative Law” will be published in Land Use and Environmental Law Review, which features the top 10 articles written in the past year in his field; his article, the editors said, was “the only one that appeared on almost all final ballots.” Three of our faculty members, Professors Melissa Jacoby, Eric Muller and Deborah Weissman have been nominated to receive Law School distinguished professorships. Carolina Law students led all of the North Carolina law schools on bar passage for first-time takers of the February 2007 bar exam. Our student journals have organized symposia on a variety of legal issues including extraordinary rendition and precedent and the Roberts court. We plan to send students to eastern North Carolina this year through the Pro Bono Program to work with residents in need of legal assistance, and our students will continue their long-standing efforts in New Orleans. We believe that it is well on the way to achievements unparalleled even in the storied history of this great law school. The energy and excitement among those who work, study and live here is palpable. We are proud of all that you, our alumni, accomplish in your own lives and careers that vibrate daily the value of a Carolina Law education. And we’re deeply grateful for all of your efforts on our behalf.

John Charles Boger
Dean and Wade Edwards Distinguished Professor of Law
George and Susan Beischer’s $1 Million Challenge Gift
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“The Center has done so much already, and I am confident it can do so much more in the future if given the appropriate support. We sincerely hope that others who are direct beneficiaries of the Center will do the same.”

George Beischer ’66

I am delighted that the Center for Banking and Finance has the opportunity to become endowed thanks to the generosity of George and Sue and those who join in their challenge gift,” said Broome. “Needless to say, I am also personally extremely honored and humbled, especially since the Center has been successful because of the contributions of many, particularly those who serve on the Center’s Board of Advisors.”

The Center’s mission is to support the leadership role played by North Carolina-based financial institutions in the ongoing evolution of the financial services industry. The Center also provides a variety of support to banking lawyers nationwide. This support is focused in three areas:

- Studying legal and policy issues related to banking and finance.
- Advancing the teaching of banking and finance.
- Sponsoring conferences for professionals in the field of banking and finance.

“Many individuals and organizations have benefited from the Center’s programs, and we hope their experiences will inspire them to respond positively to our challenge,” said George Beischer.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beischer speak fondly of Carolina Law and have considered for some time making a significant gift to the institution. Mrs. Beischer acknowledges that their final decision to support the Center is primarily driven by Mr. Beischer’s interest in and involvement with the banking industry and the Center, where he has served on the Board, the Banking Journal Scholarship Committee and as a Practitioner-in-Residence.

“He’s fascinated by how the banking industry works and all the numbers, rules and regulations that are involved with banking. The Center has helped fuel his interest in this field,” said Mrs. Beischer. “While I don’t share his same level of fascination, I’m delighted to support Carolina Law with a gift that reflects the enthusiasm that my husband has for the Center, Lissa Broome and the banking industry in North Carolina as a whole.”

George and Susan Beischer both have ties to banking in their ancestry, but while they are proud of their families’ achievements in this area, this had little to do with their decision to support the Center. George Beischer is the owner and president of Garden View Realty, the organization that oversees the ongoing management and continuing development of Croasdaile Farm, a 1,070-acre tract of land in northwest Durham, N.C. Although the realty company is his primary focus, Beischer has also pursued a career in banking. In 2000, with others, he founded Cardinal State Bank, a community bank with branches in Durham and Hillsborough, N.C. During the first three years of the bank’s operations, he served as its chairman of the board. In 2006, he helped to establish KeySource Commercial Bank, a branchless bank focused on providing financial services to businesses and professionals. Broome invites him to teach a class on “How to Start a Bank” each year during her Banking Law course.

The Beischers believe that the Center provides an important training forum for banking employees and lawyers that serve the burgeoning and vital banking industry in North Carolina and beyond.

“The Center has done so much already, and I am confident it can do so much more in the future if given the appropriate support,” said Beischer. “This is one of the reasons Sue and I are delighted to lend our support, and we sincerely hope that others who are direct beneficiaries of the Center will do the same.”

Another reason for lending their support at this time, the Beischers say, is the current discussion underway to explore the long-range goals and objectives of the Center. Some of these discussions included the possibility of significantly expanding the Center’s scope and reach.

Gifts given to the Center may be earmarked to support a wide variety of areas, programs or initiatives. If you would like to respond to the Beischer’s challenge by making a gift to benefit the Center for Banking and Finance, please contact Mary Murray at (919) 962-7701 or mmurray@email.unc.edu.

SmithGroup Completes Study
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“It is important that we consider all of the possible options, including a move to a new site.”

Dean Jack Boger

In addition to considering potential renovation options and additions to the current site, the SmithGroup also provided information on the cost of building a law school on a new site, as is customary when the company considers renovation and addition projects that it undertakes.

In its comprehensive report, the SmithGroup assessed the potential growth of the School of Law over the next 20 years, revealing the need for an additional 75,000 square feet of space, including a 250-seat auditorium, classrooms, faculty offices and student activity areas. In addition, under the renovation-addition scenario, all 165,000 square feet of the current facility would require complete renovation to meet the functional requirements and aspirations of the School of Law and to bring the 1968 building up to current building code regulations. The size of the renovated building and the new addition would be consistent with current developments at relevant peer institutions (on a square foot per student basis). Because of increased efficiencies that can be achieved when planning a new building, a newly constructed law school in a new location would likely be slightly smaller in total square footage.

“The SmithGroup report makes it clear: if Carolina Law is going to build on its history and current momentum as a great public law school, then we must address our building needs,” said Gibson, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. “It is essential that we find and fund the best solution that helps us continue to attract the very best students, to produce top-notch lawyers, to recruit faculty with brilliant legal minds and to fulfill our public mission to serve our state and nation.”

The recommended conceptual design for the addition and renovation submitted by the SmithGroup includes a consolidated layout centered on an active community and events space. The design features new facilities for instruction and law school programs and proposes a new exterior appearance accompanied by a complete interior renovation. These same basic concepts would also shape the architecture of a completely new building.

The estimated total cost for the renovation and addition to the existing building is approximately $91 million. This larger than expected sum is due to the fact that the existing building and site present significant challenges that impact the project’s cost.
What made your time at Carolina Law special? **Mandy:** Well, I met my husband, so that’s pretty special! But really, I felt like I was able to cultivate all of my interests in an intellectually stimulating environment that supports and nurtures my values. I felt constantly encouraged and nourished by the faculty and staff here, academically, professionally, and personally, and was so often inspired by the work of my classmates who spent so many hours working for the good of people other than themselves. While I appreciated my time here as an undergraduate, my law school experience has been more than I could have ever asked for. I knew when I got here that the Pro Bono Program was where I wanted to invest the majority of my time, and I got involved right away. As a 2L, I became the public relations coordinator, and then as a 3L, the director. I loved having the opportunity to inspire other students to make pro bono a priority in their law school experience and, later, careers. We tried hard to focus on pro bono as a professional responsibility that comes with the privilege of a law school education.

If the law school is going to continue to be a driving force for producing leaders both in the public and private sectors, our alumni must play a more central role in funding the kinds of opportunities that develop such leaders.”  

**Mandy Hitchcock ’07**

Ed: I worked in Moore County with the Center for Civil Rights as a summer fellow. As I’ve already touched on, it was the law school’s commitment to public service that lured me in. I was thrilled to be able to jump right in with some very important work. I also loved being editor-in-chief of First Amendment Law Review. It’s a small publication that draws the interest of a dynamic group of students and great legal scholarship.

Why did you decide to make this gift? **Mandy:** Genetically, we wanted to do anything we could to support the public interest and pro bono programming at UNC. More specifically, I was thrilled by the creation of a full-time dean’s level position to support public interest and pro bono programming at the law school. Our original idea was to help fund a public interest scholarship or seed a loan repayment program for students working in public interest jobs after law school, but Sylvia Novinsky, assistant dean for public service programs, and Brandon Wright, associate director of development, came up with the idea to create an endowment to support structured public interest and pro bono programming, and the idea of leadership development really appealed to me. We both plan to spend the rest of our lives continuing to improve this place and helping it attract and produce the brightest public interest lawyers in the state.

Ed: We wanted to make this gift for a couple of reasons. First, Mandy and I both had such wonderful experiences at Carolina Law that the gift was simply a natural expression of gratitude. Given our experiences at Carolina, giving to the public interest program was a perfect mechanism for that. Second, the economics of legal education is changing rapidly. Now, there are so many

disincentives for recent graduates who want to pursue a career in public interest. All law schools need to figure out how to marshal their resources to ensure that public interest remains a priority in legal education and career choices. This is especially true for a place like Carolina, which draws students because of its public service ethos. We have a duty to see that these students had the opportunity to serve our state and nation. Carolina does a good job with this now, but we must respond to the changing economics.

You seem concerned about the correlation between the rising cost of earning a Carolina Law degree and the ability for Carolina Law graduates to choose public interest careers. Am I right? **Mandy:** Well, this was certainly a major factor in my decision to assume a full-time job at a large firm in D.C. Although Carolina is still pretty affordable in the world of law school tuition, it’s still easy for in-state students to graduate with more than $75,000 in loans and significantly more for out-of-state students. When the average public interest job pays around $35,000 or so, that debt load can seem overwhelming. Carolina is one of only a handful of law schools in the country without a public interest loan repayment program, which I think is a travesty, given our status as the flagship public university in the South. Carolina and our mission to serve the people of this state. I would love to see our alumni take on the challenge of raising enough money to fund a large-scale loan repayment program that would enable more graduating students to think less about their finances than about their dreams when deciding which jobs to pursue.

As we talk, I get a sense that you both feel an obligation, as alumni of Carolina Law, to give back. Why is that? **Mandy:** As I mentioned, Carolina Law gives so much to its students and at a fraction of the cost of its private and some public counterparts that are considered peer institutions. This is a magnificent place. The relationships formed here, the doors opened by faculty and administrators, the opportunities created by having a UNC law degree—it’s hard to put any kind of price on these intangibles, but in the end, these things all cost money. If the law school is going to continue to be a driving force for producing leaders both in the public and private sectors, our alumni must play a more central role in funding the kinds of opportunities that develop such leaders. Despite the welcome recent announcement of increased funding, money is not freely flowing from the General Assembly. If our alumni want UNC School of Law to continue to be ranked among the top in the country and to compete with its peers while still remaining affordable and retaining its essential public identity and mission, then we all have to accept the challenge of providing the financial capital to make that happen.

Ed: To be honest, giving back to Carolina Law to me seems like a no-brainer. It is such an important institution. It is a pipeline for leaders in business, government, and all across society, and it provides invaluable resources to many communities. The benefits of giving to Carolina Law extend way beyond the walls of Van Hecke-Wettach Hall. Carolina Law is the model of the public institution, but it cannot continue to be so without generous support from alumni.

Also, Carolina Law has given us so much. It has prepared me well for a legal career and for life, and the least I can do is give back to the institution that gave me so much.”

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**Features**

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Top of the Hill Restaurant. Over the course of first semester, it became very clear that we just fit together.”

The two were married at the start of their third year in law school, having established themselves as quintessential Carolina Law students through their involvement and interest in the issues of public interest and pro bono work. As well as their love for each other, in between graduating and studying for the Bar Examination, they cemented their passion for public interest and social justice by pledging $50,000 to endow a fund that will support public-interest-related activities and programming for UNC School of Law students.

Matt Marvin, director of communications at the School of Law, had an opportunity to talk with Mandy and Ed before they traveled to Hawaii to enjoy the honeymoon they couldn’t take while they were engaged in the rigorous demands of law school. Upon returning from their time in paradise, Mandy will join the litigation group at Goodwin Procter LLP in the litigation practice. Ed will still pursue an exemption practice at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

What led you to decide to pursue a law degree, and why did you choose Carolina Law? **Mandy:** I grew up mostly in North Carolina, spending the majority of my time in Charlotte. My parents sent me to a private school there from 4th grade on, and while I received an excellent education, I missed out on a lot of important social lessons that I didn’t learn until later, as an undergrad at UNC Chapel Hill. I’m a double Tar Heel, and proud of it. After undergrad, I worked as a 7th-grade teacher at a high-poverty middle school in Durham, and then spent a few years working in education policy before returning to law school. When I began looking at law schools, I decided pretty quickly that Carolina was the place I wanted to be. The law school’s mission to be both public and great, to serve the people of the state I have called home for most of my life, greatly appealed to me.

Ed: I spent my childhood in Chapel Hill and my high school years in Jackson, Miss., and came back to Chapel Hill for college in 1990. Before law school, I had a ten-year career working in the nonprofit sector, first directing a national literacy organization, then running a leadership development program for young nonprofit professionals and then working in philanthropy. To me, Carolina and public service are virtually synonymous. I came to Carolina for my undergraduate degree because of its legacy of student activism and public service. I chose to come here, I think, because of its resources for the public interest. When I saw Professor Boger (who was not yet dean) give a presentation on the work of the Center for Civil Rights in Moore County and on the Leimnud case, my decision as to which school I would attend was made. The last three years at Carolina Law have been among the most important of my life. Of course, meeting Mandy was the highlight, but I had the opportunity to learn from some of the greatest legal minds in the country and debate the law with a top-notch group of peers in a setting that is quintessentially unique and challenging environment, I could not have asked for more.
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Benchmarking Data

The recommended, proposed UNC program shown below, results in 201 square feet per student, suggesting that the overall allocation is appropriate and in-line with development at relevant peer institutions.

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and lengthen the project’s schedule—the same challenges that were experienced during the most recent building addition, completed in 1999.

According to the SmithGroup, because the current site project implementation would be extremely challenging and of extended duration, the renovation and addition to the existing building would significantly affect law school operations. Under the best of circumstances, the proposed plan calls for four phases of construction over a period of four to five years, producing complicated operational logistics that would evolve with each phase. Building on a new site would take approximately two years to complete at an estimated cost of $94 million. This option would require finding a viable and available site on which a new building could be constructed.

Concurrent with the School of Law’s conceptual design planning, the University is laying out preliminary plans for a new campus, Carolina North, located off Martin Luther King Jr.

Building on the site of the current Horace Williams Airport. The exploration of Carolina North is being led by Jack Evans, a professor and former dean at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill. While the Board of Trustees has not yet approved the new campus, this is likely to happen at the Board of Trustees meeting in September 2007, and Evans and others are considering the viability of relocating several campus entities to the new site. The timing of the School of Law’s renovation and expansion process led Evans to approach the School of Law about its interest in moving to the proposed Carolina North campus.

In the first 15 years of the proposed project, the University plans to develop 2.4 million square feet of research buildings, space for corporate partners, a computing institute, UNC Health Care offices and a number of other potential units. Carolina North will include housing, stores and recreational fields.

Winston Crisp ‘92 Helps Healing as UNC Ambassador to Virginia Tech

The following article appeared in The News & Observer on Aug. 5, 2007, when Winston Crisp ‘92 was named “Tar Heel of the Week:”

Winston Crisp was on vacation in Ohio, about to pack his bag for the flight home, when he turned on the television and saw true horror.

“Crisp ... spent his summer in Blacksburg, Va., sorting out the difficult issues of how universities should balance privacy, campus safety and treatment of mentally ill students.”

Thirty-two students and professors were dead and more than two dozen injured at Virginia Tech, victims of a student gunman with a history of disturbing behavior.

For Crisp, the April 16 massacre brought back painful memories of a mentally ill law student whose shooting rampage tormented UNC-Chapel Hill in 1995.

Crisp’s first reaction. He had to get back to Chapel Hill.

“My decision to consider relocating the Law School to the proposed Carolina North location or any other new site in no way signals that my mind is made up,” said Boger. “It is important that we consider all of the possible options, including a move to a new site.”

With input from faculty, students, staff, alumni and campus leaders, Boger expects to make a decision by fall 2007 to keep the process moving forward as quickly as possible.

“We have just about reached the absolute limits of Van Hecke-Wettach Hall,” said Boger. “As we bring on new faculty in the coming months, there is no doubt that we will reach those limits. This is an exciting time for Carolina Law, and we all hope for a physical space that reflects our desire to become the finest truly public law school in the country.”

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Anyone who does not know about Jim Delany's toughness needs only ask Charlie Davis about his experience with the Big Ten commissioner.

Back in 1970, before Delany '73 was known as one of the most powerful men in college sports, he was a scrawny senior guard for Dean Smith and the University of North Carolina basketball team. In a mid-season match-up with Wake Forest University, Davis, who was a first-team All-ACC selection at Wake Forest, and Delany, a backup, went head-to-head diving for a loose ball.

“It was a very close game, and there was a loose ball that was there for the taking,” said renowned Carolina basketball author Art Chansky. “Jim and Charlie Davis—the ACC player of the year—both dove for the ball, and they collided and clumsily headed.”

“Delany came up with the ball, and Charlie Davis was knocked out,” said Chansky, who has been a close friend of Delany's since their undergraduate days in Chapel Hill together. “They had to help him off the court.”

“Davis didn’t know what hit him,” Coach Smith said, quickly remembering the incident from among the thousands that he must have witnessed during his storied coaching career. “They really collided, and Jim just jumped right up. It was like making a tackle in football. Charlie was a much heavier guy, but Jim just jumped up, and Charlie was still laying there.”

Davis was not the first person to feel the brunt of Delany's perseverance, and he certainly was not the last.

Delany has always used his toughness and determination to succeed. Whether it was getting recruited to play basketball at North Carolina by Smith as a 5-foot 11-inch guard, graduating from the University of North Carolina School of Law or becoming the NCAA's chief enforcement officer, Delany has gotten by using his dogged determination.

“He's always been that way,” Chansky says. “He had a big family. He was one of five or six kids, and they were all scrappers.”

Five points, 0.8 rebounds and 1.1 assists. It was his attitude that earned Delany a team captain's role his senior year at Carolina—not his stats, which did not suggest a long career in professional basketball. His attitude and coach's confidence in him, however, certainly foreshadowed success in something.

“He was a big help to us as a player, but also as a leader,” Smith said. “Of course, that's been proven now with him being a leader for 18 years in the biggest conference in the United States. He's the real deal.”

Of course, despite his Hall of Fame coach's confidence in him, the young Delany was not quite so sure about life after Carolina. All he knew was that his athletic career would probably end with graduation, and he faced the same question many of his college fellow seniors faced: What now?

“I wasn't sure what I wanted to do,” Delany said. “The Vietnam war was still going on. My dad had been a teacher and a coach, and he didn't want me to be a teacher. He thought maybe I should continue with education.”

Through an odd twist of fate, Delany's course was swayed on the basketball court. Bob Melott, who was working as the assistant dean of the School of Law, doubled as the head scorekeeper for the Carolina basketball team. At the time, the position was held by various faculty members, and in the late 1960s and early 1970s, it was Melott.

Melott got to know a lot of Carolina basketball players over the years and spoke about the law with some of them. According to Delany, Melott's position at Carolina Law sparked an idea in his head. “He and I talked a little bit, and he encouraged me to apply,” Delany said. From there, Delany decided to earn a law degree in Chapel Hill.

While Delany was a very good student, he was not a shoo-in at Carolina Law. But once again, it was Delany's grit that got him over the hump. After spending years watching Delany during games, Melott felt confident that Delany would do well in law school, and he went to bat for him.

“He had shed enough blood on Carmichael floor to earn that opportunity,” Melott said, citing Delany's hustle on the court.

In Melott’s experience, student-athletes who were able to balance a busy practice schedule with a superior GPA often outperformed the predictors used by law schools for most students. Along with recommending Delany to other members of the faculty committee for admissions, Melott wrote a letter to then-Chancellor Carlyle Sitterson and asked him to sponsor Delany.

“I can't take any particular credit for it,” Melott said. “He is just an excellent example of a person who can do great things if given the opportunity.”

When Delany graduated from Carolina Law in 1973, he went to work with the North Carolina Senate Judiciary and soon after switched to the North Carolina Justice Department to work as a Staff Attorney. It was a common career path for law school graduates, but after a life full of competing in sports, the world of traditional law was not cutting it for the young Delany.

“I think what I was looking for and trying to find as a young person was a professional experience that I was as passionate about as I was as an athlete and, to be honest, I wasn't finding that,” Delany said. “I was finding the work interesting to some extent, but I didn't have the same passion, and I wanted to connect the two.”

To help find what he was looking for, Delany went to Smith and former assistant coach Bill Guthridge. They put him in contact with Guthridge's former college roommate, who worked with the National Collegiate Athletic Association's rules enforcement committee at the time. The contact helped Delany get a job as an NCAA enforcement representative and got him his first position in intercollegiate athletics.

“I felt by moving closer to athletics that that would be something that would be good for me, both personally and professionally,” Delany said. “And it turned out to be true.”

It was at this position where Delany's persona as a tough character really began to take shape according to Chansky.

“You're not very popular when you're an NCAA investigator because you look at schools that break the rules,” Chansky said. “He was up against some of the biggest coaches and bigger programs in the country. Going into their backyards and investigating them furthered his reputation for toughness.”

The job was custom made for someone with Delany's background. Not only did he have the sports pedigree, but he also had the legal knowledge to go into difficult situations with limited means and get the job done.

“We didn't have the power to compel testimony or subpoena witnesses, but we had to use other kinds of good communication skills to develop a case, and then we would present it and prosecute it,” Delany said. “I did that for four and a half years and worked in the Southeast and Midwest and West Coast and didn't make too many friends. They weren't too happy to see you coming.”

While Delany's role as the NCAA rules enforcement officer was difficult, he says that life is all about dealing with tough circumstances and making tough decisions—something that law school prepared him well for.

“Whether it's a legal principle at stake or a governance principle or a business principle, the reality is you have to have a good factual basis to support your vision or intuition,” Delany said. “I think Carolina Law School did a good job with its students...connecting legal principle with reality of day to day problems.”

“Jimmy is a mover and a shaker. He's an innovator. He's not afraid to try new things,” Chansky says of his friend. “He sees things and he says, 'why not?' He's sort of like Jack Kerouac from his era. He doesn't say, 'we can't do that'; he says, 'we can do it.'”

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Delany has not always had the ideal experience for the jobs he has been hired for, but he has always been able to figure out a way to get it done, whether it is through his tireless determination or through introducing innovative ways to address the circumstances he has faced.

After his work with the NCAA, Delany moved on to become the commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference in 1979 at the age of 31. Delany's age and lack of experience were more than compensated for by his intelligence, his approach during the interview process and a little bit of luck.

During the interview, Delany confronted his shortcomings head on and told the board that what he did not know, he would learn within a year. He told the conference to give him a one-year contract and if they did not like what he had done at the end of the period, they could go their separate ways.

“No one wanted the job,” Chansky said of the Big Ten commissioner's spot before Delany's hire. “Anyone that was going to take that job was really walking into a snake pit.”

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During his time with the Ohio Valley Conference, Delany got the chance to show off his innovative side, which has become his calling card in recent years. In the 1980s, it was next to impossible to get Ohio Valley athletics on ESPN, unless the conference was willing to do some creative programming. So Delany went to ESPN and asked if the network would air Ohio Valley games if he put together a game of the week that could be played at midnight. ESPN bought his idea, and Delany landed his mid-major conference a slot on the worldwide leader in sports at a time when people were hesitant to apply for the commissioner's spot. Delany had enjoyed a tremendous run of success. It is often the case that little known people with limited experience can rise to the top in the highly competitive world of professional sports.

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He began as an assistant dean for student affairs at UNC's law school just weeks after taking the bar exam. He was nervous about being an inexperienced administrator about the same age as the students.

A major test came less than three years later when Crisp was 27. A man with a rifle marched through downtown Chapel Hill in January 1995, killing two people. The shooter was Wendell Williamson, a UNC law student whom Crisp had tried to help. Williamson was found not guilty by reason of insanity and has been in a state mental hospital ever since.

Crisp persuaded Williamson to get treatment, which helped for a while. Eventually, though, Williamson stopped medication and treatment after his psychiatrist retired. He later sued the university, claiming his treatment was not monitored appropriately. The jury sided with Williamson, but that verdict was overturned by an appeals court.

It has definitely informed Crisp's work in Blacksburg.

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Hikes recently wrote to Jablonski, “He has been the gift that we didn’t realize we needed.”

Crisp won’t take any credit. The heroes, he says, are the people at Virginia Tech.

“I have been overwhelmed by the strength and reaction of people here,” he said during his final week in Blacksburg. “People are tired, people are emotionally drained, people are in pain. But people are shouldering the burden and doing the work. They're looking to the future in a way that makes you proud to be around them.”

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The university grieved the death of student mascot Jason Ray, hit by a car during the NCAA basketball tournament.

UNCG-Chapel Hill is a small city with 27,000 students. “Stuff happens more often than you think it happens,” Crisp says. “You automatically go into a mode that there are people who need me, and things that need to be done.”

“You do your own grieving, questioning and second-guessing later.”

The Big Ten had a reputation of being a league that was not easy on its commissioner. With coaching stalwarts and larger-than-life characters like Bobby Knight of Indiana University and the University of Michigan's Bo Schembechler, the position was viewed as merely a figurehead and the conference seen as one run by its coaches. But that did not matter to Delany. He wanted the job, and in 1989, at the age of 41, Delany became the Big Ten commissioner.

Since his appointment in 1989, the conference has enjoyed a tremendous run of success. It is also worth noting that the concerns that made people hesitant to apply for the commissioner's position have all but disappeared. During his tenure, Delany has overseen the addition of Penn State to the conference, adopted the Gender Equity Action Plan, which has helped even the playing field for men and women in sports, helped negotiate the billion-dollar NCAA tournament television deal with CBS, and introduced the Big Ten Network, a first-of-its-kind athletic conference channel.

Over the years, Delany's legendary college basketball coach has had the chance to work continued on page 8
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with his former player as a commissioner and came away impressed with Delany.

“Several times I’ve been on committees he’s chairing, and I was just thrilled to see how much the others looked up to him,” Coach Smith said. “It just showed that he’s doing the job, and he’s doing it extremely well. Maybe UNC Law School helped him with that because he’s certainly proven he can negotiate and have a good mind. I think everybody realizes how fortunate they are to have him in that conference as the negotiator.”

Perhaps Delany’s most famous negotiation efforts as commissioner were during the creation of the Bowl Championship Series, which is essentially a selection system/formula designed to ultimately pair the top two teams in college football against each other in the BCS National Championship Game. For a lot of college football and sports fans in general, the BCS system as flawed when it comes to identifying a true national champion. As a result, they would love to see a playoff system similar to that used to crown the NCAA men’s basketball championship each year. Delany is viewed as the last hurdle to making that become a reality. As is often the case, however, one person’s hurdle is another person’s leap up to bigger and better things.

Delany himself will remind people that he does not work for college football as a whole; he works for the Big Ten. As of now, the BCS makes the Big Ten and the institutions that play in it more money than a college playoff would. And that did not happen by accident.

Knowing the BCS would become a reality, Delany showed what many feel is his best quality as commissioner: his deep and unwavering commitment to his conference’s best interests. During the creation of the BCS, Delany, like a lawyer fighting for his client, fought hard to ensure certain privileges for the Rose Bowl, the bowl that each year invites the Big Ten champion. Delany also made sure that the Rose Bowl got its own exclusive television package as well as a guaranteed spot in the BCS rotation, two things no other bowl received during negotiations.

“I think allegiances to your employers, allegiances to your principles and to your beliefs, are more important than pleasing people,” Delany said. “It’s not a popularity contest when you’re in a leadership role. It’s nice to be appreciated, but it’s more important to be respected than it is to be well liked.”

Since crashing heads with Davis, Delany’s career has taken him down an unusual path. But one thing is very clear: Delany deserves a lot of respect for his lifetime of diving after and controlling loose balls.

New Administrators

Professor Scott Baker, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

On July 1, 2007, Professor Scott Baker became associate dean for faculty affairs. The position is responsible for helping faculty achieve their scholarly goals.

Baker joined the faculty in 2001 and was given tenure and promoted to full professor in 2006. Professor Baker received his J.D. from Chicago and his Ph.D. in economics from UNC Chapel Hill. Before joining the faculty, Baker clerked for Judge E. Grady Jolly of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Baker’s research interests involve applications of game theory to the law. With a variety of different co-authors, he has written on plea bargaining, law firm structure and practices, patent races and patent policy; arbitration, contract interpretation and the likely impact of low federal judicial salaries. Baker teaches contracts, torts, property, law and economics and intellectual property.

Baker hopes to build on the good work of the previous associate deans for faculty affairs, Hiroshi Motomura and Marion Crain. Specifically, Professor Baker wants to involve more law faculty with researchers across campus, ensure that junior faculty get their research widely disseminated and read and create more student involvement in the research aspects of the law school.

Doug Edmunds, Assistant Dean for Information Technology

After his ten years working in information technology at UNC Chapel Hill, UNC School of Law is delighted to have Doug Edmunds on board as the new assistant for information technology. Edmunds describes himself as a “big picture thinker” who also appreciates the daily demands of supporting a broad base of users whose comfort level with technology varies widely. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from UNC Chapel Hill and is very close to earning an M.S. in information science from the School of Information & Library Science. Among the exciting projects on the horizon for the IT department that Edmunds is leading are a complete overhaul and redesign of the law school’s public Web site and the implementation of an online community solution for law alumni and current students.

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Tricia Hennessy joined the School of Law in April this year as assistant dean for finance. She relocated from New York, where she worked for St. John’s University in Queens, N.Y. Tricia worked in the Office of Business Affairs for 12 years and was the associate controller for the university. Tricia brings a high level of expertise to the office that will further enhance the management of the School of Law’s financial resources, something that is essential at an institution that takes very seriously its obligation to manage public funds and private donor funds responsibly.

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Meredith Kincaid, Deputy Director of Development

Meredith Kincaid joined the UNC School of Law’s External Relations team in August 2007 as deputy director of development. Kincaid comes to the School of Law from Carolina Performing Arts, where she served as a development assistant managing the organization’s annual fund program.

As deputy director of development, Meredith manages fundraising activities specific to the School’s Annual Fund, Annual Firm Campaign, 3-L Class Gift Campaign, Reunion Campaigns and oversees Law School stewardship efforts.

A North Carolina native and a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Meredith received an M.A. in Arts Administration from Indiana University at Bloomington. During her time in Bloomington, she completed a service-learning project with the Indiana University Auditorium, in which she developed a comprehensive fund development plan for a non-profit organization and served as volunteer director of Circle of Life, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding scholarships for cancer survivors. Kincaid was also the House Manager for the Budokan-Chumley Theater in Bloomington.

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Class of 2007 Graduates

The Class of 2007 gathers outside the Dean E. Smith Center prior to their commencement ceremony.

On the morning of May 13, 224 UNC School of Law graduates each donned a traditional black graduation robe lined with purple as well as a mortarboard with a tassel of the same color. Later that afternoon, three years of law school came to an end, and they had joined the ranks of Carolina Law alumni, most of them as the class of 2007, with all the traditions and high expectation that come with joining such an accomplished group.

During the ceremony, the graduates heard from two alumni—one a committed public servant and another a dedicated Carolina law professor—who exemplify what it means to honor a degree from Carolina Law by being the very best in their chosen legal careers.

In his commencement address, First Attorney General of North Carolina Roy Cooper ’82 warned graduates that they would face moments throughout their careers when they might be tempted to bend the law or even break it. He told them to always remember the lessons they had learned and noble principles they had come to embrace as a result of their time in Chapel Hill studying the law. He advised them to always use their three years in law school as the roadmap for always doing the right thing. Cooper then went on to say how, armed with a degree from Carolina Law, graduates have the ability to do great things that can profoundly affect their future clients’ lives and the communities they will live in.

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Sylvia Novinsky, Assistant Dean for Student Services

In keeping with Carolina Law’s ongoing commitment to public service, Dean Jack Boger appointed Sylvia Novinsky as the School of Law’s first assistant dean for public service programs. Novinsky has been with the School of Law since 1996, after practicing public interest law representing migrant farm workers and immigrant workers in Virginia and New York. She served as the school’s first public interest career counselor and, in 2000, became the assistant dean for student affairs.

In her new role, she will combine these varied experiences to counsel, advise and support students interested in public service and public interest law, as well as continue to foster the school’s pro bono activities.

“As a great public law school, our tradition of public service is deep-rooted and core to our mission,” said Novinsky. “Upon graduation from Carolina Law, approximately 20 percent of the class goes on to pursue careers in the public sector. While at Carolina Law, approximately 50 percent of the student body performs pro bono service. Still, there are challenges for students and graduates who want to do public service, particularly as debt burdens at all law schools increase.

“Helping students identify avenues for pursuing their commitments to pro bono and public service, and supporting them while they are doing so, is crucial,” said Novinsky. “Our students are following in the footsteps of many great Carolina Law alumni who have gone on to serve our state and the nation, and we want to make sure we support them as they incorporate these values of serving the public in their own educational pursuits and legal careers.”

Catherine Ringo Pierce, Assistant Dean for Policy and Special Assistant to the Dean

Before being appointed assistant dean for policy and special assistant to the dean, Catherine Ringo Pierce was director of research, community services and student programs in the UNC School of Law Center for Civil Rights, where she oversaw the center’s development efforts, research grants, communications and student programs. Pierce received a bachelor’s degree in sociology with a minor in women’s studies from UNC Chapel Hill in 2000, and a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration in public policy from UNC Chapel Hill School of Government in 2004. From 2000–2002, Pierce was program director with Wake Education Partnership, a public school advocacy organization in Raleigh, N.C., where she oversaw the organization’s efforts in the areas of school finance and technology, and administered a number of its teacher grant programs. From 2003–2004, Pierce was a management analyst in the Wake County Manager’s office.

In her role as assistant dean for policy and special assistant to the dean, Pierce drafts reports, speeches, letters and other documents, and conducts substantive empirical, legal and policy research on behalf of the dean. Pierce represents the dean in meetings, offering responses when he is unable to do so in a timely fashion.

Kelly Podger ’02, Assistant Dean for Student Services

Kelly Podger ’02 is excited about her first year as assistant dean for student services and continuing the work she already did in her previous role as director of student activities. She is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for students that will enable them to thrive. Also, with the help of generous gifts like the one given by Helga Baer, the widow of Ervin Baer ’53, she plans to further enhance the ethics and professionalism programming for students that is run out of the Student Services office.

While in law school, Podger was a member of the Holderness Mock Court Bench as a member of the Environmental Appellate Advocacy team. She was also active in the Student Bar Association (SBA), serving as class president in her third year. After three years in private practice as a litigation associate with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan LLP, Podger returned to UNC School of Law in August of 2005.

As a result of the special relationships she has established with the students who started with her, she is looking forward to a very special graduation ceremony at the end of her first year in her new role. However, before that day comes, Podger is even more excited that on Sept. 22, 2007, she will marry Tim Smith, a fellow Chapel Hill native, fulfilling her dream, as a huge Tar Heel fan, of being called “Dean Smith.”

Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Development

Brandon Wright has assumed a newly-created position in the UNC School of Law’s development office, associate director for development. In this role, Brandon will work with donors who have an interest in supporting Carolina Law at a major gift level ($25,000 and up).

Brandon has served as the School of Law’s deputy director of development since 2004. In that role, he managed the Annual Fund, Annual Firm Campaign, internal campaigns and alumni stewardship efforts.

Prior to joining the School of Law’s development team, Brandon served as the associate dean for external relations at Campbell University’s Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

A North Carolina native and a 1995 graduate of Appalachian State University, Brandon began his professional career at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem, N.C. At Wachovia, he progressed through the retail management program to serve as management trainee, assistant branch manager, branch manager, market manager, and city executive.

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Rebecca Williford ’09 Takes a Leadership Role in National Disability Law Organization

Rebecca Williford was named SBA Student Leader of the Month for April. As president of the Disability Law Organization at the UNC School of Law for the 2006–2007 academic year, she significantly expanded the scope of its activities. Now, her desire to raise the profile of law students with disabilities has taken her to the national stage, as she assumes the position of founding leadership in the newly formed National Association of Law Students with Disabilities (NALS WD).

The NALS WD was founded in January 2007 by the ABA Committee on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, which sought to examine the current landscape of issues facing lawyers with disabilities. The committee found funding to plan an initial start-up conference, and 35 law students with disabilities from all over the United States convened at Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C., to elect interim officers. Williford is currently representing the School of Law as chairwoman of the Constitution committee, tasked with creating the organization’s mission and guiding principles.

For many disabled attorneys, the barriers to legal practice began in law school, but unlike other law school minority contingencies, no national association for disabled law students existed prior to NALS WD’s formation.

“One of the reasons it’s important the organization be national is that many students with disabilities have no other disabled students at their schools who came before them, and who could help them through the process,” Williford said. “This national network adopts the basic notion that law students with disabilities gain great value and great strength from knowing each other.”

The organization seeks to serve and connect four distinct groups: current law students with disabilities, practicing attorneys with disabilities, attorneys with an interest in disability law who can serve as mentors and pre-law undergraduates with disabilities, navigating the admissions process.

The first NALS WD conference was held Sept. 14–16, 2007, in San Francisco. On the agenda were a ratification of the organization’s constitution, setting the groundwork for making the organization sustainable; collective voice workshops; and electing permanent officers. Williford attended the conference along with fellow Carolina Law classmate Matt Lee, who was serving as chairman for the Finance committee.

Williford believes the School of Law has helped develop her ideas on social justice. “Law school has really helped me to be able to think about the intersection of human rights, and to consider all of the angles of why people disagree. For society to move forward, it’s important to see the big picture of human and civil rights, and for me, to understand where disability rights fits into that. Law school has forced me to better understand why people disagree on major issues and has taught me how to think critically about progress,” she said.

Accommodating students with disabilities through law school can be a challenge. As a public institution, this is a challenge the School of Law embraces as necessary and vital to meeting its goals of student body diversity. To keep the law school experience rigorous for all students, while maintaining sensitivity to the individual needs of the disabled student, relationships must be fostered through the process,” Williford said. “This national network adopts the basic notion that law students with disabilities gain great value and great strength from knowing each other.”

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Rebecca Williford ’09 Takes a Leadership Role in National Disability Law Organization

Faculty Approves New Grading Policy in Line with Peer Schools

To bring the UNC School of Law system more closely in line with peer institutions, the faculty has approved modifications to the grading and ranking system for students. The new system will award letter grades instead of numbers and will generally eliminate individual class rank. It will be effective for grades awarded starting in the fall of 2007.

The vote to change the system was the result of substantial analysis and discussion during the 2006–2007 academic year. A number of students, faculty and employers increasingly noted that the law school’s system differed substantially from most top national law schools, both public and private, in that UNC assigned an individual rank to each student in the class. The system of assigning number grades (to the hundredth decimal point) rather than letter grades and the “curve” (median grade) for each class was also out of line with our peers.

This inconsistency with peer schools resulted in several concerns: “The use of fine numerical distinctions, coupled with the practice of assigning an individual class rank to each student, often in students with almost identical grade point averages having different class ranks that suggested much wider variations in ability,” noted Ursula L. Broome, Wachovia professor of banking law, and chair of the faculty Academic Affairs Committee.

Suggestions for changes originated from a review of “best practices” undertaken by the faculty Career Services Office (CSO) committee in fall 2006. In the course of that review, the committee, chaired by William P. Marshall, William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law, heard repeated concerns about how our system’s differences from peer schools could result in unfair disadvantage to UNC students when they were compared to students from schools with more consistent systems. The strong trend among top law schools has been to use letter grades and no individual ranks. For example, Duke University, the University of Iowa and the University of Southern California have all modified their systems since 2004.

Some students reported that employers expressed confusion with our system when compared to those of other schools. In addition, some students indicated that their applications were not given full consideration by some employers who eliminated them from interviews based solely on an individual class rank that placed them just slightly outside a “preferred” cutoff.

“We have extremely talented students at Carolina Law whose qualifications can’t be summed up in a single number,” said Sarah E. Wald, special assistant to the dean and a member of the faculty CSO committee that looked at the issue. “We wanted employers to get the information they need, but like our peer schools, we wanted to encourage employers to look at our students’ full experiences, not as a ‘shortcut’ rank.”

The new grading and ranking system will be “rolled out” over the next two years. For all students, grades will be issued in letter form starting with courses taken fall semester 2007. For all classes, the grade cut-off point for the top 10 percent, the top third and the top half of the class will be made public on the law school Web site and otherwise on request. For the classes of 2009 (2Ls) and 2010 (1Ls), no individual class ranks will be issued except for the top 10 students; for the graduating class of 2008, individual class ranks will be released so that their law school ranking records will be consistent for all three years.

“We are convinced that our new system will work well for students and employers,” said Brian Lewis, assistant dean for Career Services. “We will be working with both groups this year to make sure any transition questions get answered, and we’re glad to have our system in line with our peers.”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity publishes "Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream"

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. poverty rate in 2005 was 12.6 percent, or approximately 37 million people. While the percentage of people living in poverty has fluctuated since the Census Bureau started collecting this data, it has never dropped below 11.1 percent. Can a country as wealthy as the United States even afford to ignore its poorest citizens?

Through thoughtful analysis and concrete policy suggestions from both liberal and conservative perspectives, the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity’s new book, Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream, tackles the seemingly intractable problem of poverty in the United States. Divided into five sections, each of which explores a facet of poverty, the book showcases contributions by some of the most distinguished academics and policymakers working in the field today. In addition, it features the advice and wisdom of dedicated community leaders, entrepreneurs and neighborhood organizers, creating a dialogue between anti-poverty theory and practice. The stirring conclusion by Senator John Edwards ‘72 summarizes the book’s findings, issues a clarion call for public debate and suggests a bold new direction in combating poverty, a message he has taken with him on his presidential campaign since resigning as director of the Center in December 2006.

Contributing authors include Jacob Hacker, Secretary Jack Kemp, Katherine S. Newman, Michael Sherraden, David Shipley, Berth Shulman, Elizabeth Warren and William Julius Wilson. The book is edited by Edwards, former director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity; Marion Crain, current director; Paul Eaton, professor of law at the UNC School of Law; and Anne L. Kalteffel, Keran distinguished professor of sociology and senior associate dean for social sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity Advisory Board member.

Municipal Underbinding

The Center for Civil Rights, primarily supported by funds from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, has worked and continues to work extensively with a collaborative of community-based organizations in Moore County to combat the issue of municipal exclusion. With the Center’s assistance, three communities—Jackson Hamlet, Michay and Waynor Road—have received funding commitments from their neighboring municipalities—Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Southern Pines, respectively—to improve the level of water and sewer infrastructure in each community.

While there is much to be said about the Center’s work with each of these communities and the collaboration among them, the recent experience with Waynor Road provides just one example of how the Center’s work and attorneys can play a vital role in improving conditions in underserved communities.

In September 2006, the Waynor Road community committed to the intense effort needed to organize and change the conditions in its neighborhood. The Center worked with the community to educate residents about extra-territorial jurisdictions, annexation laws and resources available to address the water and sewer needs of their community. Further, the Center helped the community assess its needs, priorities, questions and concerns about the annexation process. As a result of these efforts, the community successfully requested that Southern Pines include funding for water infrastructure and apply for available funding sources that would cover the costs of extending sewer to the 75 Waynor Road residents in its 2007-08 budget. As a result, Southern Pines has committed to provide Waynor Road with $342,000 in local funding and applied for federal funding to cover the costs of more than $1 million in infrastructure needs.

The Center remains active in serving as a legal counsel to Waynor Road in Action, the community association the residents incorporated to help further their cause. The Center is helping the organization receive federal tax-exempt status, monitoring the implementation of the funds committed for infrastructure, guiding the community through the voluntary annexation procedure and working with the community to accomplish other goals, such as road improvements and a community center.

The Center published a report about its municipal underbinding work entitled “Invisible Fences: Municipal Underbinding in Southern Moore County.” An electronic version of the report is available on the Center’s Web site at: www.law.unc.edu/civilrights.

Property Preservation

This summer, the Center deployed a major initiative in 12 counties across North Carolina to collect data on minority landowners who lost their land through court-ordered partition actions. This project would not have been possible without the help of the Center’s summer fellows Elizabeth Girgold ‘09, Diane DePetriscolos ‘08, Peter Gilbert ‘09, Katrina Santos (North Carolina Central University) ‘09 and Dominique Camm (North Carolina Central University) ‘09. The Center will continue exploring these issues and is currently collaborating with community organizations and legal advocacy groups throughout the South to educate landowners and advocate for changes that will offer poor and minority landowners the protection that they need.

In the spring, the Center co-sponsored the Second Annual Land Rich Conference focusing on the theme “Strategies and Opportunities for Helping Low- and Moderate-Income Owners Optimize the Value of their Real Estate Assets.” More than 150 individuals from 12 states participated in the two-day conference, including landowners, representatives from nonprofit organizations, resources, private investors, developers, realtors, attorneys, students and government officials. The Land Rich conference was co-sponsored with Asset Builders and the University of Wisconsin Law School and sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Kilpatrick Stockton and the North Carolina Community Development Initiative.

Land Use and Zoning Policy

The Center worked with a century-old, predominantly African American community of 150 residents to prevent a bypass from destroying its neighborhood. The community approached the Center for assistance and, after receiving guidance from UNC School of Law faculty members Alice Ratliff and Donald Horstein, the Center’s staff developed and executed a strategy of community action.

Professor Ratliff successfully represented the Crest Street Community in Durham, N.C., in the 1972 case to oppose the bypass. Her work has been held up as the paradigm for collaboration between minority communities and the state Department of Transportation. Professor Horstein’s extensive background in administrative and environmental law helped the Center quickly identify key legal strategies and develop relationships with experts in the environmental justice field.

The work involved submitting public comments, investigating potential legal claims and securing pro bono engineering assistance. The Center’s efforts were also aided by School of Law students Christiana Tugman ‘08, Taylor Browne ‘08, Lorriah Audley ‘08, Hannah Albertson ‘09, Angela Burke ‘07, Laura Lee ‘07, Desiree Noisette ‘07 and Dianne Sarmu ‘07.

The Center’s community development team includes Anita Earls, Barry Williams ‘05 and Diane Staudt ‘06. You can request copies of the Center’s publications and information about events at its Web site, www.law.unc.edu/civilrights, or by contacting Adrienne Davis at civlrights@unc.edu or (919) 943-5463.

Center for Civil Rights: Fostering Social Inclusion and Economic Development in Minority Communities

The UNC Center for Civil Rights played a key part in recent successes in each of the areas of its community development work: municipal underbinding, poverty preservation and land use and zoning policy.

"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Social Justice": A Documentary by Sonya Pfeiffer '07

Disappointed and frightened by what she perceived as law’s rigidity and its emphasis on maintaining an analytical distance from the subjects of its attention, Sonya Pfeiffer—then a third-year law student—created a video as a testimony to the transformative power of creative lawyering. The excruciable conditions suffered by the El Monte, Calif., workers, while unconscionable, are not the true focus of this documentary. Instead, it powerfully conveys how the workers and their young attorney, Julie Su (among others), overcame language and cultural barriers, a lack of legal precedent and the stonewalling of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service through incremental, rejection of a paternalistic model of attorney-client relationships and extensive community building. Ultimately, it documents how the workers’ participation, conveying their stories and fighting for their own success and to larger changes in the garment industry.

Pfeiffer produced “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Social Justice” as an independent study project. She was a television news researcher and producer for 12 years before attending law school. The teaching and passion of Professor John O. Calmore, someone she, like so many others, came to see as a distinguished professor and zealous advocate for social justice, were the inspiration behind the film.

You can learn more about the documentary and find a link to watch it online at the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity’s Web site, www.law.unc.edu/poverty.
Fall 2007 Academic/ CLE Programs

The symposium will feature the following legal scholars:

Richard Fallon (Harvard Law School); Pam Karlan (Stanford Law School); Frank Cross (University of Texas Law School); Neal Devins (William & Mary Law School); John Harrison (University of Virginia Law School); Michael Paulsen (St. Thomas University Law School); Tracey George (Yeshiva University Law School); Lee Epstein (Northwestern University Law School); Jack Knight (Washington University School of Law, St. Louis); David Klein (University of Virginia); and Neil Siegel (Duke Law School)

November 4–5, 2007 Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity Conference: Wealth Inequality and the Eroding Middle Class The George Watts Alumni Center, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill, NC

An interdisciplinary gathering of scholars and other experts will examine the growing polarization of wealth at home and abroad, and its consequences for an increasingly shaky middle class.

November 9, 2007 The 2007 Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics: Conflicts of Interest in Corporate Law Practice The George Watts Alumni Center, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill, NC

The Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics is a continuing legal education program sponsored annually by the UNC School of Law. This important program is dedicated to the exemplary legacy of professional ethics left to us by the distinguished life and work of Dan K. Moore, the esteemed former governor of North Carolina and a 1929 graduate of the UNC School of Law. The program is focused on issues relevant to attorneys who advise corporate clients. This year’s program will address conflicts of interest for corporate lawyers—both in-house counsel and attorneys in private practice. The likelihood of conflicts of interest has increased as law firms expand in size and as transactions become increasingly complex with multiple parties involved. Topics to be covered include identifying conflicts of interest with potential clients, current clients, and former clients. We will explore imputed conflicts as well. The perils of joint representation of a corporation and its directors, officers, or employees will also be examined.

November 16, 2007 The Perils of Public Memory: State v. Mann and Thomas Ruffin in History and Memory

In 1829, Judge Thomas Ruffin of the North Carolina Supreme Court wrote what is undoubtedly the coolest and starkest defense of the brutality of slavery ever to appear in an American judicial opinion. The notorious decision in State v. Mann provided fodder for Harriet Beecher Stowe; more recently, it has been the touchstone for outstanding scholarship in legal history, law and literature, cultural studies, southern studies, and other fields. A decade ago, Sanford Levinson raised the following provocative questions about Judge Ruffin: Can one have “deep respect for the man” Ruffin, as apparently Harriet Beecher Stowe did, even as one despises the system that he served? This one-day conference will consider Professor Levinson’s important questions about Judge Ruffin, State v. Mann, and the difficulties of public homage. We will gather a group of leading scholars in relevant fields whose work will both expand and deepen our understanding of Ruffin and the case of State v. Mann and help clarify the problems that we confront in publicly commemorating historical figures whose lives included both great good and great evil.

Location: The discussions will commence under the painted visage of Judge Ruffin himself, in the restored debating chamber of the old UNC Dialectic Society, which commissioned the portrait, on the third floor of the New West building (175 E. Cameron Ave., UNC-Chapel Hill Campus).
### Class of 2010 Profile

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The profile of the class of 2010 underscores UNC School of Law’s commitment to recruiting a student body that is diverse in every sense of the word and the fact that we continue to attract the very best students. This long-held Carolina tradition has proven to provide the best community for students to thrive inside and outside of the classroom, and to go on to emulate the amazing and varied accomplishments of the Carolina lawyers who came before them.

Among the latest class of future Carolina lawyers are students who have spent time with the Peace Corps, Teach for America and AmeriCorps. They have helped to protect the human rights of HIV-positive patients in Suriname, restore people’s lives in New Orleans and build dreams of home ownership with Habitat for Humanity. One member of the class spent six months in Thailand helping with tsunami recovery efforts, while another was a legal intern on the case against Slobodan Milosevic at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

The class of 2010 also includes a reporter for National Public Radio, a professional ballerina, a language instructor in Nagoya, Japan, and a two-time Head of State Award winner for youth-related community service from Ghana. Several have worked in federal or local government, and others have served their country in the armed forces in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. Another member is a former professional basketball player, and another is a black belt in Karate.

Of course, the newest group of students joins a fascinating community of second- and third-year students, including an ESPN baseball analyst, an Air Force pilot, a Middle East conflict monitor for Amnesty International and a road manager for the Dave Matthews Band. They are also joining a student body committed to Carolina Law’s fine tradition of public service, as exemplified by the fact that more than 50 percent of students participated in pro bono work last year. And judging by the profile of the class of 2010, they will be ready to fit right in.

### Class of 2007 Graduates

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important issues that his office has taken on under his leadership, including a concerted effort to increase the protection of children from sexual predators on the Internet.

Professor of Law Rich Rosen ’76 began teaching at the School of Law in 1980. From the very start of his teaching career, students appreciated Rosen’s immense intellect and understanding of criminal law, his engaging style of teaching and his sincere and welcoming personality. And judging by the fact that voting by 3L students resulted in his winning the Frederick B. McCall Award for Teaching Excellence, which was presented to Rosen during the Commencement Exercises, the same is true today.

"Rich [Rosen] is the epitome of what Carolina Law faculty strive to be: great scholars and legal practitioners who are great teachers, who engage with students in a very sincere and caring fashion both in and outside the classroom..." — Dean Jack Boger

This prestigious society [James E. Davis and Carolyn B. Davis Society] recognizes third-year students possessing both academic and personal excellence and a willingness to serve for the betterment of the School of Law and its faculty and students.

James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society Recipients

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(left to right) Kevin Nolan, Benjamin "Boz" Zellinger, Daire Roebuck, Amanda Hitchcock, Sarah Watts, Joyce Kung, Laura Lee and Ben Pickett display their James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society certificates.
Message from the President of the Law Alumni Association

Dear Carolina Law Family:

As I write this letter for Carolina Law Alumni News, the N.C. General Assembly has just pasted the conference report for the budget bill for fiscal year 2008. In it, there is a line item that will largely go unnoticed in the news accounts, but it is critically important for our law school—$2 million in additional recurring appropriations each year. Those dollars will enable Dean Boger and his administration to fund the new faculty positions that are so important to the future of the law school.

It all started with Sen. Tony Rand (J.D. 1964) recognizing this need and introducing the legislation. At the request of Rand, Boger traveled to Raleigh to meet with legislative leaders to make the case. Senate Appropriations Co-Chairpersons Walter Dalton (J.D. 1975) and Linda Garrou (wife of John Garrou J.D. 1967) signed on, and funds were included in the Senate budget. The House budget conference was also convinced of the merits of this request, and among that group were Speaker Joe Hackney (J.D. 1970) and Rep. Phil Haite (J.D. 1961). We give our sincere thanks to those legislative leaders and fellow UNCLaw School alumni for their support.

In the last edition of Carolina Law Alumni News, you read about the conceptual design of the law school building expansion and renovation. The estimated cost for this project is $91 million, and we would end up with a building with 242,000 gross square feet of space. Students, faculty and staff would endure five years of construction inconveniences, and all of our current parking spaces would be unavailable during that time.

As many of you know, the main campus at Chapel Hill is built on the original 729 acres, and there is simply no space available to build new buildings on campus. However, the University owns almost 1,200 acres three miles north of the current campus, an area that includes the Horace Williams Airport. Those acres are designated as the location of Carolina North, the future expansion of UNC Chapel Hill. The University’s architect has suggested that the law school consider building a new building at that location rather than expanding the present structure, and that concept is currently under consideration.

The proposed new building, which would be more efficient that the current building with additions, would be approximately 220,000 gross square feet and is estimated to cost $94 million. It could be built in two years, and the faculty, students and staff could move into a completed building. We would hope to have additional parking, and buses would go back and forth to the main campus. There are some who oppose closing the Horace Williams Airport, and there will be other obstacles to overcome, but the concept of a new law school is exciting. Since I have no doubt that all of us will be invited to participate in this project, I wanted you to know about it from the beginning. It may be a long way off, but the renovation alternative is a long way off also.

In closing, I thank you for your support of our law school this past year (2006–2007). We have seen an increase in alumni participation with Carolina Law programs—at the School of Law and in your communities. The 2006–2007 Annual Fund reached an all-time high of $584,607.59. We are closing in on our campaign goal of $30 million. I am proud of our Carolina Law family. With your continued support and involvement, we will reach our goal of being both great and public. The future of Carolina Law is promising.

I hope to see you back in Chapel Hill on October 5–6 for Law Alumni Weekend.

Sincerely yours,

John B. McMillan
President, UNC Law Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumni Awards and Outstanding Recent Graduate Award Presented During Annual Gala

On Friday, Oct. 5, the UNC School of Law Alumni Association will honor two distinguished alumni and one recent graduate at the annual Carolina Law Alumni Gala and Reception, at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill as part of this year’s Law Alumni Weekend celebrations.

Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to: Marion A. Cowell, Jr. ’64 and Sen. R.C. Soles, Jr. ’59

Marion A. Cowell, Jr. is Counsel with Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, in Charlotte, N.C. Prior to joining the firm, Cowell served as Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel for the nation’s sixth largest bank, First Union Corporation (now Wachovia Corporation), where he was a 27-year veteran.

A North Carolina native, Cowell is a double Tar Heel. He received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 1958 and his law degree in 1964. He has had a profound impact on the UNC School of Law where his leadership has been unsurpassed. He is currently the chair of the $30 million Campaign for Carolina Law and an active member of the Board of Directors for the Law Alumni Association having served as president from 1995-1996.

Cowell has devoted his career to serving the local, regional and national legal and civic communities.

His many volunteer roles include serving as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, Mecklenburg County Bar Association and North Carolina State Bar. He is an Emeritus Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, Inc. and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He is currently a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation; the Board of the North Carolina Railroad Company; and the Board of the American Bar Foundation. He is also a life member of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Marion A. Cowell, Jr. ’64

Additional information about the Braxton Schell Scholarship Fund may be found by contacting the External Relations Office at the School of Law, (919) 962-7701.  

Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston PLLC Establishes Scholarship in Honor of Braxton Schell ’51

Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston PLLC, with offices in Greensboro and Chapel Hill, and the UNC School of Law are pleased to announce the creation of the Braxton Schell Scholarship Fund. The scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a student at the UNC School of Law based on need, was established by Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston PLLC to honor its senior member, Braxton Schell ’51, for his unyielding commitment to excellence in the practice of law and to the highest standards of professionalism and client service.

Schell graduated in 1948 from UNC Chapel Hill with a major in accounting and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated with honors from the UNC School of Law, where he was an associate editor of the North Carolina Law Review and second in his class academically. Following graduation, Schell began working in Greensboro for a firm that, in 1957, became Smith, Moore, Smith, Schell & Hunter. In 1967, Schell participated as senior partner in the founding of Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston, where he continues to practice actively in the business and corporate law areas.

Early in his career, Schell assisted a number of North Carolina companies in “going public,” and he is well known as one of the first North Carolina securities law practitioners. Schell has been regularly listed in The Best Lawyers in America and in Business North Carolina magazine’s “Legal Elite” annual listing. He has also been honored by the Greensboro Bar Association with its highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Award.

Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston PLLC.

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Helga Baer, the widow of Ervin Baer ’53, recently established a $50,000 endowment fund to support legal ethics and professionalism programming for UNC School of Law students.

Income generated from the fund will support student initiatives such as:

- A professionalism component in the first-year orientation program.
- The Dean’s Fellows Program, which is a peer-led mentoring program for first-year students; and
- An ethics and professionalism speaker program, which will bring members of the bar and bench to the School of Law to speak to students.

“I know my father would be extremely happy to be associated with helping students get acclimated to the responsibilities of being a good lawyer. He loved Carolina, and he was really proud of his law school education,” said Baer’s son, Don Baer, speaking on behalf of his father and the Baer family. “We are so grateful for the generosity of Mrs. Baer and the Baer family, said Assistant Dean of Student Services Kelly Podger ’02, who will organize most of the ethics and legal professionalism programming that the Baer Fund will support. “Gifts like this are vital if we are to continue to graduate students who are prepared to honor and uphold the ethical and professional traditions associated with the Carolina lawyers who came before them.”

Don Baer remembers with great pride how his father graduated in the top ten of his class, was named to the Order of the Coif, and was a member of the North Carolina Law Review. After graduation, he joined the Judge Advocate General’s Corps in the U.S. Army and served as an army prosecutor at Fort Benning, Ga. Later he moved back to his birthplace and served at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he reached the rank of lieutenant.

After completing his commission with the U.S. Army in 1957, he continued to serve his country as a reservist for another ten years. During this time and on into the mid-1980s, he established himself as one of the most respected Carolina lawyers who came before them.”

“The Baer’s commitment to service, professionalism and maintaining the highest ethical standards will live on through countless generations of Carolina law students, who will benefit from the fund established in his memory,” said Podger. “We will be sure to tell students that they have a responsibility to honor the legacy of Mr. Baer and others like him.”
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the Board of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights under Law; the Board and Executive Committee of the Southern Environmental Law Center; the Board of the Art Institute of Charlotte; and the North Carolina IoTBA Board. In the past, Cowell has served as a member of the Board of the Mecklenburg Bar Foundation (2000–2006) and as president (2004–2006); chaired the North Carolina Bar Association Professionalism Committee; chaired the NCBA Pro Bono Committee; and chaired the Senior Lawyers’ Division of the NCBA. Cowell is also a past member of the NCBA Board of Governors (1992–1995), the Board of Visitors for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Board of Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc. and the American Bar Associations President’s Advisory Council on Diversity.

Cowell focuses his practice with Kilpatrick Stockton in the areas of corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions and banking regulation. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, Norma H. Cowell.

Sen. R. C. Soles, Jr. of Tabor City, N.C. received his law degree from the UNC School of Law in 1959. Sen. Soles is currently serving his 20th term in the North Carolina General Assembly, the longest service of any member in the history of the General Assembly. He is serving his 16th term with the Senate, and prior to his service in the Senate, he served 4 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives. As the longest consecutively elected legislator in North Carolina, the North Carolina General Assembly officially recognized Soles as an “institution” in North Carolina.

In addition to serving the State, Soles is the founding member and senior partner of the law firm of Soles, Poppas, Ray & Pinch in Tabor City, N.C. Prior to beginning his legislative career, he served as the attorney for the Town of Table City and Columbus County.

Throughout his tenure with the General Assembly, Soles has served as the deputy president pro tempore of the Senate (1993–1997); as Senate Majority chairman (1997–present); chaired the Committee on Local Government, the Committee on State Government and the Judiciary Committee; serves as chair of Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee; vice-chair of the Appropriations on Department of Transportation Committee; and vice-chair of the Judiciary I Committee. He has also served as a member of the Appropriations / Base Bud- get Committee, Finance Committee, Finance Subcommittee on Capital and Infrastructure Financing, Joint Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives, Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, Select Committee on Government and Election Reform, State and Local Government Committee and Transportation Committee.

In addition to his work with the State, Soles’ leadership has also had a profound impact on the legal community and the civic community. He has been a member of Tabor City Rotary Club since 1959, including a term as president; served on the executive committee of the Columbus County Bar Association and Tabor City Committee of 100; is the founding president of the Southeastern Community College Foundation; is a former trustee of the Consolidated University of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; and is a lifetime member of the Tabor City Baptist Church.

Soles is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the N.C. State Bar, the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers. He has served as president of the Columbus County Bar and as secretary and president of the Thirteenth Judicial Bar Association. Soles is admitted to practice in the N.C. Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. District Court.

Sen. Soles’ commitment to the legal profession and the greater community is unwavering. While managing all of his commitments, Soles most enjoys spending time with his father and best friend, Mr. Rob.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Alumni & Students Enjoy Summer Events

Thank you to all Carolina Law alumni and friends for your ongoing support of the School of Law and participation in alumni events throughout the summer. Dean Jack Boger and members of the faculty and staff welcomed the opportunity to visit with many Carolina Law alumni and friends along the eastern seaboard. Special thanks to our hosts for the alumni/summer associate receptions:

- The law offices of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice
- The law offices of Moore & Van Allen
- The law offices of Blanchard Miller Lewis & Styers
- The law offices of Abel & Livingston and Top of the Hill Restaurant
- The Maitland Law Firm, Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston and Top of the Hill Restaurant
- The Outstanding Recent Graduate Award will be presented to: The Hon. R. Allen Baddour, Jr. ’97

Allen Baddour is a double Tar Heel from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill having received his bachelor’s degree in 1993 and his law degree in 1997. He is currently North Carolina’s youngest Supe- riort Court Judge and serves as a Resident Superior Court Judge for Orange and Chatham counties. Prior to being elected, he was the Managing Assistant Dis- trict Attorney of Chatham County from 2001–2006 and a partner in the Chapel Hill firm of Baddour and Milner from 1997–2001.

In the short ten years that Baddour has been a member of the N.C. Bar, he has led the legal community by example. He served as president of the Orange/Chatham Bar Association in 2005; has been active with the local Bar Services Committee and the Bar Institute Leadership Conference; and has been especially committed to promoting professionalism within the Bar.

Baddour is equally active with the greater com- munity. He is currently the chair of the Chatham YMCA Committee; a board member for the Abundance Foundation; served as a member of the Board of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, acting as president in 2001; served as Chair of the Chatham County Parks and Rec- reation Advisory Board; and was recognized as Volunteer of the Year with the Women’s Center in Chapel Hill. Baddour frequently visits and speaks with local schools to educate children about the court system and how it operates.

In addition to Baddour’s many commitments to the legal and civic communities, his commit- ment to the UNC School of Law and the greater University is unyielding. He is frequently seen at Carolina Law serving as a judge for Moot Court events or speaking at programs presented by the Career Service Office, and is a regular partici- pant in the UNC School of Law Wirt Profes- sionalism Roundtable discussion.

Baddour lives in Pittsboro with his wife, Holly, and their sons, Henry and Jack.

Are you or your firm interested in hosting an alumni event? Please contact Louise Harris, assistant dean for alumni and special programs, at 919-962-1592 or louise@unc.edu.
The Career Services Office is looking forward to the 2007-08 school year, with new Assistant Dean for Career Services Brian Lewis building on the work initiated last year by Acting Assistant Dean Sarah Wild.

Lewis came to Carolina Law in March 2007 from the Career Services Office at William & Mary School of Law. He has extensive experience in career services, having also held positions at the law schools at the University of California and the University of Florida. "I was so pleased to find a strong base of programs and staff already in place," said Lewis. "Obviously, with more than 20 years of experience in law school career services, I bring my own collection of 'best practices,' but there were lots of things already in place here that helped me hit the ground running."

One of those things was a recognition that the office needed additional staff to more fully serve students and alumni. With the retirement of CSO veteran Ellen Hill last November, Dean Jack Boger approved the hiring of one additional full-time counselor and two part-time counselors to make sure that the students were well-served during the time before Dean Lewis came on board.

"Sarah Wald and Maria Mangano, director of the CSO, found three outstanding individuals in career counselors Holly Bryan, Lynn Boone, and Kim Silver," said Lewis. "They each bring different experiences and perspectives to the job, but they are all similarly dedicated to helping students explore career options and secure fulfilling summer and permanent employment."

Still, Lewis said the need for greater staff stability. "These folks were hired on a temporary basis until the new assistant dean could get established and assess the needs of the office," he said. "After reviewing the situation, Dean Boger and I agreed that these positions should be made permanent and that one of the half-time positions needed to be full-time."

The CSO is also served by Sylvia Novinsky, the law school’s assistant dean for public service and pro bono programs, who spends half her time providing career counseling and programming for students interested in public service, internships and careers.

According to Dean Lewis, the law school career services world has changed considerably in the last 20 years. "For many years, law schools had little or no professional career services options. Now the ABA mandates, through the accreditation process, that schools have substantial resources in place to help students negotiate all the steps involved in finding meaningful employment."

In addition to managing an active on-campus interview program both fall and spring semesters, the CSO fosters student participation in more than 30 off-campus job fairs every year, of which for several, UNC is one of the primary sponsors. "People ask us if our summers are quiet with the students gone," said Lewis, "but with all the preparations for the various job fairs, which start in early August, and on-campus interviews, for which students actually start building in July, there’s plenty to do here." And even though the students may be absent from the building, they’re still a major presence in the counselors’ e-mail in-boxes. "We do a lot of business in resume and cover letter critiques during the summer," said Lewis.

One of the things that pleased Dean Lewis upon his arrival in March was that the placement statistics for the Class of 2006 were good. "Our stats for the Class of 2005, which is what we report in this year’s U.S. News rankings, were down a little, but they’re back up to ‘normal’ levels for 2006. There are some changes coming next year in how the ABA reports our figures, which then get reported to U.S. News, and it will be interesting to see how that plays out, but our 2006 figures are very good, and we’re confident we’ll have a good showing."

"I’ve been working in law school career services longer than there have been law school rankings," Lewis continued, “and while we’ll always see fluctuations in our rank, our commitment to serving students never changes. We’re dedicated to helping students explore their career options, find out what makes sense for each one of them individually, and provide them with the tools they need to achieve success in their chosen career paths.”

To provide as large a range of practice areas as possible, we need your help. If you can spare one evening of your time to share your career passion with students, please contact Maria Mangano at (919) 843-5658 or mangano@unc.edu.

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Patricia L. Bryan, Professor of Law Areas of Interest: Federal Income Tax Law and Literature


Recent service and professional activities: Director, UNC Tax Institute

Tamar Birckhead, Assistant Professor of Law Areas of Interest: Criminal law, criminal defense, juvenile justice, juvenile defense


Featured Guest, “The State of Things” with Frank Stasio on WUNC-NPR on July 18, 2007 (discussed issues relating to juvenile justice in North Carolina, including the question of the proper jurisdiction of juvenile court);

Recent service and professional activities: Member, New Law Response Committee, North Carolina Juvenile Defender, since 2007 (appointed to review proposed North Carolina juvenile defense legislation and to make recommendations to the N.C.B.A. Juvenile Justice and Children’s Rights section);

Member, J. Kirk Osborn Public Defender Fellowship Committee, 2007 (coordinated with the initiation of this summer fellowship program for UNC law students working in public defender offices, sponsored by the District 11B Bar in honor of the late J. Kirk Osborn, Jr.);

On-Call Juvenile Defender Resource, North Carolina Juvenile Defender, March 2007 (screened and referred calls and questions from juvenile defenders across the state).

Lissa L. Broome, Wachovia Professor of Banking Law and Director, Center for Banking and Finance

Areas of interest: Regulation of financial institutions, diversity of corporate boards and commercial law, particularly secured transactions.

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Dean Boger Nominates Professors for Three Prestigious Endowed Professorships

Professor Eric Muller has been named a Distinguished Professor of Law. The Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professorship is awarded to a professor who combines excellence in teaching, scholarship and professional accomplishment. Muller was appointed to the School of Law faculty in 2007. His research and teaching focus on immigration and refugee law, and he has published articles on constitutional criminal procedure and the historical development of the Fifth Amendment. Muller serves as the Co-Chair of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic, and is the editor of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic Newsletter.
Dean Broun Teams Up With Alumni to Build Brighter Futures in the Republic of the Congo

Henry Brandis Professor of Law and Former Dean Ken Broun

UNC School of Law was well represented this past February in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. Dinner-time conversation consisted not only of discussion of the politics of Central Africa and helping the struggling people of that region, but also of past and present law school faculty, and inevitably, Carolina basketball.

The Honorable Robert Weisberg ’75 is the United States ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, often called Congo-Brazzaville to distinguish it from its larger and better known neighbor, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Congo-Brazzaville is a former French colony; Congo-Kinshasha, formerly known as Zaire, is a former Belgian colony. Weisberg is a career foreign service officer, appointed ambassador to Brazzaville in 1995. Five days with Weisberg and his wonderful wife, Nengish, made me very proud of the role of the United States in that part of the world and of the role that our alumni and his wife are playing to help the people of the Congo.

Weisberg was in chapel Hill last October to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award. In the course of a dinner the next evening, put together by his classmate, Justice Robert Orr ’75, I had a chance to tell Weisberg about the work I had done training black lawyers in South Africa. He asked me whether I would be interested in coming to the Congo to see if any similar program could be developed there. We agreed that the legal systems were different—the Congo’s system is based on the French civil law system; South Africa’s on the British court system—but that perhaps the possibility was worth exploring. I told him that I was going to be in South Africa in February and could “swing by” Brazzaville on my way home.

I went to Johannesburg in February to do research for a book I am trying to write on the 1963–64 Rivonia trial, the trial at which Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment. Through Rob’s good offices, I made arrangements to fly to Brazzaville before continuing my journey to London and then back to Chapel Hill. While in Brazzaville, I was joined by Rob’s law school classmate, Mike Thompson ’75, now a business consultant, who was visiting the Weisbergs.

My time in Brazzaville gave me a taste of Africa—perhaps the real Africa—I had never had in my more than twenty years of visiting South Africa. Although there are certainly poor sections of South Africa, it is in many ways a first-world country. The Congo is in no way first world. A bloody civil war, including the destruction of the former American embassy, lasted from 1997 until 2001. Much of the country’s infrastructure was destroyed. Brazzaville itself is a city with a few new government-built buildings and monuments surrounded by abject poverty. The country’s significant natural resources, including oil and timber, have not contributed to create a reasonable standard of living for anyone other than the political elite of the country.

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Projects in progress and working papers:
An interview study of corporate board directors and officers with Professor Kim Krawiec. The purpose of the study is to understand whether and how board diversity affects board processes and corporate performance.

Recent presentations:

John M. Conley, William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law
Areas of Interest:
Corporate behavior, biotechnology and the law, anthropology of law.

Recent publications:
The Case of History: Good Bank Brands Make Bad Bank Trademarks, 11 N.C. BANKING INST. 1 (2007)(with Jayne C. Hunter)
Triumph or Tragedy? The Curious Path of Corporate Disclosure Reform in the U.K., 31 WM. & M. ENV. L. J. 317 (2007)(with Cynthia Williams; invited symposium paper)

Recent presentations:
Organizer and Participant, Center for Progressive Reform Conference on the Power of Corporations, UNC School of Law, March 2007
Marion Crain, Paul Eaton Professor of Law and Director, Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity
Areas of Interest:
How law constructs social and economic class; the relative roles of individuals and collective rights in employment and labor law; the intersection between gender and class in labor, employment and family law; the role of social movements in shaping law.

Publications:

Works in Progress:
How Work Law Constructs Class Status: Identity, Money and Dignity

Presentations:
Recent Service and Professional Activities:
Program Chair, The Labor Law Group conference on New Trends in Labor and Employment Law, June 2007
Board of Editors, Journal of Employee Rights and Employment Policy
Treasurer and Executive Committee, The Labor Law Group

Maxine Eichner, Associate Professor of Law
Projects in process:
Feminist Theory Meets Queer Theory (review essay on Janet Halley’s, Style Decisions: How and Why to Take a Break From Feminism, Harvard, 2005)

Recent publications:

Civic Education and the Liberal Democratic Polity, 75

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Dean Broun Teams Up with Alumni in Congo

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While in Brazzaville, Thompson and I met with groups of lawyers, law students and faculty and about 400 people at the English Speaking Club, which now—due to the efforts of Weisberg—meets regularly at the American cultural center, the “Villa Washington.” We heard about the Congo’s legal system and, as the 2006 Trademark Dilution Revision Act Rolls out a Luxury Claim and a Parody Exemption, 8 UNC. J.L. & Tec. 205 (2007) continuous from page 19

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Deborah Gerhardt, Director of Intellectual Property Initiative and Adjunct Professor

Areas of Interest: Internet and Social Media Law, Copyright Law, Trademark Law and Plagiarism


Recent Presentations: Choices in Scholarly Publishing: The Copyright Default and Open Access, April 19, 2007 Presentation to the Faculty at the School of Public Health, UNC


For Use in Teaching: Your Rights and Responsibilities in using Copyrighted Works in the Classroom Presentation to the Faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Journalism

February 2, 2007 New Powers in Trademark Law Festival of Legal Learning, Chapel Hill, North Carolina Continuing Legal Education Course at the University of North Carolina Festival of Learning

S. Elizabeth Gibson, Burton Craige Professor of Law

Areas of Interest: Bankruptcy; Federal Courts, Jurisdiction, and Procedure

Recent Presentations: Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, at which she led a discussion on unresolved issues in chapter 13 cases; 13th Biennial Judge Joe Mane Bankruptcy Institute at the University of Kentucky Presentation on Constitutional Issues Raised by the 2005 Bankruptcy Amendments Act

charged with making hiring recommendations for the law school’s newly endowed Tait Professorship in Environmental Law.

Melissa Jacoby, Professor of Law and Fellow, Center for Urban and Regional Studies

Areas of interest: Multi-disciplinary interests in all aspects of bankruptcy and the marketing-based businesses and individuals, medical-related financial problems, mortgage debt and foreclosure, judicial behavior relating to business law disputes, news media construction of commercial and corporate law.

Recent publications: Bankruptcy Reform and Homeownership Risk, University of Illinois Law Review (2007) symposium

Bankruptcy Reform and the Cost of Sickness: Exploring the Intersections, University of Missouri Law Review (2007) symposium


Projects in progress and working papers: Individual Health Insurance Mandates and Financial Distress; A Few Notes from the Dehon-Cutter Research and Debates, forthcoming in the University of Kansas Law Review (symposium) 2007

Homeworkship at any Price? Mortgage Delinquency Management in the U.S. as part of an International Research Collaborative on Comparative Systems, Legal Approaches to Consumer Credit, Debt Adjustment, and Involvency in the 2007 meeting of the Law and Society Association

Anne Klinefelter, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library

Areas of Interest: Public Law (particularly relating to libraries), Legal Research and Publication Trends; Law Library Administration


Recent service and professional activities: Chair of the Triangle Research Libraries Network Council of Directors; Immediate Past President and Board Member of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries; Immediate Past-Chair of the Consortium of Southeastern Academic Law Libraries

Hiroshi Motomura, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law

Areas of interest: Immigration and citizenship

Recent Presentations:

Books:


Book project on undocumented immigrants in the United States

Recent service and professional activities:

Chair Professor, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law: Fall 2007

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Board of Governors, University of North Carolina Press (since 2005)
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Chaired the Task Force on Legal Education and Writings
Chair, 2008 World Lawyering Planning Committee
Chair, Immigration Law Section, Association of American Law Schools
Chair, Denver, Colorado
Board Member, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, Denver, Colorado
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(FOREC), a nationwide association of insurance regulatory law practitioners.

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Martin Noah Erwin was included in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

George L. Little, Jr. was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. (Photo)

Franklin Edwin Martin joined the Wilmington office of Smith Moore PLLC.

‘68

Malvern E. King Jr. was inducted into the General Practice Hall of Fame by the North Carolina Bar Association at its annual meeting in Asheville. His induction marks a lifetime of exemplary service, high ethical and professional standards and a career of serving as a role model for all lawyers in North Carolina.

‘69

James Bryant III left the Charlotte office of Doshier to start the office of Dewey Ballantine in Charlotte. He practices focus on the representation of financial institutions in negotiating and documenting structured real estate projects and equity investments, including the representation of issuers and investors in commercial real estate backed securitization transactions, real estate CDOs and the securitization of other real estate interests, sale-leaseback, mezzanine financing and syndicated financial transactions.

‘72

John Hanson Horne Jr. was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the District Court bench for the 16A Judicial District representing Hoke and Scotland counties.

James Denton Womble Jr. was named city attorney of Goldsboro by the city council.

‘73

Fred B. Davison Jr. was elected to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors effective July 1.

Dan McCord Hartung was selected as a charter fellow of the North Carolina Bar Foundation’s Endowment Committee.

‘74

William Porter Furbush was re-elected as managing partner for a second four-year term in the law firm of Perkins Part Adams & Kincheloe as a partner.

Edward Smoot Finkle Jr. was named by Gov. Mike Easley to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

J. Stoddard Hayes Jr. joined the Charlotte County School Board of Government as superintendent. He represents individuals in their estate planning and trust and estate administration matters, and he concentrates in succession planning. (Photo)

Joseph M. Jenkins was elected to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors effective July 1.

Sarah Helen Ramsey received the Howard A. Levine Award for excellence in presents justice and civil rights work from the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Children and the Law.

Thomas Saller Stokes was appointed an assistant law professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill-Charlotte Center & Rake PLLC.

Henry P. Van Hoy II was listed in the 2007 Super Lawyers publication in the category of Estate Planning & Probate.

Richard N. Waring was listed as one of the top 20 trial lawyers in the U.S. by Loganburg magazine.

Edward Cyrus Winslow III was selected as one of the top 500 trial lawyers in the U.S. by Lawdragon magazine.

Jame P. (Ryke) Longest was named chairman of the 2007–2008 Board of Directors of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was named the 2007–2008 chairwoman of the Workers’ Compensation section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

‘78

Billard R. Culp Jr. was published in the Dec. 2006 issue of the Journal of Taxation as well as the Oct. 2006 issue of Financing and Leasing Review. He was also selected as a North Carolina Super Lawyer and named one of North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Anne Devosion was named partner in the Portland, Ore., office of Nutter McClennen & Fish. She practices in the firm’s insolvency and bankruptcy department.

Hanan M. Isaacs was recognized as one of New Jersey’s 25 Legends of ADR.

Walter E. Daniels, formerly of Daniels & Daniels and Verdolino, has joined the Raleigh office of Ward & Smith PA.

Thomas W. King was elected to the Board of Directors of First Carolina State Bank, where he concentrates on real estate law.

David N. Allen was elected executive vice president of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys at the 50th annual meeting held in Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Photo)

Jeffrey A. Allred was named vice president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors.

Forest Pearson Bridwell was named Volunteer of the Year by the Ronald McDonald House of Raleigh. He was recognized for having volunteered more than 600 hours at the Ronald McDonald House.

Burtton Craig was elected to serve a two-year term for Legal Aid of North Carolina as treasurer.

Jane Harper retired as Mecklenburg County district court judge and retired after numerous times with a group of 450 at an event on Jan. 22.

Elizabeth G. Wren was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. (Photo)

‘81

John A. Day received a Best of the Bar award presented by the Nashville Business Journal on Aug. 16. He was selected by his peers for his commitment, excellence and best practices within his company and the law community as a whole.

Mary Benny Davidson was selected as a Washington, D.C., Super Lawyer. She was listed in the Intellectual Property section of Super Lawyers, which listed only 14 Washington, D.C., area lawyers.

Jonathan Arthur Berkelhammer was included in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Franklin Edward Emery Jr. was named head of Hunton Williams’ 300-lawyer litigation department, to whom he will be responsible for both litigation and intellectual property practices. He is the first African American to become a department head at the firm.

Charles Edward Nichols Jr. opened a private practice, Nichols Law PA, in Cary.

Martha Walker Sturdivt joined the Charlotte office of Heidrick & Struggles Group Inc. as a partner.

‘83

Karen J. Lamping was promoted to senior vice president and deputy general counsel in New York Life Insurance Company.

Donald Carperelle was presented a Best of the Bar award by the Nashville Business Journal on Aug. 16. He was selected by his peers for his commitment, excellence and best practices within his company and the greater legal community.

Trey C. Lincher was listed as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in the U.S. by Loganburg magazine.

Robin Jamie Stimson was the 2007 recipient of the James E. Crow Leadership Award, presented by the North Carolina State Bar’s Bar of Legal Specialization. Stimson was also appointed at the 2007–2008 chairman of the North Carolina Bar Foundation’s Endowment Committee.

David James Burrage was appointed to the Georgia Superior Court, 9th Circuit, Cooperative Authority by Georgia’s governor, Sonny Perdue.

Randona Cunningham O’Bryant was included in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Glenn A. Barfield was elected chairman of the board of directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. (LANC), during the 2007 LANC annual meeting in Asheville.

Craig Taylor Lynch was elected to the Board of Directors of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP for a three-year term.

Merrill M. Mason received an Entrepreneurial Excellence Award from the Council for Entrepreneurial Development for outstanding service to entrepreneurs.

Anthony W. Cunningham was elected to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors effective July 1.

Mary Moores Hanneck was named director of the newly established Office of External Audit at Public Accounting Group, the company’s Accounting Oversight Board where she will lead the board’s communications programs.

Charles Thomas Stege Jr. was appointed chairman of the Real Property section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Keith M. Waudlington was elected in the 2007 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. (Photo)

‘88

Mark Eldridge Anderson joined Helms Mullin & Wicker as a member.

Jeffrey E. Gray was elected to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors effective July 1.

Lance Gordon Joinn joined the Kern County District Attorney’s office in Bakersfield, Calif.

Seron Kay Schmidt was named the senior vice president for Action for Children of North Carolina.

‘90

Holly Alderman of Schell Bray Arock Aycock Abbott Livingston PLLC received a Champion Award from Triangle Commercial Real Estate Women for its promotion of women in the commercial real estate field.

Christopher Northern accepted an appointment as associate clinical professor at the University of Miami School of Law after developing the Juvenile Justice Clinic as a 2006–2007 visiting professor.

James Hugh Shugart appeared in Common Ground, the leading magazine for condominium and homeowner associations in the United States, with an article “Allan of America is a member.” The article provides tips on running effective homeowner association meetings. In addition, he appeared in the Leadership of the American Society of Association Executives with an article “Meeting Procedures Made Simple.” The article explains parliamentary procedure in a way that makes it easy for boards of directors to use. Shugart was also admitted to the College of Community Association Lawyers and is the first lawyer from North Carolina to be invited into the association. (Photo)

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spent the summer in Blacksburg, Va., sorting out the difficult issues of how universities should balance privacy, campus safety and treatment of mentally ill students.

W. Scott Fuller is entering his fourth year as the North Carolina Bar Association Workers Compensation Commissioner.

Lisa Lorraine Larion was invited to join BB&T Corporation’s national advisory board.

Helen Diane Mehdin was pleased to announce her appointment as director of the 1st TSC and is working with the U.S. Navy.

David Tuthill Watters joined the Office of David Watters PLLC. The firm will concentrate in the areas of estate planning and administration, wills and trusts and charitable gift planning. The office is located at 1572 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 100, Raleigh, N.C.

Andrew Insidiabien and his wife Tolu are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Gbenga Hope Johnson, born in Asheville on Jan. 30.

Keara Devine returned to Brooks McDougald Humphrey & Leonard LLP as a partner after four years in the U.S. Attorney’s office. He will launch a white-collar/religious criminal defense practice area and manage his business and civil litigation practice. (Photo)

Sara Louise Hill joined the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority as its first full-time legal counsel.

Sam F. Perrin won the Legal Aid of North Carolina’s 2007 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award in recognition of his contribution toward pro-bono work over the past year in Mecklenburg County. In addition, he won the Young Lawyer Pro Bono Service Award, which promotes pro-bono activities among young attorneys.

Eric Hamilton Bischofer was appointed counsel of the Triad Chapter of the American Subcontractors Association.

Nancy Grace was named chairwoman of the Family Law section of the North Carolina Bar Association. She has previously served as chairwoman of the Family Law section of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Karen Curry Jackson joined Barker & Donald LLP as an associate in the firm’s banking and commercial finance practice group. (Photo)

Tad Kalo was named deputy staff director for the Majority General Counsel.

Kimberly A. Lisman joined the Record’s Triangle Park office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice as “of counsel” in the health care practice group.

Charles Foster Marshall III presented a paper and led a session at the UNC-School of Law 17th Annual Festival of Legal Learning at Chapel Hill.

Joe McChesney was named partner at the law firm of Adams Hooderon Crowe & Stanger P.A.

Margaret R. Wootkow of Kenneth Covington was named head of the firm’s campaign finance, political committees and ethics practice.

Jennifer Ann Galassi joined the Orange County Department of Human Rights and Relations as a civil rights specialist.

Karen Curry Jackson was named chair of the Family Law section of the North Carolina Bar Association as its first full-time legal counsel.

Laura M. Dickey was pleased to announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Jami Jackson Farris, born on April 5, and weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Jami Jackson Farris was named partner in the Charlotte office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP.

Teigh Dang-Thuy Pham began her duties at the North Carolina Bar Canons as the North Carolina Lawyers’ Environmental Lawyers’ Assistance Program’s (N.C. LEAP) founding director.

John Thorson Wilson was promoted to vice president, secretary general counsel of Spectrum Brands Inc.

Rachel Steiner-Bordt is pleased to announce her move to Douglas Eugene Berto at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Durham. They were married on July 24, 2004.

Jan Everhart Newman joined the Colorado office of Cooley Godward Koschitz LLP as an associate practicing in the firm’s life sciences and technology transactions groups.

Philip Alan Collins returned to the firm of Bejer Dixon as counsel, concentrating in insurance claims and coverage and personal injury litigation.

R. James Cox Jr. joined the law firm of Tevatron Sands LLP as counsel to its Real Estate practice group in Raleigh. (Photo)

William R. Fennan is pleased to announce that he and his wife, Donna Fennan, 51, practice in South Florida, where they live with their three sons.

Nisha Kumar Karnani received the Justice Robert Buttrum Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism.

James Michael Tohey joined the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

Tasha E. Agruso joined the law firm of Sharpless & Stover in August of 2006.

Lauri M. Dickey announced command of the U.S. Coast Guard Center Dependable in Cape May, N.J., on June 14. She recently was given Coast Guard Commandant’s medal following her recent completion of her duties as executive officer of USCGD Dallas.

Lindsey Noel Kelly is an associate with Gliner and Gliner PLLC in Morrisville, Va. She and her husband, Sean Kelly, welcomed their first child, Catherine Juliet, on March 1. Vanessa R. Rinie joined the firm of Cole Layotte Novell.

Scott Andrew Schauf joined the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem.

Raymond Albert Starling was appointed to serve as general counsel for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Tina Marie Cuadra is pleased to announce her marriage to Cory Eborall Manning on Nov. 18, 2006 in South Carolina.

Karen Marie Fischer and John Christopher Fischer moved from Kansas City, Mo., to Washington, D.C. Karen is working with the Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center in Denver, Colo.

Jennifer Ann Galassi joined the Orange County Department of Human Rights and Relations as a civil rights specialist.

Karen Curry Jackson was named chair of the Family Law section of the North Carolina Bar Association as its first full-time legal counsel.

Susan Thomas Easley is working with the Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center in Denver, Colo.

John Christopher Fischer joined the law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP in Palo Alto, Calif., where he will specialize in intellectual property.

Holly Samantha Howell joined the law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP in Washington, D.C.

Tamika Jenkins Rice joined the Wilmington office of Legal Aid of North Carolina and will focus her practice on housing law.

Charles Julian Vaughan III served as volunteer for the 2007 Wild, Wackyball, Wacky Bill in Raleigh. He was a fundraiser for the event’s annual balloon release, with all proceeds benefiting the Woman’s Center of Wake County.

Jack Wegg joined the RTP office of Kennedy Covington, where he will practice in the real estate development section.

Atimoke O. Diver married Joshua Diver on Aug. 19, 2006, at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel in College Park, Md., and moved to Boston, Mass., in August.

David Douglas Marshall joined the law offices of Scott Fogg and Firm in Durham.

Kori Ann Palczatz welcomed a son, Preston “Pete” William Palczatz, on March 13, with husband Adam Palczatz.

Sarah Archer Leigh Phillips was a guest panelist at the 2007 Women in the Legal Profession Symposium, an annual event held by the UNC-School of Law.

J. Jared Simms joined the Charlotte office of Coats, Sommer & Haiting, where he will focus on workers’ compensation.
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Alumni support propelled Carolina Law’s Annual Fund to new levels of success in fiscal year 2007. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the Annual Fund received $584,608 from approximately 2,000 alumni—easily surpassing its $570,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who made this level of support possible.

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