Center for Civil Rights Works for Social Justice

The Voting Rights Act will expire in 2007 unless the national effort to reauthorize it is successful. As one of the 13 states originally specified in the Voting Rights Act, North Carolina has a stake in the outcome; the act directly affects 40 of the state’s 100 counties. A key part of the effort to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act is based at the School of Law, home to the UNC Center for Civil Rights since 2001.

The act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, codifies the 15th Amendment’s guarantee that no American citizen is denied the right to vote based on race, color or membership in a language minority group. It has been extended three times.

As part of its overall mission, the Center works to help remove political barriers for traditionally underrepresented or disenfranchised groups so that they can participate in the election process. Staff members also tackle civil rights and social-justice issues related to educational access and minority community development, particularly those issues relevant to North Carolina.

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Under the leadership of veteran civil rights activist, lawyer and educator Julius L. Chambers ’62, the Center has advocated on various levels for minority and low-income people who lack the resources for legal redress.

“The Center offers an excellent opportunity for the School of Law to show its commitment to the larger community in trying to insure that it provides the services the community needs in building or enhancing race relations and improving relationships with people who are less fortunate and don’t have many resources,” Chambers says.

Grants from the Ford Foundation, Jesse Ball DuPont Fund, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Racial Justice Collaborative, and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, among others, have enabled the Center for Civil Rights to begin and expand its work.

Examining equity issues from a theoretical perspective while providing real-world solutions, the permanent staff of four lawyers, a program manager and two fellows advises and collaborates with local attorneys and community groups. They conduct cutting-edge research on some of today’s most complex civil rights issues and involves law students in research, pro bono work and community outreach.

The issues can be controversial. Currently, staff members are working to combat a trend toward racial and socioeconomic resegregation of schools in the South. The Center recently moved to intervene in Leandro, the long-running school finance adequacy suit challenging the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system’s rezoning policy that has created a demographic shift toward high-poverty, non-white schools.

Gail Agrawal Named Dean of the University of Kansas School of Law

The UNC School of Law received the bitter-sweet news that interim Dean Gail Agrawal, who has been a much-admired teacher, administrator and friend of the UNC-Chapel Hill community since 1997, is leaving to become the dean of the University of Kansas School of Law.

“Gail Agrawal has done an outstanding job as interim dean and has made valuable contributions to our law school as a faculty member,” said Chancellor James Moeser. “We are grateful for her service to the University and wish Gail the very best as she assumes her duties at a school I know very well, having spent almost 20 years in Kansas. It is a fine law school. They and she have chosen well.”

Agrawal will be sorely missed by everyone at the School of Law - faculty, students, staff and alumni. She will remain in Chapel Hill through this year’s commencement ceremony.

“Gail has meant so much to the School of Law in so many ways that it will be difficult to fill her shoes,” former dean of the School of Law and current professor Kenneth Broun said. “She is a wonderful teacher, scholar and lawyer. She was a superb associate dean and interim dean. The school thrived under her leadership. We wish her well at Kansas – they are extremely fortunate to have her as their leader.”

“Both Gail and the University of Kansas deserve hearty congratulations, but it’s also news that I hear with very mixed emotions, for as happy as I am for her that she has this opportunity, I’m sad for the law school and for myself personally that she is leaving us,” Kenan Professor of Law Hiroshi Motomura, who is also the associate dean for faculty affairs under Agrawal. “I’ve rarely, if ever, worked with anyone with her remarkable combination of insight, humanity, wisdom, and perspective.”

Gail Agrawal

Agrawal was a strong candidate in several law schools’ dean searches, but she ultimately chose to accept an offer from the KU School of Law, where she will be the first female dean.

She has taught courses in health care law and regulation and professional ethics at the UNC School of Law since 1997. She was appointed as associate dean in 2003, senior associate dean in 2004 and last summer was named interim dean of the School of Law.

A native of New Orleans, Agrawal earned a bachelor of arts in sociology at the University of New Orleans and a master’s degree in health administration and a law degree from Tulane University. Following law school, she served as a law clerk to Senior Judge John Minor Wisdom on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before clerking for Justice O’Connor.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice O’Connor said through a spokeswoman she was “just so very pleased about Gail being appointed dean of law at KU.”

Agrawal was a member of the New Orleans law firm of Monroe and Lemann, where she limited her practice to health law, and later spent three years in the law department of Aetna Inc., where she provided counsel to Aetna’s health businesses. She has taught as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School and Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and as the W. M. Keck Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Over the course of my nine years at UNC School of Law—first as a faculty member, then as associate dean and since July as interim dean—I have come to appreciate what makes Carolina Law great. The faculty is an extraordinary group of scholars and teachers who have created an exceptional learning environment for their students and themselves. In my interactions with alumni across the state and the nation, I quickly discovered that the learning relationships created here extend well beyond the three years students spent in Van Hecke-Wettsch Hall. The deep friendships that began here do too. The strength of the ties created here were in evidence recently when the surviving members of the Law School’s most famous Lawyering group—Chairman Emeritus William A. Asey, President William Friday, Senator John Jordan, and Judge Dickson Phillips—gathered for the 25th anniversary of the service for William Archie Dees, the fifth member of that legendary group. In my time here, two days and four nights have never referred to the “Carolina Law family.” What an amazing family it is.

As a community of students and teachers of the law, we are fully engaged with the public, from the Bar and the Bench and with the most important legal issues of our times. The Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity is in a compelling dialogue about the lessons Hurricane Katrina taught us about poverty in America. Putting that learning into practice, a group of students used their winter break to travel to New Orleans and work with the Pro Bono Project there. Another group will follow in the footsteps of those volunteers by serving voters, complementing students’ service as poll watchers during the last election season. Professor Michael Gerhard was invited to testify in connection with the confirmation of a nominee to the United States Supreme Court, and students, faculty and staff stood transfixed to televisions set up around the Law School to hear what he had to say. Teaching, research, public service: there can be politically unpopular, but absolutely necessary.

“Part of our work is controversial, but we absolutely need to be able to keep it going,” Boger says. “The University fully supports this Center, and private support for the work we do is crucial. To assert the rights of poor and minority clients can be politically unpopular, but absolutely necessary.”

Staff members are currently pioneering a study of the historical exclusion of low-income, minority communities from the city limits of Southern towns and the resulting rights to water and sewer access. Known as municipal underbounding, it is an issue that challenges the justice system. People in these areas are “fenced out” of civic life and participation in the political process.

Representing three African-American communities within Moore County that lie immediately outside the boundaries of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen and that are deprived of municipal services and other amenities, staff members are negotiating with city and county officials to remedy the situation.

“Part of our job is to assist minority communities in negotiating the many land-use regulations crucial to the protection of their properties and to look at boundary and zoning decisions that impact access to basic necessities and community development,” says Anita S. Earls, the Center’s director of advocacy.

“We also are involving the larger University community so we can collectively examine issues like affordable housing and economic development,” she explains. “We’re partnering with the Kenan-Flagler Business School, the Department of City and Regional Planning, the Kenan Institute’s Center for Community Policy and other campus units to pool our resources and propose a more integrated solution to some of these problems.”

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Meet the Center for Civil Rights Staff

Julius Chambers ’62, Director: The country’s most renowned desegregation attorney, Chambers graduated first in his Law class and was the first African-American chosen as editor-in-chief of the North Carolina Law Review. He served as lead counsel in scores of school desegregation cases brought by African-American communities and helped chart the course of Swan v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, which led to federally mandated busing and helped integrate public schools across the country. In his former positions as director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and chancellor of his alma mater, North Carolina Central University, he has worked closely with virtually every major civil rights leader and organization in the country, as well as leading policy makers and public education officials at every level.

John Charles Boger ’74, Deputy Director: A former assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Boger has been a member of the Law faculty since 1990. He has lectured and written about education law, school finance and school desegregation issues and actively participated in North Carolina’s school finance reform litigation, Leondro v. State, working with a team of lawyers as amici curiae on behalf of North Carolina’s at-risk children. Boger is a graduate of Duke University and Yale Divinity School.

Anita S. Earls, Director of Advocacy: Earls has an extensive background in civil rights and voting rights law. Before she joined the Center in 2003, Earls was a deputy attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Before joining the Center, Earls was the Center’s executive director. She received her law degree from Duke University, where she was a senior editor of the Duke Law Journal.

S. Ashley Osment ’95, Senior Attorney: Before she attended Carolina Law, Osment coordinated grassroots lobbying and wrote position papers for the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, where she was assistant legislative director. After completing her law degree, she litigated civil rights cases with the firm McAfee & Taub, focusing on employment, housing discrimination, education and police misconduct. She joined the Center staff in 2005, where she focuses on voting rights.

Catherine R. Pierce, Program Administrator: Since 2004, Pierce has managed the Center’s business operations, grant administration and event planning. She previously worked as program director for the Wake County Education Partnership, where she spearheaded a campaign to collaborate with education, community and business leaders to evaluate public school quality. A former Carolina graduate, Pierce also earned a master’s of public administration degree from the School of Government.

Shannah A. Smith ’04, Fellow: Since she joined the Center in 2004, Smith has focused on issues related to the Leondro v. State ruling. While a law student, she designed and implemented the Pro Se divorce clinic, which helps people who cannot afford an attorney navigate the North Carolina divorce process. Before attending law school, Smith worked for Manatee Glens Rape Crisis Center and Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida.

Torey D. Dixon, Fellow: Dixon received his law and master’s of theological studies degrees from Duke University. Before joining the Center in 2005, Smith was a legal research assistant with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a law clerk with the Danville Circuit Court in Virginia, and a paralegal with the firm Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, LLC in Raleigh, N.C. At the Center, Dixon focuses on community development and voting rights.
Alumni Scholarship Support Crucial to Future Students

Because admission to Carolina Law is need-blind, the school administers on the basis of their merit, not their ability to pay. Once a student has been admitted, administrators try to find a way to make a law education as accessible as possible. For many students, the affordability depends on the availability of merit and need-based scholarships.

In fact, $7 million of the $30 million Campaign for Carolina Law fundraising effort was earmarked for scholarships and student organizations and activities. The school’s scholarship endowment program is vital to its ongoing effort to invest in its students’ futures. “Endowed scholarships allow us to provide financial assistance over an extended period of time, rather than as a one-time gift,” says Mary S. Murray, assistant dean for External Relations. “Endowments grow because the principal is invested and the interest generated is used for ongoing support. In an endowed scholarship, the principal is never invaded, which means the gift exists in perpetuity.”

Two recently developed scholarships show the dedication of alumni to keep a Carolina Law degree affordable, which enables the school to attract the brightest students, regardless of their ability to pay. Those scholarships are the Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Class of 1990 Reunion Gift Challenge.

Honoring a lifetime of service

Colleagues knew Ted Johnson ‘72 as the consummate professional. He always put the needs of other people and his clients’ best interests ahead of himself.

Besides a generous spirit, Johnson also exuded warmth, humor, passion and an incredible love of Carolina basketball. His presence commanded attention and his easy-going manner always put people at ease, whether he was negotiating a contract, mentoring coworkers or socializing after a round of golf.

Through a quarter-century in the reinsurance business, Johnson moved from Burlington, N.C., to Atlanta, Ga., where he rose through the ranks to become a national director and executive vice president of Willis Re, Inc., the reinsurance division of the international corporation Willis Group. But he never forgot what it was like to be a struggling law student.

As a testament to Johnson’s lifelong generosity and his compassion, Willis Re has partnered with Johnson’s wife, F.C. Johnson, to endow a scholarship at Carolina Law – giving preference to a married student with children, just as Ted Johnson was when he attended law school.

“F.C. wanted this scholarship to mirror Ted’s life and his passion for Carolina as much as possible,” says Steve Girard of Willis Re in Atlanta. “We’re very proud of this scholarship fund and the turnout we’ve had so far. We’ve had over 60 contributors, including many of Ted’s coworkers, his clients and colleagues in the field. The response is a tribute to the kind of person Ted was and the extent to which he’ll be missed. So many people, especially those in our North Carolina office, knew Ted for most of their lives. Whether you were a client or a colleague, working with Ted was always a win-win situation for everyone.”

Described by a longtime friend and colleague as “one of the truly good guys in our business,” Johnson mentored many people along the way.

“He gave many people, myself included, the opportunity to take on new challenges at a young age and without much experience, which is something that not everyone in Ted’s position would do. “

“He was always interested in helping the younger associates in our business establish their careers,” says Garrick Smith of Willis Re’s North Carolina office, who knew Johnson for more than 20 years. “He gave many people, myself included, the opportunity to take on new challenges at a young age and without much experience, which is something that not everyone in Ted’s position would do. I was thrilled that our company donated money to this scholarship, and I was very proud to be able to contribute as well.”

With an initial $25,000 contribution by Willis Re and additional contributions by Johnson’s wife, colleagues and friends, the Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund has nearly reached its initial $100,000 goal.

As well as a way of remembering a man who touched the personal and professional lives of so many people, this scholarship fund will provide the means for future generations of law students to finance their educations.

Giving back with gratitude

Alumni and friends of Carolina Law are recognizing that today’s law students face educational costs considerably steeper than those incurred by students just a few years ago. Individuals and groups are taking action to help the law school and future generations of lawyers. Recently, several members of the Class of 1990 decided to spearhead a fundraising project linked to their 15-year reunion.

In an effort to raise $30,000 for a need-based scholarship, Michael A. DeMayo ’90 pledged $15,000 in matching contributions – donating $100 to the scholarship for every class member who attended the reunion and $200 for every class member who brought his or her family to the reunion. He also agreed to match class members’ donations to the scholarship fund, up to a total of $15,000.

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The idea for linking fundraising with attendance at the reunion was based on DeMayo’s personal experience and his interest in reconnecting with classmates after more than a decade.

“My path was through both my undergraduate education and law school with jobs and loans, whatever it took to make it through, “he says. “Becoming a lawyer was my passion growing up, and I had a tremendous opportunity to attend law school so I could fulfill that passion. I also believe that if we’re blessed, we have a responsibility to give back, especially if it enables someone else to take advantage of some of the same opportunities we had.”

The Class of 1990 Reunion Gift Challenge is still collecting contributions from alumni.

“We realize that some people who may not have been able to attend the reunion would still like the opportunity to donate to the scholarship,” DeMayo says. “We hope that our classmates will feel fortunate that they had the opportunity to attend a great law school and will want to give something back to the School and its students.

Every donation, no matter what size, makes a difference – particularly if we have widespread participation among our alumni.

“Those of us on the fundraising committee feel that it’s a wonderful way to get people who’ve been out of school for a while invested in Carolina Law again while we give current students some vital financial assistance.”

How endowed scholarships work

Carolina Law invests endowment funds and income in the UNC Law Foundation, Inc. Once a fund has reached $25,000, the minimum amount required to endow a scholarship, the fund distributes income to scholarship recipients annually. Interest is paid at 5 percent, and anything remaining in the fund and over and above that amount is returned to the principal. That way, the scholarship fund continues to grow. A $25,000 endowment pays $1,250 per year in scholarship revenue initially, and the payout amount continues to increase as the endowment grows.

With a current annual price tag of around $25,000 for tuition, fees, books and living expenses for North Carolina residents, and more than $37,000 for out-of-state students, Carolina Law relies on scholarship funding to attract the brightest students. As education costs continue to rise and administrators struggle to make sure Carolina Law is both affordable and accessible, the School’s need for scholarships increases.

“This means our current need constantly increases at the same time that we have to plan for future scholarship funding,” Murray explains. “Because we want to make it as easy – and as affordable – as possible for our alumni and others to help our students, we have created many different avenues for people to contribute. Every gift truly makes a difference.”

At any time, donors can add to existing endowments and increase the scholarship revenue as the principal increases. Or, they can create a new endowment, as the donors to the Ted Johnson and Class of 1990 scholarships did.

People who endow scholarships have a say in who might be eligible for the scholarship. “Part of a scholarship endowment agreement includes the selection criteria, which gives the donor some latitude in specifying the preferences for the scholarship recipients,” Murray says. “For example, a scholarship can be based strictly on the recipient’s financial circumstances or merit, or it can target a specific year in school or area of law. We try to make our program as flexible as possible in order to meet the donors’ wishes as well as our students’ needs.”

For more information about contributing to the School’s scholarship funds, including the Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Class of 1990 Reunion Gift Challenge, contact Brandon Wright, deputy director of development, at (919) 962-6718 or schwright@email.unc.edu.

~ Patty Courtright
The 2006 North Carolina Banking Institute, which was held in Charlotte, N.C., on March 30 and 31, marked the 10th anniversary of both the Institute and the Banking Institute News Journal. UNC School of Law’s Center for Banking and Finance will celebrate its six-year anniversary in November. Though these three years aren’t ninding the School of Law into the national spotlight.

“North Carolina, next to New York, is the banking center of the universe,” said Tony Gaeta, a member of the board of advisors for the Banking Institute since it began and now on the successor advisory board for the Center for Banking and Finance. He also teaches a couple of months before the CLE program, “mergers and acquisitions course at the School of Law and is the lead partner of a business law firm in Raleigh, N.C., that represents community banks around the state.

“Our law school should be involved in the forward-thinking banking laws and rules and regulations,” Gaeta said. “Our feedback is that this is the best banking institute that any school in the country puts on.”

The Institute, Journal and Center take on hot-button issues in the banking industry. The Institute has about 600 practitioners covers a wide range of specialties. The Journal staff of 15 second-year law student writers and 10 third-year student editors draws ideas from mentors on the board and the expertise of Lisa Broome, who directs the Center for Banking and Finance and teaches banking law at Carolina and is the co-author of leading casebook on banking law. The Center for Banking and Finance brings corporate interest in supporting some of the issues the Center tackles.

“We ought to tie the prestige of the strong banking system of our state with the prestige of the law school and let them work off each other,” Gaeta said.

The seeds for the Banking Institute were planted 11 years ago by a group of seven Carolina Law students, who approached Broome about starting a banking law journal. The school had two law journals at the time – the N.C. Law Review and the International Law Journal. And students thought a banking law journal would be appropriate, given the major role of banks in the state’s economy. The students and Broome took the idea to then-Dean Judith Wegner, who liked the idea, but didn’t want to spend the law school’s money, which was in short supply.

Nevertheless, Dean Wegner recruited the support of the outgoing alumni association president, Marion Cowell, then general counsel of First Union Corp. in Charlotte, N.C., to plan a continuing legal education program for attorneys in the banking industry. “We told the students we borrowed their idea,” Broome said, “and said if they wanted to write papers, we’d copy them and distribute them to participants. We put them on the head and sent them on their way and thought that was the last we’d ever see of them.”

A couple of months before the CLE program, the students returned with their papers and estimates that it would cost only slightly more to publish the papers in a bound journal than to photocopy them. Broome gave the okay to publish the journal, and Volume 1 of the N.C. Banking Institute was distributed at the first Banking Institute held in Chapel Hill in March of 1997. The Banking Institute has been held annually since then.

The program moved to Charlotte in 2001, thus boosting attendance because of the proximity to banking industry leaders and attorneys. This year’s program featured Dr. Susan Bies, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Jerry Hawke, the former Comptroller of the Currency (the regulator of national banks). In addition, there were panel discussions on emerging issues, including data security breaches, union conversion unions to banks, pre-emption and commercial lending issues under the new bankruptcy law.

“Medical schools teach how to practice medicine; law schools teach how to practice law,” Gaeta said. He encourages his students to find mentors early on in their careers, and he enjoins Carolina alumni to offer themselves as mentors.

The banking community benefits from the high quality of the research and opinion articles, said Kimberley Zirkle, editor in chief of the journal this year, attributes part of the journal’s success to its diversity and how diversity can have a positive impact on a corporation’s bottom line,” Broome said. The Center also is identifying and training women and minorities who would be excellent candidates for board service.

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Paul Stock also offers praise for the law school’s other major project.”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Pro Bono Project – Hurricane Katrina

Sometimes, making a few phone calls is all it takes to change the world. That is exactly what a group of UNC School of Law students did in New Orleans over winter break. As part of a pro bono project, 19 students piled into rented vans after their exams were over and drove to New Orleans, with visions of fighting for civil rights, or at least helping the overwhelmed fill out FEMA forms.

But when they arrived, officials with the New Orleans Pro Bono Project said the first step was to find its clients and their lawyers. So the students picked up the phones and began calling.

“I learned what rebuilding is all about. It’s not about me and what I want to give. When people are starting from nothing, they need what they need, and we were there to give it.”

“I went in thinking I’d save the world in a week,” said Mandy Hitchcock, a second-year law student and the public relations coordinator for the School of Law’s pro bono board. “I learned what rebuilding is all about. It’s not about me and what I want to do. When people are starting from nothing, they need what they need, and we were there to give it.”

The School of Law is known for its emphasis on public service work, said Sylvia Novinsky, associate dean for student affairs who advises the student - and staff - who run Pro Bono program. Funded by the school, the Pro Bono program began in 1997 and allows students to give back to their communities and serve the state’s needs.

“That’s directly in line with the mission of the School of Law,” Novinsky said.

UNC School of Law was among the first to send a group of law students to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Relatives of third-year student Tim Goodson offered floor space in the flood-damaged homes they were rebuilding in nearby Metairie, La. This is where students slept. During the day, the students worked in New Orleans. The pro bono program’s staff of five was inundated, having become the main clearinghouse for matching the poor in need of legal help with lawyers willing to donate their time. The students tracked down contact information for lawyers and clients and made calls to find out the status of cases.

The conditions lawyers had to work under were less than ideal. “A lot of the lawyers down there are working out of their cars or their homes,” said Daniel Harrison, a second-year student who coordinated the winter pro bono project. One attorney’s office phone was forwarded to his assistant’s cell phone. “She was driving around with piles of briefs in her trunk, because she had nowhere to put them,” Harrison said. “She pulled into a parking lot and pulled out the information I needed.”

The pro-bono office was rife with succession cases of people trying to prove title to their homes after the storm displaced them and they lost the records of deeds. Proving they owned their homes was essential to being able to return to them. Katrina’s timing - on a weekend - sparked a flood of child-custody cases. Many children who spent that weekend with their non-custodial parent weren’t returned to their custodial parent. Because records were lost, non-custodial parents kept the children and demanded that the custodial parent prove custody status, students said.

Diane Standaert, a third-year student and director of Carolina Law’s pro bono board, talked with an attorney who volunteered at a legal clinic in the low-income 9th Ward every Saturday and gave examples of issues she works on. One woman said she had paid her insurance premium on time just before Katrina hit; the insurance company said it never received the check. No records exist to show whether the policy was in effect when the hurricane arrived. A man evacuated to Baton Rouge lost his driver’s license in the flood and has no documentation to get a new one. Still he must drive to New Orleans to take care of legal matters. “Her stories were insightful about what the deterioration looks like on the ground,” Standaert said.

“It’s not about the buildings being there,” she said. “It’s about the people and the things they need. We had to help them figure out how to get those things.”

Having a nationally renowned leader like Julius Chambers at the Center’s helm underscores the University’s recognition of the scope of its mission, Boger says. “Julius Chambers is one of our School’s most influential graduates in terms of the impact he has had on the lives of people – especially the poor and minorities,” he says. “Assuring that the work he has done on behalf of so many people continues to be funded is absolutely fundamental. It is in keeping with the University’s broader mission as a public institution.”

And that requires private financial support.

“I’m excited that we’ve been able to accomplish the things we’ve begun,” Chambers says. “We have a major effort under way to solicit private contributions to be able to sustain this operation. I hope that others reading about our work will be equally impressed and will want to support the important work this Center is undertaking.”

For more information about contributing to the Center for Civil Rights, contact Mary Murrays, assistant dean for External Relations, at (919) 962-7701.
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Ed Chaney, a second-year student who joined the group out of a long-held interest in racial and economic justice, said the pro-bono trip demonstrates the public interest ethos that drew him to Carolina Law.

“[The ethos] is reflected in the students that come to Carolina Law and the projects they develop and the support they get from the faculty,” Chaney said.

Because the Pro Bono program operates year-round, the board would like to hear from alumni with opportunities for students to do pro bono work. The arrangement benefits practicing attorneys, as well as students and underserved clients, said Novinsky, who advises the board.

“A lot of people go to law school because they want to help people, but they don’t always end up practicing in the area they intended to,” Novinsky said. “Pro bono work allows them to gain that personal fulfillment. My hope is that we graduate students who understand it is every lawyer’s obligation to do pro bono work, and obligation is not a bad thing.”

~ Nancy E. Oates

New Orleans’ Spirit Endures Despite Katrina

Salisbury’s Daniel Kluttz was one of 19 students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who went to hurricane-ravaged New Orleans in December as part of a pro bono program at the school of law. Following is an account of his experience, which Kluttz wrote for his hometown newspaper.

Working at the New Orleans Pro Bono Project office in the heart of downtown, we attempted to update attorney and client contact information so lawyers who offered legal aid to underprivileged citizens before Hurricane Katrina could resume communication with their clients.

This proved to be difficult since many of the attorneys are still displaced. As for those they represent, most were poor, disadvantaged or homeless before Katrina, and it has only gotten worse.

It was easy to become discouraged after making calls to answering machines or disconnected numbers. Fortunately, we had the pleasure of working with a grateful staff at the pro bono office, led by director Rachel Piercey and staff attorney Ellen Artopoeus. These kind-hearted, hard-working members of the law community emphasized the importance of our work, and they acted as role models for us (most of them are rebuilding their own homes during evenings and weekends away from work).

That so many people of New Orleans are still trying to piece together their lives nearly four months after the storm surprised all of us. Being detached from the situation, I think it is easy for us to forget the devastation and the monumental task ahead for the city. As many residents pointed out, it was not the wind that caused most of the damage, it was the water from the levee breach.

When up to 15 feet of water floods a home, it destroys everything. Even with a foot of water on the floor, massive amounts of damage occur when it sits for weeks and months. As a result, homes still sit vacant, vehicles remain overturned (with clothes and other necessities still packed inside), and boards cover restaurant windows.

It will be months, even years, before the city returns to normal.

New Orleans, however, is not a picture of decay and despair. Many businesses are open (Mother’s, the famous restaurant, is back to serving the best po’ boys and gumbo you can find) and residents are slowly returning to town.

I can’t explain it, but there is a special spirit about the people of New Orleans. Proclamations such as “Wait ‘till you see us in a few years” or “Nothing can keep us down” are common among locals.

The sense of pride for the city and the will to regain what was lost is powerful and overwhelming. At the same time, the hospitality for which the city is known is visibly apparent to outsiders. Temporarily halting their own reconstruction efforts, the family of a third-year UNC law student housed 15 of us for the duration of our stay. Another student’s family fed the entire group a delicious dinner, and the staff of the pro bono office provided breakfast foods and drinks each morning.

One personal story from the trip started with an encounter I had with two elderly women at a supermarket on the afternoon of our departure. One of the women stopped me as I passed and asked me what our group was doing in New Orleans. After telling them what we had come to do, I listened as one of the women happily informed me that she had just returned to town and that this was her first time out since she had come home. The roof of her house had been crushed by a tree during Katrina, with subsequent rain and flood waters practically destroying a house in which she had lived for more than 30 years.

Instead of focusing on her loss, however, this woman chose to emphasize her good fortune. Holding my hand the entire time, she explained to me how her “home” had little to do with her actual house. Rather, home was coming to this market, being greeted by neighbors, and most of all, spending time with her best friend, with whom she was shopping that day.

They had met years ago when they both worked at the aquarium in New Orleans, and they remained close friends ever since. They were sad to know that many of the aquatic animals they had helped protect were lost during the storm, but like other structures, the aquarium could be rebuilt. What could not be rebuilt, she noted, were the relationships with others and her sense of home. She was “lucky” to have some of that intact upon returning to New Orleans.

While she expressed her grief and sympathy for all of those who lost homes and loved ones, this woman’s upbeat and positive attitude in the face of destruction struck me as capturing the spirit of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Yes, there is devastation. Yes, an immensely difficult and painful process trying to piece together an entire region lies ahead. But after meeting people such as her, I have no doubt that with our collective help, the rebuilding process will be accomplished sooner, rather than later.

~ Daniel Kluttz   (For the Salisbury Post)
Senator John R. Edwards Delivers the Annual Murphy Lecture

The crowd that gathered in the School of Law Rotunda was standing room only for the 2006 William P. Murphy Lecture on Feb. 6. John R. Edwards ’77, former U.S. Senator and director of the UNC Center on Poverty Work and Opportunity, delivered the annual lecture.

Entitled “How the Legal System Can Protect the American Dream and America’s Workers,” Edward’s lecture challenged the audience to consider how they, as lawyers, teachers and students of law, could have a positive effect on American society.

The Class of 1990 established the annual lecture to honor Professor William Murphy, who taught at the law school from 1971 to 1990. The lecture series brings to the School of Law authorities in the areas of constitutional law, labor law, employment discrimination, and dispute resolution.

Previous speakers include: Janet Reno, the first woman Attorney General of the United States; U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone; U.S. Rep. John Lewis; Julius Chambers, former chancellor at North Carolina Central University; Clifford Ovissi, a member of the National Labor Relations Board; W.J. “Bill” Usery, Jr., former U.S. Secretary of Labor and mediator for the 1994 baseball strike; and Seth Waxman, former U.S. Solicitor General.

Carolina Law is Pleased to Announce the Third Annual Women in the Legal Profession Symposium

“Women in Law Tipping the Scales: Voices of Experience, Visions of Progress”
March 29, 2006 - UNC School of Law

The number of women entering the legal profession has grown steadily in the last 30 years, changing the landscape of a field long dominated by men. Although progress towards equity has been made, women still face barriers to achieving their full potential in the legal profession. What are some of these barriers, and how have women in the profession succeeded in spite of them?

“Women in Law Tipping the Scales: Voices of Experience, Visions of Progress” is a continuing legal education program that gathers women attorneys in various stages of their careers with law students. The program includes panel discussions on the challenges that women face in the legal profession and also identifies opportunities for future professional growth. The program will conclude with an opportunity for all participants to share their thoughts and experiences.

Please join us on March 29 for “Women in Law Tipping the Scales: Voices of Experience, Visions of Progress” as we visit these issues and recognize the accomplishments of many of our alumnae.

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Student Organization Announcements

The Community Legal Project (CLP)

Looking for a great, easy way to give back to the community? The Community Legal Project needs your help!

The Community Legal Project at UNC School of Law is a student-run, volunteer organization designed to provide research and information on legal issues to clients of The Women’s Center in Chapel Hill. UNC School of Law students research clients’ legal issues and present the clients with legal information, not advice. To provide quality research and information to the clients, CLP relies on the service of volunteer attorneys. These attorneys read, review, comment on, and make changes to student memos before they are given to clients. This review procedure ensures the information that law students provide is accurate, up-to-date, and relevant to the clients’ needs.

CLP would like to expand its circle of volunteer attorneys. The time required from volunteer attorneys is minimal, and the more attorneys available, the less often each is needed. Student memos are deliberately brief, usually totaling between two and five pages. The majority of The Women’s Center clients have family law questions, but clients need information about other areas of law, particularly landlord/tenant, immigration, traffic, and employment law.

To volunteer with CLP or for more information, please contact David Weiss at dcweiss@email.unc.edu.

Conference on Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity

On Feb. 18, 2006, The Conference on Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity hosted “From Georgia to Guantánamo: Understanding America’s Incarceration Addiction & Its Effect on Communities” at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

This year’s conference examined the pathway to prison, the prison experience, and the effects of incarceration on individuals and the communities to which they are released. The conference analyzed the economic incentives that motivate private companies to build and run prisons and that persuade rural legislators to seek the building of prisons in their districts. They also studied the economic value of prisoners as laborers and the economic impacts on the communities from which prisoners have been removed. Within this framework, a number of substantive issues were examined, including the relationship between youth and gangs, the immigration consequences of prisons, and an analysis of the use of extraterritorial prisons.

Phi Alpha Delta

Phi Alpha Delta invites any P.A.D. interested alumni to participate in our chapter. Participation may include, but is not limited to, speaking at meetings about the law profession, planning social events, lending a hand with community service projects, and making a donation to assist us in all of our goals. Please contact Penelope Lazarou, T. Ruffin Chapter Clerk, at lap@lawmail.unc.edu or (919) 932-9007. Because we are eager to make our chapter as successful as possible, we would sincerely appreciate any interest from our fellow alumni.
Gender and Human Rights Policy Clinic

Six third-year students broke ground last spring when they participated in the Gender and Human Rights Policy Clinic. Like the School’s other clinical programs, this new clinic provides opportunities for students to put theory and learning into practice while they help disadvantaged clients.

The students, all women, took on two projects that addressed a range of human rights violations focusing on violence against and the exploitation of women. In one project, three students developed a comprehensive plan to establish and enforce reparations rights for families of hundreds of women who were murdered with impunity in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. In the second project, three students created an advocacy plan to protect the rights of domestic workers who enter the United States as the employees of foreign diplomats or international organizations.

“Until now, we haven’t had a clinical program in the realm of human rights,” says Deborah Weissman, professor of law and director of clinical programs. “We have relevant cousins in international law and international human rights law, which provide a great background and working knowledge of key treaties and policies for students to draw on as they work in the area of human rights.

“In addition, some of my own work put me in contact with organizations in the field that need help because they’re under-resourced. So, the idea that these organizations could use law students to help them draft policy while the students gained practical experience was a wonderful opportunity for both sides.”

The students started from ground zero to understand the issues involved. By the end of the semester they had prepared research papers and drafted legislative and rule-making proposals, policy memoranda, briefs and best-practice guides for each project. Along the way, they gained familiarity with international treaties and customary law, developed a working knowledge of the inter-American system, analyzed truth and reconciliation commissions, and developed an understanding of repairation schemes. They also carved out time to meet with members of U.S. Congress and international organizations, including the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

“I would walk out of class every Wednesday absolutely amazed at what these students had accomplished.” Weissman says. “The entire experience exceeded my wildest expectations!”

Reparations to Families of Victims

During the past several years, hundreds of women in Ciudad Juárez were murdered, but the Mexican government had no plan to establish and enforce rights to reparations for the victims’ families. The Washington Office on Latin America and Amnesty International asked students in the clinic to create such a plan.

Because there was no model in Mexico to use as a benchmark, the students needed to find the broader umbrella under which they could argue for reparations and devise the program structure, Weissman says.

“It was my job to study existing repairation schemes, to look at their overarching elements and to examine the strengths and weaknesses of various victim compensation schemes,” says Troothi Gowin ‘05, who reviewed the September 11 Victims’ Compensation Fund, the European compensation scheme and various state victim compensation programs in the United States. “We were able to apply the common themes to the situation in Mexico.”

Christina Medlin ‘05 used her previous research on truth and reconciliation commissions, such as the one South Africa developed following apartheid, as the foundation for her work with the Gender and Human Rights Policy Clinic.

“My area was to develop a structure for a reparations program and what it would look like based on the truth and reconciliation model,” Medlin says. “I examined some of the model commissions, their best practices and where they succeeded and failed. Then, I tried to model a reparations program to suit this situation.”

The third student in the group, Mary Hohenbeck ‘05, examined case law from the Inter-American Court to determine which factors could be applied to the situation in Ciudad Juárez. Pooling their findings, the students formed a cohesive plan that equipped the Mexican government to move forward with an equitable compensation program.

“This issue really involves the entire social fabric in Mexico, where domestic violence is tolerated,” Gowin says. “We’re hoping that by tying reparations to the entire social agenda, it will prevent this tragedy from happening again.”

Exploitation of Domestic Workers

The Washington, D.C.-based human rights advocacy group Global Rights approached the clinic to help protect workers who essentially have no rights under existing labor laws.

Domestic workers who come to the United States in the employ of foreign diplomats or people affiliated with international organizations often face deplorable working conditions – from lack of pay or time off to physical, mental or sexual abuse. But they usually have no means of redress because their immigrant status is linked to their employment and their employers have immunity.

The students began crafting an advocacy plan for the workers. They surveyed organizations to determine the types of employers who have been implicated in domestic worker exploitation, the problems these workers face and strategies to assist them.

They also examined existing legislation to determine if current visa programs could be utilized to protect the workers and identify limitations in existing statutes. And they met with an attorney lobbyist with Legal Momentum in Washington, D.C., about the possibility of new legislation to increase protections for domestic workers.

Because the protection afforded by diplomatic immunity is fundamental to the issue, Adrienne Allison ‘05 investigated the ramifications of this protection.

“I looked into the issue of diplomatic immunity from the standpoint of possibly formulating a protocol for the U.S. State Department to ask a particular country to waive immunity,” Allison says. “I examined cases where the United States had asked for, and received, a waiver because I wanted to find a broad policy where the protocol didn’t protect only U.S. citizens.”

The group also examined existing legislation for structures that could provide parallel protections, such as those granted to women who come to this country as au pairs. “As we looked at classes of immigrants who had protections built into their employment, we found that the au pair program has an elaborate monitoring system,” Allison says.

In the process, the students analyzed the protection afforded by various types of visas.

“The students drafted useful explanations of current visa programs to assist groups in utilizing existing protections to the fullest,” Weissman says, “and they identified significant limitations in the existing statutory scheme.”

“Our students really moved forward on the issues involved in protecting domestic workers through the best-practices manual they created and their outline for proposed legislation.”

The students argued that visa protections already in place should be expanded to include domestic workers, she explains. “Our students really moved forward on the issues involved in protecting domestic workers through the best-practices manual they created and their outline for proposed legislation,” she says.

Real-World Applications

For the students, the reward – and challenge – was examining a complex issue on many different levels, from legal research to public policy legislation. “Being part of a coalition of attorneys and human rights advocates really gave us a sense of purpose,” Allison says. “Actually working for social justice, not just learning about it, was invaluable. The entire experience reinforced why we came to law school.”

The students who took on these two projects are perhaps the clinic’s strongest advocates. “It was an experience I couldn’t get in the classroom,” Gowin says, “and was probably the most real experience I had in law school.”

Both groups received praise from their clients. “It was incredibly rewarding to hear our client say, ‘Oh, I didn’t think of that,‘” says Medlin. “I had an experience I wasn’t well known for in its public interest efforts, and I hope that as our work is recognized, even more groups with pressing needs will seek out the Gender and Human Rights Policy Clinic.”

~ Patty Courtright
Alumni Profile: Kay Miller Hobart ’89

When people at social gatherings ask Kay Miller Hobart ’89 JD what she does for a living, she usually hedges with, “I’m with the attorney general’s office.” When they press for specifics, she admits that she is a tax lawyer. Sometimes, she says, they reply, “I’m so sorry.”

“How most people think tax lawyers are boring, nerdy people who sit in a dark corner and read dusty books,” Hobart said. “There’s a perception out there that tax law is boring. It’s really anything but. From my perspective, I’m making new law.”

Last year, Hobart was promoted to special deputy attorney general for the N.C. Department of Justice, overseeing all revenue section litigation. Since then, Hobart “has had a string of cases that have saved North Carolina untold millions of dollars,” said Reggie Watkins, who heads the Attorney General’s civil division that encompasses Hobart’s section.

“We’re as pleased as we can be to have someone of her caliber heading that section,” Watkins said. “When she’s faced with a tough tax issue, she stands on principle; she stands strong. She has good insights and instincts about how things ought to be. And she’s tenacious as hell.”

Hobart says she comes by that toughness by growing up in a small town in central Pennsylvania, where she came from hardy stock of independent, hard-working people.

“When I’d fall down and get hurt as a child,” she said, “I’d just stand up and brush myself off and keep going. I’ve always been that way.”

She received a bachelor’s degree in psychology with honors from Pennsylvania State University and contemplated a joint law degree and doctorate in behavioral psychology. Unable to commit to eight years more as a full-time student, she opted for a law degree instead. In retrospect, it was a good decision.

“I enjoy analytical things more than squishy concepts,” she said.

Hobart followed her law degree from Carolina Law with a master’s degree in taxation from the University of Florida College of Law. After a brief stint in private practice with a law firm in Raleigh she joined the revenue section of the N.C. Department of Justice in 1993.

One of the perks of working in the Attorney General’s office is the number of first impression and appellate cases Hobart argues. She has been before the N.C. Court of Appeals and N.C. Supreme Court a number of times.

In similar case, last year Hobart successfully defended against DirecTV Inc.’s claim that sales tax on satellite providers was unconstitutional. The N.C. Superior Court granted summary judgment in favor of the state, thus denying a $78 million refund to satellite companies. At present, she is awaiting a ruling from the N.C. Court of Appeals in a case against Coley. Coley claims that the new 8.25 percent tax bracket is retroactive and violates the N.C. Constitution. The state argues that because the tax year is a unit, a law approved anytime before the close of the unit cannot be considered retroactive.

Mary Ann Parrott, Hobart’s friend for the past 15 years, has long admired Hobart’s ability to go up against a bevy of corporate lawyers without being intimidated.

“In the A&F case, she was convinced it was the right thing to do, that North Carolina deserved that money, and that those taxes should be paid,” Parrott said. “She doesn’t get distracted or deterred by the number of lawyers sitting at the table opposing her.”

Alumni Profile: Ripley E. Rand ’90 & ’95

Ask the Hon. Ripley E. Rand (’90 AB, ’95 JD) how he came to write a successful children’s book, and he says with a shrug, “It just kind of happened,” as if it were an empty box of chocolates.

Rand wrote I Want to Go to UNC during middle-of-the-night feedings in the months after his son, Greene, was born.

“Strange things happen at two in the morning,” said Rand, who, as a former assistant district attorney and now a judge, has heard many a story of what goes on while the rest of us sleep.

Rand and his wife, Shannon Joseph, a corporate attorney, began reading to Greene when Shannon was only a few months pregnant. Rand especially loved the rhythmic cadence of Dr. Seuss books. Rather than succumb to late-night TV or surf the Internet while Greene ate, Rand began pondering his son’s future, which led him to reminisce about his own past. His years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, both as an undergraduate and a law student, provided formative experiences. Those memories, mixed with the hope inherent in having a child and swirled around with the Seasical rhythms, stuck in his sleep-deprived brain. A few months later, he gave birth to the book.

Rand showed it to his wife, who urged him to publish it while their son was young enough to enjoy it. The manuscript was passed along to Doug Dibbert, president of UNC’s General Alumni Association, who is a longtime family friend. Dibbert publishes Carolina Alumni Review magazine.

“He called me and said, ‘You’re the only publisher I know.’” Dibbert said. “I said, ‘When you see the word publisher, all that means is that person is ultimately responsible for paying the bills.’”

Dibbert said he found the manuscript “wonderfully playful” and connected Rand with Carolina alumna Edwina Woodbury, who owns Chapel Hill Press.

Ripley Rand ’90, ’95 with his son, Greene.
Alumni Profiles

Alumni Profile: Wade Barber ’70

When the wheels of justice turn slowly for Wade Barber ’70, a wood-turning Lathe is a good antitode. Barber, who stepped down from his post as the Senior Resident Superior Court judge for Orange and Chatham Counties (both in North Carolina) in January 2006, began turning wood while he was still in private practice as a lawyer.

“When you’re turning wood, you’re not thinking about what happened that day in court,” Barber said.

Much of Barber’s professional life has been spent in court, on the bench or in front of it, arguing cases. He first worked as a Legal Aid attorney, then as a country lawyer in general practice with his father, later as the district attorney for Orange and Chatham counties. He was appointed to the bench in Orange and Chatham counties’ Judicial District 15B in 1998, and then ran unopposed later that year for one eight-year term.

“I wanted to be able to sit on the bench and focus on my responsibility to uphold the Constitution and laws and seek to do what was right without concern for whether my decisions might gain or lose votes,” Barber said.

Barber’s reputation for making independent decisions has won him high regard among other lawyers, said Joe Hackney ’70, a Chapel Hill lawyer and state representative who has been friends with Barber since law school.

“He’s known for doing absolutely what he thought was right,” Hackney said. He cited the Andrew Dalzell case, in which Carrboro police coerced a suspect into confessing to a murder. Barber ruled that the confession—the only evidence police had—be suppressed, and he dismissed the case.

“That took a lot of courage to do that,” Hackney said.

Barber downplays the courage aspect, but admits that he has made decisions that have been unpopular.

“Frankly, I didn’t find that so hard,” he said. “By focusing on the Constitution and the law and what was just, it was decided as I thought it should be decided, and I moved on.”

Growing up in Pittsboro, a small town where everybody took care of one another, set Barber’s values. His father, Wade Barber Sr. ’16, was a well-respected lawyer in Pittsboro and active in the Democratic Party, as is his son. Young Wade got involved in politics as soon as he was old enough to unfoul the ballots and stack them to be counted. By his senior year at Davidson College in 1967, he felt a responsibility to make a difference in the world, and he believed that he could do that best as a lawyer.

Upon graduating from Carolina Law, he signed on with Legal Aid in Charlotte.

“Being a Legal Aid lawyer embodied the nobility of the profession, seeking to help those in a disadvantaged position,” he said.

A year later, his father invited him into his law practice in Pittsboro. There, in any given week, Barber might conduct a real estate transaction for CPSL/Progress Energy nuclear power plant, represent a homeowner who had been cheated in an indoor plumbing contract, and protect “happier” living in a commune who published The Carolina Plain Dealer who the FBI were harassing. “Most of my practice focused on helping people with problems. I found that to be a very rewarding practice,” he said. “I had such a trusting relationship with clients, dealing with the most important thing going on in their lives, helping them solve their problems and have a better life.”

Barber concluded that lawyers had a responsibility to set standards in the community, and that led him into politics and advocacy groups. He ran for district attorney and served as the Judicial District 15B prosecutor from 1977 to 1984.

“As part of his drive to improve his community, Barber identified rape as the crime that had the most lasting impact on victims. He pulled together rape crisis volunteers, police and hospital personnel to work with prosecutors to support the victim, rather than allow the system to victimize her a second time. As a result, the conviction rate for rape increased seven-fold.”

“The D.A. has the power to do that,” Barber said. “The D.A. is the most powerful person in the courtroom.”

After hours, Barber took on various public service commitments as a volunteer. As chairman of the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, he helped expand and revise the basic training course for police officers.

“We found that police officers do more social work and dispute resolution than they do taking down hardened criminals and having shoot-outs,” Barber said.

Barber had not been district attorney more than a couple months when Charlotte Adams, a Chapel Hill Quaker who regularly observed district court proceedings to watch for racial discrimination, buttonholed him about cases that flummoxed the court. She saw angry neighbors lodging charges against each other and castagnting one another on the witness stand. The cases took up a lot of time, and because the judge and the prosecutor didn’t know what to do with them, she said, those people left the court even angrier than when they came in.

Barber worked with Adams and her colleagues to start the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center, perhaps the first of its kind in the country. The D.A.’s office began referring almost all its cases that arose from relationship disputes to mediation at the center. In more than 90 percent of the cases, parties reached an agreement out of court. The program was expanded to Chatham County, and mediators began training people in other counties and states to set up similar programs.

In 1984, Barber chaired the N.C. Bar Association’s Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution. Courts are designed to decide Constitutional issues, guilt or innocence in serious crimes, and liability in serious injury, Barber said, and aren’t the best forum to address disputes such as child custody. The task force explored alternative dispute resolutions. Many of the group’s recommendations were followed, including mandatory mediation for all civil cases before they go to court.

“Almost everybody wants to talk about how this reduces court case backlogs,” Barber said, “but we made a very deliberate effort to stay away from that. We focused on finding the best forum for the resolution of disputes.” Now, mediation resolves many cases, greatly reducing the number of civil cases that go to trial. Most important, Barber said, parties are more satisfied with mediation than with an adversarial process.

“As a judge, I saw so many lawyers who took their client’s problem, turned it into a legal problem and set out to win the legal battle,” he said. He thinks lawyers need to identify the problem and counsel clients on the best resolution, which might involve creative problem-solving rather than lengthy legal proceedings.

Walter Bennett, a lawyer who has looked at morale problems in the legal profession, has already recruited Barber to help with the Center for Law and Humanities that Bennett is launching.

“Law is a very competitive profession,” Bennett said. “Wade has a sensitivity and understanding of that as much as any lawyer I know. He’s psychologically suited for law practice. He’s very calm, very deliberate and has a lot of self-confidence. He’s dedicated to what he does and has a feeling of higher purpose.”

Barber will take a year to transition back into private practice. In the meantime, he will return to Pittsboro twice a week to volunteer with Legal Aid. He will do some mediation and perhaps act as a consultant for other lawyers. In his woodworking studio is a drawing of a chest of drawers he plans to construct, and a stack of unfinished bowls sit ready for the lathe.
The fun included the annual alumni gala, the young alumni bash at The Top of the Hill, an alumni reunion brunch at The Carolina Inn, and the always popular pre-game Bluegrass & BBQ.

The 2005 Law Alumni Weekend began with the 50th Reunion celebration for the Class of 1955 at The Carolina Inn. The Carolina Law Alumni Association hosted a wonderful lunch where class members enjoyed the opportunity to catch up and reminisce about the "good old days" of Carolina Law.

On Friday evening, alumni and friends gathered at The Carolina Inn for the annual Law Alumni Weekend Gala. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail reception with entertainment provided by Drew Erteschik '96 prior to the awards dinner. The 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to The Honorable David B. Souter '68 and The Honorable Thomas W. Ross, Sr. '75. The 2005 Outstanding Recent Graduate Award was presented to Christine C. Mumma '98. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration for Carolina Law.

On Saturday, alumni celebrating their reunions gathered at the Carolina Inn for a Southern breakfast buffet. When returning to Chapel Hill, there is no place quite like the Carolina Inn, and friends and family enjoyed the ambiance and cuisine from the Inn while visiting with old friends and meeting new ones!

Prior to the UNC v. Utah football game, alumni gathered to enjoy the sounds of Warren Bodle & Allen Bluegrass and tasty North Carolina BBQ under the awesome Carolina Blue skies on the front lawn of Van Hecke-Wettrich Hall. Immediately following, alumni enjoyed watching the Tar Heels' gridiron performance against Utah, which Carolina won 31 to 17. Go Heels!

Other get-togethers of individual classes included a Class of 1990 gathering at Lucy's Restaurant and a special reunion brunch at The Carolina Inn for the Class of 1975. Class members were delighted to have Professor Joseph Kalo join them for the celebration. The Class of 1970 held post-game party at the home of Wade '70 and Marina Barber.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the reunion weekend's festivities. We would like to extend a special thanks to the class reunion representatives:

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**Class of 1960**
- Travis Potter

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- Wade Barber, Jr.
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In the meantime, Rand found N.C. State alumna Jorin Garguilo, an illustrator who created colorful characters who act out his story of a child’s quest to go to college in Chapel Hill. Late last summer, Rand turned the text and illustrations over to Misty Thebeau, a designer at Chapel Hill Press, to put together the book.

“The book was in good shape,” Thebeau said. “Ripley wasn’t. He was very anxious. Every author is. As it turned out, he needn’t have worried. Rand had 2,500 copies printed and held one book-signing reception in December. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Cheerios were served, due to the number of families with small children in attendance. Within weeks, about 1,000 books were sold.

“Ripley’s books have sold faster than any other book we’ve published,” Thebeau said. UNC benefits by every volume sold. A portion of the book’s gross sales goes back to UNC for licensing fees, and Rand will donate a percentage of the net sales to the university to be used for scholarships. Rand’s quick wit and creativity extend beyond children’s literature. At 38, he is almost the youngest judge in North Carolina. Once while Rand was serving on the bench in a rural county as part of his duties as a Special Superior Court Judge (“We’re basically the substitute teacher of children’s literature. At 38, he is almost the Rand’s quick wit and creativity extend beyond children’s literature. At 38, he is almost the Rand’s quick wit and creativity extend beyond children’s literature. At 38, he is almost the Rand’s quick wit and creativity extend beyond children’s literature. At 38, he is almost the...
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Supreme Court of the United States Bar Admission

Carolina Law alumni gathered in the nation’s capitol for the fourth group admission to the Supreme Court of the United States on Nov. 8, 2005. W. Erwin Spanierhofer ’70, past-president of the Law Alumni Association, moved the admission for Carolina Law alumni, and Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., gaveled the approval.

Congratulations to the newest Carolina Law members of the U.S. Supreme Court:

Elwood Becton ’79
Daniel L. Deuterman ’91
Elizabeth E. Drigotas ’92
Phil S. Edwards ’84
Robert E. Edebock ’79
James E. Furr IV ’01
Kelly Dixon Furr ’01
Don M. Hargett ’73
Barbara A. Jackson ’90
Sean W. Lew ’98
Scott A. Maitland ’95
Robert G. McIntosh ’87
Lee J. Potter, Jr. ’92
R. Andrew Spanierhofer ’98
Cammie R. Webb ’95
Joy B. Webb ’95

Spring 2006 Calendar of Events

March

29
Women in the Legal Profession Symposium
UNC School of Law

30-31
UNC Center for Banking and Finance Banking Institute
Charlotte, N.C.

April

4
Washington, D.C. Alumni Event
Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
Washington, D.C.

5
Jammin’ for Justice Concert Benefiting Carolina Public Interest Law Organization
He’s Not Here Chapel Hill, N.C.

6
Gressman / Politi Awards
UNC School of Law

11
New York Regional Alumni Council Event Carolina Law Wine Tasting
New York, N.Y.

April

27-28
J. Nelson Young Tax Institute
The Sheraton Chapel Hill, N.C.

Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting and Luncheon
George Watts Hill Alumni Center Chapel Hill, N.C.

May

14
Class of 2006 Commencement
Chapel Hill, N.C.

6
Davis Society Inductions Chancellor’s Scholars Reception Graduation BBQ

June

16
NCBA Carolina Law Alumni Reception
Atlantic Beach, N.C.

20
New York Summer Associate Reception
Skadden Arps New York, N.Y.

22-24
NCADA Annual Conference
Hilton Head, S.C.

23
NCADA Carolina Law Alumni Luncheon

27
Washington, D.C. Summer Associate Reception
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Washington, D.C.

July

12
Greensboro Summer Associate Reception

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Fall Alumni Events

Atlanta Regional Alumni Council
On Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, Carolina Law Alumni gathered at Stool Pigeons prior to the UNC v. Ga. Tech football game. It was great to see so many alumni and friends come out to cheer on the Tar Heels. For more information about future Atlanta Regional Alumni Council events, please visit our website http://www.law.unc.edu.

Washington, D.C. Regional Alumni Council
Carolina Law alumni gathered in D.C. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005 to cheer on the Washington Nationals. A block of seats was reserved for Carolina Law friends and alumni, and it was a great evening at the ballpark. Please visit our website http://www.law.unc.edu for future D.C. Regional Alumni programs.

Carolina Law Alumni Breakfast
N.C. Association of Women Attorneys
Annual Meeting - Wrightsville Beach, N.C.
Carolina Law Alumnae gathered in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. on Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 for the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys annual meeting. We are proud to announce that during the 2005 NCAWA Annual meeting, two Carolina Law alumnae were honored with awards. Michelle F. Robertson ’92 was presented the Glynh B. Davis Award, which is presented to persons who promote the participation of women attorneys in the legal profession and the rights of women under the law. The Judge of the Year Award was presented to Judge Jane V. Harper ’80. Congratulations.

Carolina Law Beat Duke Tailgate
More than 50 Carolina Law alumni and friends gathered on the veranda at UNC School of Law for the Carolina Beat Duke Tailgate on Nov. 19. Attendees enjoyed a traditional Carolina tailgate under Carolina blue skies prior to cheering the Tar Heels on to victory in Kenan Stadium. Go Heels!

Triangle Regional Alumni Council
Carolina Law Triangle Alumni gathered for a Holiday Social on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at The Cardinal Club in Raleigh, N.C. Friends and alumni gathered to receive an update from Dean Michael Smith, chair of the Carolina Law dean’s search committee, as well as to enjoy holiday cheer. Once again, in the spirit of the holidays, Carolina Law friends and alumni donated gifts for “Toys for Tots.” Special thanks to Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan for their generous sponsorship.

For information regarding future Triangle Regional Alumni Council programs, please visit our website http://www.law.unc.edu/alumni.

Henry Ward ’05 delivered the gifts collected for “Toys for Tots.”
2006 - 2007 UNC Law Recruiting and Academic Year Calendar

Need a law student intern for the summer? Need help on a discrete project during the school year? Thinking about expanding your practice in the next year? Let us help you with your hiring needs! You can post a job to UNC Law students and alumni anytime. Contact Adam Ronan at aronan@email.unc.edu.

To further assist with your recruiting needs, we have also provided the on-campus recruiting and academic schedule for the next year below.

### Spring Semester 2006
- First Day of Classes: Monday, Jan. 9
- Spring Break: March 13 - 17
- Public Interest Summer Job Fair: Feb. 11
- NC Law School Consortium Job Fair: Cary, N.C. - March 18
- NC Law School Consortium Job Fair: Charlotte, N.C. - March 25

Invitations to Recruit for Fall 2006
- On-Campus Interviews and Job Fairs (Texas, Chicago and California) are mailed: Early March
- Last Day of Classes: April 18
- Examination Period: April 21 - May 5
- Commencement: May 14
- Extremis Program Begins: May 15

### Fall Semester 2006
- Students begin submitting resumes for August/September Interviews - July 21
- Texas Interviewing Program: Aug. 11
- Chicago Interviewing Program: Aug. 25
- California Interviewing Program: Sept. 1
- Fall On-Campus Interviews: Aug. 17 - Sept. 29
- First Day of Classes: Aug. 28

Invitations to Recruit for Spring 2007 are mailed: Early December
- Last Day of Classes: Dec. 1
- Examination Period: Dec. 5 - 15
- Commencement: Dec. 17

### Career Night a Success – Thanks to All!

More than 175 students participated in the School of Law’s fifth annual Career Night on Nov. 16, 2005. The Career Services Office would like to thank all the alumni and friends whose participation helped make this program a big success.

Thank you for graciously volunteering to share your experiences with Carolina students.

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### Lissa L. Broome
Wichita Professor of Banking Law and Director of the Center for Banking and Finance Lissa Broome has been reappointed as an advisory member of the authorized practice committee of the N.C. State Bar for 2006. She has also been appointed to the steering committee of the UNC Alumni Association. She is talking about her book: *Midnight Assassin: A Murder in America’s Heartland* (Algonquin 2005) in Sept. 2005, co-authored by Charlotte lawyer Scott Gaylord, which appears in 38 Cornell Journal of Law, Urban Society 84 (2005), and also the Chicago Interviewing Program and the Southeastern Minority Job Fair. As a result, next summer students will start careers in places near and far, from Raleigh to Alaska!

To date, more than 60 employers will be recruiting through Career Services during the Spring 2006 semester. If you are interested in posting a job or visiting campus, please contact us at (919) 962-8102.

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### Successful Fall Recruiting for UNC Law Students

Well over 200 employers recruited law students through the Career Services Office this past fall.

We hosted 141 employers on campus and collected resumes on behalf of 75 employers seeking to skip right to on-campus interviews. Students also interviewed at job fairs sponsored by the Career Services Office in conjunction with other law schools.

Approximately 50 students interviewed with employers in Texas, California and Illinois, as well as with employers from nationwide at the Chicago Patent Interview Program and the Southeastern Minority Job Fair. As a result, next summer students will start careers in places near and far, from Raleigh to Alaska!

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### Faculty Notes

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**John M. Conley**
Professor of Law John Conley has three articles published: “Fall from Grace or Business as Usual? A Retrospective Look at Lawyers on Wall Street and Main Street,” co-authored by UNC Professor Scott Baker, which appears in 30 Law & Social Inquiry 783 (2005), “An Emerging Third Way: The Erosion of the Anglo-American Shareholder Value Construct,” co-authored by Professor Cynthia Williams of the University of Illinois, which appears in 38 Cornell Journal of International Law & Technology 494 (2005), and “Scientific Evidence in North Carolina After Heworton,” co-authored by Charlotte lawyer Scott Gaylord, which appears in 6 N.C. Journal of Law & Technology 289 (2005).

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**Michael L. Corrado**

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**Patrick Bryan**
Professor of Law Patricia Bryan gave a presentation about her book: *Midnight Assassin: A Murder in America’s Heartland* (Algonquin 2005) in Sept. 2005, through the lifetime Learning Program, sponsored by the UNC Alumni Association. She is talking about the book at several venues this spring, including the University of Iowa (to the nonfiction writing program and the law school) and literary festivals in Kentucky and Virginia. Bryan’s new article, entitled “Susan Glaspell’s ‘The Plea’: Foreshadowing ‘T rifles’ and Concerns about Law and Justice,” which concerns another Iowa murder case, will be published in a book from Cambridge Scholars’ Press, entitled Susan Glaspell: New Directions in Critical Inquiry. Bryan also spoke at the Festival of Legal Learning on the topic: “Historical True Crimes and Contemporary Legal and Moral Issues: A Discussion of Two Specific Cases.”
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William Murphy, Henry Brandis Professor of Law Emeritus, recently retired from a second career: his labor arbitration practice. He says he was a "full-time professor and a part-time arbitrator."

Murphy began his career as a labor arbitrator in 1956. He has served major corporations, federal agencies and their unions. He was arbitrator for more than 25 years for the Internal Revenue Service and the National Treasury Employee Union. He was arbitrator for many years for the Lorillard Tobacco Co., the Panama Canal Co., and was the first arbitrator for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Murphy is a recipient of the American Arbitration Association's Distinguished Service Award. He is a past president of the National Academy of Arbitrators. In recognition of his retirement from the practice, the Academy awarded Murphy an Honorary Life Membership at its annual meeting in Savannah, Ga., in Oct. 2005.

Hiroshi Motomura

Kenan Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Harold Hongju Koh's book, Americans in Waiting: The Lost History of Immigration and Citizenship, will be published by Oxford University Press in fall 2006. Additionally, Motomura's article: "Immigration Law and Federal Court Jurisdiction Through the Lens of Habeas Corpus," appears in the Jan. 2006 issue of the Cornell Law Review. Motomura was the Martin Institute Visitor Scholar at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass., on Nov. 2, 2005, and gave a public lecture on “Undocumented Immigrants' and 'Illegal Aliens'. What's the Difference?” He was also moderator for a panel on Immigration Impact Litigation at the American Immigration Law Foundation Litigation Summit in Seattle, on Sept. 15, 2005. In addition, Motomura has been busy as a member of the UNC School of Law Dean Search Committee.

John V. Orth


Deborah M. Weissman

Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs Deborah Weissman gave a lecture on Oct. 11, 2005, at the 2nd Annual International Conference on Globalization and the Law. The topic was: “The Relationship between Political Economic Transformations and Gender-Based Violence in Latin America.” On Nov. 18, 2005, Weissman was invited to Columbia University Law School to participate with a network of human rights organizations in the drafting of the U.S. NGO Shadow Report to the U.N. Committee on Human Rights on the United States’ obligations concerning the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Weissman was also a conference panelist on Feb. 11, 2006 at a conference sponsored by The Carolina and Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean on Studies on "Knowledge, Policy, Environments, and Publics in Globalizing Latin America." The conference was the third of a three-year series titled “Globalization and the Transformation of Public Life,” which was funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program and the Andrew Carnegie Foundation.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
'51
Walter Calvin Clark was featured in the Waynesville Mountaineer to recognize his 50 years of service as an attorney for his hometown of Canton, N.C. W. Braxton Schell [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's annual Legal Elite in the areas of business law and corporate law.

'54
Lucius W. Pullen relocated his offices to Asheville, N.C. He concentrates in superior court and worker's compensation mediation as well as governmental relations, lobbying, corporate communications and PAC consulting.

'58
Robin Ledbetter Hinson was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the areas of corporate law and international trade and finance law.

'59
John Thompson Allred was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of commercial litigation.

'61
G. Dudley Humphrey, Jr. was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's annual Legal Elite in the area of construction law.

'63
Frank M. Bell, Jr. was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the areas of business law and real estate law. Frank William Bullock Jr., of the U.S. Middle District of North Carolina, went on senior status in January.

'65
Robert Leon Edwards was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of trusts and estates law. Frank William Bullock Jr., of the U.S. Middle District of North Carolina, went on senior status in January.

'66
Doris R. Bray [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite as a member of the Legal Elite Hall of Fame for business law. C. Perry Craver, Jr. was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of trusts and estates law. E. Lynwood Popeo, PC as partner. Cohn Ferris Glovesky & Cohn, LLP, received the Library of Congress’ “Section 108 Study Group” co-chaired by Professor Loyly Gasoway. The group is tasked with making recommendations to Congress on the changes to Section 128 of the U.S. Copyright Act, the provision that deals specifically with libraries and archives. Nisbet has been Legislative Counsel for ALA for six years, working primarily on copyright matters. Prior to serving as Legislative Counsel, she was Special Counsel for Information Policy at the National Archives (1994-1999) and Deputy Director of the Office of Information and Privacy for the U.S. Department of Justice (1982-1994). William George Pappas was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law. J. William Potter was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of trusts and estates law.

'67
Locke T. Clifford was reappointed to the N.C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission by Gov. Mike Easley. George Lester Little, Jr. was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of antitrust law, commercial litigation, and intellectual property law. Robert L. Shoffner, Jr. is pleased to announce that his book, The Georgia Attorney, was recently published. The book is about a criminal lawyer that takes on a high-profile case while he is serving a sentence for contempt of court. His client, a detective charged with trafficking in cocaine, asserts that he is being framed. After his release from the country jail, the lawyer uncovers a series of circumstances that appear to support the detective’s claim. An eventual trial finally leads to the truth of the matter. The book can be ordered on-line from AuthorHouse.com.

'68
Paul H. Livingston, Jr., was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's annual listing of the state's Legal Elite in the area of tax and estate planning.

'69
Samuel Ogburn Southern was elected president of the Eastern North Carolina chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. W. Samuel Woodard was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of real estate law.

'70
Michael E. Abel [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite listing in the areas of antitrust, business law and estate planning. William P. Aycoc II [BELOW] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the area of real estate law. Charles Edgar Rice III opened his practice, Rice Law, PLLC, in Wilmington, N.C.

'72
Martin L. Brackett, Jr. was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the areas of criminal defense and personal injury litigation.

'73
Howard Southander Boney, Jr. announced his intent to run for his seventh term as District Attorney for North Carolina's Seventh Judicial District.

'74
Peter Chastain was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2005 National Bar Register of Pre-eminent Attorneys in the United States. Luther Parks Cochran was elected to BE&K’s board of directors in Birmingham, Ala. The company provides engineering, construction and maintenance services. Douglas Kenneth Cooper joined NewPage Corporation as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Michael H. Godwin [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the area of tax and estate planning. Fred C. Thompson, Jr. was elected to the board of directors and as regional co-chair, North America, of TerraLex, a worldwide network of independent law firms, at the organization’s 15th annual meeting in Shanghai, China. Edward Cyrus Winslow, III was reappointed to the N.C. General Statutes Commission by Gov. Mike Easley. He was also a featured speaker at the annual Bank Security Summit of the North Carolina Bankers Association in Greensboro, N.C.

'75
Michael Allen Almond [RIGHT] joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP as counsel in the Charlotte, N.C. office. Irvin White Hankins III was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of commercial litigation.

'76
Christy Eve Reid was honored by her peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of trusts and estates law.

'77
David Fulghum Kirby [RIGHT] is pleased to announce that Kirby & Holt, LLP, received the statewide Philanthropic Award of the Year Award from Easter Seals UCP of North Carolina. Miriam M. Nisbet served on the Library of Congress’ "Section 108 Study Group" co-chaired by Professor Loyly Gasoway. The group is tasked with making recommendations to Congress on the changes to Section 128 of the U.S. Copyright Act, the provision that deals specifically with libraries and archives. Nisbet has been Legislative Counsel for ALA for six years, working primarily on copyright matters. Prior to serving as Legislative Counsel, she was Special Counsel for Information Policy at the National Archives (1994-1999) and Deputy Director of the Office of Information and Privacy for the U.S. Department of Justice (1982-1994). William George Pappas was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law. J. William Potter was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

'78
Sally Boyette Cone joined the Greensboro, N.C., firm of Stern, Klepper & Wright, PLLC. Robert Clarence Cone was elected president of the Greensboro Bar Association. Lawrence D. McMahon, Jr. spoke at a North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers’ CLE program on underinsured motorist coverage issues. Mike Nifong was sworn in as district attorney for Durham County. He will inaugurate a family protection unit. Randall Elbert Robertson joined the Washington, D.C., office of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo, PC as partner. Robert Stuart Turk [RIGHT] spoke at the September at the Risk Management and Regulatory Compliance Conference in Naples, Fla., on the most difficult human resources problems facing the financial services industry. Thomas C. Watkins [LEFT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite list in the area of business law.

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'79
Robert Eugene Esterick was appointed of counsel with the Wall Law Firm in Winston-Salem, N.C. William S. Mills was elected vice-president of the Eastern North Carolina chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. J. Dickson Phillips III was appointed to the N.C. Environmental Management Commission by Gov. Easley.

'80
David Neal Allen was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of personal injury litigation. Kerry Anthony Friedman was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the Asheville Jewish Community Center at its annual gala in Aug. 2005. Donnell Van Noppen III will serve as the vice president for Litigation for Earthjustice, the national environmental law organization.

'81
David H. Harris, Jr. joined the Frances Dyer Law Firm in Durham, N.C. He will focus on corporate governance and real property issues. Louise Criss Root was appointed to the workers' compensation law specialty committee of the North Carolina State Bar. Richard Wayne Stone was appointed to the N.C. Superior Court bench for Judicial District 17A.

'82
Debra Lee Foster was appointed chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section. Haynes P. Lea was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America 2006 in the areas of corporate law and financial institutions law. Colvin Theodore Leonard III was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law. David Anderson Stockton was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law.

'83
Barbara Ragland Christy [RIGHT] was certified by the North Carolina State Bar of Legal Specialization as a specialist in Real Property Law - business, commercial and industrial transactions. She was also selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the area of real estate law. Robin Maurer Hammond was elected to the North Carolina Bar Association Real Property Section council and Wake County Bar Association board of directors. Henry H. Raithon was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of financial institutions law. Raymond A. Warren wrote an op-ed piece in the National Law Journal regarding judicial independence. He is the executive director of the Constitution Project based in Washington, D.C. The Constitution Project is a non-partisan organization that studies constitutional and legal issues, discusses the growing politicization of judicial elections and the need to maintain impartiality on the bench. Steven Ray Warren was elected chairman of the board of trustees at Western Carolina University.

'84
Kent J. McCready was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law. Thomas Lynn Nesbit moved the Nesbit Law Firm to Mocksville, N.C.

'85
Jeff Dunham was named in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite list in the area of real estate law. Kenneth Wayne Stone was promoted to vice president and North Carolina state manager for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company.

'86
Jane Saunders Ratterree was honored by her peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of real estate law.

'87
Bryan Beatty was appointed to the N.C. State Lottery Commission. C. Mark Holt [RIGHT] is pleased to announce that firm of Kirby & Holt, LLP received the statewide Philanthropist of the Year Award from Easter Seals UCAP of North Carolina in 2005. John A. McLendon, Jr. [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's listing of the state's Legal Elite in the area of real estate law. Keith Michael Weddington was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of labor and employment law.

'89
Helen Elizabeth Burris was appointed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals as the third United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of South Carolina. She will serve in the Spartanburg Division. Kathleen Ann Boytim-Ortiz was selected to head the Public Defenders office in Chesapeake, Va.

'91
William E. Manning, Jr. was elected to the executive committee of the Carolina Land Title Association, a Raleigh trade association of title insurance underwriters and agents, real estate attorneys and others interested in the title insurance industry. Robert S. McLean was honored by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America for 2006 in the area of corporate law. Teresa Harris Pell was appointed to the N.C. Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs by Gov. Mike Easley.

'92
William W. Bland was elected vice-president of the Wayne County Bar Association. Haley Haynes Montgomery was named co-chair of the American Bar Association's national eNotary workgroup, created to study issues related to electronic notary public functions.

'93
Matthew Patrick McGuire joined the Raleigh, N.C., branch of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP. Henry Neal Pharr III was profiled in the Charlotte Weekly.

'94
Scott E. Allen joined the Rosen Law Firm in Raleigh, N.C.

'95
Bradley Andrew Cox formed the law firm of Hodges & Cox, P.C. R. Andrew Womble was appointed Public Defender for North Carolina's First Judicial District.

'96
Stuart C. Gauffreau [RIGHT] was elected member of Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier, in Greensboro, N.C. Eric H. Bieseker [BELOW] was elected member of Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier, in Greensboro, N.C.

Margaret Rose Westbrook was renamed to the N.C. Eastern District's Bankruptcy local rules committee. She was also selected to present a special paper to the N.C. Bar Association. The paper “Protecting Client's Interest in the Tobacco Transition Payment Program,” was co-authored with George Oliver '99. Michael L. Wilson is pleased to announce the birth of his son, Walker Wilson, on Oct. 17, 2005.

'97
Jarvis Terrainne Harris was named National Alumni Brother of the Year by Alph Phi Alpha fraternity. He was also appointed the fraternity’s executive director for the Southern Region. Jennifer J. Koenig [RIGHT] was selected for inclusion in Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the area of tax and estate planning. Elizabeth VanderZyde

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James Nolan Greene III was named partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, N.C. C. Thomas Powell was named the first attorney advisor to the executive committee of Latham & Watkins LLP, a global law firm of more than 1,800 attorneys with 21 offices worldwide. Prior to taking this position, Powell was a senior associate in Latham’s litigation department in Washington, D.C. "Thomas J. McKeown" was appointed to the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) Occupational Analysis Task Force. The task force will provide construction input into the development of a national construction examination. James W. Sprouse, Jr. opened his own practice, Sprouse & Konecny, PLLC, in Raleigh, N.C. The practice will primarily concentrate in commercial collections and construction law. Neal Birnbach Wolgin joined Tharington Smith in Raleigh, N.C., as an associate. He will practice in civil litigation and professional liability. Jenny Lynn Matthews [RIGHT] joined Poeyer & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. as an associate. She will practice in the area of insurance defense litigation and creditors’ rights. Joshua R. Pini joined Moritz, N.J.-based Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP and will practice in healthcare matters. Elizabeth Erwin Spounhaur [RIGHT] joined Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP in Raleigh, N.C., as an associate in the business law firm’s media and communication practice. Hannah Elisabeth Stone is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Gregson Kenan Stone, born on July 16, 2005. John D. Wigen joined Pinna, Johnston & Burwell as an associate in Raleigh, N.C.
Gov. Easley Taps Alumnae to Fill Positions on N.C. Supreme Court

Please join the UNC School of Law community in congratulating Sarah E. Parker ’69 and Patricia A. Timmons-Goodson ’79 on their new appointments with the N.C. Supreme Court. In February 2006, Gov. Mike Easley appointed Parker as North Carolina’s Chief Justice. Not long after bestowing such a high honor on one Carolina Law alumna, Gov. Easley announced that another alumna, Timmons-Goodson, would occupy the Associate Justice position vacated by Parker.

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“As a former prosecutor, attorney general and as governor, I can say that Sarah Parker is one of the most well respected justices on the bench,” said Gov. Easley. “She is highly regarded in the law enforcement, legal and business community. She is well known for her fairness and independence which is necessary for an effective judiciary. I am confident in her ability to lead the Supreme Court at this time.”

“I have known Pat for many years,” said District Attorney Ed Grannis in response to Timmons-Goodson’s appointment. “She is a fine lady and legal scholar who will make a wonderful addition to the court.”

Both Parker and Timmons-Goodson are the latest examples of a long-standing tradition of dedicated service by Carolina Law graduates to the practice of law in North Carolina.

The Carolina Law Class of 2000 Honors Trey Cheek


Trey had a life-long appreciation for public service. Following law school, he dedicated his professional life to the state’s judiciary, serving as a research assistant first to Justice Mark Martin and then to Justice George Wainwright.

To honor Trey’s commitment to public service, his classmates have chosen to rename their class gift. Their need-based scholarship for students committed to public interest has been appropriately renamed The Trey Cheek Memorial Public Interest Scholarship.

Several of Trey’s classmates initiated a letter-writing campaign to strengthen the Scholarship’s corpus in December. Recently-received memorial gifts coupled with initial class gifts and fulfilled class gift pledges have pushed the Scholarship over the $25,000 endowment threshold. However, Trey’s family, friends and classmates have set a $50,000 goal for the Scholarship.

Classmates and friends who wish to support Trey’s Scholarship can send memorial gifts to the UNC School of Law and direct their support with a notation that the gift is for The Trey Cheek Memorial Scholarship Fund. Gifts should be mailed to: UNC School of Law, Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, CB#3380, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-3380.

For more information about The Trey Cheek Memorial Public Interest Scholarship Fund, contact Brandon Wright, deputy director of development, at (919) 962-6718 or wrighb@email.unc.edu.