The Campaign for Carolina Law: Expanding Public Excellence

A Look at the Generous Support of Alumni and Friends

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Chris Mumma ‘98

When the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill launched the Carolina First campaign on Oct. 11, 2002, with a goal of $1.8 billion (later raised to $2 billion), Chancellor James Moeser said, “We have before us a defining moment for Carolina, the possibility of being not only the first, but the best, the leading, the pre-eminent public university in America.”

A recent $50 million commitment from Dennis and Joan Gillings to support the UNC School of Public Health put the Carolina First campaign over the $2 billion goal. UNC will recognize the Gillings’ contribution by renaming the School of Public Health as the Dennis and Joan Gillings School of Global Public Health. To coincide with breaking $2 billion, the University launched a special $100 million drive for faculty support. Along with the $100 million drive for faculty, Carolina First’s final months will focus on meeting individual campaign goals.

To date, the School of Law’s generous alumni and friends have contributed $28.4 million toward a $30 million campaign goal. “Carolina Law alumni and friends brought us to the threshold of our overall campaign goal,” said Dean Jack Boger. “We are grateful for those thousands who have supported the campaign. Every gift of whatever size will have a lasting effect. Working together, we will reach our goal to build the finest public university law school in the nation.”

The campaign has since offered alumni and friends deeply meaningful and personal ways to meet those key needs, as well as address the overarching goal of growing the endowment funds that support the School of Law. Mary Murray, Assistant Dean for External Relations and Director of the School of Law’s campaign, said the School of Law’s endowment funds have grown from $200,000,000 to over $355,000,000 during the course of the campaign. “Increasing the law school’s endowment is essential to the school’s ability to compete with its peers and provide long-term support of Carolina’s Law’s mission. Alumni and friends, recognizing the tremendous return on an investment in Carolina Law, have responded very well to this great need,” said Murray. The campaign comes at a time when mounting pressures challenge the School of Law’s goals and commitments. Rising tuition, increased competition for the best students and faculty, and relatively modest increases in state funds, coupled with the increasing costs of running a national law school, threaten the very characteristics of the School of Law that make the institution unique and precious. Furthermore, even during the campaign’s lifetime, some other public law schools have effectively abandoned their public mission, resulting in greater pressure to preserve the School of Law’s public mission.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As you will see within these pages, 2007 has begun with great promise for Carolina Law. Our students, largely acting on their own initiative with the occasional assistance of our faculty, continue to uphold our institution’s fine tradition of public and community service. Given their energy and drive, I have no doubt that most will follow in the footsteps of our outstanding alumni, not only the few mentioned in these pages but the thousands of others who have utilized their Carolina Law degrees to launch varied and successful careers (even a presidential run).

Our building and grounds committee, led by Professor Elizabeth Gibson ’76 and with the support of the University, is overseeing the initial planning stages for a major building expansion and renovation. We quietly hope that, with your continued support, we will reach our $30 million goal for the Campaign for Carolina Law and achieve our share of the $2 billion Carolina First campaign by the end of the year. Despite so much promise for 2007, if Carolina Law is to remain the great law school it has been for many decades, we will need to increase our base of alumni support beyond the current campaign. It is imperative, for instance, that we continue to increase scholarship assistance to our law students, who currently face in-state tuition and fees of $12,948 per year (and an estimated total budget of $29,796 per year). To assure that the most talented will continue to choose Chapel Hill, and to assure that their professional choices after graduation remain unconstrained by debt, we need more help.

The North Carolina General Assembly and the University have provided some assistance, but we look to the Carolina lawyers who have come before me. I will therefore be turning to you, our 10,000 living alumni who have launched successful careers in reliance upon your Carolina Law degrees. I hope you will be motivated to give back to support future generations of worthy Carolina students.

During my deanship, we have created additional endowment funds for student scholarships. As an alumnus, I was prompted to contribute to the fund named for former dean Robert Byrd, both to honor Dean Byrd, one of our finest teachers and most decent school leaders, and to assist future students. I urge others of you touched by Dean Byrd to do likewise, or to initiate your own student scholarship funds that reflect your deep gratitude for what Carolina Law provided you.

Let me mention one other major resource need dear to the heart of any dean — the need for general, unrestricted funds.

Every year, Carolina Law alumni give generously to our Annual Fund. After only six months in my new position, I can vouch that unexpected needs and pressures arise constantly. Whatever the use of unrestricted funds — to persuade a brilliant faculty member to forego lucrative offers from rival institutions, to assist students undertaking some new and worthy project, or to hire staffers for new gaps that emerge in our provision of services to students or alumni — in every instance your generous support of the Annual Fund ensures that the characteristics that best exemplify Carolina Law endure. Therefore, let me thank those of you who have supported Carolina Law in the past, and encourage all who read these words to consider increasing your participation as we move toward greater levels of excellence. Let me also urge you to stay in touch with everyone here in Chapel Hill, who will always welcome you back, as our dreams for this great public law school continue to unfold.

John Charles Boger
Dean and Wade Edwards Distinguished Professor of Law

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for its support of our much-needed expansion and renovation,” said Dean Boger. “This exciting opportunity will allow us to shape the future of the School of Law for decades to come.”

Back to Today

Ultimately, the SmithGroup stood out among a strong group of architectural candidates because of its extensive experience working with other law schools throughout the country. The SmithGroup has worked or is working on projects for New York Law School, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, the Indiana School of Law, South Carolina School of Law, and Baylor Law School, among many others. As a result, the firm has developed expertise in creating new and renovated spaces to better support the contemporary law school needs.

The SmithGroup maintains an office in Raleigh, where the project manager for the School of Law’s project, Chris Braiser, is located. Braiser describes the SmithGroup as “a full service architectural and engineering firm with a strong belief in sustainability.” This belief, Braiser says, is in sync with UNC’s commitment to renovating and building new buildings “that minimize our ecological footprint.”

The SmithGroup learned it had been chosen for the School of Law project in early Feb. 2007. By early March representatives from the firm had begun extensive meetings with many at the School of Law including faculty, staff and students. The panel meetings provided a forum for all groups in the School of Law to share their building-related hopes and ideas.

The SmithGroup challenged faculty, staff and students to consider how the new building and renovation project might best address the School’s total needs until the year 2020. What facilities does a flagship public law school need in the coming decade? How can the new classrooms, study areas, courtrooms, and library facilities better support and improve the School of Law’s public mission? What other facilities—a major auditorium, additional meeting spaces, reception areas, room for law journals or moot courts—would best serve the School of Law’s internal and external audiences?

“The architects first challenged us and then listened as we talked about the School of Law and the particular areas in which we work,” said interim dean of student affairs Kelly Podger ’02, who participated in meetings with both students and staff. “You could tell from their probing questions that they had prepared thoroughly for each meeting and that they understood how well-conceived physical space can help a law school function.”

Back to the Future

The School of Law expects to rely heavily on state funding for these projects. In recent years, a combination of state appropriations, bond monies, and private donations has resulted in the completion of a number of building projects on campus. The University retains a long list of projects to present to the North Carolina General Assembly for funding in the coming years. The School of Law hopes and expects that it will receive a priority that will speed the beginning of construction of its new building and renovation within a few years.

“We fully expect that our Carolina Law alumni and friends will also have an important role to play in this process,” said Dean Boger. “This will be an opportunity for Carolina Law to address facility needs that will lift it to greatness. This effort will help determine how North Carolina’s flagship law school carries out its public mission long into the future.”

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Mumma, who was recently selected as a recipient by establishing an endowed student scholarship in a personally meaningful way. She achieved this by establishing the Cowell Family Scholarship Fund. Each year, preference is given to non-traditional students, who, like Mumma, has children and has chosen to invest in this particular goal of the campaign.

Tuition at UNC has soared 40 times since the mid-1970s and nine-fold since 1991 (up from $1360 per year in 1991 for in-state students to $12,947 per year in 2006). One of the greatest achievements of the Campaign for Carolina Law has been the establishment of 24 endowed scholarships. Each scholarship will help the School of Law stay true to its public mission by ensuring that financial resources will not bar worthy students from enrolling.

When Brian Clarkson '87 came to the School of Law he was married with children. His scholarship was, according to Clarkson, now the chief operating officer for Moody’s Investors Service, “extremely helpful and really made it possible for me to earn my law degree.” Since graduating, Clarkson says his Carolina Law degree “has changed my life exponentially.” Wanting to give others the same opportunity that I was given, and repay the wonderful opportunity that I was given, it would be like committing larceny against the people of North Carolina.”

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Chair of the Campaign for Carolina Law

Attending the UNC School of Law was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. After graduating I wanted to give back to the school, but I wanted to do it in a way that would give me a personal connection to my giving,” said Mumma, who was recently selected as a recipient of the American Judicature Society Special Merit Citation for her significant contributions to the justice system. “Establishing a scholarship for single parents gave me that connection. I am able to mentor the scholarship recipient, as well as get personal reward from knowing that I am helping to make the difficulties of juggling family and obtaining a law degree a little easier.” As a result of Mumma’s generosity, generations of Carolina Law students will be able to attend the School of Law and have the opportunity to follow in her footsteps.

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Faculty Support

9 Distinguished Professors
2 Term Professors
(All are endowed in the amount of $250,000 to $1,000,000)

Because students have always been the focus of the School of Law, Carolina must attract outstanding teachers with brilliant scholarly credentials to nurture them. Since the School of Law’s peer institutions consistently attempt to recruit Carolina’s greatest teachers and scholars, the ability of the School to attract one of the 11 new endowed professorships (all created during the Campaign) will be crucial in Carolina’s efforts to retain its finest faculty members.

For example, Wachovia established the Wachovia Professorship in Banking Law. The recipient, the director of the Center for Banking and Finance’s Professor Lisa Broome, is a mastery of banking and financial law and practice in North Carolina and a nationally prominent scholar and author. The Wachovia Professorship mutually benefits the School of Law and one of the nation’s largest banks. Students receive a top-rated education from a highly regarded professor and the School of Law uses the professorship to reward the accomplishments and retain an excellent intellectual who also serves as the director of its center on banking and financial institutions.

The Campaign for Carolina Law presented Tom ’72 and Liz Taft with a great opportunity to further their own personal interest in the environment. Today’s students are part of a generation who were educated about conservation and the environment from their formative years. Many hope to use their legal education to benefit the environment. By establishing the Tom and Elizabeth Taft Professorship with a $1 million gift, the couple will ensure that both their deepest concerns and the School of Law’s needs will be met in perpetuity. Generations of future students will learn how to protect and defend the environment as a result of the newly endowed professorship their generous gift will support.

Program Support

25 Program-Focused Gifts (Gifts range from $500 to $2,000,000)

From the Clinical Program, to the four centers housed within the School of Law, to the numerous public service programs with which the students are involved, the School of Law houses more activity than ever, and it comes at a price.

This increased activity illustrates the importance of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation’s support for the Center for Civil Rights and the Community Development Clinic. With this support, the School of Law provides students with practical, hands-on experience in civil rights practices and community development techniques, while honoring the institution’s commitment to serving the local, national and international communities.

According to the Tom Ross ’75, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, “The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, ‘Supporting the Center for Civil Rights and the Community Development Clinic, both of which assist disadvantaged North Carolinians, perfectly aligns with what we’re eager to see take place in North Carolina. We were also confident that great things would be done (with our financial support) and they would be done well because of the great institution to which these programs belong.”
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Since 1999, the School of Law’s Annual Fund has grown from around $350,000 to over $570,000, and each dollar given to the fund has vital importance. Strong unrestricted giving by alumni and friends plays a critical role in supporting the public mission.

Every gift to the Annual Fund, whether $10, $100 or $1,000, has the potential to shape the future of the School of Law. Annual Fund dollars helped the Pro Bono program send students to assist New Orleans’ criminal system after Hurricane Katrina. Annual Fund dollars provided extra financial assistance to enable financially struggling students to graduate. Those dollars let faculty members travel to important academic conferences and helped talented students win national moot court honors and find their own future role as advocates.

“I feel it’s my obligation and my responsibility to give back. Were it not for (the School of Law), I would not have enjoyed the fulfilling career and opportunities I’ve had. My legal education has been of great value, and I want others to have the same opportunity I was blessed to have.”

Tom Ross ’75

Other Areas of Support:

Information Resources
2 Endowed Library Funds
Facilities
2 Facility Funds Established

What Follows this “Moment”?
The resources of generous alumni and friends join forces to lift up the School of Law’s most meaningful goals in the Campaign for Carolina Law. The campaign has safeguarded and expanded the institution’s public mission. To continue this momentum, the ongoing strong support from alumni and friends – in all the areas highlighted by the Campaign for Carolina Law – will be critical.

Every dollar raised as a result of the Campaign for Carolina Law has strengthened the School of Law. Students have received indispensable financial support. The School has hired and retained outstanding new teachers and legal scholars. The endowment has grown. The Annual Fund has provided discretionary dollars for the School’s ever growing programs to flourish. However, there is much more to be done.

Just as a good lawyer strives to win every case, so too the School of Law strives to enroll every talented student; to retain every faculty member enticed by higher salaries at other law schools; to support every program and center to its highest functioning level; and to enhance the School of Law’s public mission.

“If we are to cherish and protect our public mission – we need to secure a sturdy financial foundation. We must use the momentum of the Campaign for Carolina Law to meet our goals; for we aspire to high things,” said Dean Boger.

When the School of Law reaches its campaign goal later this year, it will be a “defining moment” in the history of the School of Law. It may even assure Carolina Law’s future as the greatest truly public law school in the United States.

To learn more about the Campaign for Carolina Law and how you can help make an impact on the lives of future Carolina lawyers, please contact Mary Murray at (919) 962-7701 or mmurray@email.unc.edu. 22

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Center Updates

UNC Center on Law and Government’s Inaugural Event Features Former Virginia Governor Warner

Former Governor of Virginia, Mark Warner, delivered a speech at the UNC Center on Law and Government’s inaugural event.

His speech addressed a variety of subjects – Iraq, health care, education, the environment, and his future political aspirations, among others – and was followed by a dynamic question and answer session with the large audience gathered in the UNC School of Law’s Rotunda.

The purpose of the Center on Law and Government, a School of Law center directed by Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor in Constitutional Law Michael Gerhardt, is to enrich law students’ and the greater UNC community’s understanding of the important contributions lawyers can and do make in government and the public sector.

Gerhardt says his vision for the Center is that it will host public lectures by the leaders of state and federal governments; develop internships in state and federal legislatures and executive offices for interested students; produce white papers or reports on issues of public concern; develop a database on activities around the campus relating to law and government; and provide assistance in the form of expert witnesses or research for interested executive officials, agencies, and legislative committees.

“Professor Gerhardt is respected by legal scholars, practicing lawyers and political figures at all levels. He is regularly called to testify as an expert witness on Capitol Hill. Carolina Law couldn’t ask for a better person to lead this new center,” said Dean Jack Boger, who oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Center for Civil Rights at the School of Law prior to becoming dean.

Update from the Center for Banking and Finance

Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics, “The Lawyer-Accountant Relationship After Sarbanes-Oxley” explored the ethical issues arising from the relationship between lawyers and accountants continued on page 7
Judge Harper ’80 Celebrated for Leadership on Mecklenburg Bench

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In the 1990s, Harper had another major impact on the court. When The Charlotte Observer’s “Starving the Wife” series detailed the bottle-neck of equitable distribution cases in Mecklenburg, Lanning turned to Harper to lead the court’s response and improve procedures. “I asked Jane to serve because I wanted to be clear to the community, the lawyers and the other people we worked with that this was a serious problem that needed a serious solution,” he says.

Harper also was known for her sensitivity to children's needs in domestic cases as well as for her concern about the dramatic rise in the number of pro se litigants. Given the latter, she pushed for the establishment of a SelfServe Center, which provides forms, instructional packets, videos and other resources to help pro se litigants. Founded in 1999, the center was the first in the state.

Throughout her career, Harper mentored young female attorneys and encouraged women to seek judgeships. “She started reaching out to me when I was representing children in contested custody cases in her courtroom,” recalls Mecklenburg County District Judge Becky Tin. “She pointed out ways I would be a very good family court judge and helped me elevate my aspirations. If I had to name one person, she would be the single most important person in my deciding to run, I would not be where I am today without the encouragement of Judge Harper.”

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“Jane had a major role in authoring [the report],” recalls Jim Lanning, then chief of Mecklenburg District Court. “The conclusions were right on point.”

One of Harper’s first priorities on the bench was establishing a separate court for domestic violence cases. The cases were getting short shrift when heard amid the myriad of other District Court cases. She won over her new colleagues.

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More than 400 people gathered in Charlotte’s historic arm district on Jan. 27 to honor recently retired Mecklenburg County District Judge Jane V. Harper ’80. Many came to thank Harper, 66, for her leadership on the bench.

“She is one of two or three people who are giants in their influence on the court system,” says Charlotte attorney Bill Diehl.

“I’d rank Jane as one of the top judges that has ever been on this court,” says Jim Lanning, retired chief judge of Mecklenburg District Court.

Wake Forest University Law Professor Susanne Reynolds notes, “She became a judge when there were so few women on the bench. She was so well respected that she opened doors for other women.”

Over a 16-year career that ended in December, Harper led efforts to improve how state district courts dealt with family law cases, particularly those involving domestic violence. She also played a pivotal role in establishing the state’s first pro se SelfServe Center and in improving the handling of equitable distribution cases in Mecklenburg.

She also is hailed for her fairness and for raising standards for family court practitioners. Charlotte attorney Tom Bush called her courtroom “the most professional in Mecklenburg County. Lawyers are prepared, they study and they approach our judges with a dignity and respect…. She really made us better lawyers.”

Says Diehl, “When Jane Harper made a ruling, her head was involved, and her heart was involved. So you have decision-making that is well thought out and influenced by a sensitivity that's unaffected by outside influence…. She rules the way she thinks she should rule…. We can't ask for more than that.”

Reynolds remembers in the late 1990s when state leaders were considering forming specialized family courts, which were already in place in Mecklenburg. Harper and then Mecklenburg Chief District Judge Bill Jones served on a statewide panel on the matter.

“The procedures and policies developed in Mecklenburg… were considered ‘best practices,’” Reynolds says. “Jane Harper had a major role in establishing them.”

Reynolds also points out that Harper was a statewide leader in other ways. “She raised the bar for the treatment of domestic violence cases,” Reynolds says. “Her court in Mecklenburg became a model…. Jane understood [the sociology of domestic violence] and taught that to the rest of us in the court.”

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A native of Anderson, S.C., Harper moved to Charlotte in 1970 with her husband and two young children. In her late 30s, she contemplated returning to teaching, her first career, but elected to go to law school. “I had always had an interest in law, and I wanted to do something that would help women,” she says.

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She commuted to UNC School of Law, where she was a member of the law review and graduated with honors in 1980. She spent four years as a staff attorney with Legal Services (now Legal Aid) and six years in private practice as a family law specialist. In 1990, she won a seat on the Mecklenburg County bench in a highly-contested race.

She won on the strength of her community leadership, particularly on women’s and children’s issues. She chaired the Title IX Task Force of the Mecklenburg County Women’s Commission (1976-77), was a founding board member of the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (1980-82) and served as president of the Charlotte Women’s Political Caucus (1983).

In 1985-86, Harper chaired a citizens’ task force appointed by the Charlotte City Council and Mecklenburg County Commission to study why law enforcement largely turned a blind eye to domestic violence, and how to remedy it.

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Adelaide Craver '67

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Adelaide Craver's success in banking has always been more of a story to everyone else than to her.

The idea that she wasn't supposed to break into upper management or that she wasn't supposed to be a leader in her field never crossed Craver's mind. She didn't waste her time thinking about these things because the notion of a glass ceiling for women in banking never made much sense to the talented, yet modest, Craver.

Craver says she never believed the fact that she wore a skirt in a sea of men's suits would factor into her ability to be a great banker. Sure enough, in 25 years it never has. After nearly four decades of a successful banking career and staunch commitment to community service, Craver's attitude and intellect has garnered much respect and admiration.

The North Carolina Bankers Association (NCBA) celebrated the former President and CEO of The First National Bank of Shelby's career late last year when she was awarded a "Legends in Banking Award."

The NCBA's Women in Banking Program, which recognizes pioneers like Craver while cultivating the careers of future female bankers, created the award.

Craver's career in banking started shortly after graduating from the UNC School of Law in 1967. She moved to Charlotte to start a career in the trust department of First Union Bank in Charlotte. Although she possessed a strong interest in law, she had always intended to pursue banking rather than practice law.

After spending several successful years in trusts, Craver's husband, Dick Craver '67, persuaded her to return home to Shelby, NC, and work for the family bank, The First National Bank of Shelby. The bank had been in Craver's family for several generations and is one of the oldest banks in North Carolina.

True to her past, Craver committed herself completely to The First National Bank and to the community of Shelby. After 17 years, she was named President and CEO of The First National Bank in 1998. In 2004, she became Chairman of the Board of Directors, dropping the title of president. The bank enjoyed tremendous growth and prosperity during her time as CEO and further enhanced its long-held reputation for serving the local community. Currently the bank has assets of approximately $1 billion, and operates 16 full-service offices in three western North Carolina counties.

Although many of her female contemporaries ran into roadblocks or glass ceilings, Craver credits her early co-workers with giving her the opportunity to grow and succeed. "I really didn't fit into discrimination," Craver said. "I have to thank the people that I worked for and worked with. They never held it against me that I was a woman and that was true even in the days of First Union. And when I came home to Shelby, we were very close knit and they helped develop me, not hold me back."

While Craver's success in banking has earned her professional admiration from her colleagues, her involvement in her community has set her apart. As a native of Shelby, Craver has dedicated much of her time, money and effort to bettering Shelby and the surrounding communities.

Craver believes that a community bank should serve the community and its customers. This belief has resulted in her bank being involved in everything from funding and running a Toy Town and Santa House in uptown Shelby during Christmas time, to restoring local historical buildings and finding ways to be active in revitalizing the county's slumping economy.

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in their representation of a corporate client. Speakers included Gorja Baldwin, Wombly Cotyle, Allen Berkeley, Kirkpatrick Lockhart; Ray Fortin, General Counsel, SunTrust; Jerry Hurst, General Counsel, RBC Cenntria; Stan Keller, Edwards, Angel Palmer & Dodge; and Tom Riesenberg, Deputy General Counsel, Ernst & Young. Sixty participants engaged in a lively discussion with the panelists, including break-out sessions over lunch.

6th Annual Consumer Law & Consumer Credit Symposium, held as part of the Festival for Legal Exams on Feb. 2-3, including eleven one-hour presentations given on a variety of topics, including identity theft, online contracts in foreign jurisdictions, nontraditional credit products, and affordable housing. The number of participants in the event keeps growing as attorneys are attracted to the broad array of courses and the opportunity to learn more about consumer financial issues.

The 2007 Banking Institute featured SEC Commissioner Paul S. Atkins, Bank of America general counsel Timothy J. Mayopoulos, and Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast rebuilding and former Chairman of the FDIC Donald E. Powell.

The Director Diversity Initiative's goal is to increase the gender, racial and ethnic diversity of corporate boards, is supported by grants from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and Faddill- ing the Dream Fund North Carolina Consor- tium. The Initiative is developing a system of regular benchmarking of director diversity among the 50 largest public companies in North Carolina.

The Initiative's second program for women and minorities interested in board service will be held on May 15, at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. Participants will interact with current directors and discuss the skills needed to be a director, how to develop those skills, realistic approaches to advancing their board candidacy, diversifying directorship in diversity settings, and evaluating companies and opportunities. Infor- mation and applications for the program will be available at www.law.unc.edu/diversity.

The Initiative has also established a database for companies in which diverse potential director candidates may register. Women and minority alumni are encouraged to apply for registration on the database at www.law.unc.edu/diversity. Companies and nonprofit organizations interested in considering sponsorship of a program or panel are invited to contact Lisa Broome (lbroome@email.unc.edu) for information about prospective director candidates.

The 2007 North Carolina Bank Directors' College, co-sponsored with the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks and the FDIC, with two-day sessions in July, August, and September will be held at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. The program is for serving bank directors of state chartered banks and also offers scholarships for 3-4 potential diverse directors to attend the college.

Strategic Planning Initiative – The Center has embarked on a strategic planning process to define its mission and goals for the next three to five years. An initial planning session, hosted by Bank of America, kicked off the effort, which is expected to be completed in August 2007. Anyone wishing to share thoughts and ideas for the Center are encouraged to contact Professor Broome.

Center for Civil Rights Conference Brings Together High-Poverty Schooling Experts

The UNC Center for Civil Rights, with The North Carolina Law Review, the UNC School of Educa- tion and the UNC Center on Poverty, Work & Op- portunity played host to over a dozen of the nation's preeminent scholars and advocates in the field of education, particularly for students in high-poverty schools. The conference brought together over 45 attendees from throughout the country for a fast-paced and interactive session.

Gloria Ladson-Billings, former president of the American Educational Research Association and currently the Kellner Family Chair in Urban Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison delivered the conference keynote address. Lad- son-Billings kicked off the conference with candor remarks which set the tone for the honest conversations that occurred throughout the day about how educators, scholars, lawyers, parents and communities might confront the nation's growing tolerance for separate and unequal schools. Former Senator John Edwards '77 and then-Director of the UNC Center on Poverty, Work & Opportunity delivered the luncheon keynote address.

The conference grew out of a concern that despite the promise of the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, many of the nation's public schools and districts are becoming part of a two-tiered system of middle and upper class schools populated largely by white students, and high-poverty schools populated largely by African-American and Latino students. The conference was designed to explore a number of related issues including the effects of high-poverty schools on students; the limits and possibilities of legal remedies; and the most promising strategies to improving achievement in high-poverty schools.

The majority of the panelists contributed an essay to the conference and selected papers will be published in a special 2007 symposium edition of The North Carolina Law Review.

The Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity – www.law.unc.edu/povertycenter – provides a wealth of information about the Center, as well as the opportunity to work and listen to the events mentioned in this piece. There is also the opportunity to download more information about the Center's New Orleans Recovery Initiative.

Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity Director Edwards '77 Joins Presidential Race: Center Continues Mission, Launches New Orleans Recovery Initiative and Publishes Book

It's not every day that Dean Jack Boger receives a resignation letter because the person in question has decided to run for President of the United States. Of course, that is exactly what happened when former Senator John Edwards '77 resigned Dec. 28, 2006, as Director of the Center on Pov- erty, Work and Opportunity to start his second run for the White House.

In his resignation letter, Edwards clearly laid out the accomplishments of the center under his directorship: "As my tenure as the Director of the Center comes to a close, I am very proud to report that our efforts have helped to spark a nationwide renewal of interest of this important problem. Not only have we advanced the debate – we have also made significant contributions to the search for innovative, practical solutions."

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With Edwards' departure, Dean Boger moved quickly to appoint Paul Eaton Professor of Law Marion Crain, who had been Deputy Director of the Center since its inception, as the new Director.

"With Marion Crain at the helm, the Center's future is strong," Dean Boger said. "It will draw upon the remarkable momentum created during the last two years of the same naming, advisory Advisory Board of renowned UNC faculty members, a very generous base of financial contributions and endowments, and many ongoing scholarly relationships."

The New Orleans Recovery Initiative

The New Orleans Recovery Initiative (NORI) – an initiative sponsored by the Center and administered by the Center on Urban and Regional Studies with the participation of the UNC School of Social Work, the UNC Depart- ment of City and Regional Planning and the UNC School of Law – represents the Center's continuing dedication to Edwards' vision.

The origins of NORI lie in a challenge issued by Walter Isaacson, Vice-Chair of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, during a Center-hosted event ("Katrina Revisited" – Sept. 8, 2006). Isaacson called for the UNC-Chapel Hill community to commit its resources and energy to aid in the rebuilding of post-Katrina New Orleans. In response, Oscar Barbarin, a professor in the UNC School of Social Work and member of the Poverty Center's Advisory Board, traveled to New Orleans to explore ways that UNC-Chapel Hill could respond to Isaacson's challenge. Upon his return, and after consultation with the Poverty Center's Advisory Board, New Orleans' District 6 was selected as the area of focus.

In discussions with community spokespeople and planners in New Orleans, NORI identified two projects in which the participants' exper- tise and the residents' needs overlapped. The first, the creation of a neighborhood informa- tion center, would provide returning residents access to the full range of information neces- sary to undertake the rebuilding of their houses and lives. The second project is a study of vari- ous redevelopment scenarios that will compare the cost and consequences of random rebuilding versus redevelopment based on "clustering" principles (where residences and businesses concentrate together).

Representatives from NORI, UNC faculty and students, including one School of Law student, will continue to visit New Orleans on a regular and frequent basis in the coming months to meet with neighborhood associations, plan- ning consultants, faculty at local universities, and community leaders. The Center is also considering sponsorship of a program or panel in the full organized around NORI's interdisci- plinary undertaking in New Orleans.

Other Poverty Center Happenings

In recent months the Center hosted "Can Schools Make a Difference in the 21st Century?" Education and Workforce Preparation for Youth in America's Margins." High-level edu- cators, policymakers, and academics engaged in a dialogue with attendees about what skills are necessary in today's market and how best to reform schools so that they meet these needs.

The Center also sponsored a panel, "The High Cost of Being Poor," inspired by an award-win- ning, four-part series of the same name, written by two of the panelists, Rod Watson and Jonathan Epstein, and published in the Buffalo News. The panelists explored the ways that
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the poor in America are penalized by predatory lending practices, lack of access to banking services, the exorbitant terms imposed by rent-to-own stores, higher credit costs and lack of access to affordable goods.

Going forward, the Center is releasing a book edited by Edwards, Crain and Arle Kalleberg, Keran Distinguished Professor of Sociology at UNC-Chapel Hill and a member of the Center’s Advisory Board. The book, Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream, published by The New Press and available April 30, 2007, brings together several of America’s most distinguished academics alongside celebrated journalists, neighborhood organizers and business leaders. Notably, the book features a wide range of political voices, both liberal and conservative.

UNC Center for Media Law and Policy

FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin spoke at the first event of the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy.

A collaborative initiative of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the UNC School of Law, the new Center aims to support both schools’ efforts to train students in the complex relationship between mass communication, the law and public policy. The center will also provide a national forum for debate on media law and policy.

The Center, envisioned as a resource for media and legal professionals and scholars, will provide innovative solutions to the problems raised as traditional legal standards are challenged by technological changes in the dissemination of news, information and entertainment.

“The explosion of communications technologies, cable and clear channel networks, the internet, personal blogs, MP-3 and iPod devices, raises scores of complex legal questions with few clear answers,” said Dean of the UNC School of Law Jack Boger. Newspapers, magazines, radio, television and the music industry all find their traditional products broadcast instantaneously into hundreds of countries with a bewildering tangle of media laws, none of which were crafted with the current realities in mind, said Boger, adding: “The capacity of computers and servers to track individual access to media raises the specter of governmental and corporate intrusion into individuals’ lives and privacy that would have seemed futuristic even 25 years ago.”

Issues the center will address include intellectual property, media consolidation, national security, indecency, privacy, advertising and reporter’s privilege. Martin, who was designated FCC Chairman by President George W. Bush in March 2005 and re-nominated for a second term by Bush in April 2006, told professors and students about the FCC’s role in facing the issues the Center will address. He admitted that the law struggles to keep up with the "unparalleled change" in the communications landscape, such as the rise of social-networking web sites and of cellular phones through which people can play songs or send photos and videos.

“The FCC has experienced success, Martin said, in creating a regulatory environment that makes it possible to increase broadband width, which allows for faster Internet connections. The FCC also is doing well in making sure that rural areas do not get left behind as technology advances, he said. Martin, who grew up outside of Charlotte on what was then called "Rural Route Three," said the FCC should play a role in promoting societal goals, such as ensuring that rural areas stay connected and in helping disabled people access technology.

In response to a question about whether the FCC should give parents more power to regulate the television shows that their children see, Martin called the "V-chip," which can block television programs based on their rating, a "good tool" but said it falls short when ratings are inconsistent or confusing.

Martin promoted “a la carte cable” as a way to let parents block programs that they deem indecent. With such a system, which is available in other countries, people buy access only to cable stations they want to view. "A la carte cable" could also help keep prices down, Martin said. Competition has caused the cost of cell phone contracts or long-distance calls to decrease, but cable costs are increasing, a rise that executives are attributing to more programming, he said.

Canon Pence (3L) Wins Prestigious International Law Writing Competition

The New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), during the 130th Annual NYSBA Meeting held in New York City, presented the Albert S. Pergram International Law Writing Competition Award to Canon Pence, a 3L at UNC School of Law. All entries were judged on a variety of factors, including significance and timeliness of the subject matter, thoroughness of research and analysis, and clarity of writing style. The annual award, in addition to publication, carries a monetary stipend of $2000, and is open to all law students. Pence’s winning paper is entitled “Japanese Only: Xenophobic Exclusion in Japan’s Private Sphere.”

The New York Journal of International Law, a publication of the NYSBA’s International Law and Practice Section, will publish the article in its summer issue.

In an email message, Pence summed up the subject matter of his paper as follows: “This project is about the lack of anti-discrimination law in Japan. Basically, Japan has historically been closed to outsiders and foreign populations within Japan have traditionally been remarkably small. They still are but it’s beginning to change. With that change, there have been clashes between some Japanese people showing prejudice against foreigners. In some instances this manifested itself in the exclusion of foreigners from private businesses. The most interesting thing though is that this is not per se against the law, as there are no laws in Japan outlawing private discrimination. The paper looked at three different cases brought by foreign plaintiffs with somewhat differing outcomes. Plaintiffs tried to use combinations of domestic tort and international treaty law. Essentially the cases came down to whether the judges felt that the defendants’ behavior had been reasonable under the circumstances. The paper concluded by looking at the prospects and efficacy of anti-discrimination legislation as opposed to more traditional private means of redress.”

Pence became interested in Japanese law after honeymooning in Japan prior to enrolling at the School of Law. He wrote a comment for the North Carolina International Law Journal (NCILJ) as a staff member (he is currently the NCILJ’s executive editor) in his second year on a proposed rewrite to the Japanese constitution and what that would mean to the legality of Japan’s military force. The related article was published at the end of 2006 in the NCILJ. After his second year, he spent the first half of the summer at Hunton & Williams in Raleigh, and the second half at Keiwa Sogo in Tokyo. While in Tokyo, he started the research for his award-winning article.

Pence has accepted a position with Hunton & Williams and will work in the Raleigh office after graduation. His future employer proudly sponsored Pence’s trip to New York to receive the award.
Law Students Honor Their Commitment to New Orleans

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in Aug. 2005, Matt Liles was starting his first year at the UNC School of Law. Just four months later, he was in New Orleans doing pro bono work in the aftermath of that disaster.

“It literally looked like a bomb had exploded,” said Liles, one of 22 students who gave part of their most recent winter break to help the shattered city.

During the 2007 spring break, Liles and 10 classmates added to the more than 1,000 volunteer hours provided by UNC School of Law students in three trips since the storm.

“This is the first opportunity I’ve had to go down to New Orleans and help,” said Jeff Jackson, a first-year law student at Carolina. “I was thinking about spending my spring break on the couch – I changed my mind when I saw a flyer for the pro bono trip.”

The students researched land records, trying to establish legal land ownership so federal funds could be obtained to help the residents rebuild, explained fellow-first-year law student Amy Dessel.

The students worked in conjunction with The Pro Bono Project, a philanthropic law office in New Orleans.

“UNC law students are part of our ‘new normal’ and we welcome and enjoy their energy and commitment to our mission,” said Rachel Piercey, the project’s executive director.

“Their help really got us back on track again, getting the process moving ahead on a reasonable schedule and reducing the frustration many of these clients have experienced as both the courts and the attorneys have been over-taxed locally,” added Catherine Drake, an attorney with the project.

The students report significant changes over the course of their trips.

“The changes I saw were more like what you don’t notice missing,” said Jessica Luong, a second-year student who has participated in two of the three trips to New Orleans. “In March, walking through the central business district at 10 a.m., it was deserted. In December, it felt like the bustling city center you’d expect.”

However in the Ninth Ward, the absence of what was once there is even more pronounced, she said.

“FEMA and aid groups have cleared the rubble from the streets and cleared destroyed homes, so the streets are unobstructed, but you can see the emptiness of where homes stood for generations, where the people have moved on,” she said.

The situation has also changed for UNC students. On that first trip, students slept nights on the floor of a Louisiana classmate’s home. However for the most recent trip, they stayed at a hotel in the business district.

But students said their commitment remains changed.

“We’re trained to effect change, [and] I don’t want to wait until graduation to do so,” said Boz Zellinger, a law student in his third year who volunteered in New Orleans last spring.

Liles said it’s the people’s stories of perseverance and their appreciation that draws him back, and he’s made a personal promise to return at least once a year until things dramatically improve.

When asked how long until the people of New Orleans are back on their feet, Liles predicted "too long." Although grants received from the Donald and Elizabeth Cooke Foundation and UNC’s Carolina Center for Public Service have covered a small portion of the costs, the trips have been largely funded by the volunteering students.

The story was adapted from an article that appeared in The Herald-Sun March 12 by John Derrick (3L), a UNC School of Law student who participated in trips to New Orleans.

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“The Real Story...” by Katrin G. A. T. W. (1L, Pro Bono Class Coordinator)

Let me begin by saying how much I love this city... New Orleans has always been and will always be to me the home of excellent jazz, incredible people, and one of my favorite NFL teams. However, this particular trip has given me new insight as to the happenings in this city and the devastation felt experienced by the people of this city. A New Orleans native said to me today something that I will always carry with me, no matter the tragedy or location. She said that the people of this city are utterly grateful for the volunteers giving of their time and efforts to aid in the recovery still yet to be had in NO. However, she brought to my attention the injustice that occurs when the volunteers become the spotlight and not the victims themselves. In the same vein, I am not going to inundate you with the day to day efforts of our group, their efforts being amazing notwithstanding. I want to share you the story of the victims, and the recurring obstacles they face in their respective trips for normalcy.

I interviewed a client in prison today, he'll call him Mr. Doe. Mr. Doe told me of his "storm story," and relayed to me that he was not removed from NO's maximum security prison until nearly five days after Hurricane Katrina hit. He was without food and water from a day before the storm until he was rescued. Although water was plentiful in this time, he made sure that I understood that he was standing in it, nearly chest high on his 5'7" frame. This was not drinking water. This, he said, could have been his death. Mr. Doe also wanted me to understand that my pity was unwarranted, that he committed a crime for which he had been convicted and he realized his wrong. However, no matter how heinous his crime, he is still a human being and articulated that he did not deserve what happened to him during the hurricane. This was an incredibly humanizing experience for me—no matter what crime Mr. Doe had been convicted of, I realized that his suffering was that of any other human being trapped in circumstances beyond his/her control and definitely beyond his/her willful imagination. I think that Mr. Doe's story of the storm is what will take away from this trip...

"So this is how it feels..." by Mandy Hitchcock (3L, Director, Pro Bono Program)

Too exhausted to think, to move, even to sleep. We spent the day in and out of Orleans Parish Prison interviewing inmates who have been declared incompetent and been remanded to Feliciana, the state mental health facility, in an attempt to restore them to competency so that they can stand trial. However, since Katrina, all the mental health facilities in the city of New Orleans (including group homes and halfway houses) have been closed, meaning that Feliciana is always full. No patients are being transferred out to transitional housing, so no inmates can be transferred in for treatment and potential restoration of competency. The end result is that a large number of mentally ill or mentally retarded defendants are being held indefinitely without trial in violation of their constitutional rights. Our job has been to interview a handful of these defendants in hopes of finding a good exemplar case or two for habeas corpus petitions that will potentially provide some impetus for a change in the system.

It's probably obvious to all that this is easier said than done. Today, Allison and I interviewed an OPP inmate who was declared competent in April, then incompetent in July and again in September. He was remanded to Feliciana, but because of the lack of beds, he is still being held in OPP. At first he was absolutely silent, nearly catatonic, in response to our questions, but later began to speak. He told us that today was March 27 and that all he had been doing since the storm is what I will take away from this trip...
Message from the President of the Law Alumni Association

Dear Carolina Law Family:

Forty years ago this June 5, 130 of us were handed a very special piece of parchment. Dean Dickson Phillips, University President William Friday, Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson, and Dan Moore, President of the Board of Governors signed each piece. What a gift my classmates and I received that day.

Most of us remained in North Carolina, but others ventured across the country to begin the practice of law. Each left empowered with an exceptional law school education provided by dedicated professors and made possible by a generous state policy that heavily subsidized the actual cost of our education. Friendships formed during those three years have not only endured, but strengthened. Members of our class became terrific lawyers, judges, and public servants.

So what has happened at our law school since then? Our Dean and friend Dickson Phillips had a distinguished second career as a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; Bill Aycock and Dan Pollitt continued to receive outstanding faculty awards, and the school moved from Manning Hall to a new building overlooking the football practice field. Tuition and the number of students have increased, but Carolina Law still hails as one of the country’s top-tier law schools.

The median grade point average of incoming freshmen this year was 3.6 (that is a little different from our day). The class of 2009 had 3,582 applicants; of the 229 who were accepted and enrolled:

- 49% are female;
- 28% are minorities; and
- 77% are from North Carolina.

Today the School of Law faces significant challenges. According to U.S. News & World Report’s 2006 Law School Guide, our law school ranks 30th among the top 32 law schools in student/faculty ratio and 46th among the top 50 in that category. Faculty salaries are 20-30% below those of our peers.

We have outgrown our building and a large number of staff must be moved to rented space off campus. To address the student/faculty ratio, the University has promised to add 10 new faculty members. Architectural studies have been performed to provide for the expansion of the building, but funding is not yet available. The UNC-CH Trustees will have to make our building needs a top priority to satisfy these needs. Dean Jack Boger diligently works on all of these matters, and we as alumni are called upon to support his efforts.

What can we do to give back to our Carolina Law School? As part of Carolina First, the School of Law is currently undertaking a $30 million campaign. The Campaign has deemed student scholarship and faculty support priorities. As of this writing, we have reached over 95% of the goal with commitments to date of $28.6 million. Have you made your Campaign commitment? We still have much work to do.

I encourage you to make a gift to the annual fund; endow a scholarship or a professorship; or contact the development office to customize your contribution to the Campaign for Carolina Law. Please contact Campaign Chair Marion Cowell or Mary Murray, Assistant Dean for External Relations, for details on how to participate. Our law school needs your support.

Carolina Law Alumni will be called back to Chapel Hill for Law Alumni Weekend on Oct. 5 and 6. Those of us who were on the stage for commencement ceremonies on June 5, 1967, will celebrate yet another milestone – our 40th reunion! Mark your calendars now for this wonderful law school tradition. Carolina Law Alumni Weekend a tremendous success. Returning alumni took part in a collection of activities.

As many as 500 alumni and friends returned to Chapel Hill on Oct. 13 and Oct. 14, 2006, making Law Alumni Weekend a tremendous success. Returning alumni took part in a collection of activities. The fun included the annual alumni gala, the alumni bash at Top of the Hill, alumni breakfast at The Carolina Inn, class reunion gatherings, and the always popular pre-game Bluegrass & BBQ.

The 50th Reunion celebration for the Class of 1956 at The Carolina Inn kicked off Law Alumni Weekend. The UNC 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.

Friday evening, alumni and friends gathered at The Carolina Inn for the annual Law Alumni Weekend Gala. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail reception in the courtyard followed by dinner in the Hill Ballroom. The 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to H. Parks Helms ’61, William L. Osteen, Sr. ’56, and Robert L. Weisberg ’73. The 2006 Outstanding Recent Graduate Award was presented to Candice S. Wooten ’01. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration for Carolina Law.

Prior to the UNC v. South Florida football game, alumni gathered to enjoy the sounds of Warren Bollie & Allen Bluegrass and try North Carolina BBQ under the awesome Carolina Blue skies on the front lawn of Van Hecke-Wettach Hall. Immediately following, alumni walked to Kenan Stadium to catch the Tar Heels in action against South Florida.

Correction

The School of Law would like to recognize Mr. John “Jack” L. Sullivan, Jr. ’69 as a member of the William Horn Battle Society ($1,000 – $1,999) for the 2006 fiscal year. Mr. Sullivan was inadvertently omitted from the 2005 - 2006 Honor Roll of Donors and the School of Law expresses our sincerest regret for this oversight.
Law Alumni Weekend

(above) 2006 Law Alumni Association Award Recipients Robert Weisberg ’75, Parks Helms ’61, Candice Woolen ’01 and Bill Osteen ’56.

(below) Karen Riddell ’86 and Merrie McGrath ’86 at the Alumni Gala.

(above) Karen Davis ’95 and former Outstanding Recent Graduate Award Recipient presented the 2007 Award to Candice S. Wooten ’01.

(below) Dean Jack Boger ’74 and Parks Helms ’61 – one of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

Karen Riddell ’86 and Barbara Wright ’86 were two of the class reunion representatives for their 20th reunion and visited with alumni and friends at Bluegrass & BBQ.

Christin, Mary Caroline, Ben, Sam and Amy Grady ’98 enjoy Bluegrass & BBQ prior to catching the Tar Heels in action in Kenan Stadium.

Bryan McGann ’01 and his daughter, Jordan, joined the festivities at the law school for Bluegrass & BBQ.

Lauren Burnham Provost ’91 and her family gather for her 15th Reunion at Bluegrass & BBQ.

(above) Navigating Weisberg, Anne Brewer, Bill Brewer and Ambassador Robert Weisberg ’75 having cocktails at The Carolina Inn prior to the Alumni Gala on Friday night.

(above) Karen Riddell ’86, Merrie McGrath ’86, Barbara Wright ’86 and Tony Lathrop ’88 at the Alumni Gala.

(above) Dean Jack Boger ’74 and Parks Helms ’61 – one of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

(below) Steve Peterson ’96, Professor Ron Link and Michelle Frazier ’96 visit under the Carolina Blue skies at Bluegrass & BBQ.

Robbie Irvin, Dave Irvin ’66, Valerie Elliott, and Dick Elliott ’66 at Bluegrass & BBQ.

D. C. Davis ’95 and former Outstanding Recent Graduate Award Recipient presented the 2007 Award to Candice S. Wooten ’01.

Mark Fowler getting ready for the big game!

Arnita Dula ’01, Pat Morgan ’67 and Tonya Davis ’01 enjoy traditional North Carolina BBQ Saturday morning on the front lawn of the law school.

Laurel and Reggie Shuford ’91 catch up at Bluegrass & BBQ to their 15th Reunion.

Dan Dealterman ’91 and Reggie Shuford ’91 catch up at Bluegrass & BBQ to their 15th Reunion.
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There is no place quite like Chapel Hill in the fall, and friends and alumni returned from locations near and far to visit with old friends and meet new ones. Alumni celebrating their reunions gathered for reunion festivities across Chapel Hill throughout Saturday. Class parties took place at The Carolina Inn, the Carolina Club, the School of Law, homes of alumni, and at restaurants on Franklin Street. A good time was had by all. 

Thanks to everyone who participated in Law Alumni Weekend festivities. We would like to extend a special thanks to the class reunion representatives:

Class of 1956
William C. Brewer, Jr.
William L. Osteen, Sr.
Horace E. Stacy, Jr.
Richard E. Thigpen, Jr.

Class of 1961
H. Parks Helms

Class of 1966
S. Gerald Arnold
Doris R. Bray
Charles F. Brown

Class of 1971
James C. Fuller, Jr.
Charles K. McCotter, Jr.
Ann Reed

Class of 1976
S. Elizabeth Gibson
Nash H. Huffstetler III
Wendell H. Orr
Catherine C. Williamson

Class of 1981
Mary B. Denison
Nicki F. Ostrow
R. Scott Tobin
N. Madison Wall II

Class of 1986
Patricia Lewandowski Gillen
Merrill M. Mason
Karen S. Riddell
Barbara Hellenschmidt Wright

Class of 1991
Asa L. Bell, Jr.
Daniel L. Deuterman
William E. Manning, Jr.
Lauren Burnham Prevost
Reginald T. Shuford

Class of 1996
Elizabeth A. Baron
Michelle L. Frasier
Samantha B. Kilpatrick

Class of 2001
Tammy A. Bouchelle
Julia E. Dixon
Kelly D. Deuterman
Bryan A. McCann
David L. Neal
Candice S. Wootten

UNC School of Law Calendar of Events

MAY 22
Meet the Dean and Summer Associate Reception in Winston-Salem
Hosted by Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MAY 31 – JUNE 3
NCADA Annual Conference
The Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

JUNE 1
NCADA Carolina Law Alumni Luncheon
The Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

JUNE 5
Atlanta Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker
Atlanta, Ga.

JUNE 7
New York Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by King & Spalding
New York, N.Y.

JUNE 12
Durham and Chapel Hill Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by the Top of the Hill Restaurant
Sponsored by Schell Bray Aycock Abel & Livingston and The Maitland Law Firm
Chapel Hill, N.C.

JUNE 14
Washington D.C. Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by Dickstein Shapiro
Washington, D.C.

JUNE 16 – 20
NCATL Annual Conference
Sea Trails Resort, Sunset Beach, N.C.

JUNE 20
NCATL Carolina Law Alumni Breakfast
Sea Trails Resort, Sunset Beach, N.C.

JUNE 18
Wilmington Carolina Law Reception
Hosted by Helms Mullis & Wicker
Wilmington, N.C.

JUNE 21 – 24
NCBA Annual Conference
Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

JUNE 22
NCBA Carolina Law Alumni Reception
Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

JULY 17
Charlotte Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by Moore & Van Allen
Charlotte, N.C.

JULY 17 – 20
North Carolina State Bar Meeting
The Carolina Pinehurst, N.C.

AUGUST 2
Raleigh Alumni / Summer Associate Reception
Hosted by Blanchard Miller Lewis & Shyers
Raleigh, N.C.

AUGUST 17
Law Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting
UNC School of Law

AUGUST 23 – 24
UNC School of Law Orientation

SEPTEMBER 8
UNC School of Law Family Day
UNC School of Law

OCTOBER 5
Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
The George Watts Hill Alumni Center (The Carolina Club)
Chapel Hill, N.C.

OCTOBER 5 – 6
Law Alumni Weekend
NEW CAREER SERVICES DEAN APPOINTED

Dean Boger has appointed Brian Lewis, a seasoned career services professional as the new Assistant Dean for Career Services. Lewis, most recently the Assistant Dean of Career Services at the School of Law of the College of William & Mary, began his career services career at the University of Iowa, where he developed the first professional career office at that school. On announcing Lewis’ appointment to the faculty, Dean Boger noted, “He was so well-regarded that Iowa professor Rick Mataas recruited Brian away to Florida to become Director of Career Services when Mataas was selected as Florida’s dean.” After Florida, Lewis moved to William and Mary, where he has been for the past five years.

Lewis was selected following an intensive search by a special faculty/administrator/student committee, chaired by Professor William Marshall, and appointed by Dean Boger in August 2006. The committee was charged to both review the best practices in law school career services offices and to select a new dean. Lewis was chosen from a pool of highly impressive candidates, following extensive interviews by faculty, staff and students. In addition to the search for an assistant dean, the special committee completed and presented to the dean a detailed report on CSO needs, with 10 key recommendations. The report will become a central planning aid to Lewis and the CSO staff as he assumes his duties.

The Career Services office has been under the direction of Acting Assistant Dean Sarah Wald since last August. She will continue this spring as Special Assistant to Dean Boger.

The Career Services Team

Kim Silver ’99, Career Counselor
(919) 843-8848  ksilver@email.unc.edu
Kim joined the Career Services Office staff in August 2006 as a part-time career counselor. She counsels students and alumni in all aspects of job searching and career development, and also focuses on federal and state government opportunities and fellowships. Kim spent four years as an associate at Kennedy Covington Loddbell & Hickman in Raleigh. She has also worked with University Counsel’s office at Old Dominion University.

Holly Bryan ’01, Career Counselor
(919) 843-9915  ambryan@email.unc.edu
Holly started with Career Services in December of 2006. She counsels students and alumni on all aspects of job searching and career development, with a particular interest in students examining public interest and alternative careers. Holly also focuses on issues that affect women in the legal world, both as law students/attorneys and as clients. Holly comes to us from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, where she was Legal Affairs Counsel. She is currently vice-president of the NC Association of Women Attorneys.

Lynn Boone, Career Counselor
(919) 843-7560  lboone@email.unc.edu
Lynn started with Career Services in November of 2006. She counsels students and alumni on all aspects of job searching and career development, with a particular interest in issues of diversity, position as in-house counsel, and intellectual property law. Lynn recently relocated to North Carolina after an accomplished career as an in-house attorney at Sears and Roebuck, specializing in intellectual property. She also does a stint at the EPA in Washington and clerked on the Illinois Appellate Court. She has extensive mentoring experience with junior and minority lawyers.

Faculty Notes

Tamar Birckhead, Assistant Professor of Law

Areas of interest: Criminal law, criminal justice, criminal defense, juvenile justice

Projects in progress and working papers: Police Bias, Juvenile Suspects, and the Role of the Courts after Roper v. Simmons (work in progress)

Recent service and professional activities:
Appointed for a renewable three-year term as an alternate voting member of the Behavioral Institutional Review Board at UNC-Chapel Hill.
Appointed for a renewable three-year term as an alternate voting member of the Public-Health-Nursing and Biomedical Institutional Review Boards at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Birckhead’s role on the two UNC Institutional Review Boards listed above is to provide alternate coverage for the regular IRB member ensuring adequate safeguards for the welfare and rights of prisoners.

Coordinated the participation of UNC Law School in the National Gramm-Rudman-Teach-In on October 5, 2006. Organized around a series of panel discussions, the Teach-In was a daylong event simulcast from Seton Hall Law School to participating schools across the country. It was the first conference to study the government’s unprecedented detention in Guantanamo of hundreds of individuals described as “enemy combatants.”

Recent presentations:
Since September, Professor Birckhead has coordinated a series of programs sponsored by the UNC Public Defender Mentor Project and the Career Service Office. She has moderated two panel discussions, one with public defenders from across North Carolina and one with UNC alumni working as PDs outside of North Carolina, and has led several other discussions on topics relating to indigent criminal defense work. The mission of the Project is to provide law students interested in public defense with a source of information and support, an established link to relevant faculty, and a means of identifying other students with similar interests and aspirations.

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Professor Marshall Appointed Ohio State Solicitor General: Plans Return to Chapel Hill

When Ohio State Attorney General Marc Dann sought a group of talented and experienced attorneys to fill some of his administration’s top legal roles, he chose William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor of Law William (Bill) Marshall to serve as the latest solicitor general in the Buckeye State.

“On the one hand, Bill’s wisdom, brilliant legal mind, devoted teaching, and conviviality will be sorely missed by faculty, students and staff,” said Dean Jack Boger. “On the other hand, Bill’s service as the State of Ohio’s senior appellate advocate for the next 18 months will benefit future students and the School of Law upon his return. We are proud that our faculty member has been chosen to serve in this eminent position. We look forward to his return to Chapel Hill in the fall of 2006.”

Marshall will take a leave of absence to perform his new duties and will maintain his tenure with the School of Law.

Added Boger: “Bill knows there is always a place for him at the School of Law once he’s finished serving the people of Ohio.”

Having taught at the School of Law since the spring of 2001 and served as Deputy White House Counsel and Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States during the Clinton administration, Marshall is a nationally recognized constitutional law expert. He has also authored more than 50 articles in the nation’s leading journals.

Marshall, a native of Nashua, N.H., is married to Kara Millonzi, a professor at the UNC School of Government; a fact that ensures he will make regular returns to Chapel Hill. He will begin his new job in June 2007.

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

Areas of interest: Regulation of financial institutions, Diversity of corporate boards, Commercial law (particularly secured transactions)


Projects in progress and working papers: “Lawyers Directories: Where Seldom is Heard an Encouraging Word.”

Recent service and professional activities: [See activities of the Center for Banking and Finance on pages 4 and 7].

Chair, UNC Faculty Athletics Committee Advisory Member, Authorized Practice Committee, North Carolina State Bar


February 1, 2007, “A Short History of Banking in North Carolina,” UNC School of Law Festival of Legal Learning, Chapel Hill, NC.

Patricia L. Bryan, Professor of Law

Areas of interest: Federal Income Tax; Law and Literature


Projects in progress and working papers: Bryan received a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa to support my research on an article which will be published this fall, entitled “The Case of John Wesley Elkins, the Iowa Boy Murderer: His Crime and the 1902 Legislative Debate Over His Parole.”

She was invited to present a paper on Taxes and Baseball at the Nineteenth Annual Baseball Symposium to be held at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY in June 2007.

She is editing a new collection of law-related short stories by Susan Glaspell.

Two new editions of Midnight Assassin: A Murder in America’s Heartland, her book published by Algonquin 2005, will come out in 2007: the University of Iowa will publish the book in paperback, and Gryphon Editions will publish the book, with an introduction by Alan Dershowitz, as part of its Notable Trial Series.

Recent service and professional activities: Bryan recently took over as Director of the UNC Tax Institute, beginning with the 2007 Tax Institute to be held this May.


Donald Clifford, Aubrey Brooks Professor Emeritus

Areas of interest: Consumer, Cyberpace, Commercialization of services and professional activities: Chairman of program “E-Consumer Issues and Regulations in the Next Decade” to be presented March, 2007 ABA Business Law Section Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Consultant to American delegation to the Organization of American States Seventh Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CISP-VII) dealing with consumer protection.

Member NC Bar Association Business Law Section UCC Committee.

Member, Banking Institute Board of Directors.

Chair, Working Group on Consumer Protection in the Electronic Commerce Subcommittee of the ABA Business Law Section Cyberpace Law Committee.

Recent presentations: Presented “Fair&Contract Compliance: How Online Consumer Contracts are Treated in Foreign Jurisdictions” at the 2007 UNC School of Law Festival of Learning.

John M. Conley, William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor


Marion Crane, Paul Eaton Professor of Law and Director, Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity

Areas of interest: How laws construct social and economic classes; the relative roles of individual and collective rights in employment and labor law; the intersection between gender, class; law, employment and family law; the role of social movements in shaping law.

Recent publications: Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream (with Senator John Edwards and Arne Kalleberg, eds., 2007).


Recent service and professional activities: Director, Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity Treasurer, Executive Committee; Member and Program Chair, The Labor Law Group Board of Editors, Journal of Employee Rights and Employment Policy.


Adrienne Davis, Reif C. Ivey II Research Professor of Law

Areas of interest: Slavery and sexuality; reparations and conceptions of justice, work/family conflict; feminist legal theory.


Maxine Eicher, Associate Professor of Law


After she finished her decade-long deanship, former UNC School of Law Dean and Burtne Craig Professor of Law Judith Wegner played a leading role in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching’s examination of the way that law schools develop legal understanding and form professional identity. The comprehensive examination resulted in the recent publication of “Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law.” The new book was co-authored by William Sullivan, Anne Colby, Lloyd Bender, Carnegie President Lee S. Shulman and Wegner. The book calls for rethinking the curriculum, educational emphasis, and assessment methods in order to prepare graduates more effectively for the practice of law.

During her two years with the Carnegie Foundation, Wegner led a research team that visited 16 law schools in the United States and Canada. The schools visited included a cross-section of large and small institutions with private, public, and religious affiliations. The schools were chosen to permit observation of educational practices in settings that involved students with varying academic credentials and backgrounds, located in college towns and urban areas in eight regions (the northeast, New York City, the southeast, southwest, and West, plains, California, and Canada). The research team found law schools to be “impressive institutions,” able to impart a distinctive habit of “thinking like a lawyer” that forms the basis for their students’ development as legal professionals. They also concluded that there is need for innovation and improvement.

The authors reexamined “thinking like a lawyer”—the parameters of legal education currently in use—and the Socratic, case-dialogue instruction used in the first phase of every student’s legal education, and found problems in the creation of a “conformity in outlook and habits of thoughts among legal graduates.”

“The dramatic results of the first year of law school’s emphasis on well-honed skills of legal analysis should be matched by similar skills in serving clients and a solid ethical grounding,” the authors note. “If legal education were serious about such a goal, it would require a bolder, more integrated approach.”

In response, the authors call for law schools to offer a more integrated curriculum that continues effective instruction focused on legal doctrine and analysis, but incorporates greater emphasis on practice and responsibility for clients, as well as more active emphasis on developing students’ professional identities, values and dispositions as they become members of the legal profession.

“In order to produce such integrative results in students’ learning, however, the faculty who teach in the several areas of the legal curriculum must first communicate with and learn from each other,” the authors said.

A summary of the study can be downloaded at www.carnegiefoundation.org. Educating Lawyers was published by Jossey-Bass Publishing and is available from the publisher and Amazon.com.

Educating Lawyers follows earlier studies of professional education by the Carnegie Foundation, beginning with the landmark Flexner Report on medical education of 1910. The book is part of the Foundation’s decade-long Program on Preparation for the Professions, which includes studies of education of clergy, engineers, nurses and doctors, as well as lawyers.

**Former Dean Wegner’s Study Leads to Carnegie Foundation Book Examining the Education of Lawyers**

Families and the Supportive State; The Family-State Relationship and Our Political Ideas (book manuscript)

**Recent Presentations:**

- “Same-Sex Marriage, Civil Unions, And Other Emerging Approaches To Same-Sex Relationships,” Festival Of Legal Learning, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, February 3, 2007
- “Marriage and the Elephant: State Regulation of Relationships Among Adults,” Faculty Workshop, Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, December 2006.

**Adam Feibelman, Associate Professor of Law**

**Areas of interest:** Commercial law, including, contracts, bankruptcy, law and development, banking law, and regulation of consumer financial transactions.

**Projects in progress and working papers:** Contract, Priority, and Odious Debt, forthcoming in North Carolina Law Review.

**Commercial Lending and the Separation of Banking and Commerce, forthcoming in University of Cincinnati Law Review (symposium).**

**Equitable Subordination and Sovereign Debt, forthcoming in Law & Contemporary Problems (symposium).**

**Consumer Finance and Development in India (to be presented at the 2007 meeting of the Law & Society Association).**

**Third-Party Liability for Assignees and Purchasers (work-in-progress)**

**Recent Presentations:**

- Introduction of symposium, Odious Debt: Exploring the Outer Limits of Sovereign Debt Relief, at UNC School of Law (Feb. 2007) (symposium organizer)
- Equitable Subordination and Sovereign Debt, presented at a conference on Odious Debt and State Corruption at Duke Law School (Jan. 2007)
- Third-Party Liability for Assignees and Purchasers, presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (Jan. 2007)

**Regulation of Sovereign Debt, presented at UNC School of Law’s Festival of Learning, (Jan. 2006)**

**Thomas Lee Hazen, Cary G. Boshamer Distinguished Professor of Professor of Law**

**Recent Publications:**

- Hombook on Securities Regulation (Thomson-West revised 5th ed. 2006)
- Principles of Securities Regulation (Thomson-West ed. 2006)
- Securities Regulation in a Nutshell (Thomson-West 9th ed. 2006)

**Recent Presentations:**

- Securities Law Developments and the UNC Festival of Leaming Feb. 2, 2007
- Participated in an invitation-only conference on Securities Regulation Reform Proposals sponsored by Duke University Law School and the Institute for Law & Economic Policy (Feb. 2, 2007)

**Joseph J. Kalo, Graham Kenan Professor of Law**

**Areas of Interest:** Conservation and Management of Coastal Lands and Coastal and Ocean Waters, and Natural Resources, Property

**Recent Publications:**

- J. Kalo and W. Clark, Oceanfront Property Owners in the Twenty-first Century Part III, Legal Tides (Spring/Summer 2006)

**Recent service and professional activities:**

- Providing, through the North Carolina Coastal Resources Law, Planning and Policy Center, legal assistance to the Waterfront Access Study Commit- tee established in August 2006 by the North Carolina General Assembly
- Member of North Carolina Sea Grant search commit- tee for a law and policy specialist.

**Recent Presentations:**

- Coastal Land and Water Issues—North Carolina Coastal Resources Law, Planning and Policy Center, Continuing Legal Education Program, October 27, 2006, Wilmington, NC.

**Thomas Kelley, Associate Professor of Law**

**Areas of interest:** Law of Nonprofit Organizations, Community Development Law, Law of Emerging Nations, International Law and Development.

**Recent Publications**

- Rediscovering Voluntary Charity: A Historical Analysis of America’s Tangled Nonprofit Law, 73 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2417 (May 2005)

**Projects in progress and working papers:**

- Contemporary “Slavery” in Niger: Categorical Confu-
sion and Unintended Consequences of Western-Influ-
- Exporting Western Law to the Developing World: The Troubling Case of Niger, __, GEORGE WASH-

** Recent Presentations**

- Member, Carolina Student Legal Services, 2006-present.
- Invited by the Aspen Institute to participate in a roundtable discussion of nonprofit law experts on the topic of the “emerging fourth sector,” 2006.
- Appointed Member, Town of Chapel Hill Inclusion-

** Recent service and professional activities**

- Board Member, The Florida Center for African Studies, Gainesville, FL, 2006-present.
- Recipient of Igniting the Flame Award for creative teaching at The Experiential Classroom, a multi-day workshop on teaching entrepreneurship sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation and Syracuse University, 2005.
- Selected by the U.S. Department of State to serve on a national panel of experts to brief the newly appoint-

** Recent Presentations**

of this understanding gone, we should not be surprised if more-recent waves of immigrants, especially
reflect the understanding that many of them will become part of us. This understanding was the
United States. Although this idea has weakened and is in danger of weakening further, it should
migrants — crystallized in the idea of Americans in waiting — that has faded from law and policy in
race, class, and other groupings that are less cosmopolitan or democratic than national citizenship will
belonging can mask other modes of exclusion. If national citizenship matters less, then ties of religion,
models that reflect a sense of belonging to more than one nation, and postnational models that think
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“Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States”
103 (2006)
Law, and the Family in Immigration and Citizenship,
Legislative Reform — Conference on Race, Class, and
A Seat at the Table: Translating Public Support Into
working to revitalize the American Dream for
citizenship, and welcome them as future citizens
in Motomura’s skillful hands, the concept takes on new life and provides impor-
tant insights into current debates on citizen-
ship. With comprehensive historical sweep and
theoretical insight, “Americans in Waiting” masterfully charts the way to more inclusive
policies that are true to the U.S.’s identity as a nation of immigrants and that promote a robust
and cohesive notion of citizenship.
— T. Alexander Aleinikoff, author of Semblanc-
es of Sovereignty: The Constitution, The State, and
American Citizenship

Hiroshi Motomura, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
Areas of interest:
Immigration and citizenship

Projects in progress and working papers:
Immigration and Citizenship: Process and Policy
(co-authors: T. Alexander Aleinikoff, David A. Martin, Hiroshi Motomura, & Maryellen Fullerton)
(Thomson West 6th ed. forthcoming December 2007)

Book project:
Undocumented Immigrants in the United States
Recent service and professional activities:
Chair (2007), Immigration Law Section, Association of American Law Schools
Chair, 2008 Workshop-Flaming Committee, Immigration Law Section, Association of American Law Schools
Board Member, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, Denver, Colorado

Recent presentations:
A Seat at the Table: Translating Public Support Into Legislative Reform — Conference on Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity, University of North Carolina School of Law, February 24, 2007
Forming the Immigration Debate — Symposium on Immigrants’ Rights and Critical Perspectives on

Forced Migration (co-authors: David A. Martin, T. Alexander Aleinikoff, Hiroshi Motomura, & Maryellen Fullerton) (Thomson West April 2007)

Articles:

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Why I Initiated the Public Defender Mentor Project For Law Students

by Professor Tamar Birckhead

As I began my 1L year at Harvard Law School (HLS) in 1989, I found myself in a particularly challenging environment. At the time, the students and faculty at HLS provided little support for public interest or poverty law. Further, my post-college background in magazine journalism and in casework investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect in New York City did not provide any additional guidance. The lack of institutional support coupled with my circumstances relating to legal training made the steps I needed to take to achieve my goal of practicing law in the public sector unclear.

An announcement that a new program for 1Ls, the Legal Services Mentor Group, was being organized by faculty provided a beacon of light. Founded by the legendary professor and clinical education pioneer Gary Bellow, the group focused on encouraging and providing faculty support to first-year students interested in legal services for the poor. Out of a 1L class of 550, only seven or eight of us attended the first meeting. Despite the low interest, we continued to meet with Gary and other faculty throughout law school. We shared our values, our aspirations and our concerns. We exchanged personal stories and provided each other – teacher to student as well as student to student – with support, encouragement, and practical advice. After graduation, I clerked for a Massachusetts Appeals Court judge and then practiced in the Boston area as a public defender, working for six years on the state level and four years as a federal defender – with the experiences of the mentor group never far from my mind.

When I started teaching in the UNC School of Law’s Criminal Clinic in 2004, I found myself speaking with some frequency to indigent defense. They sought advice on class organization, summer internships suggestions, effective resume and cover letter drafting, and how to interview and network to get their “dream public defender job.” While the School of Law provided some resources for these students, I was concerned that the lines of communication between the appropriate faculty and other students sharing the same interests and goals were not always open during their 1L and 2L years. Inspired by my own experiences nearly 20 years earlier, I decided to form a group that would help identify and provide support to these Carolina students.

The Public Defender Mentor Project (PDMP) got off the ground this academic year. With the strong support of Dean Boger, Assistant Dean Sarah Wald, and others, including Dean Sylvia Novinsky, Professor Rich Rosen, and Professor Deborah Weissman, we scheduled three formal meetings for each semester, with each meeting focusing on a different aspect of preparing students for public defender work. With the assistance of 3L Sonya Pfeffer, we organized a panel in October at which nine PDs from across North Carolina spoke about their experiences and shared what inspired them and kept them committed to the work. In February, we hosted another panel – this one with Carolina working as PDs outside of North Carolina, including representatives from Public Defender Services in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia Defenders, and the PDs office in Chesapeake, Virginia. An informal luncheon followed each of these popular panels allowing students to meet, speak and network with our guests.

UNC faculty members participating in the PDMP have an open door policy for students in the Project; they meet, counsel, and assist them in pursuing PD positions - both for the summer and post-graduation. In addition to Professor Rosen, other participating faculty members include Professor Bobbi Boyd, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor Caitlin Fenhagen, and Professor Joe Kennedy.

In terms of future goals for the PDMP, the group intends to address one of the main hurdles for law students who are committed to indigent defense – financial need. While some public interest funding is available for students to work as summer interns in PD offices, the resources have never been able to meet the need. We have initiated a campaign to increase the number of summer and post-graduate grants available to Carolina students to pursue this vitally important work, and we welcome your ideas and support during the process. Please visit our webpage on the School of Law website or contact me directly to get involved with the PDMP. We rely on both the Carolina alumni – those who have been PDs as well as those who support the work of public defenders – to make this project work!

~Kate Joyce

As a 1L, PDMP has helped me to not only set career goals but also to take steps in achieving those goals. Through our meetings and panel discussions, I have had the opportunity to meet current public defenders and learn from their experiences in the field. At the panel discussion in October, every speaker spoke with intense passion for their work and also of the great environment and sense of community in their offices. It was at this moment that I could see clearly envision myself doing public defender work.

~Allison Standard

The PDMP is a great resource for learning about public defense – a field of practice that we students don’t hear much about.

~Luke Everett

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Immigration Reform, Stanford Law School, February 10, 2007

Reflections on Flydl v. Due, 25 Years Later; The Constitution and What It Means for Immigrants

American Constitution Society, University of North Carolina School of Law, February 7, 2007

Understanding Current Immigration Controversies: A Closer Look at a New American Dilemma — Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina School of Law, February 2, 2007

Americans in Waiting — University of North Carolina Latin American Migration Working Group, Chapel Hill, January 17, 2007


Americans in Waiting — Boston College Law School, November 14, 2006

Making Immigration Policy Work for a Nation of Immigrants — Ervin Constitutional Issues Forum, Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, North Carolina, November 6, 2006


Citizenship — Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review Symposium on Immigration Reform and Policy, Temple University Beasley School of Law, October 14, 2006

Immigration and Citizenship: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues — University of North Carolina General Alumni Association, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, October 4, 2006


Richard Myers, Assistant Professor of Law

Areas of interest:

Research interests include the intersection of administrative and criminal law, federalism and the criminal law, the role of checks and balances in creating a criminal justice system that accurately reflects the nation’s goals and values, and the interaction of science, evidence, and criminal justice.

Recent publications:


Projects in progress and working papers:

The Sunset Amendment

The price engages the idea repeatedly asserted by critics of the criminal law that ordinary politics has failed as the Constitution’s mechanism for reassessment and rationalization of the criminal law. The critique is widespread, and suggests that the criminal law is overbroad, overinclusive, and incomprehensible to the ordinary citizen. Those failings are especially troubling because the criminal law has a moral component, which democratic theory suggests draws its legitimacy from a popular mandate. This Article proposes an

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Professor of Law John Orth's new book to consider how our trial courts will assimilate them. to lay out the advances in cognitive psychology and sciences as courtroom tools. This project is designed to lead to either the adoption or rejection of these new psychology of human memory and precognitive About How We Think In Front of the Jury Metacognition and Evidence: Getting What We Think of arguments that explore the relationship between the legitimacy of the criminal law.

Recent service and professional activities:

Orth served as an Adjunct Member to the NC State Bar Ethics Committee for 2007.

Recent presentations:

Presented at Ethics Update@ at CLE sponsored by Portland Office of Legal Aid of North Carolina as part of its celebration of its 30th anniversary.

John V. Orth, William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law

Areas of interest:

Property law & legal history

Recent publications:

The Many Judges Does It Take to Make a Supreme Court? And Other Essays on Law and the Constitution:

(University of North Carolina Press, 2006).

Numerous entries in Encyclopedia of North Carolina:


The following is the Preface to William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law John Orth's new book "How Many Judges Does It Take to Make a Supreme Court? And Other Essays on Law and the Constitution":

"Law schools do some things very well, like teaching the skills of legal reasoning. How to think like a lawyer. Of course, everyone knows that the difference between learning and merely being taught is to make a good, let alone a great, lawyer. That requires, in addition to the acquisition of abstract skills, the ability to handle many other things such as ethical dilemmas, strategic sense, interpersonal skills, qualities of humility, common sense, and imagination. In order to make a good lawyer, it is not enough to know how to reason. You have to know how to communicate.

"Law schools are a microcosm of society, a place where the "bad apples" are separated from the good. In this collection of essays, the authors discuss the nature of legal education, the role of law schools, and the qualifications of law school faculty. The essays are a call for reform and for change in the way that law schools operate. The authors present a variety of perspectives on the issues, from the viewpoint of professors, students, and practitioners. The essays are a call for a more evidence-based approach to legal education, one that is more focused on the needs of students and the profession. The authors argue for a greater emphasis on practical skills, such as analytical and problem-solving skills, and for a more balanced approach to legal education, one that includes both doctrinal and practical instruction. The essays are a call for a more dynamic and responsive legal education, one that is more closely aligned with the needs of the profession and society."

Law schools typically leave their law from the study of reports of decided cases. As such, the "casebook" takes the place of the textbook normally found in higher law schools. Yet, while appellate judges and the judges who decide them are at the center of legal education, no attention is usually paid to the quality of the first text, the "How Many Judges Does It Take to Make a Supreme Court?" This: the answer, if it turns out, is not trivial in the history of legal education. Once judges, who determine what it is, also interpret the constitution, a point that is most clearly made by thecommon law. It is generally accepted that the common law originated over eight hundred years ago, they only became a pre-
Barbara Stockton Perry is serving as chair of the Senior Leadership Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association for 2006-2007.

Charles Edward Melvin, Jr. was honored for distinguished service to the legal profession and the city of Greensboro with the dedication of the Charles E. Melvin, Jr. Triangle Garden in the Greensboro Center City Park.

Robert Charles Soles, Jr. was named into the North Carolina Bar Association’s General Practice Hall of Fame at the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce’s 100th anniversary meeting.

Julie LeVonne Chambers was the 2006 recipient of the Thomas F. Aycock Award presented by the American Bar Association’s individual rights and responsibilities section. Chambers was also the recipient of the 2006 Chief Justice’s Thurgood Marshall Award, presented by the American Bar Association’s General Practice Hall of Fame.

James Edward Melvin, Jr. was named in the 2007 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the area of corporate litigation for 2006-2007.

Robert Carl Hunter was elected as president-elect of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Burley Bayard Mitchell, Jr. was named by the legal section of the North Carolina House of Representatives and was recently elected to succeed Judge Quentin T. Sumner of Rocky Mount as chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He retired from private practice in 2006.

Amy Lynn Cox was named in the 2007 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the area of corporate litigation for 2006-2007.

Raymond Eugene Owens, Jr. was elected president of the North Carolina State Bar Association of Women Attorneys.

William Bullock, Jr. was selected by the North Carolina Bar Foundation as the 2006 recipient of the Robert C. Bell, Jr., PLLC, Manning Fulton & Skinner P.A. has established its Defender of Justice Award.

F. Howard Edwards Manning, Jr. was installed on July 10, 2006, as president of the United States House of Representatives and was recently elected to succeed Judge Quentin T. Sumner of Rocky Mount as chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He retired from private practice in 2006.

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