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The Call to Serve

Classmates Charlie Raphun and David Watters Choose Unique Path to Public Service

Carolina Law students are schooled in the importance of public service. From the outset, they are taught that they have an obligation to use their legal training to help the community. It's a commitment they honor as students and carry with them into their professional lives.

The emphasis on public service is the hallmark of a Carolina Law education, something the dean and faculty believe sets Carolina apart from its peer law schools in North Carolina and beyond. In fact, nearly one-third of the School's graduates in recent years have pursued work in the public interest. Those who choose other types of legal careers still find ways to repay their local communities, the state and the nation with distinction.

Two 1992 graduates of the School of Law, Maj. Charles R. Raphun and Lt. Col. David T. Watters, chose the path of service long before they began their law studies and have remained true to their commitment in the 11 years they have practiced law. Both have chosen to use their law education in service of our country. They are active reservists who were called for duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Charles R. Raphun '92

A Judge Advocate General, or JAG officer as the military calls its lawyers, with the 171st Area Support Group Army Reserve unit based in Garner, N.C., Raphun has been stationed in Iraq since the beginning of April. His unit, operating from Tallil Air Base near the city of An Nasariyah, is charged with providing logistics



Lt. Col. David Watters '92 with Retired Gen. Tommy Franks.

support to a number of Coalition forces units, including those from South Korea, Italy, Poland and Ukraine. Specifically, the unit supports civil affairs soldiers who work with the local civilians to provide assistance in coordinating humanitarian aid and to resolve any problems between the Coalition forces and local groups.



Maj. Charlie Raphun '92 in Iraq.

Raphun's responsibilities within the unit are fairly broad. He heads a legal team, consisting of another lawyer who has the rank of captain and three soldiers who are paralegals, to advise the unit commander on legal matters that affect the base of around 12,000 troops. Essentially, he acts as the de facto installation attorney for the base. "A large part of my work involves advising battalion and company commanders in how to administer military justice to soldiers who violate orders or the

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Annual Fund Exceeds Goal by 9%

Despite challenging economic times, alumni support for the School of Law has never been better. The total number of gifts, as well as the number of donors contributing to the School of Law, rose markedly last year, resulting in an impressive increase in funding for the School's Annual Fund.

Most notable is the increase in donations to the Annual Fund. For the year ending June 30, 2003, gifts totaling \$493,396 were recorded, which exceeded the fund's aggressive goal of \$460,000 by nine percent. In addition, the number of donors supporting the Annual Fund increased 11 percent, from 1888 to 2094. Overall, the number of donors supporting the School of Law increased as well, with 2624 making gifts to the School for the year ending June 30, 2003, which compares to 2393 donors during the previous year.

Calling the increase encouraging, Dean Gene Nichol credited the School's committed alumni.

"I was heartened to see how many of our alumni have continued to support the law school. They have shown that they value their education and want to insure that future lawyers will have an equally rich experience."

Rachel Ruvo, deputy director of development, adds that alumni seem to be hearing the message. "We have done our best to reach every corner of the state and it is obvious that our alumni and friends are listening and responding. We could not be more appreciative or pleased."

In this time of budget cuts and reduced university support, the School of Law depends on the unrestricted gifts to provide funds for unanticipated opportunities that arise each year for law students and faculty. These gifts to the Annual Fund permit students to travel to a moot court competition across the country, allow faculty to attend workshops in their field of expertise and bring notable speakers to campus, among other things. Alumni support for the Annual Fund are important every year but especially now when state funding support is reduced.

We hope that you will help us build on this success. If you would like to make a gift to the Annual Fund, you can use the envelope enclosed in this issue of the newsletter or go online at <http://www.law.unc.edu/alumni/gift.html> and complete the form. If using the online form, please designate that your gift is for the "School of Law Annual Fund" to ensure the gift is properly recorded. For more information, contact Rachel Ruvo, deputy director of development, at (919) 962-6718 or rruvo@email.unc.edu.

Scholarship Honors Long-time Consumer Advocate

Tom Lockhart '51 establishes the Thomas Robert Eller, Jr. Scholarship



Thomas Robert Eller, Jr.

Known as an outspoken, often controversial voice of the people, Thomas Robert Eller, Jr. '51 fought on behalf of the public interest throughout his legal career. Both in private practice and during his tenure on the State Utilities Commission,

Eller acquired a reputation as dissenter, reformer and champion of consumer rights.

He went from a small town boy in rural North Carolina to an influential public figure, all the while advocating for what he believed in. Born in Trading Ford in Rowan County, N.C., Eller

attended a small country school and went directly into the military during World War II. There, he served as a tanker under Gen. George Patton in some of the heaviest fighting of the war and earned a battlefield commission, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, The Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre.

Following his discharge, Eller came to Carolina – as an undergraduate, then as a law student. In the fall of 1945, Eller met fellow freshman Thomas Ashe Lockhart '51 and a lifelong friendship began. Although Eller was a decorated World War II veteran and Lockhart followed the more traditional path to college, the two classmates became friends throughout their undergraduate and law years and later practiced law together for several years.

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From the Dean

Alumni and Friends:

As I have said – now hundreds of times – our goal at Carolina is to compete at the highest level of legal education and to do it in ways that are consistent with our mission as a public institution. Our faculty and student body are carrying forward that mandate. Scholarly productivity has accelerated – even as we have remained committed to Carolina’s traditions of classroom excellence. We have hired new colleagues of remarkable accomplishment. Our entering class is, again, the most highly credentialed in the school’s history. And our impressive new ventures in civil rights, banking, legal theory, public service, applied research and professional outreach mark a future of real promise. I have no doubt that we are headed, boldly, in the right direction.

It will not surprise you to learn, however, that we have had to withstand staggering budget cuts in each of the past three years. State coffers are mightily strained. While increased private giving has helped to shelter us from the harshest blows, threats to our continued progress are real, and daunting.

Of course, much the same could be said of many other public law schools in the United States. North Carolina’s woes are not the most pronounced in the nation. Some state universities have had to swallow even harder.

But, frankly, the “we’re all in the same boat” consolation doesn’t console. In truth, most of the great law schools in the United States – with which we increasingly compete – are private. Therefore, the specter of state imposed reductions does not haunt. And many of the best public law schools – the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia and, to a lesser degree, the University of Texas and the University of California – are now busily becoming private. In practical terms, this means that they will raise tuition dramatically, they will cease favoring residents in the admissions process, and they will countenance an even greater separation between their programs and the people and the institutions of the state that sustains them. It’s a good deal economically – if you aren’t tied to a sense of public obligation.

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Maj. Charlie Raphun '92 and Ziggurat.

law under the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” he says. Offenses can be as simple as fighting or drinking on duty or as serious as disobeying orders, he explains, but they usually are resolved through non-judicial punishment.

“Commanders follow a set of rules that allow simple breaches and crimes to be handled without going to a general court martial,” Raphun says. “I advise them on how to do that in such a way as to protect the soldiers’ rights and also to be fair to everyone involved.”

The unit commanders also rely on him for advice about legitimate means of the use of force and the applicable rules of engagement. “That has been a key to saving lives, as soldiers who understand their limitations are safer than those who don’t,” he says.

Beyond the base itself, Raphun helps the teams of civil affairs soldiers understand the legal ramifications of their work. The civil affairs soldiers are in Iraq to coordinate humanitarian aid and resolve problems between the Coalition forces and local civilians. “For example, often the Iraqis will seek compensation for damages caused by U.S. troops, either during or after the offensive operations. Their claims might or might not be legitimate,” he says. “Property destroyed in actual battle is not compensable, generally, whereas property that has been damaged in post-hostilities by negligence of a U.S. soldier might be. I get involved to help them understand what is compensable.”

Sometimes the process requires an understanding of foreign law. “We were having a hard time understanding the Iraqi property recording process,” Raphun explains, “so we arranged to meet with a prominent Iraqi attorney in the nearby city of An Nasariyah. He was able to assist us in establishing proof of ownership criteria. That meeting was very interesting, and we were impressed by many common features of our two countries’ legal systems.”

For Raphun, the road that ultimately led to Iraq began when he was an undergraduate at the University of Florida. An Army ROTC cadet in college, he spent four years on active duty before he entered Carolina Law, when he joined the Army Reserves. “I always enjoyed the Army, and I wanted to maintain some part in it,” he says. “It gives me a chance to do something that may help people.”

Helping people is key to Raphun. When he first became a JAG officer, he provided legal assistance to soldiers and their families at Ft. Bragg – similar to the way in which legal clinics provide services to low-income families. “I especially liked knowing that there was a peacetime need that I could use my skills for and still contribute to our nation’s defense, even in a small way.”

In Iraq, Raphun and his legal team provide legal assistance to soldiers when they can. As long as there is no conflict of interest, the team handles general matters for the soldiers, such as wills or powers of attorney.

In his profession back home, Raphun is an attorney with Nortel Networks in the Research Triangle Park. There, he negotiates major sales and licensing agreements with Nortel’s customers – usually

complex deals that involve considerable coordination with multiple business units, executives and attorneys on both sides. It’s an expertise that Raphun says is applicable to his work in reviewing government contracts for the Army.

“It is a different framework and set of rules, but the basic business skills and concepts are helpful in both areas,” he says. “Otherwise, most of what I do in the Army offers me a chance to work in areas that I would otherwise not ever have been able to do.”

Lt. Col. David T. Watters '92

A field historian with the Marine Corps’ History and Museums Division based in Washington, D.C., Watters was called to active duty last fall to serve as the senior deployed historian on Gen. Tommy Franks’ staff at U.S. Central Command. He was sent to Doha, Qatar, where the military headquarters for Operation Iraqi Freedom was based. There, he worked with an Air Force historian to chronicle the decision-making process prior to and during the war.

“My job as field historian typically involves collecting research that will get dusty down the road,” Watters says. As a reservist, usually this requires traveling to the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., one weekend a month and two weeks a year to interview key personnel and photograph military activities for the Marine archives. For Operation Iraqi Freedom, however, the scope of Watters’ role changed dramatically. He was charged with creating a record of key discussions among military leaders and the decisions that resulted from those discussions, a task that required countless hours with a digital camera, digital recorder and laptop computer.

“During my tour, I took and captioned around 1,500 photographs. This was challenging, not only because of the number of photos, but also because of the significance of the work these people were doing,” he says. “Some of the people I photographed will be the military leaders of the future.”

In addition, Watters conducted some 150 interviews, essentially creating an oral history of the war. This meant talking with each person on a specific topic, then writing a summary of the interview. He also attended military meetings and drafted reports about what transpired. “By rough estimate, I think I typed approximately 1,100 pages of single-spaced notes from such meetings or interviews,” he says.

The most memorable meeting, Watters says, was a “rock drill” that was conducted in Qatar in December. During this two-day exercise, Gen. Franks, his staff and his subordinate commanders discussed their plans as a way to ensure that key leaders understood the various missions and had enough information to synchronize their activities. Of the 200 participants, approximately 50 were generals or admirals. And Watters was there to chronicle the discussions – to capture what people thought, what they proposed to do and what potential problems they saw.

“I was the fly on the wall – there only to record what was said, not to be part of the discussion,” he says. It was intriguing to watch these people work their way through such a key planning stage, he adds. “I was particularly impressed with the professionalism and dedication to duty of the planners. Gen. Franks put together an exceptional staff, and it was fascinating to see this group of talented professionals do what they had been training for years to do,” he says.

On several occasions, working as a Central Command historian allowed Watters to go into Iraq. He traveled to Ur and Baghdad to observe early efforts to form an interim Iraqi government, and he traveled to Basrah with Gen. Franks to hear the British staff report on their

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Now, Lockhart has honored his long-time friend's distinguished career and dedication to public service by endowing the Thomas Robert Eller, Jr. Scholarship at the School of Law. Lockhart created the scholarship to benefit students who exemplify Eller's background and ideals – that is, students from rural North Carolina who demonstrate financial need and who show a potential both for academic achievement and contribution to society.

"I strongly believe in providing an education to North Carolinians at the least possible expense, because, as our founding fathers maintained, an educated citizenry is the surest protection of freedom," says Lockhart. "When the School announced its fundraising campaign, I knew I wanted to endow a scholarship for needy students who came to Carolina for a law education. I also wanted Tom's name to be perpetuated at the University, because he accomplished so much during his time there and had such a deep love for the University.

"In addition, I wanted to support Dean Nichol and his efforts in leading the School of Law, during this campaign and forward into the future."

Gene R. Nichol, dean and Burton Craige professor of law, describes the scholarship as a tremendous asset toward providing a top legal education for students who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend Carolina Law.

"I'm also glad to have a scholarship that, in my view, honors both Tom Eller and Tom Lockhart," said Nichol. "To me, both of them represent the high aspirations of Carolina Law."

According to Lockhart, Eller was extremely intelligent – many said brilliant, hard working

and generous; he was quick to laugh and was highly interested in politics. Not long after Eller entered Carolina, his leadership skills were recognized when he was elected president of the student body, tapped into the Order of the Golden Fleece and the Order of the Grail, and was awarded the John Johnston Parker, Jr. medal for unique leadership in student government. After completing his law degree, Eller served again as a tanker during the Korean War.

He then opened a successful private practice in Brevard in western North Carolina, where he acquired a statewide reputation as a trial lawyer. From 1957 to 1959, he served on the N.C. Prisons Commission and was a strong advocate of vocational education and rehabilitation for illiterate inmates.

In 1959, Gov. Luther Hodges appointed Eller to the N.C. Utilities Commission, where during the next nine years he had a hand in regulating charges for electricity, telephone calls, bus rides and freight. Known as a plain-talking commissioner who was unafraid to speak out on controversial issues, he advocated for changes in utilities regulatory laws and practices to benefit the public interest. In 1963, he had a hand in revising North Carolina's utilities laws.

The year before, Eller gained notoriety by providing the dissenting opinion in the much-publicized Nantahala power case, which caused the N.C. Supreme Court to reverse the commission majority and refund \$2 million to electricity customers in western North Carolina.

In 1968, Eller resigned from the State Utilities Commission and returned to private practice in Charlotte first with Lockhart and later in Raleigh, where he continued to focus on public utilities law

and fight for the public interest. In the mid-1970s, Eller again was called upon to serve the state by recommending ways to reshape the State Utilities Commission to create a stronger focus on the public interest. He remained in private practice for the rest of his career and died on Dec. 19, 2001, at age 78.

Throughout his professional life, Eller remained true to his chosen career path, even turning down a job at his beloved alma mater.

"I knew Tom well as a student leader at Carolina immediately following World War II," says William B. Aycock, former chancellor and Kenan professor of law. "My respect for his character and leadership skills was such that during my tenure as chancellor I asked him to return to the University and offered him a position in the Office of Student Affairs. Tom said he greatly appreciated my offer but declined because he wanted to continue to serve on the Utilities Commission.

"Tom Eller served his country, the University, the legal profession and his fellow citizens honorably and with distinction. I am delighted to know his name and legacy are being memorialized at the University he loved so much through this scholarship at the School of Law."

Eller is survived by his wife, Claudia C. Eller of Raleigh; his two children, Justin Haynes Eller of Fort Myers, Fla., and Mary Margaret Eller of Charlotte; and his three grandchildren, Jeremy Eller, Jordon Christopher Eller and Rachel Marie Eller.

For information on making a gift or pledge to the Eller scholarship, please contact Assistant Dean Mary S. Murray at (919) 962-0637. ☺

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Watters proudly displays a letter he received in Iraq from one of his children.

accomplishments. Meeting Iraqis was an incredibly humbling experience, Watters says. "It was fascinating to see Iraqi people who, for the first time, were able to speak openly in meetings. And when we went to Baghdad, it was almost spiritual to witness brothers being reunited

again after decades of being apart," he says.

In July, Watters returned home. During his deployment, Watters says he particularly enjoyed his work as a photographer because he had access to meetings and areas that were off-limits to most people. "My specialty as a field historian has been conducting oral interviews," he says, "and that was the skill that was most valued when I was sent to Central Command. But I found that taking photographs provided a different kind of challenge because I had to earn the trust of each person before I could take the photograph. Those photographs have become part of our archives, and I think that they help tell the story of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Stateside, Watters' profession differs considerably from his role in the Reserves. As a charitable advisor for Wachovia Bank in Raleigh, he works with charitable foundations, charitable trusts and

institutional endowments, putting his joint graduate degrees from Carolina in law and business to work. Perhaps it's his bachelor's degree in journalism, also from Carolina, that gives Watters his acuity in portraying people and events as a reservist.

The path that ultimately led Watters to Iraq began when he was an undergraduate, when he traveled overseas as a Morehead Scholar. He was struck by the sense of obligation to military service felt by people in other countries, so after a two-year stint as a reporter following graduation, Watters joined the Marines and became an infantry officer. Even then, he knew that law school was in his future, and after five years in the Marines, he came back to Carolina.

"For me, the Marine Corps was a pivotal experience," he says. "It truly pushed me, both physically and mentally. The Marine Corps genuinely cares about developing the leadership potential of its men and women, and I benefited greatly from that experience."

Family Sacrifice

When serving your country means being deployed halfway around the world, it has repercussions for the families left behind as well as the soldiers themselves. Both Raphun and Watters admit that the hardest part of their assignments, by far, is the constant concern about their wives and children here at home.

"Trying to do my job as well as I can while worrying about my family back home is probably the hardest thing I have ever faced," says Raphun, whose wife and two-year-old daughter live in Raleigh. Raphun

believes he will be stationed in Iraq until sometime this fall, when he will be re-deployed, but he has no specific information yet.

Watters credits his wife with wearing many different hats while he was overseas. "My wife was the star of the show. She took on the full responsibility of running the household and the many demands involved in raising two boys so I could focus on my responsibilities at Central Command," says Watters, the father of a six-year-old and a nine-year-old.

Tommy Jarrett '67, president of the Carolina Law Alumni Association, describes the dedication of people like Raphun and Watters as an invaluable asset to the School of Law.

"If I had my way, all young people would have a duty to give two years of public service – either through the military, the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps," says Jarrett, a former Marine who prosecuted and defended court martial cases as a JAG officer in Vietnam. Jarrett now specializes in civil litigation and business law in the Goldsboro, N.C., firm of Dees, Smith, Powell, Jarrett, Dees & Jones.

"These two alumni have given considerably more than that, both on active duty and in the Reserves," he says. "As reservists, they were taken from civilian life and thrust into a military operation, which makes it tough in both their personal and professional lives. The sacrifice made by people like Charles Raphun and David Watters is something the School of Law can be very proud of." ☺

~ Patty Courtright



2003 CAROLINA LAW ALUMNI WEEKEND OCTOBER 3 & 4



HONORING THE CLASSES OF

'53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, & '98

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: FRIDAY OCTOBER 3

12:00 P.M.

LUNCHEON CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 1953 REUNION

CAROLINA CLUB, GEORGE WATTS HILL ALUMNI CENTER

Members of the Class of 1953 are invited to a special luncheon hosted by the Law Alumni Association board of directors in honor of their 50th class reunion. A photograph of the Class of 1953 will be taken at the luncheon. **No fee for members of the Class of 1953. \$20 per guest**

2:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CAROLINA CLUB, GEORGE WATTS HILL ALUMNI CENTER

6:30 P.M.

LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION AND BANQUET

MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM

This annual event is the highlight of Law Alumni Weekend. The reception begins at 6:30 and dinner follows at 7:30. As is the custom, this year's recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Outstanding Recent Graduate Award will be honored at the banquet. **\$50 per person**

9:30 P.M.

YOUNG ALUMNI REUNION BASH AT TOP OF THE HILL

Come for a late night cocktail at Top of the Hill and celebrate with the reunion classes from 1988, 1993 and 1998.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

9:00 A.M.

CLASS REUNION BREAKFAST

All class reunions are invited to the lawn at the Carolina Inn for a breakfast buffet. Join us for a wonderful Southern breakfast and the company of friends and family. There is no place quite like Chapel Hill in the fall, and no better place to enjoy it than at the Carolina Inn.

TWO HOURS PRIOR TO KICKOFF

BLUEGRASS AND BBQ

FRONT LAWN, VAN HECKE-WETTACH HALL

Tailgate with Carolina Law at the Alumni Weekend's most popular event: Bluegrass and BBQ! Join us two hours before kickoff and enjoy pit-cooked barbeque, fried chicken, slaw and fresh hushpuppies. Find a spot on the lawn and listen to the sound of bluegrass. Children are welcome.

\$15 for adults; \$10 for children and students

TBD

UNC VS. VIRGINIA

KENAN STADIUM

Catch the Tar Heels in action. A block of seats has been reserved for Carolina Law alumni in Kenan Memorial Stadium. Please note that the number of tickets are limited and preference will be given to alumni registering for other Law Alumni Weekend events.

\$33 per ticket

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

To register for the weekend's activities, please complete the registration form included in this brochure and return it to the School of Law by **SEPTEMBER 25, 2003**. If you are registering for events that require a fee, please include a check for the appropriate amount payable to "Carolina Law Alumni Association" or provide your VISA or MasterCard information on the registration form.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation materials will be sent to you confirming we have received and processed your registration. No confirmations will be mailed after September 29, 2003. To confirm event times, please visit the School of Law web site at www.law.unc.edu/alumni/.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Please check in at the first event you are registered to attend. You will receive your registration packet including the final schedule of events, nametags and tickets to the events you have selected.



MORE GENERAL INFORMATION

UNC VS. VIRGINIA FOOTBALL TICKETS

A limited number of tickets are available. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to alumni registering for other events during the weekend.

GAME TIME

Due to television network contracts with the Atlantic Coast Conference, game time may not be set until mid-September. Please check your local paper, the Athletic Association web site at www.tarheelblue.com or call the Athletic Ticket Office at (919) 962-2296 to confirm kickoff.

CANCELLATIONS

If you must change or cancel any of your weekend plans, please contact the Carolina Law Alumni Office no later than the close of business on Monday, September 29, 2003, by calling (919) 843-3471. Reservation fees will be returned, minus a \$10 processing fee, if cancellations are received by the September 29 deadline. After September 29, no fees will be returned.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel space is limited. Call now for your reservations! The following hotels are in Chapel Hill:

- Best Western University Inn (919) 932-3000
- Hampton Inn (919) 968-3000
- Carolina Inn (919) 933-2001
- Holiday Inn (919) 929-2171
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- Sheraton-Chapel Hill (919) 968-4900

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2003 CAROLINA LAW ALUMNI WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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EVENT REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

EVENT		COST
Noon Luncheon Celebrating Class of 1953	____ Class of 1953 Graduates X	\$0.00 = \$ - 0 -
	____ Number of Guests X	\$20.00 = \$ _____
6:30 p.m. Reception and Annual Law Alumni Banquet	____ Number Attending Alumni Banquet X	\$50.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

EVENT		COST
9 a.m. Class Reunion Brunch	____ Number Attending Reunion Brunch X	\$0.00 = \$ - 0 -
2 hrs. Bluegrass before and BBQ kickoff	____ Number of Adults X	\$15.00 = \$ _____
	____ Number of Children X	\$10.00 = \$ _____
TBD UNC vs. Virginia	____ Number of Football Tickets X	\$33.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Deadline for registration is Sept. 25, 2003.
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Update: The UNC Center for Civil Rights

In the year and a half since its establishment, the Center for Civil Rights has moved forward briskly with new initiatives and efforts to secure funding. These efforts have resulted in the receipt of nearly \$500,000 in grants. Other proposals are under consideration. With this welcome level of financial support, the Center has been able to bring together national leaders for three conferences, publish a special issue of the *North Carolina Law Review* and edit a book on resegregation issues, due out in spring 2004. In addition, the Center has reached out across the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus to collaborate with other schools and departments on a variety of issues and projects. In August, the Center hired a full-time director of advocacy and senior lawyer to work on community advocacy projects.

Conferences on Resegregation and Health Care Access Issues

The success of last year's conference on resegregation led the Knight Foundation to provide the Center with funding for a follow-up program that was held in Charlotte this past July. The Charlotte Community Forum brought 30 national civil rights advocates and 60 local educational leaders together for a strategic roundtable on how to combat the resegregation of schools in the South and build stronger public schools. The conclusions reached during the two-day program will be featured in a forthcoming book and developed into policy tools which will be shared broadly with communities throughout the South.

On November 1, the Center will hold its second annual conference in Chapel Hill. This year's program, co-sponsored with the UNC School of Public Health, will focus on "Mending the Health Care Divide: Eliminating Disparities in Access for Minority and Low Income Communities." The daylong symposium will bring together scholars and researchers in public health, public policy and law; health care and community advocates;

medical and legal practitioners; and other individuals interested in the current inequalities in health care. The discussion will focus on disparities in access to health care and will examine the forces that create and maintain the patterns of unequal or inadequate health care access for poor and minority people.

Staff Addition

As a result of two grants the Center received from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (\$195,000) and the Knight Foundation (\$225,000), the Center has hired Anita Earls, who joined the Center in August as senior attorney and director of advocacy. The Yale Law School graduate has been active in civil rights work since graduating in 1988. She was a partner at Ferguson Stein in Charlotte before joining the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department in 1998 where she focused on voting rights issues. In 2000, she became head of the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. As senior attorney/director of advocacy, she will be responsible for many of the Center's projected advocacy projects, including some complex litigation in the future. She will also oversee the work of the Center's two fellows, Rebecca High and Heather Hunt (both Carolina Law graduates), and other Carolina Law students. Earls will work closely with the School of Law Clinical Program on any litigation projects and will involve Carolina Law students in those efforts.

Housing and Community Development Activities

The Center is also focused on housing and community development issues and is collaborating with faculty from Kenan-Flagler Business School and the Cedar Grove Institute to use Geographical Information Systems (GIS), a device that plots geography and public data on a single map, to identify minority communities that have been denied water, sewage or other infrastructure support by municipalities. The information can be used to highlight how traditionally poor or black communities are excluded from access to public utilities while

services are extended to nearby white or wealthy communities. A preliminary study of data indicates these differential patterns of access to public service have created public health problems, lowered the property value of African-American properties, constrained growth of public buildings in the community, and driven out low-income and minority residents from their historic communities. The Center plans to undertake a statewide effort to identify structural exclusions that deny resources and opportunities to non-white communities.

Looking Ahead

Although the Center's first year has certainly been a success, it will increasingly involve activities and initiatives that have a real impact on improving the lives of North Carolina communities and the individuals who live there. Jack Boger, deputy director for the Center, sees these upcoming activities as an opportunity to not only teach law students but perform a public service.

"The Center and its staff are committed to follow-up activities that will train our students and assist real communities," he said.

This fall, Julius Chambers, the Center's director, will lead a team of Carolina Law students at the first Civil Rights Moot Court competition, which will be held at the School of Law. The event will draw law students from around the country to Chapel Hill for what is expected to become an annual competition.

In years to come, the Center expects to develop externship opportunities that would place Carolina Law students into positions with organizations and entities involved in civil rights work. But for the time being, the Center has plenty of civil rights work to give many students first-hand training and is eager to involve law students in its own initiatives.

"We're greedy," Boger said. "We want these students for us first." ☺

School of Law CLE Program Ranked 6th

The School of Law's continuing legal education program has experienced a great deal of growth over the last three years. Attendance at programs has continued to increase and the School has added new courses to its annual schedule. Each year, more and more members of the N.C. Bar have chosen Carolina Law CLE programs to meet their CLE requirements, and as a result, the School is now ranked among the state's top 10 CLE sponsors.

The N.C. State Bar's Board of Continuing Legal Education's recent analysis of organizations providing CLE programs in the state found that Carolina Law's CLE program ranked 6 among 3766 continuing legal education providers. The ranking is based on the number of CLE hours reported annually to the N.C. State Bar, and in 2002, Carolina Law's Office of CLE reported 6,868.50 hours. *It is important to note that this figure does not include credit hours earned by attorneys from other states but not reported to the N.C. State Bar.*

The top 10 CLE Providers in North Carolina for 2002 were:

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| 1. North Carolina Bar Association | 6. UNC School of Law |
| 2. Wake Forest CLE | 7. North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys |
| 3. North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers | 8. Lorman Education |
| 4. Institute of Government | 9. American Bar Association |
| 5. National Business Institute | 10. Mecklenburg County Bar |

The success of Carolina Law's CLE program is due to the continuing support of its alumni and friends and the dedication of its law faculty and guest presenters who make the programs possible. The Office of CLE extends its appreciation to all who have supported the program in the past and issues an invitation to join us in 2003-04 for another exciting year of learning.

For more information about Carolina Law's 2003-04 CLE program, visit the web site at www.law.unc.edu/cle/ or contact the director of CLE, Jacqueline Carlock, at (919) 962-7815 or jcarlock@email.unc.edu. ☺

IOLTA Public Service Internships Announced

Five Carolina Law students received stipends from the N.C. State Bar Plan for Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) to pursue internships this summer in designated public service offices. The Carolina Law students selected this year were:

- Joel Alexander, Prisoner Legal Services (Raleigh)
- LaToya Blackmon, Legal Aid of North Carolina (Raleigh)
- Michael Jason Burchette, N.C. Justice and Community Development Center (Raleigh)
- Michael Edwards, Southern Environmental Law Center (Chapel Hill)
- Gem Koan Mercer, Federal Public Defender, Middle District of North Carolina (Greensboro)

Three alternate students were also selected: Erwin Byrd, Jaya Saxena and Michael Mineiro.

Application for the IOLTA Public Service Internship Program is open to all first and second year law students. Internships are awarded on the basis of year in law school, and demonstrated commitment to public interest work. ☺

Oct. 3 CLE Program to Focus on Recent Changes in Lawyer Conduct Rules

This year's Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics will focus on the "Regulation of Lawyer Conduct: New Federal and State Tensions," a timely topic given recent decisions on lawyer conduct rules by the American Bar Association and the Securities Exchange Commission. The Oct. 3 program is a continuation of a discussion that began during last year's Dan K. Moore program, which focused on lawyer liability and responsibility in a post-Enron world. Due to an overwhelmingly positive response from last year's attendees, the School of Law decided to return to this topic and explore the SEC's rules, the relationship of these rules to the lawyer conduct rules of the state bars and the ABA's perspective.

Martin Dunn, the associate director for operations in the Division of Corporate Finance at the SEC, will be on hand to discuss the scope and content of the lawyer conduct rules issued by the Securities Exchange Commission in response to the mandate contained in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Alfred P. Carlton, the immediate past president of the ABA, will respond by providing the ABA perspective on the SEC's regulatory efforts relating to lawyer conduct. Russell Robinson, founding partner of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinston, will draw upon his years of counseling corporate clients to discuss the evolving standards of conduct and the role of lawyers in corporate governance. Mark Treanor, general counsel of Wachovia Corporation will provide a view from the general counsel's office of one of North Carolina's largest companies, addressing how – if at all – new legislative and regulatory pronouncements have changed the in-house lawyer's duties and relationships to management, the board of directors and shareholders.

Joining these three presenters are UNC School of Law professors Lissa Broome, John Conley and Tom Hazen. As during last year's program, Marianne K. Smythe will join the group as commentator. Smythe is a partner at Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, former director of the Investment Management Division at the SEC and a former faculty member at the UNC School of Law.

The 13th Annual Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics will be held on Friday, October 3, at the School of Law. (A map and information about convenient reserved parking will accompany registration confirmation.) The morning program provides 3.5 hours of continuing legal education credit and the registration fee is \$150. If you are interested in attending "Regulation of Lawyer Conduct: New Federal and State Tensions," we encourage you to register early. This program is traditionally well attended, and on-site registration will only be permitted subject to availability. A copy of the brochure and registration form can be found at <http://www.law.unc.edu/cle/calendar.html>.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Carlock, director of CLE, at (919) 962-1679 or jcarlock@unc.edu. ☎

Coming to Law Alumni Weekend?
Join us on Friday morning and earn 3.5 hours of CLE credit!

If you're planning on attending this year's Law Alumni Weekend, consider coming early on Friday morning for the 13th Annual Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics on the "Regulation of Lawyer Conduct: New Federal and State Tensions." You'll earn 3.5 hours of ethics credit and have the afternoon free in Chapel Hill before the Weekend's first event begins at 6:30 p.m.!

2003-2004 UNC School of Law Continuing Legal Education Program Schedule

October 3, 2003

Regulation of Lawyer Conduct:
 New Federal and State Tensions
The 13th Annual Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics

November 7, 2003

The 3rd Annual Program on the Art of Advising
 a High Technology Company

February 13-14, 2004

The 14th Annual Festival of Legal Learning

April 1-2, 2004

The 2004 UNC School of Law Banking Institute

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The 2004 North Carolina Evidence Program

For more information about the School of Law's CLE programs, contact Jacqueline Carlock, director of CLE, at (919) 962-7815 or jcarlock@email.unc.edu. To download program brochures, visit the website at www.law.unc.edu/cle. Please note that program brochures are not available until six weeks before the start of the program. ☎

2003 Davis Society Members



This year, 11 third-year students were inducted into the The James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society on May 18, 2003. They were selected by the Davis Society Selection Committee for possessing both academic and personal excellence and a willingness to serve for the betterment of the School of

Law, its faculty and its students. In making its selections, the committee considers the qualities of leadership ability, integrity, dedication and character as exemplified by extracurricular activities and academic achievement. This year the School of Law is proud to announce the new inductees: William Corbett, Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, Amanda Harmon, Tracy Lloyd, Luke Meisner, Kara Millonzi, Clare Norins, Douglas Rosenzweig, Sewell-Grae Spradlin, Lindsay Verity and Angela Xenakis. ☎

Students Recognized for Pro Bono Service

During the 2002-03 academic year, members of the Class of 2003 completed 7,260 hours of pro bono service while students at Carolina Law. In the spring semester alone, class members contributed almost 1,500 hours of service.

A select group of third-year students completed over 100 hours of pro bono service through out their three years at Carolina Law and were recognized at graduation as having attained "Pro Bono Honors." They are:

Ross Bradford	Mary Elizabeth	Aaron Mintzes	Helena Toft
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In addition, the following students completed between 75 and 100 hours and received a certificate from the North Carolina Bar Association in recognition of their achievement.

Bridget Bishop	Heather Maddox
Amanda Harmon	Heidi Osterhout
Katherine Howell-Best	Robert Owen
Connie Josey	Michael Surles
Susan Kohlhausen	Scott Woodworth

Help Carolina Law Students Help Others Share Your Experience, Volunteer Today!

Many student organizations at Carolina Law perform valuable public service to area communities or provide an important learning component to law students' education. In many instances, the help of alumni is needed to achieve their objectives. Listed below are various volunteer opportunities where alumni can participate and offer support to a Carolina Law student organization. Please contact the specific organization for more information.

North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology (NC JOLT)

NC JOLT requires student authors to have an "outside evaluation" of their work. Attorneys are needed to give students feedback on their journal articles. While many articles are on IP, patent and copyright issues, others cover topics as diverse as privacy, civil rights and bankruptcy. The time commitment is 3-5 hours, and volunteers are needed in Oct./Nov. and Feb./March. All communication can be handed through e-mail. If interested in volunteering, please contact Allison Kidd, editor-in-chief at akidd@email.unc.edu.

Domestic Violence Advocacy Project (DVAP)

DVAP is looking for attorneys to supervise students in domestic violence protective order hearings in Orange and Chatham Counties. The time commitment is 3-5 hours and includes a phone consultation with the student and attending court with the student and client. If interested, please contact Abrielle Anderson at abrielle@email.unc.edu.

DVAP is also looking for attorneys who have experience working with domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Attorneys are needed to speak to law students throughout the year. Speakers are especially needed for October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Talks can be held on weekdays at noon or late afternoon/early evening, depend-

ing on the attorney's availability. If interested, please contact Jaya Saxena at saxena@email.unc.edu.

The Carolina Law Pro Bono Program

The Pro Bono Program matches law students with practicing attorneys across the state to work on cases that the attorneys have taken for free or reduced rates. The purpose of the Pro Bono program is to provide clients with high quality, low cost legal representation. Approximately, 30 percent of the Carolina Law student body is involved in the program. Attorneys who would like a student or students to assist with their pro bono cases should contact Chris Brook, lead projects coordinator of the Pro Bono Program, at cbrook@email.unc.edu.

The Pro Bono Program also works with student organizations to plan and facilitate community education events, such as pro se divorce clinics and power of attorney or living will clinics. Attorneys who are knowledgeable in these areas of law are needed to supervise 1-2 clinics a year. Time commitment would only be 3-5 hours per clinic, most of which would be during the evening of the clinic. The location of the clinics varies, but they are primarily in Chapel Hill or Durham. If you are interested in volunteering to supervise community education clinics, please contact Angela Garcia-Lamarca, law-related education coordinator, at garciala@email.unc.edu.

Community Legal Project (CLP)

Through CLP, students meet with clients who are seeking information about a particular legal issue at the Chapel Hill Women's Center. After meeting with the client, the student researches the legal issue and writes a 1-3 page memo. Attorneys are needed to review student memos that involve the attorney's area of practice and to give feedback to the student regarding the law, the clients' options, and what other aspects of the law the student volunteer or the client should consider. The

purpose of CLP, however, is not to give advice but to inform the clients about the law regarding their particular issue. The time commitment is minimal (20-30 minutes per memo for 1-2 memos per semester), and memos are faxed or emailed to attorneys for the review. If interested, please contact Kaci Bishop, co-coordinator for CLP, at kcbishop@email.unc.edu.

Carolina Public Interest Law Organization (C-PILO)

C-PILO is recruiting attorneys who practice in areas of public interest or who provide pro bono legal services. Attorneys are needed to speak to law students throughout the academic year. Individual speakers and panel discussions will be scheduled. If interested, please contact Adrienne Allison at aallison@email.unc.edu.

UNC Teen Court Assistance Program

The UNC Teen Court Assistance Program is comprised of a group of law students who volunteer as mentors for the Orange and Chatham County Teen Court Programs. Teen Court meets in Hillsborough, Pittsboro and Siler City a few times each month from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Contact information and a schedule of upcoming volunteer dates are available at www.geocities.com/uncteencourt/.

Interfaith Homeless Shelter

Carolina Law students volunteer on the 29th of each month at the Interfaith Homeless Shelter on Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill. Volunteers are needed each month from 4:00-7:00 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner for 50-100 people from the local community. No cooking skills required! This is a great opportunity to meet Carolina Law students in an informal setting. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Klish at jklish@email.unc.edu.

Summer 2003 Calendar of Events

October

"Regulation of Lawyer Conduct: New Federal and State Tensions,"
the 13th Annual Dan K. Moore Program in Ethics
Van Hecke-Wettach Hall



Law Alumni
Association Meeting

George Watts Hill Alumni Center

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Bluegrass
& BBQ
Van Hecke-
Wettach Hall

2003 LAW ALUMNI WEEKEND

October

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Barrister's Ball



Carolina Inn

12

University Day



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Carolina Law
D.C. Regional
Alumni Event

Washington, D.C.

November

1

2nd Annual UNC Center for
Civil Rights Symposium on
Health Care

The Friday Center

November

6

Career Night
hosted by the Career
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School of Law

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3rd Annual Program on
the Art of Advising a
High-Technology Company

The Friday Center



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UNC vs. Georgia Tech
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Carolina Public Interest Law Organization to Hold Annual Auction on Nov. 5



The Carolina Public Interest Law Organization (C-PILO) will hold its annual auction this year on Nov. 5 at the School of Law. Proceeds from the auction support grants given to law students who work in unpaid or low-paying public interest summer jobs. All alumni are invited to attend and anyone interested in working with C-PILO to coordinate and solicit corporate and local donations can contact Adrienne Allison at aallison@email.unc.edu.

Carolina Law Dean's Report

2002 ~ 2003 Honor Roll of Donors

The School of Law thanks the many alumni and friends who made financial contributions this year.

The alumni, law firms, corporations, parents, faculty and staff listed here made gifts to the School of Law between July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2003. We have made every effort to ensure accuracy of the listings below. If an error or omission has occurred, please accept our apology and notify the Office of External Relations so that we may correct our records.

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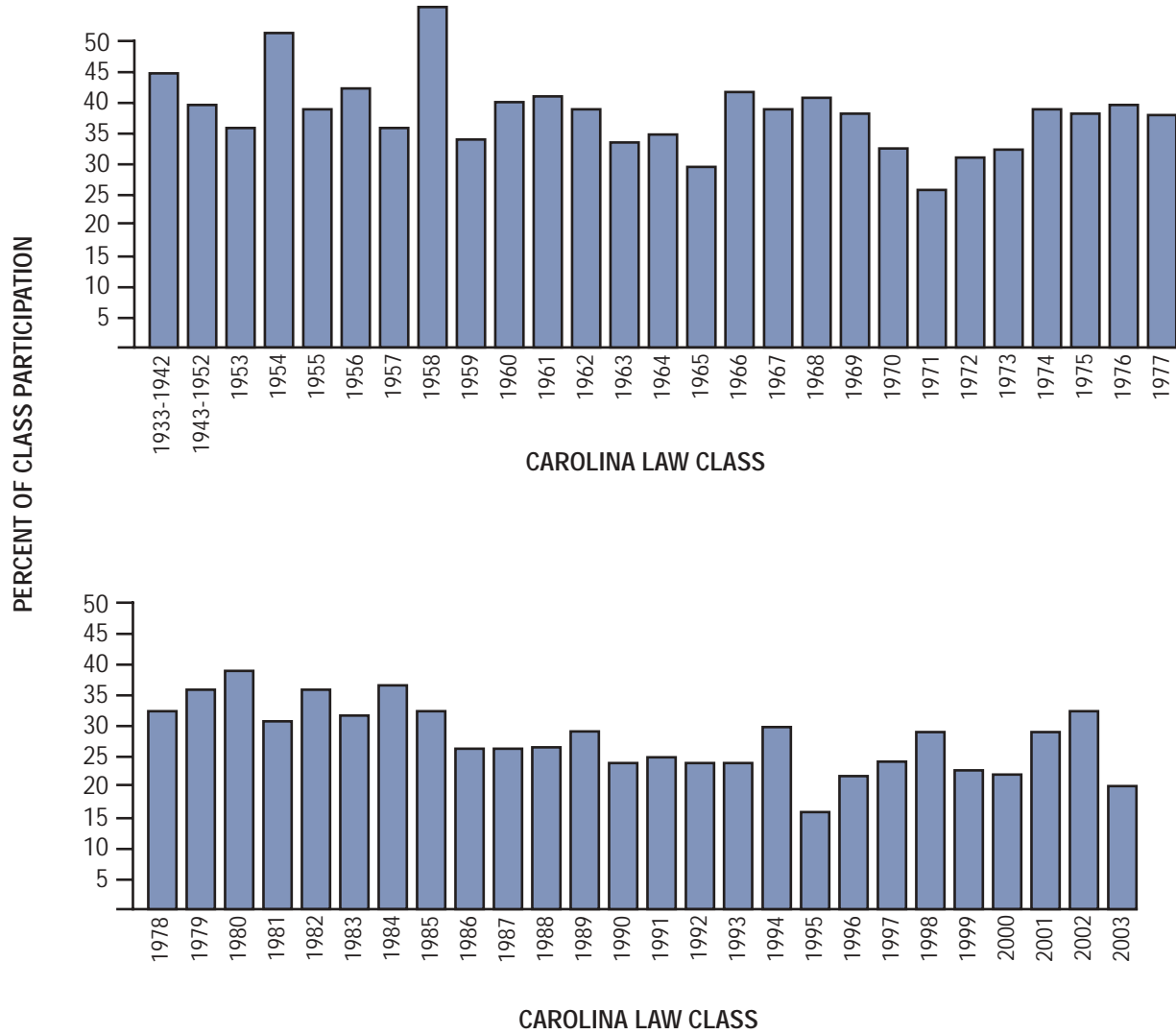
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Campaign for Carolina Law Hits Halfway Point

The Campaign for Carolina Law reached the \$15 million mark on Aug. 21, 2003. Dean Gene R. Nichol announced the milestone at a meeting of the Carolina Law Alumni Association executive committee in August. The campaign goal is \$30 million.

“Our \$15 million total is a huge figure,” Nichol said. “It’s important to remember that this total represents many gifts from alumni and friends who want to help Carolina Law. Every gift to the campaign supports the work of a student, professor or program.

“This is a testament to great teamwork. Campaign Chair Marion A. Cowell Jr., campaign committee members, and faculty and development staff have all worked very hard to tell the Carolina Law story and secure gifts to the school.”

Mary Murray, assistant dean for external relations and director of the School’s campaign, said donors have created six new endowed professorships, 15 new law scholarships, eight endowed Dean’s Discretionary Funds and five major planned gifts. The campaign’s priorities are:

- **Faculty: Attracting and retaining the best**
- **Students: Educating the leaders of tomorrow**
- **Programs: Enriching the School of Law experience**
- **Information Resources: Improving research tools and legal collections**
- **Facilities: Renovations and technological enhancements**
- **The Dean’s Discretionary Fund: Allowing the school to maximize opportunities**

Murray said campaign commitments to date will add \$10.3 million to the school’s endowment.

“Greatly increasing the school’s endowment is another goal of the campaign,” Murray explained. “Carolina Law alumni and friends have responded very well to this great need. 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 Law’s mission.”

The Campaign for Carolina Law began on July 1, 1999, and was announced as a part of the University’s \$1.8 billion Carolina First campaign on Oct. 11, 2002. The campaign ends June 30, 2007.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can help, contact Mary S. Murray, assistant dean for external relations, at (919) 962-7701 or msmurray@email.unc.edu.

Wachovia Gives \$300,000 for Center of Banking and Finance

The Wachovia Foundation has committed \$300,000 to the UNC School of Law’s Center for Banking and Finance to create the Wachovia Term Professorship in Banking and Finance. The commitment was announced as part of a \$2 million gift to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The gift will be divided between the Kenan-Flagler Business School’s new Wachovia Center for Corporate Finance, the Medical School’s Medical Education Development Program and the School of Law’s Center for Banking and Finance.

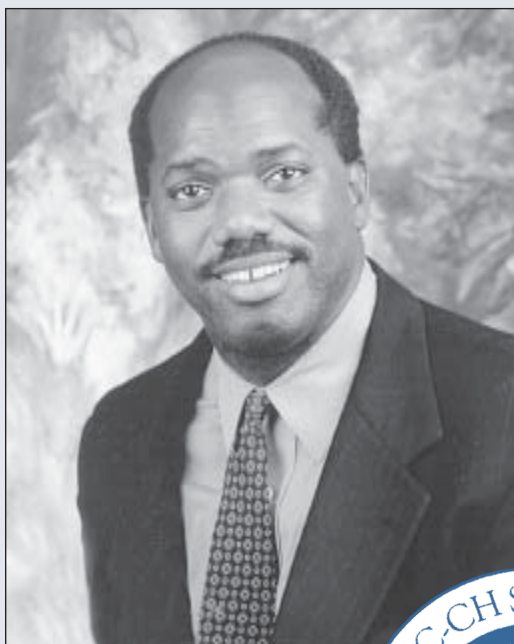
The Wachovia Term Professorship in Banking and Finance, a permanent endowment, will provide salary supplement, professional development and research support for a faculty member in the area of banking and finance. Dean Gene R. Nichol praised Wachovia’s commitment to the Center for Banking and Finance and announced that Lissa Broome, the Center’s director, has been named the first Wachovia Professor of Banking Law

“The Center for Banking and Finance is an on-going priority for the School of Law, and Wachovia’s leadership will help ensure permanent support for the center,” said Nichol.

Established in July 2000, the Center was created to support the leadership role played by North Carolina-based finance institutions in the continual evolution of the financial services industry. The Center has three areas of focus: the study of legal and policy issues related to banking and finance; advancing the teaching of banking and finance; and sponsoring conferences for industry professionals, including the annual Banking Institute held each spring in Charlotte.

“Wachovia and First Union have over the years provided wonderful support for the Banking Institute and the Center for Banking and Finance,” said Broome. “I’m excited about the financial stability this gift provides for the Center, and I’m honored to be the first recipient of the Wachovia Term Professorship in Banking and Finance.”

Alumni Profile: Jerry Blackwell '87



Since leaving Carolina blue skies for the icicles of Minnesota, Jerry Blackwell '87 founded the Minneapolis law firm of Blackwell Igbanugo and built a career out of representing some of America’s largest corporations.

Formed in May 2000, the 20-plus lawyer firm represents national companies like 3M Company, General Mills, Inc., The Tribune



Company (Chicago), Graco Inc., VHA Inc., Sentinel Chemical Co., Lockheed Martin Corporation, Paisley Park Enterprises (“Prince”) and others, serving mostly as national trial counsel. Blackwell’s national litigation experience spans 47 states, as well as England, Puerto Rico, Australia and Canada. The unique mix of corporate relationships and the national counsel role, though remarkable, is just the beginning of a story.

Blackwell Igbanugo is part of a plan that began forming while Blackwell was in second grade. He was born in Statesville, N.C., and grew up the son of a truck driver and textile mill worker, where he shared a house with his four brothers, one sister and a mother who was ill most of his life (and who died when he was 13.) The house lacked an indoor toilet or running water but being poor was not how Blackwell describes his childhood.

“We weren’t conscious of being poor because everyone around us was poor,” says Blackwell.

Blackwell’s plans called for college, and it was clear to him that the only way for him to go to college would be on a scholarship. He set his sights on getting a scholarship and earned not just any scholarship but a Morehead Scholarship, which brought him to UNC-Chapel Hill and provided for his tuition, room and board, spending money and a gateway to internships and travel. “It was a god-

send”, said Blackwell, who might never have been able to go to college without it. He was one of only a handful of students ever chosen from his small hometown for the scholarship. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill, Blackwell turned his energies toward the study of law. He graduated from the School of Law in 1987 with the Book Award in trial advocacy.

After graduation, Blackwell responded to an article in the *New York Times* about a national law firm headquartered in Minneapolis representing the government of India as a result of an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal that killed thousands in December 1984. For Blackwell, the case was a calling. He arrived in Minneapolis with \$5 in his pocket and an extra pair of shoes. The law firm, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, hired him, and six years later, he became the youngest partner in the firm and one of its first African-American partners.

In May 2000, his desire to have his own firm became a reality when he joined with Herbert Igbanugo to establish Blackwell Igbanugo. Blackwell Igbanugo has brought together lawyers who reflect Blackwell’s personal principles of inclusion and commitment to excellence. Within three years, Blackwell Igbanugo has become the second largest African-American controlled law firm in the U.S. The firms

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70% of Class of 2003 Employed

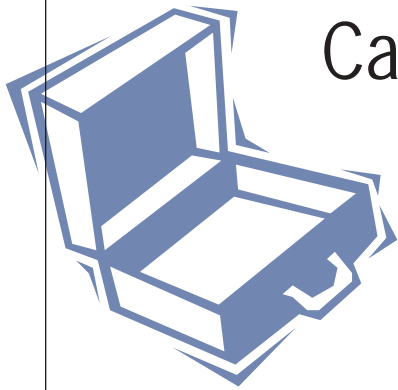
Despite a reduction in hiring, most members of the Class of 2003 were successful in securing employment three months following graduation. Seventy percent of new graduates were employed as of August 1, which is the same percentage of students employed by this time last year. Of these, 44 percent are working in North Carolina and 56 percent are employed elsewhere in 22 states, the District of Columbia and one foreign country. While most have found jobs, a number of outstanding and high-achieving recent graduates still seek positions in North Carolina, Atlanta, the District of Columbia and New York City. If your organization is interested in hiring a new lawyer, please contact Bill Chamberlain (919-843-5658 or chamberb@email.unc.edu) or Ellen Hill (919- 843-9918 or eshill@email.unc.edu) for more information.

Graduates Secure Prestigious Clerkships

The class of 2003 had great success obtaining prestigious judicial clerkships. As of August 1, members of the class had obtained clerkships in federal courts of appeal for the 7th and 11th circuits; federal district courts in the Eastern and middle districts of North Carolina, the Southern district of New York, the Eastern district of Kentucky, the Southern district of Texas, the central district of Florida and the Eastern district of Louisiana; the U.S. Court of Claims; the Supreme Courts of North Carolina, New Jersey and South Carolina; the Courts of Appeal for North Carolina, Washington, New Jersey and Florida; the superior courts of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; and the magistrate court of Georgia. A complete listing of judicial clerks in the class of 2003 will be printed in the winter edition of the Carolina Law Alumni News.

In prior years, we have been able to report on clerkships obtained by the rising third year class. Due to clerkship hiring being moved from second year to third year, the Class of 2004 will be applying for clerkships this fall. ☺

Alumni Volunteers Needed for Career Night 2003



Career Night is one of Career Services newest programs, and it is also one of its most popular. The event, which will be held this year on November 6, brings together first-year law students with attorneys from a variety of practice areas. The event serves as a forum for students to learn about different areas of the law while also providing them with an informal environment to talk to attorneys and gain insights about the practice of law.

Last year, over 150 students attended the Career Night and nearly 50 attorneys from all over North Carolina participated. A wide variety of practice areas were represented, including entertainment law, labor law, immigration law, legal services, estate planning, securities and mediation. Career Night 2002 was a huge success, and alumni support and participation was a key element.

As planning begins for Career Night 2003, alumni are asked to again consider volunteering. At least 50 Carolina Law alumni are needed to staff tables. This year's program will follow the same format as last, with students circulating among the tables and asking about practice areas and alumni experiences. The environment is informal and no preparation is required on the part of the volunteer.

This year's Career Night will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, in the School of Law Rotunda between 5:30-7:30 pm., and light refreshments will be served. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ellen Hill at (919) 843-9918 or eshill@email.unc.edu. ☺

Interest in Recruiting at Carolina Law Remains High

This fall 150 employers from North Carolina and across the country will come to Chapel Hill to interview law students on-campus. Many more will choose to recruit students through other methods, like resume collection and direct contacts. While the economy has slowed hiring for many firms, the number of employers choosing to interview at Carolina Law has remained steady, and firms continue to cite Carolina's national reputation as one of the country's best public law schools as a reason why they're seeking out Carolina Law students for employment. In addition to campus recruiting efforts, Carolina Law students will also participate in job fairs in Dallas, Chicago, Atlanta and New Hampshire. Although a growing percentage of law students are seeking employment outside of North Carolina, a majority still prefer to focus their job search efforts within the state. If your firm is interested in recruiting at Carolina Law, please contact Kala Glenn-Pruitt, recruiting administrator, at (919) 962-0280 or kvglennp@email.unc.edu for more information. ☺

Carolina Law Kicks Off 2003 Mentor Program

Each year, the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Career Services Office sponsors a mentoring program to help students gain a practitioner's perspective of a career in law. The program matches first-year students with alumni who will act as role models and be available to share information with students on a array of topics ranging from insights regarding their practice area or profession to interviewing and networking skills. Alumni and students will be encouraged to communicate by telephone, email or, if practical, in person. There is no specific time requirement, allowing the mentors to give as much time and effort as they are able.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (919) 962-1592 or law_alumni@unc.edu by Sept. 30.

Please note that the role of a mentor is to be an adviser, you are not being asked to help a student find employment. ☺

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The University of North Carolina School of Law Alumni Information Update

The Law Alumni Association needs your help to stay in touch. Please use the form below to note address changes, career information or other news you would like to share through the *Alumni News*. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Judith Wegner to Lead UNC-Chapel Hill Faculty

Long-time Carolina Law professor Judith Wegner is well known as a University leader and mentor. A former dean of the School of Law, she has been instrumental in developing campus programs and initiatives to address diversity, integrity, public service and leadership opportunities for faculty, staff and students. For the next three years, she will put her leadership skills to work as chair of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Faculty Council.

In her new role, Wegner hopes to improve communication among faculty members and between faculty members and administrators, and to create more opportunities for faculty participation in the University's system of governance. She wants to work toward creating a unified University voice by increasing the cooperation among all campus leadership groups, those representing the faculty as well as the staff and students.

Specific issues that top the upcoming Faculty Council agenda include the relationship between athletics and academics, faculty retention, tenure and promotion, faculty governance and the impact of the University's new academic plan on the curriculum and the composition of the student body.

Wegner also sees her role as constructive in helping the University deal with its most pressing issue, the state budget crisis. The chair of the faculty participates in key budget and priority-setting committees, but might also be instrumental in other ways, she says. For example, tapping the faculty's vast pool of expertise to help problem-solve can be a tremendous asset in areas that affect not only Carolina, but also the state as a whole.

"One of our primary concerns is the state's health benefits," she says. "Given the breadth of our faculty and their extensive experience in many different areas, I think we could bring our best thinking to bear on this issue from the standpoint of economics, business and public health. The importance of providing good health insurance as an asset in recruiting the best people is not unique to state employees, but is relevant to all



Tackling challenging issues is a hallmark of Wegner's 22-year tenure at Carolina.

employees. We hope to identify key areas like this that our faculty might be able to help shed light on."

Another such area, Wegner says, is school finance, particularly at the elementary and secondary school levels as the federal No Child Left Behind guidelines are implemented. "In many ways, the University is the brain trust for the people," she says, "so we have a responsibility to bring a thoughtful, constructive effort toward issues affecting North Carolinians."

Tackling challenging issues is a hallmark of Wegner's 22-year tenure at Carolina. She helped organize the Public Service Roundtable, a volunteer campus group devoted to public service, as well as the BRIDGES leadership development program for women at Carolina and other universities across the state. She has chaired the Committee on the Status of Women and the Chancellor's Committee on Community and Diversity. Most recently, she chaired the Committee on Student Conduct, which, among its other responsibilities, worked to improve Carolina's Honor System.

In recognition of her many contributions to the University, Wegner has received the Bell Award and the Mary Turner Lane Award. Outside Carolina, she recently completed an appointment as Senior Scholar with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an influential research and policy center based in Palo Alto, Calif. While there, she headed the legal education component of the foundation's "Preparation for the Professions Program," a long-term investigation of approaches to teaching and learning used in professional schools.

A former president of the Association of American Law Schools, Wegner has taught and written about land use, property law, state and local government law, and the rights of disabled individuals. ♻️

~ Patty Courtright

Robertson Named Honorary Young Lawyer

Michelle Robertson, clinical professor of law in the School of Law's Clinical Program, has been named an Honorary Young Lawyer by the Young Lawyers Division of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.

The Honorary Young Lawyer award is given annually to an individual who serves as "an example of the highest ideals of the legal profession, whose passion and commitment to his or her clients and the cause of justice is a model for us all." Robertson was chosen for her commitment to advocacy for indigent clients and her work with training students through the School of Law's Clinical Program.

In announcing the honor, Caitlyn Fulghum, chairperson of the Young Lawyers Division, singled out Robertson's commitment to teaching law students and the positive impact she has had on many young lives.

"(Michelle) has taught class after class of students to be "good" lawyers, both in the moral/ethical sense of the word, and in the quality of representation they provide clients," said Fulghum. "Her many years and countless hours of dedication to the mock trial program have been of immeasurable value to the Academy and to the young



Caitlyn Fulghum (l) presents Michelle Robertson with the Honorary Young Lawyer Award during the NCATL's annual meeting in June.

people involved. She is a model that young lawyers strive to emulate."

Robertson joins a distinguished group of attorneys who have been honored with the Honorary Young Lawyer award. Past recipients include Allen Bailey, Bill Thorpe, Howard Twiggs, Paul Pulley, Annie Brown Kennedy, Charlie Blanchard and Mary Ann Talley.

Robertson began teaching at the School of Law in 1985 as a supervising attorney for the criminal law clinic. She also teaches criminal lawyering process, trial advocacy and ethics in criminal practice. Robertson currently serves on the board of directors for the NCATL and is also chair of the criminal law section of the NCATL and the program chair for the Wade Edwards High School Mock Trial Competition. In addition, she is a member of the board of directors of the N.C. Prisoners Legal Services and the North Carolina Legal Assistance Fund. ♻️

Kelley Receives Fulbright Award

Clinical associate professor Thomas A. Kelley III has been awarded a Fulbright scholar grant to teach and conduct research as a member of the law faculty at the University of Niamey in the Republic of Niger. Kelley will spend the 2003-04 academic year in Niger.

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers grants for college and university faculty and administrators, as well as for professionals and independent scholars, to lecture and conduct research in countries around the world. Each year, 800 scholars travel to 140 countries under the program. The Fulbright scholar awards are highly competitive and are considered to be one of the highest recognitions a professor can earn. The awards are given to individuals who show outstanding achievement and extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

Much of Kelley's time will be spent performing field-work on the customary law of the Zarma people and how their law and social organization are being affected by globalization, particularly the westernization of Niger's state legal system. This is a continuation and expansion of research that Kelley began in May 2000 when he traveled to Niger to learn how lawyers and lay people (particularly rural Zarma people) understand and apply the ethics of law. Kelley's



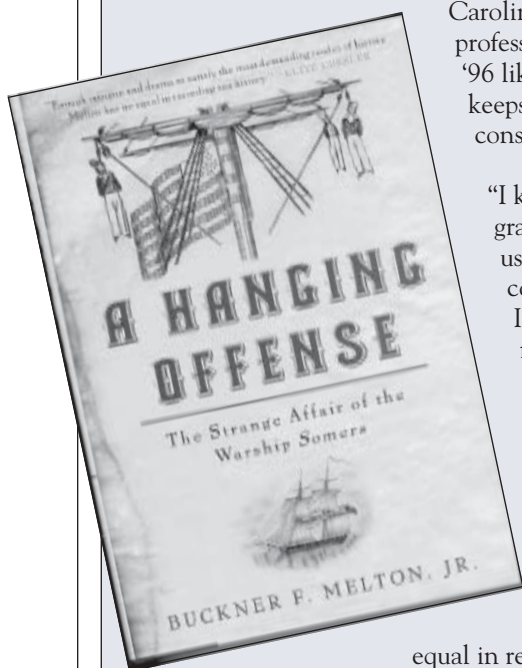
interest in these questions and the country of Niger came from his experiences many years ago when he was in the country as a Peace Corps volunteer.

To help defray the costs associated with a year abroad, Kelley competed for and received a University Junior Faculty Development Award. This grant is coordinated through UNC-Chapel Hill's provost office and is awarded by the Committee on Faculty Research and Study Leaves. The School of Law and the University Center for International Studies provided further financial support for the trip.

This past August, Kelley and his family – wife, Alexandra, and his three boys, Bowen, Aidan and Hugh – traveled to the capital city, Niamey, where they will live, and the boys will attend a small American school. They will return to the United States in June 2004, and Kelley will resume his duties at the School of Law, which include teaching nonprofit law and directing the School's Community Development Law Clinic. ☺

Legal Thriller Meets the High Seas

Former professor Buck Melton's book explores "The Strange Affair of the Warship Somers"



Carolina Law alumnus and former professor of law Buckner F. Melton, Jr. '96 likes to joke that he's in a rut. He keeps writing books about inept conspirators.

"I keep trying to write stories of grand drama," he quips, "but it usually comes out at least partly comic opera. The people and plots I write about always goof up and fail in the end."

Not that that makes for boring reading. His latest book, *A Hanging Offense: The Strange Affair of the Warship Somers*, has drawn outstanding reviews – best-selling maritime action author Clive Cussler has declared that "Melton has no

equal in recording sea history" – as have his

earlier books *The First Impeachment* and *Aaron Burr: Conspiracy to Treason*, which brought him national attention as a

media commentator and advisor to members of Congress during the Clinton impeachment.

Melton describes *A Hanging Offense* as "Captain Bligh meets *Lord of the Flies*, a true story of mutiny during a boys' training cruise in the United States Navy in 1842." It might also be described as a mix of Patrick O'Brian and John Grisham, involving both high-seas drama and the legal intrigue of gripping court-martial scenes.

The book is the story of a disturbed young acting midshipman named Philip Spencer. The son of President John Tyler's secretary of war, Spencer had fared poorly at college and turned to a life at sea while still a teen. But his chronic drunkenness and his tendency to get into fistfights with superior officers jeopardized his career. When the navy assigned Spencer to the brig-of-war *Somers* in 1842, his professional future hung in the balance.

Somers was the last-purely sail-driven ship ever built for the Navy. Commanded by the accomplished young officer Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, her first mission was a training cruise from New York to Africa and back, crewed almost completely by teenaged boys, most under the age of 16. It was during this cruise that Spencer rebelled against the captain's authority and began to plot a mutiny.

"The officers found out about Spencer's plans before he actually tried anything," explains Melton, "and it's possible that he was merely playing twisted games." But after Mackenzie arrested the midshipman and chained him to the deck, a string of events ranging from sabotage of the ship to apparent rescue attempts suggested that the plot was real.

Soon the captain had arrested more than a half-dozen sailors, but Mackenzie had no way of knowing for sure who, or how many, of his crew might be involved. Nearly 1,000 miles at sea, sleep-deprived and outnumbered, he and his officers soon faced a deadly choice: to hold on somehow for a few more days or to hang Spencer and his chief henchmen before the boys could take over the ship.

The strange events aboard *Somers* gave rise to a formal investigation after the cruise, leading to a full-blown court-martial, which Melton describes with a combination of careful legal analysis and a historian's ear for language. "If war is an extension of politics, as Clausewitz points out," he argues, "then law is an extension of warfare. What happened on *Somers* and in the courtroom later weren't so very different. Each involved a power struggle, a conflict in which lives and careers were at stake."

"superb . . . fine seafaring adventure, expertly narrated."

The *Wall Street Journal* has lauded Melton's treatment of the legal aspects of the *Somers* affair, calling the book "swashbuckling" to boot, while Kirkus, in a starred review, has described it as "superb . . . fine seafaring adventure, expertly narrated."

Melton has two more books coming out next year, and he has begun work on two others, including a second maritime adventure. A clinical faculty member at UNC School of Law from 1996 to 2003, he has just taken a new five-year position as Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

"I greatly regret the need to move on after 10 years as a member of the Carolina Law community," says Melton, who matriculated as a 1L in the fall of 1993, and who earned a reputation among law students as a popular and outstanding teacher. "But my new position gives me extraordinary opportunities, both to teach and to write, that I've never been offered before."

With his new resources, Melton is sure to be turning out books for a long time to come. ☺

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Margaret Faw Heyward was recognized by the North Wilkesboro Journal Patriot as the first woman to be sworn in as an attorney in Wilkes County.

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John W. Campbell was inducted into the General Practice Hall of Fame on June 19, 2003, at N.C. Bar Association annual meeting.

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Stephen P. Millikin was honored through the establishment of a Justice Fund in his name by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation.

'55

Robert C. Vaughn, Jr. was named chairman of the Winston-Salem Foundation, which supports charitable programs in Forsyth County.

'56

Richard E. Thigpen, Jr. was named president of the Sports Lawyers Association at the group's annual meeting in Phoenix, May 2003.

'57

Henry M. Whitesides was inducted into the General Practice Hall of Fame on June 19, 2003, at N.C. Bar Association annual meeting.

'59

Robert Watkins King, Jr. received the YMCA of Greater Charlotte's John R. Mott award.

'64

The **Hon. Edward Harrington McCormick** coordinated the Lillington Rotary Club's Cornelius Harnett Ball.

'66

Doris R. Bray was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Gov. Mike Easley for service to the state of North Carolina as a member of the General Statute Commission. She was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lake Erie College, Painsville, Ohio.

'67

A. William Kennon formed a new law firm: Kennon, Craver, Belo, Craig, & McKee. **Charlie M. Shaffer, Jr.** was named president and CEO of Marcus Institute, a resource center for children with developmental disabilities, effective August 2003. **J. Troy Smith** was inducted into the General Practice Hall of Fame on June 19, 2003, at N.C. Bar Association annual meeting.

'68

Reef Challance Ivey II has left Ward & Smith to join Kieran Shanahan '82 at Shanahan Law Group. He also made a contribution to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center's scholarship program to help children from his hometown of Lumberton make trips to the Chapel Hill facility. The gift was in honor of his mother, a teacher and principle for more than 45 years.

'69

Charles Robinson Buckley III became president of the Charlotte South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc. **Neill McBryde** was recognized in Best Lawyers of America, 2003-2004. He has been recognized every year since 1987. **Thomas L. Owsley** was elected president, CEO and COO of Crown Central Petroleum Corporation in March 2003 and charged with overseeing that company's divestiture effort.

'70

Steven Alan Hockfield was named by the board of trustees to the board of visitors at UNC-Chapel Hill. **The Hon. L. Oliver Noble, Jr.** has been named partner in the Hickory firm of Patrick, Harper & Dixon.

'71

Dailey Jonathan Derr has joined Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller as counsel.

'72

N.C. Sen. Fletcher Lee Hartsell, Jr. was named to a three-year term on the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation advisory panel.

'73

Jean Winborne Boyles has joined Johnson, Hearn, Vinegar, Gee & Mercer, PLLC as of counsel.

'74

The Hon. James Arthur Beaty, Jr. was presented with an honorary doctorate from Western Carolina University during spring commencement on May 11, 2003. **Barbara Bitler Coughlin** was named by the board of trustees to the board of visitors at UNC-Chapel Hill.

'75

A.P. Carlton's [RIGHT] year as American Bar Association President was notable for the ABA's accomplishments regarding federal judicial selection and state judicial reform, and the ABA's leadership roles in corporate governance and business ethics reform and balancing the needs of national



security with individual rights. Carlton, a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton in Raleigh, ended his term as ABA president in August. **Ernest Pearson** is heading a new business development group formed as an affiliated entity of the Sanford Holshouser firm. **Mark Speas** opened his own law office in Mocksville, N.C. **Robert E. Zaytoun** was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission.

'76

Roswald Bernard Daly became a partner in the firm Faison & Gillespie, January 1, 2003. **Katherine McKee Henrichs** formed a new law firm: Kennon, Craver, Belo, Craig, & McKee.

'77

Richard Boyette was elected the first vice president of the Defense Research Institute, an organization of civil defense lawyers. **William Pugh Daniell** became a principal with the firm Young, Moore, & Henderson, PA. **G. Neil Yarborough** has been hired as attorney for the Cumberland County ABC board on a contract basis.

'78

Sidney Powell was selected Texas Super Lawyer for 2003 by a survey of her peers and by a selection committee chosen by *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics Magazine*.

'79

Robert O. Briant Belo has formed a new law firm: Kennon, Craver, Belo, Craig, & McKee. **Lt. Col. Frederic Louis Borch III** was named chief prosecutor of the military tribunals to be held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **The Hon. Daniel Ray Green, Jr.** joined as a partner in the firm Gorham, Crone, Mace & Green. **Wilson Hayman** was named by the board of trustees to the board of visitors at UNC-Chapel Hill.

'80

Joel Miller Craig formed a new law firm: Kennon, Craver, Belo, Craig, & McKee. **Thomas Land Fowler** published two articles: "Law Between the Lines" in the *Campbell Law Review*, and "Functus Officio: Authority of the Trial Court after Notice of Appeal" in the *North Carolina Law Review*. **John Ivan Mabe, Jr.** was elected chairman of the board of directors for The Wake Education Partnership. **The Hon. H. Brent McKnight** was nominated to a federal judgeship in the Western District of North Carolina by President Bush. **Mittie Moore Smith** coordinated a program for the "Three Mo' Tenors" program, a Guilford County Association of Black Lawyers event to benefit Bennett College for Women.

'81

Steven H. Sholk's article, "The Final DOL and SEC Regulations on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Retirement Plan Blackout Provisions," was published online by the BNA Benefits Practice Center, Executive Compensation Library, in June 2003.

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Class Notes

'84

Robin Jayne Stinson has been elected secretary of the state chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She was president of the Forsyth County Bar Association last year.

'85

Leigh Wilkinson wrote a chapter of the North Carolina Hospital Association's new manual, *The North Carolina Patient & Provider Rights Guide*.

'87

J. Lee Lloyd was elected to the board of directors for Rand McNally & Company.

Craig Taylor Lynch [RIGHT] was appointed a member of the board of directors of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



'88

Byron Lee Saintsing has been named partner of Smith Debnam.

'89

Scott D. Jensen joined the firm Husch & Eppenberger's general business litigation practice group. **Artemeus McNeil** was appointed as Hillborough County, Fla., court judge; he took the bench in early July 2003. **Norma Louise Mills** has been appointed attorney for Dare County and has served the Roanoke Island Historical Commission since 1999, most recently as vice chairman.

'90

Michael A. DeMayo was reappointed chairman of ATLA's marketing committee. He was appointed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation board of directors. **Richard J. King, Jr.** joined the firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP as a

partner in the Harrisburg, Penn., office, effective May 19, 2003.

'91

R. Harper Heckman [RIGHT] was named chair of the Construction law section of the N.C. Bar Association. **The Hon. Jimmy Laird Myers** was called to active duty at Camp Lejeune's chaplain's office. The District Judge of the 22nd district is an ordained Methodist minister, and served as a Navy chaplain in the 1980s.



'92

Brian T. Atkinson became senior vice president and general counsel at Moore & Van Allen, PLLC. **Douglas J. Brocker** became counsel to the Raleigh law firm of Millberg, Gordon, & Stewart, PLLC. **Jennifer Cleland Green** announces, with husband Stan, the birth of their fourth son, Alexander McDeritt Green, born on October 3, 2002. Alexander joins brothers Stan (8); Jack (5-1/2) and David (3-1/2). **Jim H. Joyner, Jr.** was elected a member of Wishart, Norris, Henniger & Pittman, PA. He practices in the Burlington, N.C. office. **R. Bailey Melvin** formed the Melvin Law Firm in Greenville, N.C. **David Timothy Pryzwansky** opened the firm Pryzwansky & Cook in Raleigh.

'94

Joseph J. Kalo IV was elected a member of Wishart, Norris, Henniger & Pittman, PA. He practices in the Burlington, N.C., office. **James W. Mizgala** attained the rank of partner in the Chicago branch of the firm Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood. **Travis K. Morton** has formed the office of Brady, Nordgren, Klym & Morton, PLLC. **Timothy Anders Nordgren** has formed the office of Brady, Nordgren, Klym & Morton, PLLC. **Peter John Michael Romary** received numerous awards and commendations. He was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian award that can be conferred by North Carolina, for his services to victims of domestic violence and his domestic violence prevention efforts in this country

and the United Kingdom. He also received the National Crime Victim Bar Association and National Center for Victims of Crime Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award. He is the recipient of the Silver Crescent (South Carolina), the highest civilian honor that can be conferred on a non-resident. He has been awarded for services to victims of domestic violence in the U.S. and U.K. and for promoting pro bono service by lawyers around the world. He was a recipient in 2002 of the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award. Romary is named in the National Law Journal's "Forty Under Forty," a list of the forty most outstanding trial lawyers in the US under forty years old. **Theresa O. Roth** announces the birth of son, Callen David Roth, born March 21, 2003.

'95

Kearns Davis has become assistant U.S. Attorney. **Scott Andrew Maitland** was named by the board of trustees to the board of visitors at UNC-Chapel Hill. **Corrine Harrah Pickford** announces the birth of her third son, Seth Harrah Pickford, on January 22, 2003. **The Hon. Ripley Eagles Rand** was named by the board of trustees to the board of visitors at UNC-Chapel Hill. **Stan Sherrill** was named a shareholder with Littler Mendelson in February 2003. **James William Snyder, Jr.** led a roundtable discussion on calculating average weekly wages and future payments of workers' comp benefits at an Academy of Trial Lawyers seminar.

'96

Reed Nicholas Fountain became a partner at Young, Moore & Henderson. **Jenny Lehman** took a new position as assistant director of Career Services & Alumni Relations at Texas Wesleyan Law School, Forth Worth, Texas. **Charles Foster Marshall III** [RIGHT] joined the firm of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP as an associate.



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Matthew T. Martens accepted a position as assistant U.S. Attorney with U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina in Charlotte.

'97

Jonathon Chad Sauls became a partner in the firm Faison & Gillespie as of January 1, 2003.

'98

Catherine Dyar celebrates the birth of son, Gustav Frederick Hommey, born June 22, 2003.

'99

Chad Brown joined the North Wilkesboro firm of Vannoy, Colvard, Triplett & Vannoy. **Tonya Jean Crew** opened her own law office in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. **Wayne Moffett Fitzgerald II** joined firm of

Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP as an associate.

Dessislava Mintcheva [RIGHT] became an associate at the firm of Wilson Petty Kosmo & Turner, LLP.

Joseph M. Bennett-Paris joined the intellectual property firm of Merchant & Gould as an associate.



'00

Edward Hanes, Jr. was named executive director for the Charlotte office of Special Counsel, the legal solutions unit of MPS Group. **Melissa E. Little** joined the Johnson firm in Greenville, N.C., after practicing in Raleigh at Poyner & Spruill.

'01

Jessica Erin Friedman joined the Adams law firm in Asheville, N.C.

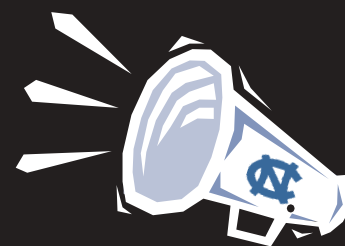
'02

David Lane Cox announces the birth of a son, Donovan, on May 7, 2003. **James M. Dewey** was introduced as the attorney for the Rockingham County Courthouse in Wentworth, N.C. **Anne Dunton Lam** has joined Dozier, Miller, Pollard & Murphy, LLP as an associate. **LuAnne Marie Yuricek** became engaged to Timothy John DeSantis. The couple is planning a September 20, 2003 wedding.

'03

Susan J. Kohlhausen is one of four recipients of the 2003 outstanding law student award from the N.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

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Alumni Profile: Jerry Blackwell '87

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40-plus lawyers and staff represent one of the most diverse firms in the country, with a near equal balance of race, gender and two attorneys aged 65 or older.

"If excellence transcends race, gender, or any other immutable characteristic, then why shouldn't our firm represent the norm?" explained Blackwell. "If excellence were a can of mixed nuts, how could blind choice come up with only peanuts? No, our firm is not the abnormal one."

As an active member of the Minneapolis law community, Blackwell founded several organizations, including ones that serve underrepresented lawyers: Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL), which is a National Bar Association affiliate; the Twin Cities Committee on Minority Lawyers in Large Law Firms; the Twin Cities Minority Job Fair; and the Minnesota Minority Corporate Counsel Program. In recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of African-Americans in the legal profession, he received the first MABL President's Award and has been repeatedly recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by his peers. In 2003, the bar association of Minnesota's largest county, Hennepin, presented its Diversity Award to the firm, as a legal employer that has made an outstanding commitment to diversity.

One of Blackwell's community efforts outside the legal profession is "Bill and Jerry's Shrimp Boil." It is an old-fashioned Louisiana "Shrimp Boil," done in 120-quart pots, and his friend, William Fridge, makes homemade Southern sweet potato pies. Together, they assemble several dozen volunteers and the best local jazz musicians and vocalists to serve hundreds and raise money for community organizations. They raised \$45,000 for the Minneapolis Public School's Arts for Academic Achievement Program and \$35,000 for a battered women's shelter. The two friends have taken their party on the road, traveling to North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan and Texas to provide shrimp and pies to groups outside Minnesota as well.

Blackwell's career and actions have for years focused on his love for equity and justice. He now spends considerable time on creating venues for others so that they can reach their fullest potential. This African-American son of a trucker, who believes he heard God's voice as a child, heeded the call and took to heart the adage, "From those to whom much is given, much is required." 🙏

~ Barbara Jones

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From the Dean

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We're adamant, as most of you know, to go the other way. Issues of access and equal opportunity remain central to our self-definition. So we will oppose the dramatic tuition increases seen in some quarters. Nor will we turn our backs on the daughters and sons of North Carolina in the admissions process. We seek to foster and deepen our ties to the Tar Heel state. And we mean to prove you can be both great and public – taking each set of responsibilities seriously in the process.

The tensions we face, in my judgment, put the future of meaningful public higher education in the balance. I know, better than most, that the alumni of Carolina Law are profoundly committed to this University's public mission. At this point in our history, it is essential to demonstrate that commitment with financial support. Succeeding generations of Carolina students must enjoy the same gateways to opportunity that have been made available to us in the past. So your contributions to the Annual Fund, and to the Carolina First Campaign, are more important than ever. Thanks for your continuing efforts on our behalf.

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Dean and Burton Craige Professor of Law