Special Message from Professor Charles C. Lewis

This January marks the beginning of my last semester of teaching at Campbell Law School. I have informed Dean Essary that I am planning to retire from teaching at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. I started teaching at the law school during the summer school of 1978, and in the fall of that year, I had the honor and privilege of teaching the Charter Class during their final year of law school. And now in 2012, I look back to my memory over 34 years of teaching at Campbell and seven prior years in the practice of law in Virginia. I have had a good run in the legal profession, but it is now time for me to pass the torch to my colleagues who will continue Campbell’s tradition of providing high quality legal education to succeeding generations of law students.

When I leave, I will take with me my memories of a new law school tucked into old Kent Hall on the Buies Creek campus during the late 1970’s and 1980’s. I still live in my modest two-bedroom apartment at the law school. Indeed, the Law School is taking full advantage of its prime location in the Capital City by attracting very bright one.

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Indeed, the Law School is taking full advantage of its prime location in the Capital City by attracting very bright one. A new and untried law school during those early years. I also remember a more mature law school than that expanded during the 1990’s into the commodious Wiggins Hall, and how our students continued and strengthened their tradition of receiving high praise for their achievements in competitions with other law schools, on the North Carolina bar exam, and, most importantly, in the practice of law.

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Ashley Story Honored with Distinguished Alumni Award

Ashley Story (L ’82) was one of four Campbell alums to receive the Campbell University Distinguished Alumni Award at a recent banquet in Buies Creek, NC. Story serves as the managing partner of the Raleigh office of Troutman Sanders LLP. Troutman Sanders is an international law firm with 630 attorneys located in 15 offices.

Story’s practice focuses on the development, construction, permitting, acquisition and sale of retail, industrial and office property. He serves on the firm’s executive committee. Story is also section chief of the firm’s real estate section which includes attorneys in Atlanta, New York, Orange County, Raleigh, Richmond, San Diego, Shanghai, and Virginia Beach.

Story is also active in public service projects including involvement with and membership in the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, Jobs for Life, the North Carolina Museum of History Associates, and the American Friends of the London School of Economics. He is also an active member of Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.

Story has remained extremely close to Campbell Law School, working with the “Campaign for Raleigh” board during the campus transition from Buies Creek to Raleigh. He was also instrumental in coordinating a major contribution from Troutman Sanders to the law school.

David Courie (L ’97), Campbell National Alumni Association President and member of the Campbell University Board of Trustees, presided over the ceremony.

As I write this letter, I can tell you that the law school is engaged in a strategic planning process that will ensure the continued success of the law school in the future. So as I turn my carbons and books for good and hang up my graduation gown in the back of my closet, and walk for the last time out of the law school. I am still just as confident that the administrators, the faculty and staff, and our law students, both current and future, will continue to advance the law school’s reputation for producing competent and ethical lawyers to serve their clients, their community, their state and nation.

And now, in the words of that ancient Roman poet, I say fondly to all those who allowed me to teach them over these long years, “Ave atque vale…,” “Hail and farewell!”

Charles C. Lewis

Where great lawyers are made
Class of 1984
Kenneth L. Burgess a partner with the Raleigh, NC office of Poyner Spruill LLP, was recently named to The Best Lawyers in America 2012® list, in the category of Health Care Law.

Class of 1992
Hope Adams now serves as PNC Bank Senior Counsel in Philadelphia, Pa.

Class of 1999
Aaron M. Bailey has joined the Raleigh, NC office of Sands Anderson PC.

Class of 2000
Annika M. Brock is now a shareholder at McGuire, Wood & Bissette, PA in Asheville, NC.

Class of 2001
Keith Faulkner, Campbell Law Vice Dean for Administration and External Relations, and his wife proudly announce the birth of their son, Ryan, on Oct. 6.

Class of 2002
Jennifer M. Jones is now an assistant attorney for Wake County in Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2004
Rick Matthews has joined Myers, Bigel, Sibley & Sajovec, PA in Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2005
Ashley Brathwaite is now practicing law at Ellis & Winters, LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2006
Chris Beacham was recently welcomed to the legal team at Rose Rand Wallace in Raleigh, NC.

Kristen Fetter has been selected as the new trial court administrator for the Tenth Judicial District.

John Bowen Walker joined Ragsdale Liggett as an associate in Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2008
Bradley Clark and his wife proudly announce the birth of their seventh child on Aug. 19.

Richard Prosser is now an associate in the Rocky Mount, NC office of Poyner Spruill LLP.

Class of 2009
Matthew H. Richardson has joined The Richardson Firm, PLLC, in Fayetteville, NC.

Class of 2011
Joyce Braddock (nee Pritchett) is now the assistant director of career practice management with the North Carolina Bar Association.

Paul J. Griffin is an associate on the litigation team of Young Moore and Henderson in Raleigh, NC.

Brian LiVecchi has joined Smith Debnam as an associate in Raleigh, NC.

In Memoriam
It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Gail Poole Fannon (L ‘79). Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this most difficult time.

Dean Essary Visits White House Business Council with Area Leaders
Campbell Law School Dean Melissa Essary took part in a North Carolina delegation that travelled to Washington, D.C. to discuss jobs and economic growth with Senior Administration officials on Jan. 12. Dean Essary was one of more than 30 civic, business, and educational leaders from North Carolina’s Research Triangle invited to participate in the discussions. Ari Matusiak, Executive Director of the White House Business Council, moderated the discussion.

Dean Essary and other delegates offered the council a “boots on the ground” report regarding their thoughts on what is specifically impeding job creation and economic growth. Delegates offered concrete ideas and examples, resulting in a healthy discussion among all parties. The meeting lasted for more than four hours, with much of the discussion focused on the crucial role that technology, education, innovation, and entrepreneurship play in our country’s future economic development. Access to capital remains a critical concern among business leaders to grow their companies and add jobs. The housing crisis also was discussed in-depth, and the group communicated to the administration that it remains a huge impediment to enhancing consumer confidence and morale.

In addition to Dean Essary, Campbell Law graduate Anthony Biller (L ’97) attended the council meeting and critiqued the new patent law reform legislation. He was invited by the administration to continue the conversation with them after the meeting.

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All donations towards Campbell Law’s clinical programs up to $115K will be matched thanks to a generous grant from the Fletcher Foundation.

Campbell Law clinical programs include the Juvenile Justice Project and the Senior Law Clinic.

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North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Parker Honored at Campbell Law Gala

Chief Justice Sarah Parker of the Supreme Court of North Carolina was awarded the Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence at the Delta Theta Phi Third Annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala and Campbell Law Professionalism Dinner at the Cardinal Club in downtown Raleigh on Nov. 16. Chief Justice Parker is also a Campbell Law Board of Visitors member.

“The Judge Robinson O. Everett Award recognizes the highest standards in legal practice, and Chief Justice Sarah Parker exemplifies these standards every day,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “It is an honor to have such a deserving person serve on the Board of Visitors for Campbell Law.”

Through her work as Chief Justice since Feb. 1, 2006, and previously as an Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and a judge for the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Parker was cited for exemplifying the objectives of the Delta Theta Phi fraternity including: the application of the highest standards of personal integrity, diligence, candor and trust, individual responsibility, respect for law, rights and property of others, and the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in the study, practice, and teaching of the law. She is also an active member of several boards and organizations, including the North Carolina Bar Association, American Bar Association, Wake County Bar Association and the Mecklenburg County Bar Association.

More than 125 Campbell Law students, faculty and members of the legal community attended the gala, where members engaged in ethics and professionalism dialogues.

Campbell Law School Hosts Free Information Clinic

Campbell Law hosted a free legal information clinic for the formerly incarcerated on Jan. 21. The clinic was sponsored by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice – Civil Rights Section, the North Carolina Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee, and North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc.

Volunteer paraprofessionals, law students, and attorneys provided general information about legal issues and offered referrals regarding civil legal matters governed by North Carolina law. Several Campbell Law students participated in the clinic.

The clinic primarily targeted to assist local organizations that serve the formerly incarcerated community, as well as area residents who were formerly incarcerated.

Redistricting Hearing Held at Campbell Law School

A three-judge panel heard motions in the state redistricting case for more than three hours on Jan. 12 in the North Carolina Business Court housed at Campbell Law School. The hearing centered on new state legislative and congressional districts set forth by the North Carolina General Assembly. Numerous lawsuits have been filed alleging that the new districts are unlawful.

“The redistricting hearing at Campbell Law School in the North Carolina Business Court is an example of real-world learning opportunities for our students on important matters of public policy,” said Dean Melissa Essary.

Campbell Law is one of only a handful of law schools in the nation to house a working court.

Campbell Law Professor, Alumnae Named 2011 Triangle Women Extraordinaire Honorees

Professor Lisa Lukasik and alumnae Beth Jones and Judge Kristin Ruth were among more than 50 business and civic leaders honored at the 2011 Triangle Women Extraordinaire awards luncheon held Dec. 6 at the Brier Creek Country Club.

“It was an honor for Campbell Law to be represented by these three deserving individuals in this year’s Triangle Women Extraordinaire event,” said Campbell Law Dean Melissa Essary. “They are exemplars of women and role models for everyone, and their awards reflect favorably on their contributions to our community.”

Each year, Business Leader honors the top women leaders of the South through its Women Extraordinaire awards. Award winners must be an influential leader within her company or business, having an extraordi- nary impact on its economic success and forward-thinking strate- gies. Professor Lukasik has served as an assistant professor of law at Campbell for more than two years, and is a seasoned litigator with a decade of experience representing local boards of education. Beth Jones is a 1988 graduate of Campbell Law School and practices employment and education law with Womble Carlyle in Raleigh. Judge Ruth is a 1990 graduate of Campbell Law School and serves as state district court judge for Wake County.

Campbell Law Hosts 2011 Legal Writing Institute Workshop

Campbell Law School hosted a Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop on Dec. 2. Teaching legal writing, new developments in legal research, and instructional innovations, experienced instructors from several prominent law schools led panel discussions on best practices. Campbell Law Dean Melissa Essary provided a keynote address, and several professors and adjunct faculty from Campbell Law served as instructors for the workshop.

International Affairs Council Visits Campbell Law

On Oct. 25, The Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law hosted 26 international judges and prosecutors in concert with the Interna- tional Affairs Council (IAC). Attendees hailed from Afghanistan, Armenia, India, Iraq, Turkey, Sudan and many other foreign countries.

The judges were invited to the United States as a part of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP). The IAC welcomed the group to North Carolina so they could learn more about the U.S. judicial system alongside local professionals and academics.

In addition to visitors with the IAC, Campbell Law welcomed six visiting judges from Moldova on Monday, October 24.
Embracing Social Media

Campbell Law began its journey into social media by launching its Facebook page as students resumed class on Jan. 9. The page is accessible via www.facebook.com/campbelllawschool.

Facebook presents Campbell Law with an opportunity to host a platform for engagement with potential and current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and our partners in the community. The page also provides an additional outlet to promote our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and our mission of using the law to serve others.

“Campbell Law is a unique community of diverse individuals, and we hope that by bringing our conversations and experiences to Facebook, we can engage with each other and have interesting, or maybe just fun, conversations online,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “I encourage all of our students, alumni, and friends to ‘like’ us on Facebook, and join our discussions and community.”

In addition to Facebook, Campbell Law has also launched a YouTube account at www.youtube.com/campbelllawschool. Future video projects will include quick interviews with faculty members and informational pieces on our clinical programs.

Plans are underway to expand Campbell Law’s social media presence with a LinkedIn community in the near future.

The move into social media follows a relaunch of the Campbell Law website at law.campbell.edu this past November. The new site boasts integrated multimedia content, allowing for an enriched and more user-friendly browsing experience for prospective students, current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and our partners in the community.

Professor Jon Powell to Serve on Juvenile Planning Committee

Professor Jon Powell has been appointed to the juvenile planning committee of the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission. As a committee member, Powell will be responsible for advising Governor Beverly Perdue on all issues of juvenile crime across the state, as well as where federal dollars should be applied to address issues within the state. Powell was recommended to the governor for the committee by Linda Hayes, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Powell is the director of the Juvenile Justice Project at Campbell Law School.

“We are proud to have Professor Powell appointed to serve on the juvenile planning committee for the governor’s crime commission,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “Through his work with such causes as the Juvenile Justice Project, he is an exemplary ambassador for our school locally and even globally in the restorative justice movement.”

“I am honored to have received this appointment from Governor Perdue,” said Powell. “I’m excited to move forward working with the crime committee on juvenile justice issues.”

Professor Matt Sawchak Certified as Appellate Specialist by North Carolina State Bar

Professor Matt Sawchak has been certified as a specialist in appellate practice by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. He teaches civil procedure and antitrust, among other courses, at the Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

In addition to serving on the Campbell Law faculty, Sawchak practices appeals, antitrust, and business litigation at Ellis & Winters LLP in Raleigh. As one of his many professional activities, he has chaired the North Carolina Bar Association’s Appellate Rules Committee.

“At Campbell Law School, we focus on developing law practice skills, as well as subject-matter knowledge, in our students,” Sawchak said. “One of the ways we do this is by encouraging our professors to make meaningful contributions of their own to the profession. I am grateful that the North Carolina State Bar has recognized my contributions to appellate practice.”

To be certified as a specialist, a lawyer must be an active member in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar for at least five years, must devote at least 25 percent of his practice to the specialty during the past five years, must attend continuing legal education seminars in the specialty, must be favorably evaluated by other lawyers and judges, and must pass a written examination in the area of practice.

Professor Sawchak earned his undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University, where he was a National Merit Scholar. He earned his law degree with honors and his master of laws degree from Duke Law School. He was the editor-in-chief of the Duke Law Journal.

Professor Sawchak clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas at the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and in the office of the Solicitor General of the United States.

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