U.S. Supreme Court Clerk Delivers Commencement Address

General William K. Suter, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, delivered the commencement address.

The 2012 class marks the first in Campbell Law history to spend its entire tenure at the Raleigh campus.

In his remarks to the graduates, General Suter spoke at length about character, leadership, and the importance of integrity. He urged each graduate to read about great leaders and learn as much about leadership as possible, using George Washington and his leadership both at war and as the first President of the United States as a powerful example. He also spoke of the importance of listening and cautioned the graduates not to take themselves too seriously.

“If you have integrity, nothing else matters,” said Suter. “If you don’t have integrity, nothing else matters.”

The Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court manages the Supreme Court’s docket and calendar, oversees the Supreme Court Bar, and manages the records of the Court. General Suter also attends all oral arguments. He has served as Clerk since 1991, and is the 19th person to hold the position. General Suter is a member of the Campbell Law School Board of Visitors.

“For many of these graduates, today is the biggest day of their lives,” Suter remarked afterward. “But there are bigger days to come. The challenge for these graduates is for them to do as well in their future endeavors as they’ve done at Campbell Law School.”

“This has been an incredible experience for all of us and we’re excited about the future,” said graduate Jillian DeCamp.

“This is a class that started with a vision of what the law school could and would be in Raleigh,” said Campbell Law Dean Melissa Essary. “We didn’t even have a building to show them. When they started classes in 2009, the paint was barely dry on the walls but it didn’t deter them one bit.

“I can say unequivocally that I am proud of the first class that banked on Campbell Law School’s reputation and trusted us to build a physical law school. They’ve carried on the history and great traditions of the school, providing a seamless transition between our past in Buies Creek and our future in the heart of the state capital.”
Campbell Law Posts 100 Percent Participation Rate on Employee Giving Campaign

One hundred percent of the Campbell Law School administration, faculty, and staff contributed to the Campbell University Employee Giving Campaign in 2012, marking the second consecutive year that the law school has broken previous records for financial support for the school. The 100 percent participation mark is a two percent increase on last year’s record breaking 98 percent participation level.

In 2012, the law school launched The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Endowed Faculty & Staff Scholarship Fund, which is funded by gifts from Campbell Law administration, faculty, and staff members.

“It is truly inspiring to be a part of a school where 100 percent of the administrators, professors, and staff support our students financially through the funding of scholarships and programming initiatives,” said Campbell Law Vice Dean Keith Faulkner, who has led the law school giving campaign for the past two years. “To see our organization rally around this giving effort is simply amazing.”

The perfect participation mark illustrates the commitment of all Campbell Law administrators, faculty, and staff members to providing students with a sound legal education and beneficial learning opportunities.

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IN MEMORIAM
It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jeannie Jo Bell-Nichols (L ’84). Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this most difficult time.

GIVE TO CLINICAL PROGRAMS - GET MATCHED!
All donations towards Campbell Law’s clinical programs up to $15K 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. Our students have the opportunity to “do justice” and help the underprivileged. Help us continue these great giving and learning opportunities for our students.

Giving online is easy!
https://www.alumni.law.campbell.edu/efr/

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Congratulations!

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of Campbell Law School, we are so proud of and excited for the Class of 2012. We look forward to their continued success in both their professional and personal lives, and we encourage them to always keep in touch with their Campbell Law family.

We welcome professional and personal updates from our alumni, and we encourage you to send photos.
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President Wallace Named “Tar Heel of the Week” by The News & Observer

Campbell University President Jerry Wallace was profiled as “Tar Heel of the Week” on March 13 in The News & Observer. Dr. Wallace was named the fourth Campbell University President in May 2003 and has led the university to unprecedented heights during his tenure, including the creation of the state’s first medical school in 35 years.

Dr. Wallace, who was vice president for academic affairs and provost from 1984-2001, served as assistant to the president in 2001 and was the James R. Coates Professor of Religion and Society in the Campbell University Divinity School during the 2002-2003 school year.

Professor Lewis Awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Campbell Law Professor Charlie Lewis was recently awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine during a meeting of the North Carolina General Statutes Commission. Professor Lewis retired from Campbell Law School at the end of the spring semester after 34 years, and stepped aside from the commission at the end of May.

At the meeting, Professor Lewis was presented with an official certificate signed by North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue evidencing the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

“I am deeply humbled and appreciative of receiving such a high honor from the state of North Carolina,” said Lewis. “As is the case with my tenure at Campbell Law, serving on the North Carolina General Statutes Commission has been a wonderful experience, and has been extremely rewarding on both personal and professional levels. I am truly honored by this recognition.”

Professor Lewis served for 25 years on the North Carolina General Statutes Commission, an appointed commission charged with the responsibility of advising the North Carolina General Assembly on suggested updates and revisions to the North Carolina General Statutes. Professor Lewis, who previously served six years as vice-chair of the commission, recently completed his 10th year as chairman.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the highest honors the governor can bestow upon a citizen of North Carolina. It is typically presented to outstanding North Carolinians with a significant record of service to the state. Past recipients include Maya Angelou, The Reverend Billy Graham, Coretta Scott King, and Senator Robert Morgan.

Justice Newby Receives Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Award

North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Paul M. Newby, a Campbell Law adjunct faculty member, recently received the 2012 John McNeill Smith Jr. Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section Award from the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA). The award was presented at the section’s annual meeting and continuing legal education event.

Justice Newby teaches State Constitutional Law at Campbell Law.

Justice Newby serves as co-author of “The North Carolina State Constitution with History and Commentary (2nd ed.),” which is set for release this year. The book marks the only text exclusively dedicated to the North Carolina Constitution.

Justice Newby began his professional career with the Van Winkle law firm in Asheville, and then served as vice president and general counsel of Cannon Mills Realty and Development Corporation in Kannapolis. Making his move to Raleigh, Newby served 19 years as Assistant U.S. Attorney before joining the North Carolina Supreme Court.

A native of Asheboro, Justice Newby earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University (magna cum laude) and law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

The John McNeill Smith Jr. Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section Award was established by the section “to honor a person who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the ideals embodied in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North Carolina.”

Campbell Law Student Awarded Public Interest Law Initiative Grant

Rising second-year Campbell Law student Molly Hilburn-Holte has been awarded the Campbell Law Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Grant for outstanding commitment, passion, and service in the public interest law sector. The $1,500 grant was awarded by PILI following a thorough review of applicants by the PILI Grant Application Committee.

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A native of Greenville, N.C., Hilburn-Holte will assist North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services in serving the nearly 40,000 men and women incarcerated by the North Carolina Department of Correction during her summer break.

“I am very grateful to PILI for awarding me this grant, and I am excited to be able to spend this summer working with a legal community that is focused on public interest law,” said Hilburn-Holte. “I will look forward to sharing my experience with the Campbell Law community in the fall.”
**Campbell Law Launches Smartphone App**

Campbell Law School has released its own smartphone application, “CU LAW,” for Android and Apple products. The app stands as just the third of its kind among all law schools in the United States, and the first among all law schools in North Carolina.

The app is completely free, and is currently available in both the Android Play Store and the iTunes store. To download the app, simply search for “Campbell Law School” in either store on your smartphone.

Created entirely in-house by Campbell Law Director of Information Technology Mark Gibbons and associates Chuck Toscano and Cole Dickens, “CU Law” allows for prospective students, current students, alumni, faculty and staff, and community partners to stay in touch with Campbell Law regardless of time or location.

“Our smartphone application further solidifies our standing as a forward-thinking law school in terms of technology and access,” said Gibbons. “Our app allows all of our stakeholders to stay informed, in touch, and connected with Campbell Law via one all-encompassing resource.”

“Going forward, we expect it to be a great tool for prospective students as they explore law school and the legal profession, while encouraging them to consider practicing law as a viable option for their careers. It allows us to connect with, and send pertinent messages and event information, to users in specific geographic locations.”

The app boasts a wealth of information, including admissions, school history, news feed, event calendar, videos, faculty bios, location information, and a photo gallery. Additionally, the app uses GPS technology to individually connect with, and send pertinent messages and event information, to users in specific geographic locations.

Gibbons devised the plan for the app after research indicated that college-aged students now spend more time browsing the internet on their smartphones than on actual computers.

“We are seeing a generational shift in the ways that students consume online information,” said Gibbons. “This app provides another platform to make sure that anyone who wants information on Campbell Law will have quick and easy access to it.”

**PILI to Host Inaugural Auction**

The first-annual Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Auction will take place in Raleigh on August 30. Members of the Class of 2012 established PILI to provide support to Campbell Law students seeking to discover a rewarding career path in serving the public interest.

The auction is an attempt to showcase PILI and increase grant funding available to Campbell Law students by partnering with alumni and local law firms. Auction items will include art, event tickets, practitioner law books, and a custom men’s suit. Those interested in donating an item or sponsoring the auction are asked to contact PILI via lawpublicinterest@email.campbell.edu.

PILI provides grants to students who complete uncompensated summer internships in the public interest section. A selection committee comprised of students, professors, and public interest attorneys, determine grant recipients through a blind application process. More information about PILI can be found via the “Our Community” link on the Campbell Law website.

**Legal LINK Awarded Grant from American Bar Association**

Legal LINK, a program within the North Carolina Bar Association’s (NC Bar) Young Lawyers Division, recently received a $2,000 grant from the American Bar Association (ABA). Campbell Law graduate James Hash (L’08) aided in the development and implementation of the program.

“The Young Lawyers Division is excited about the success of Legal LINK in its initial year,” said Hash. “Legal LINK’s success was made possible by strong support from Northern’s faculty and from the legal community, including Campbell Law’s Dean [Keith] Faulkner and Dean [Dexter] Smith. It was particularly rewarding to me to have the opportunity to return to Northern High School as a facilitator of the Legal LINK program.”

The ABA’s Young Lawyers Division initiated its “Next Steps Challenge” last August, creating a nationwide effort to increase diversity among prospective law school applicants. The NC Bar’s Young Lawyers Division responded to the challenge by creating and implementing the Legal LINK program at Durham’s Northern High School. Hash, who previously taught at Northern High School and now practices at Everett Gaskins Hancock LLP, helped get the program off the ground alongside North Carolina Central student Deyaska Spencer.

The grant came as a result of Legal LINK taking first place among all “Next Steps Challenge” participants at the recent ABA Young Lawyers Division spring conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Legal LINK (leadership, information, networking, and knowledge) aims to inform a diverse group of high school students about law school and the legal profession, while encouraging them to consider practicing law as a viable option for their careers.

Campbell Law Vice Dean Keith Faulkner and Assistant Dean Dexter Smith have both taken part in a Legal LINK panel discussions this year.

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