Campbell Law unveils flexible enrollment option

Campbell Law School Dean J. Rich Leonard has announced the establishment of Campbell Flex, a flexible enrollment option beginning with the fall 2014 semester. A premium option of study for area residents looking to pursue alternative career paths, Campbell Flex enables students to earn a Juris Doctor by taking fewer hours each semester than required by the traditional program.

“The Triangle is a vibrant area which continues to grow and attract the best and brightest minds and organizations on par with any region of the country,” said Leonard. “Many successful people in any number of professional careers have considered the idea of attending law school, but have been unable to make it a reality due to personal and professional obligations.

“Campbell Flex provides an opportunity to earn a law degree while maintaining a manageable balance between personal, professional and academic obligations without any regulations on employment status. We are confident that this will appeal to many successful individuals in our own backyard.”

Students enrolled in Campbell Flex will attend the same classes, taught by the same full-time and adjunct faculty members, that traditional Campbell Law students experience. Campbell Flex students will also enjoy the same access to law school amenities, including but not limited to, academic support, the law library, student organizations, and the Career & Professional Development Center.

“It’s easy to imagine the specific appeal of the new options,” said Leonard. “For young professionals, a law degree could enhance their career trajectory, but not at the cost of their current jobs. There are moms or dads who may have passed up law school earlier in life, but now would like to explore the option while still meeting family obligations. The possibilities are numerous and exciting.”

Throughout the first two years of study under Campbell Flex, students are required to complete the standard first-year curriculum. Students must then complete the same course work required of traditional students.

Campbell Flex participants must complete all degree requirements within 84 months, take at least five credit hours in each fall and spring semester, and take no more than nine credit hours in each fall and spring semester. A student may at any time, subsequent to completing the first-year curriculum, elect to become a traditional student by enrolling in more than nine credit hours in a single semester.

For a complete and thorough outline of Campbell Law Flex, download the detailed program description at http://law.campbell.edu/flex/.
CLASS OF 1996
Joy Brewer received a 2013 Women of Justice Award: Business Practitioner Award from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

CLASS OF 1997
Mary Stansell received a 2013 Women of Justice Award: Public Service Practitioner Award from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

CLASS OF 2001
Anna E. Smith has become a member of the National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Trial Lawyers organization.

CLASS OF 2003
Charlie Bullock has been named school board attorney for the Harnett County North Carolina school system.

CLASS OF 2006
Erin Collins received a 2013 Women of Justice Award: Rising Star Award from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

CLASS OF 2010
Megan West was elected Wake Womens Attorneys Vice President.

CLASS OF 2012
Joseph Z. Frost has joined Stubbs & Perdue in Raleigh, N.C.

CLASS OF 1983
Dr. Gregory Lawson received a Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, his second post-J.D. Ph.D.

CLASS OF 1986
Elizabeth Freshwater-Smith received a 2013 Women of Justice Award: Public Service Practitioner Award from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

CLASS OF 1988
Sam Hamrick retired as Clerk of Court in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, and has accepted the position of Court Executive Officer for the Superior Court of California, Riverside County.

CLASS OF 1992
Rebecca Britton received a 2013 Women of Justice Award: Litigation Practitioner Award from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

CLASS OF 1995
Robert E. ‘Whit’ Whiteley, Jr. has announced his candidacy for the North Carolina General Assembly House District 3 seat.

CLASS OF 1999
James R. Laurie, III has been named to the National Roster of Neutrals for the Construction Industry for the American Arbitration Association as an arbitrator and mediator.

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Connect With Us!

Our alumni serve a vital role within the Campbell Law community, and are frequently called upon to assist with volunteer opportunities, recruiting, assisting with mock interviews, informing us of market opportunities, hosting events, or partnering with a student organization.

All Campbell Law alumni are also welcome to utilize our Career & Professional Development Center services, including career advising, employment search, and reciprocity.

If you are interested in connecting with the law school and serving our students, please contact Campbell Law’s Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving Megan West at 919.865.5875 or by email at westm@law.campbell.edu.

Did You Know?

In need of an associate or summer clerk? The North Carolina Law School Consortium’s annual program offers firms of 25 or fewer attorneys, government and public service organizations, and companies with an in-house legal department the opportunity to interview students from all N.C. law schools in one of two locations. Participation is free.

Saturday, February 22, 2014:
N.C. State Bar Headquarters, Raleigh, N.C.

Saturday, March 1, 2014:
Charlotte Law School, Charlotte, N.C.

For more information or to register for either program, go to http://jobfairs.law.unc.edu/ncipc/. Registration deadline - Friday, January 10, 2014. Questions? Please contact Glenda Darrell at Campbell Law School, 919.865.4495, darrellg@campbell.edu.

We welcome professional and personal updates from our alumni, and we encourage you to send photos.

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Campbell Law announces
Connections mentorship program

Campbell Law School has announced the establishment of the Campbell Law Connections mentorship program.

With the establishment of Connections, Campbell Law becomes the first among all seven North Carolina law schools to designate a full-time staff member solely to directing and overseeing mentorship opportunities.

Connections, which will partner students with practicing legal professionals, aims to expose students to valuable learning opportunities and experiences. Students will develop meaningful professional relationships and a more thorough understanding of the responsibilities and ethics demanded by the practice under the tutelage of a mentor. Connections will build upon Campbell Law’s professionalism focus that permeates the core curriculum of the school.

The program is a joint endeavor between Campbell Law and the Wake County Bar Association.

“We are excited to launch Campbell Law Connections after several years of internal research and exploration,” said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard. “We have no doubt that this will prove to be a unique and beneficial addition to the well-rounded legal education that we already provide to our students.”

Connections will begin with a pilot phase during the Spring 2014 semester with 40 third-year students and 10 newly-minted attorneys from the Tenth Judicial District Bar serving as mentors. Beginning with the fall 2014 semester, the program will be open to the entire third-year class, as well as more attorneys from the Tenth Judicial District Bar. Connections will also expand from one semester to the entire academic year. One hundred established and seasoned practicing legal professionals have agreed to serve as mentors for the pilot program.

Ulmer Zack “Zeke” Bridges, III, a 2003 Campbell Law graduate, will oversee Connections through the pilot phase of the program. He has laid the groundwork for Connections, overseeing its development, implementation, and daily operation since joining the law school in January.

All mentors have been selected from the Tenth Judicial District Bar and include representation from solo to large-scale law firms, government-sector attorneys, in-house corporate counsel, non-profit counsel, and other practitioners.

On Nov. 15, Campbell Law hosted mentor training and a continuing legal education seminar for more than 60 of the program’s 100 participating mentors. Mentors will maintain regular contact with the program director to report on the development and status of the mentor/mentee relationship throughout the course of the program.

Bridges brings nearly 10 years of private practice experience into his role at the law school. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Campbell University’s Lundy-Fetterman School of Business.

Wright receives Judge Robinson O. Everett Award from Delta Theta Phi

The Campbell Law School chapter of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity has presented Melvin F. Wright, Jr. of the North Carolina Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism with the Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence. Wright, also an adjunct professor at the law school, received the award at the annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala and Professionalism Dinner at the Cardinal Club in downtown Raleigh on Nov. 6.

More than 100 Campbell Law students, faculty, staff, and members of the legal community attended the gala, where attendees were able to engage in ethics dialogues and efforts on professionalism in the law community.

Throughout his career Wright has worked tirelessly for the cause of professionalism. He was a private practice attorney for 26 years prior to becoming Executive Director of the N.C. Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism in November 1999. As a newly formed Commission, he had the challenging task of establishing the office from only a Supreme Court Order and a set of bylaws.

In addition to serving on countless committees and boards, Wright has been awarded the Bronze Star and Air Medal for his service in Vietnam. His professional honors include the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the WCBA Professionalism Award, and the Chief Justice’s Professionalism Award.

Professor Osborn named to TIPLA Board

Campbell Law Assistant Professor Lucas Osborn has been named to the Triangle Intellectual Property Law Association’s Board of Directors. Osborn teaches courses in patent law, intellectual property and contracts and has been involved with the local intellectual property community since arriving at Campbell Law in 2009.

“I am excited to serve on the TIPLA Board and represent Campbell Law,” said Osborn. “I look forward to working alongside the Board and the organization’s members to continue to promote the strong intellectual property community in the Research Triangle.”

TIPLA aims to promote the preservation of fundamental principles of intellectual property rights and the future development of patent, trademark, copyright, and related unfair trade practice laws. The organization also strives to promote and encourage collegiality and a high standard of ethics within the intellectual property profession.

Campbell Law will host a TIPLA meeting in December, and has previously hosted TIPLA meetings, including this past February.

For more information, visit the TIPLA website at http://www.tipla.org.
Career Center holds second-annual Career Night

The Campbell Law School Career & Professional Development Center held its second-annual Campbell Law Career Night on Nov. 14. Nearly 50 representatives from 30 employers and 16 practice areas attended the event, engaging in dialogue with more than 50 students as they focused on exploring the various traditional practice areas in law.

More than 20 of the representatives that participated in the event hold law degrees from Campbell Law.

“It is critically important for our students to investigate multiple areas of practice and gather insight and advice from practicing professionals currently serving in those areas,” said Campbell Law Career & Professional Development Center Director Julie Beavers. “Career Night provides our students with such an environment to do that, while networking and fostering relationships with local professionals.”

“Campbell Law and our students are extraordinarily fortunate to enjoy such strong relationships with area practitioners, many of whom engage with our faculty, staff, and students on several occasions throughout the year. We are appreciative of the fact that so many members of the local bar enjoy taking the time to counsel our students and help them prepare for their future careers as leaders in the law.”

Practicing professionals on-site for the event represented a broad assortment of legal sectors, including business litigation, corporate, criminal, environmental, family law, government, health law, immigration, intellectual property, labor and employment, prosecution, defense and plaintiff litigation, real estate, and trusts and estates.

Dean Leonard’s judicial portrait unveiled

The judicial portrait of Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard was unveiled before family, friends, and colleagues at the North Carolina Museum of History on Nov. 8. The fifth dean of Campbell Law, Leonard served as a federal judge in the Eastern District of North Carolina (EDNC) for more than 30 years prior to transitioning into his current role at the law school.

“The entire evening was an honor,” said Leonard. “While I am immensely grateful that my portrait will hang in the court, I am even more appreciative of the fact that my former clerks took the time out of their busy schedules to coordinate this celebration and share in the occasion with myself and my family.”

The event was organized by Leonard’s former law clerks, while the portrait was commissioned by both the clerks and his former staff. The reception was sponsored by the Members and Friends of the EDNC Bankruptcy Bar.

Leonard’s portrait now hangs at the historic Century Station Federal Building on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh, where he previously presided as a bankruptcy judge.

Women in Law cookbook to benefit Dress for Success

Campbell Law’s Women in Law student organization has published its first cookbook, “May It Please the Fork.” The cookbooks, which feature recipes submitted by Campbell Law faculty, staff and students, are available for $12 and make for great gifts and keepsakes. All proceeds will benefit the Triangle N.C. Chapter of Dress for Success.

For more information or to place an order, e-mail Elizabeth Wilkinson at ewilkinson016@email.campbell.edu.

Founded in April 2008, the Triangle N.C. chapter of Dress for Success promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and career development tools to help women succeed in work and in life. For more information, visit http://www.dressforsuccess.org/.

Campbell Law, National Institute for Trial Advocacy to Host CLE

Campbell Law School and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) will partner to host a three-day continuing legal education (CLE) program at the law school, March 3-5, 2014. Campbell Law graduates interested in attending will receive a 15% discount from the standard program cost.

Recently retired Campbell Law Professor Jean Cary will serve as the program director. Cary, who taught on the Campbell Law faculty from 1991 to 2013, is a leading teacher and scholar in the field of depositions. She has taught family law, pretrial litigation, trial advocacy, and interviewing and counseling.

The deposition skills program will put participants in a realistic deposition setting and provide an opportunity for them to discover the questioning style that best fits their personality and skills.

A stellar faculty comprised of lawyers, judges, professors, and consultants will lead the program, including Peter Hoffman, co-author of “The Effective Deposition: Techniques and Strategies That Work.”

The program, estimated at 19 CLE hours, qualifies as one credit toward the NITA Advocate Designation.

For more information, or to register, please visit the NITA website at http://www.nita.org/Program/SEDP314/.

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