Fifty graduates from the Campbell Law Class of 2013 participated in a swearing-in ceremony at the law school on Sept. 13. The Honorable Paul Gessner, the Honorable Shannon Joseph, and the Honorable Paul Ridge-way, all N.C. Superior Court Judges, administered the oath of office and led the swearing-in.

The ceremony offered graduates the opportunity to be sworn in as attorneys with the N.C. State Bar at their alma mater with their family, friends, professors, classmates, and peers encouraging them and sharing the occasion. Each graduate took the oath of office as an attorney at law to support the Constitution of the United States.

Campbell Law ranks second on July N.C. Bar Exam, graduates sworn-in

The Board of Law Examiners for the State of North Carolina has confirmed that Campbell Law School ranked second among the seven N.C. law schools for first-time bar passage on the July 2013 N.C. Bar Exam. Of the 121 Campbell Law graduates that sat for the exam for the first time, 99 (81.82%) passed.

Campbell Law is the only law school in the state of N.C. to place in the top two for first-time test takers on the July bar exam in each of the past three years. Only Duke University led Campbell Law on the July 2013 bar exam, with 25 of 26 (96.15%) first-time test takers passing.

Over the past 23 years, 92% of Campbell Law graduates have passed the July N.C. Bar Exam on their first try. "This is a tremendous achievement and the beginning of meaningful and successful careers for 99 of our most recent graduates," said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard. "I have no doubt that my new colleagues within the bar will do a fine job of upholding the outstanding reputation that previous Campbell Law graduates have created through years of exemplary practice."

In all, 71.54% of total first-time test takers from N.C. law schools passed the examination, an 8.46% statewide decrease from July 2012 and a 14.73% statewide decrease from July 2011. Of all applicants that sat for the bar exam, including out of state and repeat candidates, 63.32% (794 of 1254) passed.

"Our consistent success on the state bar exam is in large part due to our institutional culture and curriculum, in addition to the commitment demonstrated by our students, faculty, and staff," said Campbell Law Director of Academic Support & Bar Success Sha Hinds-Glick.

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Cody R. Loughridge is a founding partner of Hannah Sheridan Loughridge & Cochran, LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

John Bowen “Bo” Walker was invited to join the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, and recently taught a skills course for the organization.

CLASS OF 2008

Mariana Russell has joined Barefoot Family Law in Raleigh, N.C.

CLASS OF 2010

Heather R. Hobgood has been named Partner at Weaver, Bennett & Bland, PA.

Brian S. Humphrey, II, was promoted to Associate Attorney at Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston, Texas.

CLASS OF 2012

Kate W. Cotten has joined Adams, Howell, Sizemore & Lenfestey, PA as an Associate Attorney.

Jeffrey R. Russell has joined Tharrington Smith, LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Benjamin T. Spangler has joined Adams, Howell, Sizemore & Lenfestey, PA as an Associate Attorney.

Dominic H. Toman has joined Adams, Howell, Sizemore & Lenfestey, PA as an Associate Attorney.

CLASS OF 1984

James B. Stephenson, II has been named to Best Lawyers in America 2014 in the area of Insurance Law.

CLASS OF 1992

John M. Nunnally has been named to Best Lawyers in America 2014 in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Construction Law. He was also recently a featured speaker at the American Council of Engineering Companies of N.C.’s annual conference, and a co-presenter at a seminar for the American Institute of Architects Triangle Chapter.

Paul A. Sheridan is a founding partner of Hannah Sheridan Loughridge & Cochran, LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Terry M. Sholar was recently elected N.C. Association of Municipal Attorneys President.

CLASS OF 1997

John C. Bircher, III has been appointed to the Tryon Palace Commission by N.C. Governor Pat McCrory.

Samantha K. Huge has been named University of Delaware Deputy Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Services and Special Assistant to the President.

CLASS OF 2000

Emily C. Weatherford has joined Bagwell Holt Smith, PA of Chapel Hill, N.C.

CLASS OF 2002

Mark E. Carlson has joined the Charlotte, N.C. office of Winstead PC.

Benjamin T. Cochran has been named to Best Lawyers in America 2014 in the area of Workers’ Compensation Law - Claimants.

Katie H. King has been named Partner at Wake Family Law Group in Raleigh, N.C., and was named a “Rising Star” in Family Law by North Carolina Super Lawyers.

CLASS OF 2013

Henry Kopf, III has joined Shanahan Law Group, PLLC in Raleigh, N.C.

Kelly LaFrankie has been selected by Feeding America as a 2014 Child Hunger Corps member.

Andrew R. Shores has joined Ward & Smith, PA in Raleigh, N.C.

Andrew D. Tucker has joined Davies Law, PLLC in Charlotte, N.C.

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?

Campbell Law will send its first team to the Duberstein Competition, a prestigious national bankruptcy moot court competition, in New York City next March thanks to a generous contribution from the firm Stubbs & Perdue. Campbell Law is grateful for this gift, which will allow for the expansion of our advocacy competition in this important way.

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

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Brown gives presentation to N.C. Society for Certified Public Managers


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Campbell Law establishes Honoratos Emeritus Scholarship for military veterans

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Dean Leonard receives Carraway Award of Merit from Preservation N.C.

Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard was presented with the Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit from Preservation North Carolina during the organization’s annual conference on Oct. 4 in Edenton, N.C. Leonard received the honor in acknowledge-

ment of his tireless work spearheading the restoration of the historic Century Station Federal Building on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh.

The Federal Building serves as the home to the downtown Raleigh post office and the federal bankruptcy court, where Leonard previously presided as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Originally completed in 1878, Leonard led a dramatic multi-year reconstruction and renovation of the original courtrooms and meeting rooms from 2005-09.

In researching the building’s original design, Leonard and his staff uncovered nearly 80 boxes of construction documents at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., which they used to assist in reclaiming the original design of the facility during reconstruction.

“’I am beyond elated that Preservation North Carolina has decided to extend this honor to me,’” said Leonard. “’Although I am fortunate to receive this, I share it with the numerous architects, contractors, laborers, and courthouse staff that worked with me endlessly for several years in an effort to help make this grand building something that Raleigh and its citizens would be proud of.’”

The Carraway Award is annually presented to people and organizations demonstrating genuine commitment through extraordinary leadership, research, philanthropy, promotion and/or personal participation in historic preservation.

Old Kivett Advocacy Council holds 2013 Richard A. Lord Moot Court Competition

Campbell Law School’s Old Kivett Advocacy Council (OKAC) hosted the 2013 Richard A. Lord Moot Court Competition, Sept. 25-28, at the law school. One hundred second-year students and approximate-

ly 200 guest judges participated in the competition.

This year’s problem involved a Fourth Amendment warrantless search and seizure of a defendant’s smart phone after he was booked and questioned. Defendant Brad Daniels was arrested subsequent to a drug transaction with another individual. After an hour of ques-

tioning, the police retrieved Daniels’ iPhone, which was booked according to standard procedures, and read an email on the phone indicating Daniels was prepared to sell the purchased cocaine. The officer showed the email to Daniels, who then confessed to posses-

sion with the intent to distribute. On appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, the competitors argued two issues: whether the government may rely on the “search incident to arrest” exception to the Fourth Amendment’s warrant requirement in searches of smart phones and other similar electronic devices; and whether it is proper to impose limitations on the scope of governmental searches of smart phones, and if so, what that scope should be.

The final round was judged by former Campbell Law professor and competition namesake Richard A. Lord, alongside N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice Paul Newby, and former N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice and former Campbell Law dean Willis P. Whichard.

Professors Bryan Boyd and Lucas Osborn participated in the Christian Legal Society’s “Pie the Professors” fundraiser in late September.