Systel Business Equipment Provides Major Gift to Campbell Law School

Leadership of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University announced it has received an $83,000 contribution in support of its new Raleigh location from Systel Business Equipment of Fayetteville, N.C. The contribution will be applied by the Law School to recognize Systel as the naming sponsor of the spacious Dean’s Conference Room. Systel has also partnered with Campbell to provide all faculty, staff and student printers and copiers throughout the 110,000-square-foot law school building.

“We are grateful to Systel and company President and CEO, Keith Allison, for this meaningful contribution to Campbell Law School,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “This investment in Campbell Law’s new Raleigh home is extraordinary, and we are proud to dedicate the Dean’s Conference Room in recognition of Systel’s support.”

Systel has been a long-time sustaining partner to Campbell Law School. In addition to assisting with the Law School’s recent move to Raleigh, Systel has created an endowment to fund special Campbell Law speakers and events that focus on personal ethics and professionalism. Since 2005, Systel has sponsored an annual Campbell Law School Professionalism Dinner. Recent recipients of the Law School Professionalism Award have included Elaine Marshall, N.C. Secretary of State of Campbell Law, ‘91, and I. Beverly Lake, Jr., former Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court.

“The relocation of Campbell Law School to downtown Raleigh is an historic event for the law school and the entire state of North Carolina,” said Keith Allison, President and CEO of Systel Business Equipment. “It is an honor to be involved with this project, and we look forward to partnering with Campbell Law students and faculty for years to come.”

NITA Deposition Skills Program: March 3–5

Looking to brush up on your deposition skills? The National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s (NITA) Southeast Deposition Skills Program will come to Campbell Law School on March 3–5. The program will offer participants the opportunity to review, practice and perfect deposition skills including eliciting exhaustive, expensive answers; theory testing; identifying other useful witnesses and documents; defending the deposition; gaining admissions; and witness preparation.

Continuing Legal Education credits are estimated at 18 hours and Campbell Law alumni will receive a 15% discount of the cost of the program.

To register, go to www.nita.org. To receive the special Campbell Law discount, enter the code “CAMP” when registering. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Thistlethwaite at thistlethwaite@law.campbell.edu or 919.865.4867.

Campbell Law Students Excel in Trial Team and Moot Court Competitions

On January 14-16, 48 first-year Campbell Law students competed in the “Ill Kilpatrick Tri-Trials Championship” that was administered by law students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Student teams from Campbell, NC; the University of North Carolina School of Law, Duke Law School and North Carolina Central Law School each entered teams.

After the preliminary rounds, four Best Advocates and four Best Witnesses were announced, and half of these honorees were Campbell Law students. The selected students included:

- Best Advocates: Mary Aiken Barnoe and Ben Spangler
- Best Witnesses: Terry Brown and Scott Hankey

Of the Campbell law teams participating in this trial competition, five of the teams advanced to the Sweet 16 round, two to the Elite Eight and one team made it to the Final Four.

The 48 participating students prepared their case files by returning to Campbell Law prior to the start of classes for the Spring 2010 semester. In addition, they competed after classes began without any reduction in their expected class preparation.

During this same weekend, the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law competed in the Southern Regional debates of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition in Baton Rouge, LA.

Out of 23 participating teams, the Campbell Law team of Rashad Hauer and Marjia Bert, both second-year students, placed in the top 16 and the team of Jon Trapp and Justin Hampton, both third-year students, placed fourth in the region. Although only the top three teams receive an invitation to the national competition hosted at the annual meeting of the National Black Law Student Association, the team of Trapp and Hampton wins the Best Respondent’s Brief.

Campbell Law School has bid to host the National Black Law Students Association annual convention and national competition of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition in 2011. If awarded, this program would bring more than 300 students from across the region to the Law School.

Campbell Environmental Law Association

Adopts A Stream

The Campbell Environmental Law Association (CELA) has joined the City of Raleigh’s Adopt-a-Stream program as part of the group’s focus on environmentally oriented community service. The City assigned CELA the Rocky Branch stream segment that runs along Western Boulevard near the Dorthea Dix Hospital.

Many of Raleigh’s urban streams are deteriorating through erosion and pollution from a variety of sources. By adopting a stream, CELA committed to the program for at least three years to walking the stream at least three times a year. During the cleanups, students will look for problems such as pollution discharges as well as physically removing trash and debris from the stream channel. On its very first time walking the stream, the group removed hundreds of pounds of trash including plastic bottles and bags, glass, discarded clothes, and other miscellaneous refuse.

“Adopting a stream is just one way the Campbell Environmental Law Association is making an impact in our new Raleigh community,” said CELA President John Maddux. “When the students formed this group, we felt it important that we not only educate ourselves about the various aspects of environment, please and policy, but that we also play a hands-on role in addressing issues right here in Raleigh. We’re certainly grateful to the City for affording us this opportunity to serve.”

Get involved/Take a tour:

Every gift to the Law School makes a difference

Please consider supporting the Law School with a contribution to the Campaign for Raleigh, annual fund, endowed scholarship or other designation. All support of the Law School makes a difference in the lives of current and future students. And remember, every gift to the Law School stays within the Law School.

Contribute online at www.alumni.law.campbell.edu/eefor more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact: Britt Davis, Director of Development

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From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essay

December 31, 2009 closed out the first decade of the twenty-first century, and it also marked the end of Campbell Law School’s historic first semester in downtown Raleigh.

It was an extraordinarily busy time for students, faculty and staff of new routines were established for communting, learning the building layout and navigating downtown Raleigh. However, like the school’s many years in Buies Creek, once classes started, everyone quickly settled down to the real business of Campbell Law: preparing the region’s best lawyers to serve their future clients.

You can read about our great alumni in a new section of this newsletter entitled Alumni News and Notes. Please let us know your news by contacting Shonagh McQuade at shonagh@law.campbell.edu.

There are many law schools in North Carolina, but there is only one that is located in the heart of the state capital where policy is crafted, laws interpreted and opportunities unlimited: Campbell Law.

Thank you so much for supporting Campbell Law—where great lawyers are made!

With the move new complete, Dean Essay is concentrating on building new connections and relationships throughout North Carolina. In the spring of 2010, the Law School will launch a law clinic in which students will help the legal needs of low-income seniors citizens. The program is a partnership of Campbell Law School, Progress Energy and GlaxoSmithKline in collaboration with Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Campbell Law Dean and 3L Student Go ‘On the Record’ with WRAL

Campbell Law Dean Melissa Essay was the guest on Raleigh’s WRAL TV On the Record program on Saturday, January 16. Kevin May, a third-year student at Campbell Law was also interviewed.

On the Record is a half-hour discussion of the most current topics, political discussions and news events of the week. Topics discussed with Dean Essay and Mr. May with host David Crabtree covered an array of issues, including Campbell Law’s recent move to downtown Raleigh, why individuals pursue careers in the law, how breakthroughs in technology are changing the practice of law, and Campbell Law student involvement in North Carolina’s capital city.

“Our visibility as a law school has gone through the roof. Our applications to the school have skyrocketed,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “We are reaping the benefits of the move to Raleigh and enjoying the visibility that has come with it.” When asked what the biggest surprise of his three years at Campbell Law had been, third-year student Kevin May responded, “It’s that lawyers really do serve others. Our profession truly is a calling.” May played an integral role last year in establishing the student-led Pro Bono Council.

For more information about scholarship opportunities at Campbell Law or to have a confidential conversation about making a contribution, contact Britt Davis at 919.865.5977 or davis@law.campbell.edu.

Dean Essay and Campbell Law Named One of Ten to Watch in 2010

Dean Melissa Essay and Campbell Law were named one of ‘10 to Watch in 2010’ in the January 1, 2010 edition of The News & Observer in Raleigh. The list is an annual compilation of people and organizations in the Triangle area who bear watching in the year ahead.

The article points out that Dean Essay was a leader in Campbell Law School’s historic move to downtown Raleigh, North Carolina from its former home in Buies Creek. It also notes that the relocation was completed in less than two years and, in 2009, the Law School experienced a 25 percent jump in student applications.

Save The Date – 2010 Scholarship Luncheon

The 2010 Law School Scholarship Luncheon will be held at the Law School in Raleigh on Friday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. This event provides endowed scholarship sponsors with a wonderful opportunity to interact with student scholarship recipients, as well as tour the new home of Campbell Law School. Contact Julie Lechner at 919.865.5978 or lechner@law.campbell.edu for more information.

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**Alumni News & Notes**

**Class of 1980**  
Timothy J. Fuhrman has been named Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI’s Mobile Division by FBI Director, Robert S. Mueller, III. Mr. Fuhrman joined the FBI in February 1982.

Reginald Renan of Duplin County, was appointed by Gov. Bev Perdue to the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Michael L. Weisel has been named to the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America in Corporate Governance and Compliance Law. Mr. Weisel is an attorney with Bailey & Dixon, LLP in Raleigh, NC.

**Class of 1982**  
David C. Whilden of Asheville, NC has been appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Appalachian State University Foundation Inc.

**Class of 1984**  
Kenneth L. Burgess has been named to the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the Health Care Law category. He is a partner in Poyner Spruill’s Raleigh office.

**Class of 1985**  
B. Geoffrey Hulse, a criminal defense attorney and well-known Goldsboro native, was elected president of the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation Board.

**Class of 1988**  
David R. Teddy is the inaugural winner of a new award named for UNC School of Government Professor, John Rubin. The Commission on Indigent Defense Services honored Teddy with The Professor John Rubin Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Indigent Defense Training Programs.

Hoyt Tessener of Martin & Jones has been recognized by his peers and named to The Best Lawyers in America for the 2010 edition.

**Class of 1989**  
Bobbie Smith Foster went into private practice with the law firm of Smart & Harris in Savannah, GA after 15 years with the District Attorney’s office. Her new e-mail address is bblaster@smartandharris.com. Bobbie is married to Johnny Foster, 1988, who is with Forbes, Foster, & Pod in Savannah, GA. Johnny may be reached at foster@bfp-law.com.

Forest Horne of Martin & Jones has been recognized by his peers and named to Best Lawyers in America for the 2010 edition.

**Class of 1996**  
V. Stuart Couch was awarded the 2009 “pro reo” Award by The Professor John Rubin Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Indigent Defense Training Programs. The award is named for UNC School of Government Professor, John Rubin. The Commission on Indigent Defense Services honored Teddy with The Professor John Rubin Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Indigent Defense Training Programs.

Laura Slaughter of King Law Offices, PLLC in Rutherfordton, NC is the recipient of the Younger Lawyer Pro Bono Award, presented by the NCBA Young Lawyers Division. She has been recognized for her pro bono service through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program in her first year of practice as a lone volunteer lawyer with the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program in her first year of practice as a lone volunteer lawyer.

**Class of 1998**  
Brian W. King was certified as a specialist in Family Law in North Carolina. He is with King Law Offices, LLC in Rutherfordton, NC.

**Class of 2000**  
Margaret Eagles was appointed as a new District Court judge in Wake County by Governor Beverly Perdue for the 10th Judicial District.

**Class of 2001**  
Heather Wilson was recently elected to serve on the board of directors for the NC Association of Defense Attorneys. She also chairs the Association’s Medical Malpractice Practice Group and practices with the Raleigh law firm of Yates McLamb & Weyher, LLP.

**Class of 2003**  
Ulmer Z. Bridges, III and Grace Bolles Bridges announced the birth of their daughter Gabriella Francesca Bridges (Gib) July 18, 2009. She was 19 1/4” and 7 lbs 11 oz.

**Class of 2005**  
Shawn Robert Evans of Raleigh and Katherine (Katie) Heather McCall of Durham, NC were united in marriage on Saturday, August 15, at First Baptist Church in Wilmington, N.C. The groom graduated from Campbell Law in 2005 and is an assistant district attorney for the 10th Prosecutorial District in Wake County, NC.

**Class of 2006**  
J. Drake Brinkley was appointed to the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is an attorney in Moore & Van Allien’s Research Triangle Park office.

David Scott Russ has opened his own law firm in Durham, NC. His practice will include criminal defense, traffic citations, DWI, Separation and Divorce, and Wills and Planning.

**Class of 2007**  
Joy Burns and his wife Melissa announced the arrival of their daughter, Delaney Elizabeth Burns. She was born on May 4, 2009 and was 7lbs. 6oz. 20.5”

Sharon Scudder is now the Executive Counsel for the North Carolina Appellate Court Commissioners in Raleigh, NC.

Laura Slaughter of King Law Offices, PLLC in Rutherfordton, NC is the recipient of the Younger Lawyer Pro Bono Award, presented by the NCBA Young Lawyers Division. She has been recognized for her pro bono service through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program in her first year of practicing law.

**Class of 2009**  
Samuel D. Fleder has joined the law firm of Smith Debnam Nan researcher and Myers, LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Emily Haas is employed with Coats and Bennett, PLLC in Cary, NC.

Cristina S. Quancock is an Assistant District Attorney for District 16A in Hoke County, NC.

Tracy R. Stroud has joined the law firm of Colombo, Kitchin, Dunn, Ball & Porter LLP in Greenville, NC as an associate attorney.

Allen Nelson Trask III married Erin Macrae Scott on August 1, 2009. Mr. Trask is an attorney with Ward and Smith in Wilmington, NC.

Marissa A. West became associated with the Law Firm of Vernen, Vernen, Wooten, Brown, Andrews & Garrett, P.A. in Burlington, NC.

**Class of 2010**  
Michael L. Weisel has been named to the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America. He is with King Law Offices, LLC in Rutherfordton, NC.

Timothy J. Fuhrman has been named to the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the Health Care Law category. He is a partner in Poyner Spruill’s Raleigh office.

**In Memoriam**  
Gary Ragland (1979L) of Clayton passed away Aug. 2, 2009 at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was a charter class graduate of Campbell University Law School and a practicing attorney for 30 years.

Barbara G. Wilson, assistant to three Law School Deans over 20 years. Barbara lost a valiant battle to ovarian cancer in November 2009. She joined the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law as a faculty secretary in January 1987 and was later promoted to Assistant to the Dean. She capably served Deans Pat Heitrick, Willis Whitchard and Melissa Essany.

**Campbell Law Hosts Host North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society Annual Meeting & Banquet**  
The Campbell Law School hosted the 2009 Annual Meeting and Banquet of The North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society on the evening of November 19 in the Law School’s recently dedicated John W. Pope Foundation Grand Reception Foyer.

More than 125 North Carolina judges and attorneys, along with Campbell Law School faculty, staff and students were in attendance. Guests opened the evening with a reception in the first floor of the law library. Several current law students guided tours of the new law school during the reception hour.

Catherine Arnowood, Chair of the N.C. Supreme Court Historical Society Board of Trustees, served as emcee for the evening. The Hon. Willis Whitchard, former Dean of Campbell Law School and N.C. Supreme Court Justice, opened the banquet invocation. Patrick Hetrick, Campbell Professor of Law, gave an engaging and humorous keynote address. The Hon. Paul Needy, N.C. Associate Justice on the N.C. Supreme Court, followed the keynote address with a toast to the N.C. Supreme Court Historical Society. Ms. Arnowood closed the evening in the traditional manner of the Society as attendees stood and recited the North Carolina State Toast.

The North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society, Inc. was chartered as a nonprofit corporation in 1992 to preserve and celebrate the history of the Supreme Court and to heighten public appreciation of the history and achievements of North Carolina’s entire judicial system. The Society is comprised of judges, court officials, lawyers and laypersons.

**Upcoming Events**  
**February**  
• 20 - Admitted Students Day, Raleigh, NC  
• 23-24 - NC State Bar Exam, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC  
• March  
  • 3 - NITA Southeast Deposition Program, Raleigh, NC  
  • 25 - Pitt County Alumni Dinner, Greenville, NC