From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

As the spring semester comes to a close, commencement is in the air here at Campbell Law School. With the end of another academic year, we can look back on with much pride at what has been accomplished.

Our students have yet again set the standard for academic success in not only North Carolina, but across the nation. Campbell students set the pace again for North Carolina Bar passage rate, and our student the nation. Campbell students set the pace again for academic success in not only North Carolina, but across the nation. Campbell students set the pace again for academic success in not only North Carolina, but across the nation. Campbell students set the pace again for academic success in not only North Carolina, but across the nation.

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Michael F. Schiawasaki (’82), Sokol McLamb Schilawski Oliver Ladd & Grace PLLC, Raleigh, NC
Gary K. Shipman (’80), Shipman & Wright LLP, Wilmington, NC
Ashley H. Story (’82), Troutman Sanders LLP, Raleigh, NC
Rose H. Stout (’85), Smith Debnam Narron WycheSatings & Myers LLP, Raleigh, NC
Philip Summa (’83), Summa Allan & Additon PA, Charlotte, NC
Gene B. Terr (’83), Bianco Tackabery Comb & Matamoros, Wilmington, NC
Hoyt G. Tessener (’88), Martin & Jones, Raleigh, NC
Benjamin N. Thompson (’79), Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP, Raleigh, NC
John G. Vanney Jr. (’92), Vannoy, Colvard, Tripplett & Vannoy PLLC, North Wilkesboro, NC
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Campbell Lawyers Named Among Best in State, Texas

Super Lawyers magazine has named 32 Campbell Law graduates to its 2008 list of Super Lawyers. Of the group, 31 practice in North Carolina and one in Texas.

Super Lawyers is a listing of outstanding lawyers who have a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The list spans more than 70 practice areas and no more than five percent of the total lawyers in a particular state are selected for inclusion in final list of Super Lawyers.

“We are so proud of our graduates and their commitment to professional excellence and service to their clients,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “I know each of these individuals must be proud for not only being included among the 2008 list of Super Lawyers, but also to know that they are held in high esteem among their peers in legal profession. They are not just Campbell lawyers,”

The following individuals were recognized for 2008:

Bobby L. Bollinger Jr. (’88), Bollinger & Piemonte PC, Charlotte, NC
Buxton S. Copeland (’85), Crandall Sumner & Hartzog LLP, Raleigh, NC
John K. Fanney (’91), Fanney & Jackson PC, Raleigh, NC
James W. Lea III (’80), Lea, Rhine, Rosbrugh & Chleborowicz PLLC, Wilmington, NC
Ralph W. Meekins (’86), Teddy Meekins & Talbert, PLLC, Shelby, NC
Bill Powers (’92), Law Offices of Bush & Powers, Charlotte, NC
John W. Watson Jr. (’82), Watson Dunlow & Wilkinson, PA, Oxford, NC
Michael C. Boose (’81), Michael C. Boose, Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, NC
Rebecca J. Brinton (’92), The Law Firm of Hutchens, Senter & Britton, Fayetteville, NC
Kimberly W. Bryan (’92), Cheshire Parker Schneider Bryan & Vitale, Raleigh, NC
Mark T. Galloway (’83), Altson & Bird LLP, Charlotte, NC
Ames C. Chamberlin (’95), Ames C. Chamberlin, Attorney at Law, Greensboro, NC
A. Charles Ellis (’83), Ward & Smith PA, Greenville, NC
George E. Francisco (’82), George Francisco PC, Winston-Salem, NC
Richard T. Gammon (’81), Dement Askew Gammon & Dement, Raleigh, NC
Richard B. Harper (’81), Richard B. Harper, Attorney at Law, Sylvia, NC
Mary Beth Johnston (’83), Kennedy Covington Loddbell & Hickman LLP, Research Triangle Park, NC
Benjamin Bailey Liiifert, Ill (’81), Craige Brawley Liiifert & Walker LLP, Winston-Salem, NC
Gena G. Morris (’92), Horack Talley Pharr & Louxendes PA, Charlotte, NC
Robert O’Hale (’81), Clifford Clendenin & O’Hale LLP, Greensboro, NC
Johnathan L. Rhyne Jr. (’81), The Jonas Law Firm PLLC, Lincoln, NC

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Campaign Update: Campbell Assumes Ownership of 225 Hillsborough Street

Campbell University officially assumed ownership of 225 Hillsborough Street in downtown Raleigh, the building known as Hillsborough Place, as of Feb. 28, 2008. The purchase further solidifies the relocation of Campbell Law School to the capital city. The 110,000-square-foot brick building was sold to Campbell by Variety Wholesalers in October 2007.

“The purchase of 225 Hillsborough Street marks an exciting milestone for Campbell Law and the Wake County community,” said Dean Essary. “As Raleigh was previously the largest U.S. state capital without a law school, we’re eager to begin our transition. Just steps from the heart of North Carolina state government, we’re now truly a part of downtown.”
The law school’s future home will include a state-of-the-art law library, courtrooms, classrooms, common spaces, and other gathering locations for students and the Raleigh legal community. The updated facility will open for classes in Aug. 2009.


Campbell Law Student Teams Excel on National Stage

Several student teams from Campbell Law School continued a strong winning tradition during the 2007-08 academic year through winning major moot court, trial team, and arbitration and negotiation competitions. Thus far, teams have been recognized in the following events:

Jerome Prince Evidence Competition: On Apr. 3-5 in Brooklyn, N.Y. the Campbell Law team of Chris Autry, Catherine Hamilton and Walter Webster took first place in the competition, and were also awarded the Best Brief and Outstanding Finalist(WeisWM) awards. The team topped a number of schools, including teams from the University of California-Hastings in the semi-finals, and Seton Hall in the finals.

ABA National Appellate Advocacy National Competition: On Apr. 3-5 in Chicago, Ill. the Campbell Law team of Christian Staples, Matt Water and Julie Weissman advanced to the “Sweet 16,” sharing the honor with schools such as Harvard, Michigan State, Florida, UC Berkeley, Regent and Baylor.

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot: On Mar. 21 in Vienna, Austria, the Campbell Law team of Natalie Kamphaus, Jarrett McGowan, Mica Nguyen, Seph Schonekas, Catherine Sims, John Stubbs and Raymond Tarlton received international recognition for its memorandum before more than 1,300 students from 52 countries, six continents and nearly 600 legal professionals who served as arbitrators. Campbell Law and Harvard Law were the only two U.S. law schools to be recognized in the closing awards program for their outstanding briefs.

ABA National Appellate Advocacy Regional Competition: On Mar. 12-16 in Washington D.C. the Campbell Law team of Christian Staples, Matt Waters and Julie Weissman went undefeated, earning the right to compete in the National Finals, held Apr. 3-5 in Chicago, Ill. In the preliminary rounds of the D.C. event, Campbell topped teams from the University of South Dakota, Charleston School of Law and the University of Richmond. In the octofinal and semifinal rounds, Campbell beat both Barry University School of Law and Liberty University School of Law. Only 25 teams out of 179 law schools advanced to the finals.

National Appellate Advocacy Competition: On Feb. 9 at the National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regional in Atlanta, Ga., the Campbell Law team of Jennifer Ulsh, Brian Ratlege and Stephanie Evans went undeated, winning the Regional Competition and qualifying for the National Finals on Mar. 26-29 in Austin, Tx. Campbell bested teams from a number of top law programs, including Duke University and the University of Tennessee in the preliminary rounds, Georgia State in the third round, and Wake Forest in the final round.

National Moot Court Regional Championship: During the weekend of Nov. 17, 2007 in Richmond, Va., the Campbell Law Moot Court team of Jay Audino, Mariana Godwin and Walter Webster took first place, garnering best brief honors and the Outstanding Oralist Award (Webster). The team qualified for the National Moot Court finals held in New York in January.

National Jurist Magazine Praises Campbell Law’s Minority Enrollment

The March 2008 issue of National Jurist magazine has prominently covered the Law School in its cover story entitled, “Disappearing Act.”

The article reports that minority student enrollment at law schools is down nationally, lower than it was 15 years ago, going so far as to call it a “crisis.” However, the article opens with one bright spot, Campbell Law, and reports that the school’s minority student representation has jumped from three percent to 14 percent.

In the article, Campbell Law’s minority enrollment increase is described as “one of only a handful of bright spots in legal education in regard to minority recruitment.” The article also features a photo of Dean Melissa Essary, and a caption highlighting the school’s upcoming move to Raleigh.


Felburn Foundation Provides Major Gift for Raleigh Law Library

The Felburn Foundation of Loris, SC has reserved the naming of the main library reading room via a $500,000 contribution to the Campaign for Raleigh Law School, “one of only a handful of bright spots in legal education in regard to minority recruitment.” The article also features a photo of Dean Melissa Essary, and a caption highlighting the school’s upcoming move to Raleigh.

Felburn has been such a terrific supporter of Campbell Law School,” she said.