Spring is upon us and excitement fills the air as the class of 2009 heads down home stretch and we prepare to transition your law school to downtown Raleigh.

The beginning of Campbell Law's era in Raleigh is off to a bold start as applications for the class of 2012, entering in fall 2009, is running 26 percent ahead of this same time last year. We anticipate setting a very strong class that will include several children of Campbell Law alumni. Our legacy is building.

In May of this year, we will hold our last Law School graduation in Buies Creek. All law alumni are invited to join us in Campbell University's new Convocation Center on May 8 at 10:00 a.m. for the hooding ceremony and graduation. An alumni reception will follow. You may register at www.alumni.campbell.edu (click on Events). Please join us for the special time of celebration.

Professor Tom Anderson frequently quips with pride, “Campbell Law, were going from The Creek to the capital!” The support of our faculty, alumni and students as we continue to raise our profile sends a strong signal throughout the region. Regardless of our location, Campbell Law School is truly a place where great lawyers are made.

Applications to Campbell Law up 26 Percent while National Average is Flat

With the applications from prospective students interested in coming to Campbell Law School in the fall 2009, applications to Campbell are up 26 percent over the year prior, though across the country the applicant count is up just one percent.

Concerning the marked increase in applications to Campbell Law School, Assistant Dean for Admissions Lewis Hutchison said, “I think the increase in applications to Campbell Law School directly correlates to our planned move to Raleigh. Today’s students want to be in an urban environment where they can gain experience and see the law in action. Being within walking distance of the state legislature, appellate courts, state agencies and numerous law firms and corporate offices, means our students will be able to do both.” He continued, “Campbell Law is a program on the move and students know it. Our 26 percent increase in applications this year follows a 15 percent increase last year.”

Concerning the nation’s downturn of applicants, Hutchison stated, “It is interesting that the economy seems to be having no effect on applications. You would think the application count would be up overall given the state of the economy and job uncertainty, but it’s actually the exact opposite. In fact, nearly 40 percent of the 198 ABA approved law schools actually show a decline in the number of applications.”

Scholarship Luncheon Featured North Carolina Secretaty of State

On March 24, Campbell Law School hosted its annual luncheon for donors who have contributed scholarship funds that benefit the Law School and 2008-09 student recipients of endowed scholarship funds. More than 65 students and scholarship donors attended the event, including distinguished Campbell alumni, Hon. Elaine M. Arshaw (’81), N.C. Secretary of State, and Hon. John Tyson, former judge on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

Elaine M. Arshaw served as the event’s keynote speaker and shared how many opportunities were given to her in college by scholarships. “Having someone believe in me and my potential without even knowing me inspired me to work hard and was critical to my success,” said Marshall. “I am so pleased to meet two Campbell Law students today who benefit from a scholarship fund that honors my late husband, Sol Marshall.”

For more information about creating an endowed scholarship to benefit Campbell Law School or contribute to an existing scholarship, contact Brit Davis, Law School Director of Development, at 910.893.1811 or davis@law.campbell.edu.

Admitted Students Day Welcomes Members of Raleigh’s Inaugural Law Class

Campbell Law School hosted an Admitted Students Day on March 21 in Raleigh for more than 120 members of the class of 2012 – the first class of law students who will spend all three years at the Law School’s Raleigh location. Nearly 25 of the attendees came from beyond the borders of North Carolina.

The event offered an overview of student life through multiple sessions, including: a mock law class, panels of Campbell Law alumni and current students, and tours of downtown and the new Law School building.

“As excitement for Campbell Law’s move to Raleigh continues to build, we wanted to give members of our fall 2009 entering class an opportunity to become better acquainted with student life and, specifically, the city they will call home for the next three years,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “We are especially excited that so many students from outside of North Carolina attended.”

N.C. Business Court Relocating to Campbell Law

In conjunction with Campbell Law School’s fall 2009 move to downtown Raleigh, the School will become home to the North Carolina Business Court – Raleigh division. The move will make Campbell Law School one of only a handful of the nation’s law schools to house a working court within its facilities.

The North Carolina Business Court is a specialized forum of the North Carolina State Courts’ trial division. Cases involving complex and significant issues of corporate and commercial law in the state are assigned by the Chief Justice to the North Carolina Supreme Court to a special superior court judge who oversees resolution of all matters in the case.

“The addition of the N.C. Business Court to Campbell Law’s new location in downtown Raleigh is tremendous,” said Campbell Law School Dean Melissa Essary. “It gives our students the invaluable opportunity to utilize an on-site learning laboratory in which to observe attorneys in action as they argue their cases.”

The Business Court will move into Campbell Law’s new Raleigh facility in the fall of 2009.
Justice Paul Newby Receives 2009 Iredell Award

The Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity of Campbell Law School recognized Justice Paul M. Newby of the North Carolina Supreme Court on March 23 as the 2009 recipient of the prestigious Justice James Iredell Award.

Since 1980, the James Iredell Award has been presented each year by Campbell Law School’s chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity to an individual who has made significant contributions to the legal profession and the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. The award, inspired by the life and writings of James Iredell, honors the recipient’s accomplishments, tenacity and effort.

In her introduction of Justice Newby, Campbell Law Professor Margaret Currin ('79) remarked, “Paul Newby epitomizes the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. In my years of working with him in the U.S. Attorney’s office, I always admired how he could balance loyalty to his client with true compassion for those on the opposing side.”

Recent recipients of the Iredell Award include:
- 2008 - The Honorable Willis R. Whitchurch
- 2007 - The Honorable Anne Marie Calabria
- 2006 - Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins
- 2005 - Richard A. Gammon
- 2003 - The Honorable John M. Tyson
- 2002 - A. P. Carlton
- 2000 - Professor Patrick K. Hetrick
- 1999 - Professor Robert A. Jenkings

John Bruffey, J r. Awarded Campbell University’s Alumni Service Award

In recognition of his service and support of Campbell University, Atlanta attorney John C. Bruffey, Jr. ('84) was awarded Campbell University’s Alumni Service Award on Feb. 23.

In addition to his support of the University as a whole, Bruffey was selected in part for his influential work in the Law School’s fall 2009 move from Buies Creek to downtown Raleigh.

“John Bruffey’s actions and professionalism are an inspiration to all of us at Campbell University and the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “His involvement and major commitment to the Law School’s Capital Campaign have set a tone for excellence among all Campbell Law alumni. We are proud of John because not only is he a lawyer - he’s a Campbell Lawyer.”

Campbell Law School Construction Update

With a planned opening date in September 2009 for all Campbell Law School classes and functions, construction is well underway at 225 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh.

Image of network and telecom wiring on the fourth of the Law School. This floor will house faculty offices, the Dean’s suite, registrar, IT functions and five classrooms.

Moot Court Team Wins Awards at National Competition

Second year Campbell Law students Beth Stowell, Thomas Harper and Luke Dalton were highly competitive at the 2009 Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition, sponsored by U.C. Davis School of Law on February 7 in Sacramento. The event is the only immigration law moot court competition on the West Coast, and the only one in the nation devoted exclusively to the topic of asylum and refugee law.

Campbell’s three-person team was recognized as producing the Best Brief in the competition. Additionally, Beth Stowell was presented with the Best Oral Advocate award and Thomas Harper received the second place Oral Advocate award. Campbell finished second overall in the program behind U.C. Hastings School of Law.

“This marks the third year in a row that Campbell Law has brought home a Best Brief award in a national competition,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “The quality of our student’s written work and case analysis is second to none.”

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