It’s hard to believe that another year has come to a close at Campbell Law School. The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity that culminated in the graduating class of 2008. We are so proud of our students and wish each of them Godspeed as they embark upon fulfilling lives as lawyers and community servants.

The summer months have not brought a slowdown to Campbell Law. We are preparing for an outstanding group of new first year students. The class of 2011 will be one of the strongest in recent memory, and I am pleased to report that we received a record number of applications for the fall of 2008.

Kudos to the class of 2008 and welcome to the class of 2011! Best wishes to all.

From the desk of Dean Melissa Essary

Campbell Law graduates 110 in class of 2008

Commencement ceremonies for the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law’s class of 2008 took place Sunday, May 11 and Monday, May 12 on the Campbell University campus.

The Law School conferred 110 Jurist Doctor degrees at the May 11 Hooding ceremony. William K. Suter, clerk of the United States Supreme Court, delivered the address at the 2007-08 hooding ceremony.

Graduates received their diplomas during the commencement ceremony held on May 12. Honors were awarded to students who ranked in the top ten percent and to those with a cumulative average of 86% or higher.

Graduates to sit for N.C. Bar Exam

Most members of the class of 2008 will sit for the N.C. Bar Exam on July 29-30 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Campbell Law graduates have had the best overall passage rate on the N.C. Bar among all North Carolina law schools for the past 17 years. In recent years, Campbell Law graduates taking the Bar Exam in other states have had a one hundred percent pass rate.

New law school location takes shape

Exterior renderings and interior floor plans have been created for the Law School’s new home at 225 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh.

The city of Raleigh is currently the largest U.S. state capital without a law school in its city limits. Detailed floor plans can be accessed at law.campbell.edu.

For more information about getting involved with the Law School’s Campaign for Raleigh, contact Britt Davis, director of development, at 910.893.1811 or davis@law.campbell.edu.

Beavers named new director of career services

Julie Beavers has been named as the Law School’s new director of career services and professional development. She brings nearly fifteen years of recruiting experience to Campbell.

“We are extremely pleased that Julie Beavers has joined the Law School as our new director of career services and professional development. She brings a wealth of experience in recruiting and job placement,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “We’re delighted to have her serving our students and law firms across the region.”

Beavers began her career with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, a large corporate law firm based in the southeast. During her thirteen-year career at Womble Carlyle, she managed campus and lateral recruiting as well as the summer intern program for the Raleigh and Research Triangle Park offices in North Carolina.

A native of eastern North Carolina, Beavers graduated with a B.S. from East Carolina University in 1993.

For details about on-campus interviews or other recruiting needs, contact Julie Beavers at 910.893.1794 or beavers@law.campbell.edu.

More Campbell Super Lawyers

Super-Lawyers

In the March/April edition of the Law Brief, a list of Campbell Law alumni named to the 2008 Super Lawyers list was featured. The following individuals were inadvertently omitted. Congratulations to each of the following for receiving this honor.

Elizabeth M. Atkins ('84), Attorney at Law, Charleston, SC
J. Ronald Jones Jr. ('88), Clawson & Staubes LLC, Charleston, SC
William O. (Billy) Richardson ('80), Richardson & Brittain PLLC, Fayetteville, NC
Randall C. Stoney Jr. ('80), Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms LLC, Charleston, SC

* Campbell Law graduates featured in the most recent Best Lawyers in America and Martindale-Hubbell guides will appear in an upcoming issue of the Law Brief.
Alumni in service: Ken Burgess (’84) and Lisa Morris (’04)

Two Campbell Law alumni, Lisa Morris and Ken Burgess, have been recognized for their significant pro bono efforts.

Morris was named Mecklenburg County’s 2007-08 Children’s Rights Pro Bono Attorney of the Year. She participated in the Children’s Law Center Pro Bono Attorney and Custody Advocate Training in December of 2004 and has distinguished herself as a star Guardian ad litem with the CAP Team. With over 20 years experience as a nurse, Morris is a 2004 Campbell Law graduate. Her daughter, Erin, is a 2008 graduate of Campbell Law.

“Early on, as a neophyte lawyer, Morris was eager to put her legal knowledge to use and often served on cases as both the Volunteer Attorney and Custody Advocate,” said Whitney-Marisha Allsopp Jackson of The Council for Children’s Rights. “During the last fiscal year, Morris contributed just over 300 pro bono hours to representing children in our Custody Advocacy Program.” She is on pace to offer substantially more pro bono hours in the current year.

Burgess, a partner at Poyner & Spruill in Raleigh, was selected by the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation (Portland, Ore.) as their 2007 National Volunteer of the Year.

The award was based on Burgess’ efforts to support the renovation and expansion of a shelter for homeless seniors in Jinotepe, Nicaragua. The facility will be both a home for its residents and a center of health care for the entire community. The center is the first of its kind in Nicaragua, and one of the few in Central America.

In addition to expanding the center itself, resources raised by Burgess and Poyner & Spruill is helping with a number of related projects designed to ensure the center’s long-term financial stability, bring medical care to the residents and help train some of the 500,000 abandoned street children of Nicaragua in services they can provide to seniors at the center or elsewhere.

“There are a few things I’ve ever done have given me such a sense of satisfaction as this project,” said Burgess.

Have you received recognition for community service or know of a Law School graduate that we could recognize? Contact Shonagh McQuade, director of alumni relations & special events, at 910.893.1893 or shonagh@law.campbell.edu.

Professor Wallace lectures at Chinese law schools

Professor Gregory Wallace lectured to law students and professors at two Chinese law schools during the week of Mar. 3-7.

Wallace gave two lectures on American contract law and constitutional questions from students.

Wallace also lectured to Nanjing Normal University School of Law, located in Nanjing, China. There, he lectured on judicial review and federal judicial power under Article III of the United States Constitution and fielded questions from students.

Wallace spoke with both law schools about establishing cooperative educational programs with Campbell Law School.

“I am excited about the prospect of Chinese and Campbell Law students learning together and sharing their respective cultures,” he said. “China is undergoing many developments in its legal system. Establishing close educational and cultural relations can be a vital force in global change.”

Professor Hetric conducts book signing

Professor Pat Hetric participated in a book signing at a meeting of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission on May 14, 2008.

The book, the 2008-09 edition of the North Carolina Real Estate Manual, is a best selling text on North Carolina real estate law. Hetric is the primary author. Patricia A. Moylan and Larry A. Outlaw served as co-authors.

Essary named to NC Bar Association board of governors

Dean Melissa Essary has been named a vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association’s board of governors. New vice presidents and members of the Board of Governors were formally elected during the June 2008 Annual Meeting in Atlantic Beach, N.C. Those elected will also serve on the NCBA Foundation Inc. board of directors. Individuals elected to one-years terms as vice presidents include:

• Justice Paul M. Newby of the N.C. Supreme Court
• Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Beverly T. Beal of Lenoir
• Chief District Court Judge Joseph E. Turner of Greensboro
• Dean Melissa A. Essary of the Campbell University School of Law
• C. Marcus Harris of Charlotte (elected to a two-year term)

Coming events:

Greensboro alumni luncheon
August 21, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Wilmington alumni reception
September 4, 7 p.m.
USS N.C. Battleship

Class of 1988 reunion
November 1-2
Raleigh (Sheraton Hotel)

Homecoming weekend
November 1-2
• Law School Admissions Open House, Nov. 1 (Buies Creek) — be sure to tell your friends and relatives who might be thinking about law school
• Football (Buies Creek): Campbell v. Davidson, Nov. 1 @ 1 p.m.