As we reflect back on the accomplishments of 2007, it’s been a year of challenges, progress, and firsts for the Campbell School of Law. Our students have set new standards with national and regional moot court championships, our alumni continue to be recognized for their personal and professional accomplishments, and the law school is taking a tremendous step forward via the upcoming relocation to downtown Raleigh. It has been a landmark year on many levels.

Please accept my best wishes for health and prosperity in 2008. This is an exciting time in the history of Campbell Law, and we look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and involved with our projects in the months ahead.

Happy New Year!

From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

Bruffey, ’84, Provides First Major Gift to ‘Campaign for Raleigh’

John C. Bruffey, Jr., partner in the firm of Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP, Atlanta, has made the first major commitment to the School of Law’s Campaign for Raleigh with a pledge of $250,000. Bruffey is a member of the Campbell Law Class of 1984.

Commenting on his commitment, Bruffey said, “It is with pride and humility that I give back to a school that prepared me well to practice law. The move to Raleigh will open up so many doors for Campbell Law, and I am delighted to serve on the Campaign Cabinet. I would not trade my degree from Campbell for one from any other law school in the country.”

“This is certainly a wonderful way to start our campaign,” said Frank B. Holding, Jr., Chairman of the School of Law’s Campaign for Raleigh and President of First Citizens Bank. “We are thrilled to include John as a member of the Campaign Cabinet, and I believe his thoughtful investment will be an outstanding model for others.”

“John Bruffey has set a high standard for members of our Campaign Cabinet and School of Law alumni,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “Not only is this a generous gift to start the campaign, but it’s also the largest contribution to Campbell Law from one of our graduates. We are honored indeed.”

The Campaign for Raleigh seeks to secure $27.5 million to fully cover expenses associated with the acquisition and renovation of the School’s new home at 225 Hillsborough Street in downtown Raleigh. The new facility will open for the start of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Campbell Law Wins National Moot Court Regional Competition

Top recognition goes to the Campbell University School of Law’s Moot Court team for taking first place, for garnering best brief honors, and for receiving the Outstanding Oralist Award at the National Moot Court Regional Championship held in Richmond, Virginia on November 17-18.

The Campbell Law team, consisting of Jay Audino, Mariana Godwin, and Walter Webster, qualified for the National Moot Court finals to be held in New York in January 2008. “This is an outstanding achievement on the part of our students,” said Richard Lord, professor of law and a team coach. Professors Beth King, Robin Muse, Bryan Boyd, and Greg Wallace also helped prepare the team.

“Once again, our students have shown that they are among the very best in the country,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “We celebrate all of our competition teams who so ably represent Campbell Law.”

The National Moot Court Competition is the nation’s oldest and most prestigious moot court competition. The competition is co-sponsored by the Bar Association of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers.


Bruce Park, a member of the Campbell School of Law class of 1988, died unexpectedly on December 21, 2007 while in the company of many close friends. Bruce was an associate with Goodman, Cart, Nixon, Laughrun and Levine for almost ten years after graduation from Campbell. He later became a partner with Lange & Park where he managed the firm for three years. In 2000 Bruce co-founded what is now the Nixon, Park, Gronquist & Foster law firm where he practiced criminal defense law until his untimely death. He is survived by, among others, his wife, Esta, and three children, Mary Baker, John Peyton and Jacqueline McCullagh Park. A G. Bruce Park law scholarship is being developed.

SCHOOL OF LAW
Juvenile Justice Mediation Program Recognized by NC Governor's Crime Commission

Linda Hayes, Chair of the Governor’s Crime Commission of North Carolina, was on the Campbell University campus on December 14 to present an award to the School of Law’s Juvenile Justice Mediation program. Jon Powell, Director of the Juvenile Justice Mediation program, accepted the award on behalf of the School of Law.

“It’s really an honor to present this award to Campbell’s Juvenile Justice Project,” said Hayes. “Only six awards are presented to programs supported by the Governor’s Crime Commission every three years. The competition is intense, and the impact of this program on the community is a credit to Campbell.”

Established in 2003 with a grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission, the Juvenile Justice Project is a clinical mediation program serving Harnett, Lee and Johnston counties. Juvenile criminal cases from the local district, District 11, are referred by the District Attorney’s office or the juvenile’s defense attorney when it is determined that a case can be mediated without prosecution. The most typical crimes mediated through the program are assault and property crimes.

Couch, ’96, Awarded 2007 ABA Minister of Justice Award

The American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section awarded its 2007 Minister of Justice Award to 1996 Campbell Law alum, Lt. Col. Stuart Couch, U.S. Marine Corps, at a ceremony on November 2, 2007. The presentation was held at the George Washington University School of Law in Washington DC.

Col. Couch garnered recognition for his stand as a Guantanamo JAG prosecuting attorney who decided not to bring charges against a prisoner connected with the 9/11 attacks because of his belief that evidence in the case was coerced by torture. During the course of his moving acceptance speech, Couch provided strong testimony to the legal education he received at Campbell Law, as well as his strong faith as a Christian.

Jones, ’97, Appointed as Federal Magistrate Judge for Eastern District of NC

On October 12, 2007, Campbell Law School Alumni Robert B. Jones, Jr. (’97) was sworn in as the Part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Prior to his appointment, Magistrate Judge Jones practiced law in Wilmington with the law firm of Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog, where he specialized in civil litigation.

The official Campbell Law Alumni Community, an online resource for alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, has been created exclusively to allow all members of the Campbell Law family—past and present—to find and network with one another, register for alumni events, provide and receive alumni mentoring, donate exclusively to the law school online, build personal web pages, and much more. More than 600 of the Law School’s 2,900 alumni are currently registered.

To receive your username and password, please contact Shonagh McQuade in the School of Law Alumni Relations Office at shonagh@law.campbell.edu or 800-334-4111 x1883. Learn more at www.alumni.law.campbell.edu.

On November 14, William K. Suter, Clerk of the United States Supreme Court, addressed Campbell Law’s first-year class. Suter was the fourth speaker this semester in Campbell’s award-winning Professionalism Lecture Series. The theme of Suter’s address was public service and leadership. Suter offered stories of lawyers he observed in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps in Vietnam and other government posts. He also addressed the topic of leadership and commented on his relationships with and the characteristics of leaders such as General Colin Powell. Suter challenged students to engage the legal community and to use their degrees to pursue issues of public benefit.

Suter has spent his entire legal career in public service. Prior to being appointed as the 19th Clerk of the United States Supreme Court in 1991, Suter retired as a Major General from the U.S. Army. Suter obtained his B.A. from Trinity University and his law degree (LL.B.) from Tulane University.

ALUMNI PROFILE:

Terrence Bagley, ’82, finds Success as Deputy Managing Partner of McGuireWoods

Often the most telling verdicts are rendered in boardrooms rather than courtrooms. So it was last December when venerable Richmond law firm McGuireWoods LLP changed its internal management structure in response to industry consolidation and as a means to build business and extend its global presence.

McGuireWoods dates to 1834, when Egbert R. Watson first hung a shingle in Charlottesville. Since then the company has merged and morphed into a legal giant—employing more than 750 lawyers in 15 offices in the U.S., Europe, and central Asia—that ranks 49th among all U.S. law firms.

In recent years, McGuireWoods has extended its geographic footprint from the Southeast and Eastern Seaboard to Chicago and Los Angeles. Bagley’s position allow the firm’s Executive Committee to focus on strategic direction while he and another deputy managing partner concentrate on client service and attorney development.

"McGuireWoods has a stellar reputation for its litigation capabilities. We are well-known for being able to both advise companies on ways to avoid litigation and protect companies that face litigation," Bagley says. "Since we are recognized as one of the top five law firms in the country that corporations call when they need litigation advice, my goal for our litigation group is to continue to build upon the foundation we have."

Commenting on Bagley’s appointment, Dean Melissa Essary said, “Terry Bagley’s success and responsibilities at McGuireWoods is highly impressive. His achievements have come through hard work, a thorough knowledge of the law, and an ability to remain on the leading edge of law firm technology and client service. He has moved from one of Campbell Law’s first graduating classes to one of the top three officers within one of the nation’s premier law firms. We are delighted to call Terry a ‘Campbell lawyer.’”

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Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court Inspires Law Students

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