Scholarships: The Greatest Priority

By almost every measure—bar passage rate, percentage of students employed following graduation, faculty tenure and the number of high profile Campbell judges, attorneys, and community servants across the region—Campbell offers the best legal education in North Carolina. Nearly 75% of Campbell Law students have demonstrated financial need, which is defined as the difference between what it costs to attend the Law School and the amount that a student and his/her family can afford to pay.

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Law School’s available resources were able to provide an average of just over $8,000 per student in scholarship and grant assistance. Conversely, the average law student needed to borrow more than $50,000. Many law students will graduate with debt of more than $100,000.

“Students have many options for law school,” said Melissa Essary, Dean of Campbell Law. “The bottom line is that we need substantially more scholarship resources if we are going to compete for the region’s brightest students. The cost to educate our students far outpaces our available scholarship resources. Our goal is to provide students with an outstanding Christian legal education, not to send them into the world with six-figure loans. It is a challenge to start a career with $100,000 in loans to repay.”

With nearly eight out of ten Campbell Law students having demonstrated financial need, there is a critical need for scholarship resources. Alumni and friends of the Law School can contribute to a general Campbell Law School Scholarship Fund or numerous endowed funds. A permanent legacy can be created via an endowed scholarship for $25,000. An endowed scholarship can be funded over a five year period.

For a confidential discussion about creating a scholarship endowment, contact Britt Davis, Director of Development, at 919-865-5977 or davis@law.campbell.edu.

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Alumni Spotlight – Christine Underwood & Margaret P. Eagles

Christine Underwood, class of 2004, was recently sworn in as a district court judge in District 22A, Iredell County, North Carolina. While in private practice, Ms. Underwood was a contract juvenile defender for Indigent Defense Services and the CLE Chair for the Juvenile Defense Executive Committee of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers).

Margaret P. Eagles, class of 2000, was recently appointed to the bench for the 10th Judicial District of North Carolina. Ms. Eagles was a clerk for N.C. Supreme Court Justice George L. Wainwright and worked as an assistant attorney general until 2004, when she entered private practice.

“It’s an amazing achievement to be elected to the judiciary so early into one’s legal career,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “We are so proud of the accomplishments of Judge Underwood and Judge Eagles.”
Campbell Law Joins Pro Bono Celebration Week

Campbell Law School hosted many events as part of the 2009 National Pro Bono Celebration week, October 26-30. Campbell Law students, staff, faculty and members of the community were encouraged to participate and everyone enjoyed an educational and informative week.

Professionalism Speaker

On October 28, the Professionalism Series welcomed Mark Rabil who represented Darryl Hunt over 20 years through trials, hearings, investigations, appeals, and clamency and pardon proceedings. Hunt was wrongly convicted in the 1984 of raping and murdering Deborah Sykes, a newspaper reporter in Winston-Salem, NC. In the summer of 1993, post-conviction hearings regarding witness intimidation and discovery violations led to DNA tests proving that neither Mr. Hunt nor another suspect was involved in the crime.

The story of Darryl Hunt’s case is told in Ricki Stern and Annie Sunberg’s award-winning documentary, The Trials of Darryl Hunt.

Public Interest Fair

A Public Interest Fair was held at the Law School on October 29 to raise awareness about public interest issues, as well as allow the student body to explore the option of working for public interest/pro bono groups. Participating groups included:
- Disability Rights North Carolina
- Fair Trial Initiative
- Juvenile Literacy Center
- Legal Aid of North Carolina: Fram Worker’s Unit
- National Labor Relations Board
- North Carolina Coalition for Domestic Violence
- N.C. Leap
- North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services
- ACLU of North Carolina

Pro Bono Celebration Reception

On Friday, October 30, a reception was held at the North Carolina Museum of History to celebrate those dedicated to pro bono in the community including attorneys, students, and professors.

Guest speakers included Steven Epstein, Partner at Hunton and Williams, who gave remarks about the duty of the profession and his role in pro bono work in his firm. Michelle Cofield, Executive Director Equal Access to Justice Commission North Carolina Bar Association, spoke of the importance of access to justice. Finally, featured speaker Charles Becton, past president of the North Carolina Bar Association spoke about pro bono efforts underway throughout North Carolina and those championed by the Bar Association.

Volunteer Project

Campbell Law’s Pro Bono Council partnered with North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, North Carolina Advocates for Justice and the North Carolina Bar Association on October 31 to host a two-hour legal clinic for formerly incarcerated persons seeking legal advice.

Campbell Law students performed intake interviews to learn about the individual’s legal problems and what type of legal advice they were seeking. Students, under the supervision of volunteer attorneys, provided attorney referrals and gave other practical information in order to assist visitors with their legal challenges. The students especially benefited from this practical exercise recognizing the importance of doing pro bono work as part of the calling of the legal profession.

John W. Pope Foundation Gifts Campbell Law $1.2 Million for Raleigh Building

On November 12, Campbell Law School announced a $1.2 million gift from the John William Pope Foundation in support of its new Raleigh location. The contribution will be applied to Campbell Law’s $15 million renovation of its Law School building. The gift also secures naming rights to the Grand Foyer, a formal reception area offering more than 2,000 square feet of space for Law School and Campbell University special events.

“We are grateful to the leaders of the John W. Pope Foundation for their meaningful contribution to Campbell Law School,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “Their investment in Campbell Law’s new Raleigh home is extraordinary. At $1.2 million, it is not only the largest gift received thus far toward our building campaign, it is the largest gift in the history of the Law School.”

The Pope Foundation is a long-time supporter of Campbell University. Most recently the Foundation provided $4.5 million toward the construction of the John W. Pope, Jr. Convocation Center on the University’s main campus. The Convocation Center bequest was made in memory of the late John W. Pope, Jr., who graduated from Campbell in 1975.

“It is a privilege for my family and the Pope Foundation to support the great work of Campbell Law School in memory of my father,” stated J. Arthur Pope, president of the John W. Pope Foundation.

The new John W. Pope Foundation Grand Reception Foyer will feature a bust of Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins and portraits of former Law School Deans and professors. Micah 6:8 is also prominently featured.

Campbell Law in Raleigh – Having an Impact

The recent move of Campbell Law School has not only inspired the students, faculty, and staff, but also the city of Raleigh. Law School student groups are benefitting from the new location and the ability to secure a variety of high caliber speakers and legal experts.

In addition to a marked increase in the number of student-hosted events, organizations throughout Raleigh have held events in the new Law School. Local members of the Bar, non-profit organizations and friends of the Law School have had meetings, luncheons and evening festivities at Campbell Law. “The increased visibility of the Law School within the Raleigh community has been amazing,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “We all knew being so close to the local, national and federal courts, law firms and all the Capitol City has to offer would be a great benefit to our students, but I think we’re all amazed at how quickly it has happened.”

WRAF-TV, Raleigh recently ran a story on the energy Campbell Law students are bringing to the downtown area. The reporter spoke with several local business owners and attorneys who all agreed that Campbell Law’s presence in Raleigh was already having a positive impact on the city.

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.

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