CAMPBELL LAW

From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

A new era for the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law was launched on October 4, 2007. In the shadow of the North Carolina State Capitol, more than 200 members of the North Carolina business community, law firms, and judiciary were on hand to witness a historic occasion as it was announced that the Campbell School of Law would relocate to downtown Raleigh by the fall of 2009. Virtually all print media across North Carolina carried the news, as well as Raleigh area television and radio stations.

Two questions have been frequently asked of me that relate to our plans for future growth and adherence to our traditional values as we move to Raleigh. The small size of Campbell Law and our Christian perspective on teaching the law are foundational to our success. Any expansion of our student body in Raleigh will be measured and tempered to ensure the success of each student. Equally, Law School leadership and faculty are committed to maintaining our unique approach to legal education. We will be in a different location, but we will not change Campbell Law’s character and focus.

This is an exciting and historic time for the Campbell School of Law. We look forward to keeping you updated with our progress.

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Campbell School of Law Raleigh Announcement Captures Attention of Business Community & Prospective Students

“Of all the developments which have occurred in recent years in downtown Raleigh, I think I’m most proud of this announcement. This makes Raleigh another step closer to becoming one of the 21st century’s great cities.”
Charles Merker, Raleigh Mayor

“I am pleased Campbell University elected to seize this opportunity. It’s a move that’s beneficial to both the City of Raleigh and the University. I applaud Dr. Wallace and the Board of Trustees for making this courageous decision.”
Sarah Parker, Chief Justice, NC Supreme Court

“Having the first law school in Raleigh makes the practice of law more accessible to those who live here. It’s wonderful to see revitalization pay off so well.”
Tony Gurley, Chairman Wake County Board of Commissioners

“Buies Creek has been a place that has afforded us the security to grow and maintain our commitment to teaching the core values that make our approach to education unique. But the world we live in is changing and the Campbell University board strongly feels relocating to Raleigh is in the best interests of the School of Law and the University as a whole.”
Harold Wells, Chairman, Campbell University Board of Trustees

“By moving to Raleigh, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law is bringing to Wake County the values of Campbell University—faith, honesty, respect, integrity—values that are instilled into our students and shape them for the mission of making our world a better place to live.”
Dr. Jerry Wallace, President, Campbell University

“Campbell is such a wonderful fit for this community, and I know the Raleigh Chamber, First Citizens Bank, and other members of downtown look forward to years of partnering with the School of Law and Campbell University.”
Frank Holding, Jr., President, First Citizens Bank and Chairman, Campbell Law Raleigh Campaign Cabinet (left) posed with Dr. Jerry Wallace (right)

BREAKING NEWS:
More than 50 print and on-air media outlets across the Southeast carried the news about the Law School’s move.

10/15/07- North Carolina Lawyers Weekly: For Campbell Law School, Raleigh is Classroom in Itself
10/5/07 - News & Observer: Friends Helped Campbell Law School Find Home
10/3/07 - Wilmington Star: Campbell Law School to Move to Raleigh
10/4/07 - Charlotte Observer: Campbell Moving Law School to Raleigh
10/4/07 - Fayetteville Observer: Campbell to move law school to Raleigh
10/4/07 - Winston-Salem Journal: Campbell to move law school to Raleigh
10/5/07 - Dunn Daily Record (NC): Campbell Celebrating Law School’s New Home

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Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law
Law Students Engage Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

Nearly 20 Campbell School of Law students attended an October 26, 2007 awards program sponsored by the Jesse Helms Center where U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin G. Scalia received the 2007 Nance Medal of Freedom, an annual award presented to a government official for public service. Prior to dinner, Campbell Law students had an opportunity to meet Justice Scalia and interact with him on a variety of issues. Most of the participating students were members of Campbell’s chapter of The Federalist Society.

Looking For New Associates? Summer Externs? Let Campbell Career Services Help

Campbell Law’s Career Services Office stays busy preparing law students for career opportunities. Likewise, Career Services can direct law firms, corporations, nonprofits, and government agencies to top Campbell Law students who will complement organizational goals. Career services recently completed a round of successful fall 2007 interviews that resulted in more placements than the prior year. Additionally, more than 20 students recently participated in a Campbell Law sponsored recruiting fair in Greenville, SC. Fourteen Greenville area law firms and corporations interviewed students. Winter/spring 2008 on-campus interviews with second and third year students will begin on February 1, 2008.

Contact Julie Hamilton-Smith, Assistant Director for Career Services (910.893.1785 or hamiltons@law.campbell.edu) for more information about campus interview opportunities or to have a position circulated among students.

Keep in Touch!

Let’s Hear From You!

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 2,800 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 x1893. Learn more at www.alumni.law.campbell.edu.

Portrait Unveiled of Professor Patrick Hetrick, Former Dean

Professor Patrick K. Hetrick was honored with a Dinner Roast and Portrait Unveiling on September 11 for his many years of service and achievements as Dean and professor at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. Hetrick has been on the faculty since 1978. From 1987-1998, he served as Dean. He currently teaches Property Law I and II, and conducts seminars dealing with advanced real property law issues and common interest communities. He is the revising co-author of Webster’s Real Estate Law in North Carolina, now in its fifth edition, and co-author of annual supplements. Hetrick is the primary author of North Carolina Real Estate for Brokers and Salespersons, now in its Fifth Edition (2000). “Pat Hetrick’s commitment to excellence has resulted in great academic and institutional progress for the School of Law,” said Melissa Essary, Dean of the Law School. “He has made a tremendous impact in the lives of thousands of our graduates and continues to be such a valuable member of our team.”

Fall 2007 Brings Top Legal Speakers to Campus

The fall semester has seen a host of leading legal scholars and practitioners on the Campbell campus, including speakers hosted by the 2007-08 Professionalism Series, Campbell Law Review, The Federalist Society, and Women and Law. Updates of guest lecturers are maintained at www.law.campbell.edu. A sample of recent guest speakers includes:

Charles L. Becton, President-Elect of the North Carolina Bar Association and Partner with Fuller, Becton, Sfitkin & Bell, P.A. with Campbell Law Dean, Melissa A. Essary. Becton spoke on September 28 as part of the 2007-08 Professionalism Series.

Doug Bandow, left, of the International Economics for the Institute for Policy Innovation and Chris Watford,Director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. Bandow spoke to members of Campbell’s chapter of The Federalist Society.

Dean Melissa Essary poses with I. Beverly Lake, Jr. (center) and Mel Wright, Executive Director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism.

I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Honored with Campbell Law’s 2007 Professionalism Award

I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, was presented with the 2007 Campbell University School of Law Professionalism Award on October 23, 2007. Sponsored by Systel and Systel CEO, Keith Allison, more than 100 members of North Carolina’s legal community attended the event at the Cardinal Club in downtown Raleigh. Guests included members of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, various District and Superior Court judges, as well as students, faculty, and staff from the Campbell School of Law.

Keith Allison (right), CEO of Systel poses with Dean Melissa Essary and Mel Wright, Allison’s Endowed Trust for Professionalism, Leadership, and Ethics at Campbell Law sponsored the 2007 Professionalism program.

ALUMNI IN SERVICE:

STEVE BOWDEN NAMED A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

Greensboro attorney and Campbell University Trustee R. Steve Bowden, a 1979 graduate of Campbell Law, was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Campbell University at Homecoming 2007 on October 20. Bowden is the founding member of R. Steve Bowden & Associates, a personal injury law firm in Greensboro. “This is one of the greatest honors I’ve ever received,” said Bowden. “Campbell has done a lot for me. They gave me the chance of a lifetime when they accepted me into the law school. I can never repay everything that this university has done for me.”