Campbell Law Classes Start in Downtown Raleigh

History was made at 8:15 a.m. on September 14, 2009: the first official classes began at the new home of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in downtown Raleigh.

Located just two blocks from the North Carolina State Capitol, state and federal courts, and the heart of the region’s legal community, Campbell Law School recently completed its move to downtown Raleigh. The new 109,000 square foot Law School features 13 state-of-the-art classrooms, a spacious legal writing center, clinical space, three courtrooms and other amenities.

“We are so pleased to occupy a world-class facility in the middle of a world-class city,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “We are bringing our tradition of excellence to Raleigh where Campbell Law will be part of the landscape for generations to come.”

The Grand Staircase
A grand glass-enclosed staircase connects the two floors of the law library and provides a stunning focal point.

The Student Commons
A 4,000 square foot Student Commons houses a coffee shop and provides a dynamic space for students to study, socialize and relax between classes.

The Law Library
The law library covers approximately 25 percent of the Law School on two floors and offers more than 190,000 titles in an extensive digital, fiche and hard copy collection.

State-of-the-Art Classrooms
Thirteen classrooms range from 25-person seminar rooms to 175-person lecture style auditorium. Each room features the latest in instructional and learning technology.

Trial Courtrooms
Two spacious technology-focused trial courtrooms enable law students to practice trial advocacy and learn courtroom decorum. A third courtroom houses the North Carolina Business Court, Raleigh Division.

Take a Tour
Tours of the new location are available each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Tours leave from the security desk at the main entrance. Alumni tours are also available Homecoming Weekend - October 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
New Students Take Oath of Professionalism

Chief Judge John C. Martin of the North Carolina Court of Appeals administered the Oath of Professionalism to the members of the class of 2012 at Campbell Law School on Tuesday, September 8th as part of first year student orientation.

Campbell Law Grads Excel on 2009 Bar Exam

Members of the class of 2009 continued Campbell Law School’s tradition of excellence on the North Carolina Bar Exam. Campbell Law graduates edged out Wake Forest School of Law for the top bar passage rate among North Carolina law schools for total exam takers, which includes first-time takers and students repeating the exam.

Campbell Law graduates achieved a passage rate of 90.70 percent, according to the N.C. Board of Law Examiners. Graduates of Wake Forest School of Law scored 90.67 percent. Graduates from all other N.C. law schools scored under 90 percent.

Over the past 21 years, Campbell Law’s record of success on the North Carolina Bar Exam is unsurpassed by any other North Carolina law school.

Director of Senior Law Clinic Announced

Campbell University’s Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law is pleased to welcome Roger Manus as Director of the new Senior Law Clinic. Manus has more than 25 years of legal experience in private practice and with Legal Aid of North Carolina, including many years representing the elderly and disabled. Additionally, he is connected with an extensive network of practicing colleagues throughout the state and with many organizations that represent low-income seniors and those with special needs.

Manus will teach a course in Elder Law in the fall and will offer the clinical component to students in the spring. “I have devoted my professional life to the representation of senior citizens and persons with disabilities on a variety of issues including rights protection in long-term care facilities and discrimination,” said Manus. “I’m looking forward to teaching students about the special needs and issues facing the elderly and watching them grow as they gain experience within the Clinic.”

Manus received his B.A. from Macalester College, Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from New York University where he was a Root Tilden Public Interest Law Scholar. He has published numerous articles and given scores of presentations on long-term care and disability issues. He has served as president of Friends of Residents in Long Term Care and has participated in a number of mental disability law reform cases. Manus has practiced in courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

New Students Participate in 9/11 Day of Service

Answering the call of many to give back to their communities on Friday, September 11, nearly 160 first-year Campbell Law students, faculty and staff worked on a variety of community service projects in Raleigh and across the region. Dubbed ‘Campbell Law Cares,’ members of the Law School faculty and staff plan to regularly sponsor service projects that connect law students to the greater Raleigh community.

Groups that benefited from the Law School student teams included:
- The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
- First Baptist Church (Salisbury Street-Raleigh) Clothing Ministry
- Mountains to Sea Trail
- City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department
- PLM Families Together, Inc.

“We believe community outreach of this type is a great way to introduce our new students to the servanthood aspect of the law,” said Professor Thomas Anderson who coordinated this year’s ‘Campbell Law Cares’ events. “It also gave the faculty and staff a way to lead by example and show that we as a Law School believe in community service.”

Swearing In Ceremony for Class of 2009

Twenty four members of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law class of 2009 took part in the inaugural swearing in ceremony on Friday, September 18th at the Law School’s new home in downtown Raleigh. The Honorable John R. Jolly, Jr., a sitting Superior Court judge who presides over the North Carolina Business Court-Raleigh Division, officiated the ceremony. Guest speakers included Philip Isley of the Raleigh City Council and David Bohm of the North Carolina Bar Association.

“This is the first day of your professional life,” said Judge Jolly. “You can do great things for your fellow man, community and country through the practice of law.”

The event offered graduates who passed the North Carolina Bar Exam the opportunity to become an official member of the North Carolina State Bar at a special occasion to be shared by friends and family.

Get involved:

Please consider supporting the Law School with a contribution to the ‘Campaign for Raleigh,’ annual fund, endowed scholarship or other designation. Contribute online at www.alumni.law.campbell.edu/cfr.

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