From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

As we are coming to the end of another year at Campbell Law, I once again find myself filled with pride at all that our students have accomplished. At this year’s commencement ceremony, I told our graduates that the best words I could think of for the occasion were “thank you.” They are truly an extraordinary group of people. Not only are they the last class to attend classes in Buies Creek, they are also the group who led the charge into Raleigh and helped weave Campbell Law into the fabric of the Capital City.

While their accomplishments in the classroom are a great source of pride, it is their work outside the law school that continues to impress me. Our students continue to excel at work through internships and externships, to be recognized in competitions throughout the country, and to make a positive impact in the community through volunteer efforts.

It was also my honor to host Acting United States Solicitor General Neal Katyal at this year’s commencement. His words about the core principles of justice and fairness and standing up for the rule of law, no matter the accused or the crime, were inspiring to all in attendance. I know these words will stay with our graduates no matter where their careers take them.

Thank you for your continued support of Campbell Law.

Acting U.S. Solicitor General Delivers Commencement Address at Campbell Law School

On Friday, May 13, Neal Katyal, Acting Solicitor General of the United States, addressed students from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law as they made the move from students to law school graduates. The Campbell Law School commencement took place in Meymandi Concert Hall in the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts at 10:00 a.m.

As Solicitor General, Katyal oversees litigation strategy under the Obama Administration. He is most noted for his work with the 2006 Supreme Court case Hamdan vs. Rumsfeld by serving as lead counsel for the Guantanamo Bay detainees.

In a poignant introduction, his former adversary, Judge Stuart Couch (Campbell Law class of 1996) introduced the Solicitor General at the commencement. Couch served as liaison to the Department of Justice and Solicitor General in the same case as Katyal in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld.

Earlier in Couch’s career, he refused to prosecute Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a detainee linked to the 9/11 terror attacks once he determined that statements obtained from Slahi were the product of torture. Couch had a personal connection to the proceedings, as he was friends with a co-pilot on the second airplane to hit the World Trade Center. Despite his personal misgivings, Couch knew he could not prosecute the detainee based on the evidence provided.

Judge Couch was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to serve as an Immigration Judge in the Charlotte Immigration Court.

Speaking to the graduates, Katyal cautioned them not to relinquish their core values as they enter the legal profession. He cited an illustration from the life of John Adams who took the unpopular position of defending British soldiers accused in what came to be known as the Boston Massacre. With this story, Katyal challenged the graduates to stand up for the rule of law. Katyal pointed out that “lawyers have a unique task, to protect and defend the rule of law. We are a nation of laws, not men.”

Continuing, Katyal told the graduates three things to remember as they go into the workforce. The first is to “be yourself,” no matter the situation. Next “like your job” because most often the “greatest opportunities come from the greatest challenges,” and you have to like what you’re doing in order to meet those challenges head on. Finally, be sure to surround yourself with “family and friends.” Katyal reminded the graduates that their loved ones had supported them throughout their time in law school. He assured the graduates that they will mean the most no matter what successes they have in their careers.

“Solicitor General Neal Katyal is an extremely influential figure in the legal profession, and it was an honor for us to hear him address our graduates as they begin their careers,” said Melissa Essary, Campbell Law School Dean.
Alumni News & Notes

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Kathrine Fisher was named a partner at Yates, McLamb & Weyher, LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2002
Julie Hampton has been elected as a partner at Poyner Spruill LLP in the firm’s Raleigh, NC office.

Class of 2003
Ginny P. Lanier has been named a “2011 North Carolina Rising Star” in Workers’ Compensation by North Carolina Super Lawyers®.

Class of 2005
Hilton T. Hutchens and Benjamin M. Gallop were selected for the North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy.

Class of 2007
Alison Bradshaw was elected as the NC 4th Judicial District Bar President, Justin Hunter as Vice President and Brett DeSelms as Secretary.
Alison Bradshaw also was selected for the North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy.

Class of 2008
Ryan Monk and Michelle Leonard Monk celebrated the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Monk on December 17, 2010.
Ryan Monk accepted a position at the Law Offices of Jonathan S. Frank, PC in Charlotte, NC.

Class of 2010
Shannon English has opened a trial consulting business called Keynote Consulting (www.keynotesights.com).
Joshua Ryun Simpson has joined The Richardson Firm PLLC as an associate attorney.

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NC State University and Campbell Law School Partner on Law and Master of Business Administration Dual-Degree Program
On May 18, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University and the Jenkins MBA program in the NC State Poole College of Management announced a partnership to provide students with the opportunity to obtain a dual Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. The NC State MBA focuses on technology and innovation.

Beginning with the fall 2011 semester, the JD/MBA degree will enable students to earn both degrees in four years of full-time study, with the option to take electives and specialization courses in both business and law.

Hetrick Receives Excellence in Teaching Award
Pat Hetrick, professor of law at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University, has received the Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award.

A law professor for more than four decades, Hetrick began his teaching career at Marquette University where he served as law professor and associate university legal counsel. He joined the Campbell law faculty in 1978, two years after the school was founded and served as dean of the law school from 1987-1998.

“In all, Hetrick has taught over 4,000 law graduates, including the vast majority of Campbell lawyers,” said Melissa Essary, current dean of the Campbell Law School. “His zany and unorthodox teaching methods, including using a platoon of hand puppets, wearing costumes to class and weaving an offbeat sense of humor into daily lessons have definitely resulted in student success. He is constantly innovating and emphasizing the role and serious responsibility of the student as a self-motivated expert learner and future member of the bar.”

Hetrick pioneered as one of the first professors to teach a clinical course in Fair Employment Law. He has taught labor, education, and advanced real property law, areas in which he is considered a leading expert. Hetrick also developed and teaches the first completely online course at the law school, a series of lectures and problems in advanced real property law.

Dean Melissa Essary Receives Award from General Federation of Women’s Clubs of NC
Dean Melissa Essary was honored May 11 as one of the ‘2011 Women of Achievement’ by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of North Carolina, Inc. (GFWC-NC).

At the event, the GFWC-NC honored 18 outstanding women for their significant contributions to the state of North Carolina. These women are pioneers in their professional and community efforts serving as role models for future generations. The Women of Achievement award winners are some of the best and brightest leaders in government, business, and nonprofits in the state. Each honoree boasts a career defined by hard work and a commitment to helping others. They teach us that service is not a duty, but a privilege, and a part of living life to the fullest.

This year’s honorees represented fields such as education, medicine, public service, philanthropy, and business.

Delta Theta Phi Chapter Hosts Second Annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala
On March 25, the Campbell Law School chapter of Delta Theta Phi hosted its second annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala. The chapter was pleased to name Major General William K. Suter, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, as its 2011 recipient. The event was held at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh. More than 100 students, faculty, and members of the North Carolina legal community attended.

The Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence is presented to an individual who perpetuates the objectives of the Delta Theta Phi fraternity including:
• The application of the highest standards of personal integrity;
• Respect for law, rights and property of others; and
• The highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in the study, practice, and teaching of the law.

General Suter recently celebrated 20 years with the highest court, having served as Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States since February of 1991. He is the 19th person to hold this position. Prior to serving as Clerk, he was a career Army Judge Advocate serving in numerous positions of global responsibility, including Appellate Judge, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the U.S. Army Vietnam, Staff Judge Advocate of the 101st Airborne Division, Commandant of the JAG School, and the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army.

His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Parachutist Badge. General Suter is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was on the Tulane Law Review, and was elected to Order of the Coif. He is a graduate of the Judge Advocate General’s School Graduate Course, the Command and General Staff Colleges, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.
Campbell Law Students Visit U.S. Supreme Court

Four Campbell Law students and two professors traveled to Washington, D.C. this semester to attend oral arguments at the Supreme Court of the United States. The group heard oral arguments in two cases, one of which arose from North Carolina.

Each year, the Supreme Court of the United States receives roughly 8,000 petitions seeking a Writ of Certiorari, of which approximately 80 (or 1%) are granted. The Campbell Law group observed oral arguments for J.D.B. v. North Carolina, a case involving a 13 year-old Chapel Hill, NC, middle school student who was questioned at his school by police. The Justices were asked to determine if the student was in “custody” when questioned and, therefore, if the 13 year-old was entitled to receive Miranda warnings.

After oral arguments, the Campbell Law group ate lunch with Clerk of the United States Supreme Court Major General William K. Suter, who then arranged for the group to tour the nation’s high court.

Soon after attending oral arguments, the four students hosted a panel discussion of the case at the Law School. Panelists included several North Carolina attorneys who helped represent both parties to the case:
- Robert Montgomery, Special Deputy Attorney General and Campbell Law Adjunct Professor of Law
- LaToya Powell, Assistant Attorney General
- Barbara Blackman, Assistant Appellate Defender
- Eric Zogry, Juvenile Defender

“The opportunity to study this case in a classroom, to see it argued live in the Supreme Court, then discuss it with those involved is extraordinary for our students,” said Professor Bobbi Jo Boyd. “It demonstrates how Campbell Law approaches legal education - an opportunity to learn about what it means to be a lawyer and to serve clients. As a Campbell Law student, you experience the practice of law in ways that move beyond the walls of a classroom.”

Hendrix Named Senior Director of Development

Melodye Hendrix has been named Senior Director of Development for the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. Hendrix comes to Campbell Law from the Duke University School of Medicine where she was Director of Development. At Duke, she oversaw the Medical Annual Fund, the Davison Club, and traditional giving, and played a key role in the School of Medicine Learning Center Capital Campaign.

Prior to her time at Duke, she was at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, where she was director of alumni relations in the Nicholson School of Communication where she taught public speaking. Prior to her work at UCF, she was a corporate spokesperson for Progress Energy, worked in health care marketing and communications, and was a television news reporter. She holds a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and a master's degree in interpersonal communication from UCF.

“We are extremely pleased that Melodye has joined the Law School as our Senior Director of Development,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “She brings a wealth of experience in both development and alumni activities. We’re delighted to have her here helping to build the future of Campbell Law.”

Fourth Circuit Judges Receive Iredell Award

The Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity of Campbell Law School recently presented new Fourth Circuit Judges Albert Diaz and James A. Wynn, Jr. with the 2011 Justice James Iredell Awards during a gala ceremony in Raleigh. Brandon McPherson (11), Justice of Phi Alpha Delta’s Iredell Chapter, and Martha Bradley (12), Chair of the James Iredell Banquet Committee, served as event emcees.

Since 1980, the James Iredell Award has been presented each year to those who have made significant contributions to the legal profession and to the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. The award, inspired by the life and writings of James Iredell, honors the recipient’s accomplishments, tenacity, and effort.

In presenting the awards, Event Chair Martha Bradley remarked, “When the Phi Alpha Delta Executive Board met to decide who would receive the 2011 James Iredell Award, we repeatedly used the words ‘service’ and ‘dignity’ whenever we discussed Judge Diaz or Judge Wynn.”

Acknowledging the substantial mark made by many distinguished North Carolinians over the last 200 years to the United States, including Justice Iredell, Judge Diaz said that his modest goal as a judge of the Fourth Circuit will be to avoid history saying that he gave no character to the office during his tenure.

In describing the traditions and collegiality among the Fourth Circuit, Judge Wynn remarked that “This court is loaded with tradition. The Fourth Circuit is the only court that, after every argument, we walk down from the bench and shake the hands of the litigators. But, I don’t think I have ever been on a court where the questions can be more vigorous, more dynamic, and more thoughtful than the Fourth Circuit.”

“The James Iredell Banquet is always a great event that provides law students and legal professionals the opportunity to interact and share a wonderful evening,” said Brandon McPherson, Justice of Phi Alpha Delta’s Iredell Chapter. “This year was no exception, with all of our distinguished guests and two outstanding recipients in Judge Diaz and Judge Wynn.”

Judge Wynn and Judge Diaz, confirmed in 2010, join Judge Allyson Duncan as North Carolina’s representatives on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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