Campbell Law students continue to show why they are among the very best. Despite a tough job market, 93% of May 2009 graduates were employed as of February 2010, topping the national average of 90%. Also in February, a team of second year students secured the “Best Brief Award” – fourth year in a row – at the J. Braxton Craven National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. The nation’s best legal writers are being trained Campbell Law.

Experientially, our new location has also created new opportunities for students to serve and learn in the community. Our new Senior Law Clinic began to take in clients in January 2010, and the North Carolina Business Court, located on the third floor of the law school, allows students to observe a real working court that handles high-dollar business cases.

It’s been a year that has exceeded our expectations, and the best is yet to come. Happy Spring!

Admission to the JD/MPA program requires students to apply and be accepted to both programs separately. Candidates who are admitted will typically complete the first year at Campbell Law, the second year at NC State, and the third and fourth years will be divided between the two schools to maximize course availability. Students who are already in their first year of the MPA program may reverse this admissions procedure if they are admitted into the School of Law for the subsequent year. Similarly, students already in their first year of law school may apply for admission into the MPA program.

Bust of Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins Dedicated

On April 9, friends, family, Campbell Law faculty, staff and representatives from the Campbell University administration and Board of Trustees came together to honor Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins and unveil a bronze bust created for placement in the new Law School location in Raleigh.

Dr. Wiggins served as President of Campbell University from 1967 - 2003. He was Chancellor from 2003 until his passing in August 2007. During Dr. Wiggins’ tenure as President, he was instrumental in creating schools of law, pharmacy, education, business and divinity. The school of law is named in his honor.

Speakers at the ceremony included Dr. Jerry M. Wallace, President, Campbell University; Dean Melissa Essary; Dr. J. Stanley McQuade, Professor of Law; Bob Barker, Chairman, Campbell University Board of Trustees; I. Beverly Lake, Chief Justice (retired) Supreme Court of North Carolina; Benjamin N. Thompson ’79; David T. Courie ’97; Patrick Hetrick, Professor of Law; and Zeinos Frudakis, artist/creator of the bust.

“Dr. Wiggins was a remarkable leader for Campbell University and the entire state of North Carolina,” said Ben Thompson, ’79. “There are hundreds of Campbell Law alumni who may have never become lawyers without the vision of Norman Adrian Wiggins.”

Need a New Attorney or Summer Intern? Call the Campbell Law Career Center

In need of a new associate or summer intern? Let the Career Center assist you in obtaining a professional, practice-ready candidate. Top talent is available from all class levels! To list your job posting, please contact Julie Smith-Hamilton at the Career Center at 919-865-5893 or hamilton@law.campbell.edu.
Class of 1981

David Gantt has been appointed and elected to Chairman of the Mountain Resources Commission (MRC) in Asheville, NC.

Class of 1986

Rep. Sarah Stevens was honored with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro’s Pacesetter Award.

Class of 1988

Josh Durham received the Charlotte Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 award. Durham is employed with Poyner Spruill LLP in the Charlotte, NC office.

Class of 1989

John P. Marshall has been named President of the board of trustees at Arendell Parrot Academy, a college preparatory day school in Kinston, NC. He is employed with White and Allen, PA. in Kingston.

Class of 1994

Melissa Pelfrey is the District Attorney for Halifax County, District 6A.

Class of 1999

Charlie Livermon has been ranked among Business North Carolina magazine’s 2010 “Legal Elite” in the Bankruptcy category. He practices in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor’s rights at Poyner Spruill’s Rocky Mount, NC office.

Class of 2000

Margaret Eagles and her husband Don C. “Trey” Flowers announce the birth of their son, Charles Thornton Eagles Flowers. He was born on March 23, 2010 and weighed 9 lbs, 4 ozs and was 22 inches long.

Scott Franklin Lowry and Judith Brooke Barham were married March 13, 2010. Mr. Lowry is a solo practitioner in Mount Airy, NC working in criminal defense and civil litigation.

Class of 2001

Jason James has been ranked among Business North Carolina magazine’s 2010 “Legal Elite” in the Young Guns category, which recognizes exceptional lawyers under 40. He specializes in the areas of commercial and business law at Poyner Spruill’s Charlotte, NC office.

Anna E. Smith has been elected the 2010 President of the Wake County, NC Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers. Ms. Smith owns her own firm, The Law Offices of Anna E. Smith, located in downtown Raleigh, NC.

Class of 2002

Benjamin T. Cochran has been selected as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for 2010. Mr. Cochran is the managing partner of Hardison & Associates in Raleigh, NC.

Jennifer I. Oakes has been selected as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for 2010. Ms. Oakes is employed with Bell, Davis & Pitt, PA. in Winston Salem, NC.

Class of 2005

Angela Doughty and her husband, Erik, announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Frances Doughty. She was born June 2, 2009 and was 19 inches long and 7 lbs 10 ozs. Angela practices with Ward and Smith in New Bern, NC.

Jason G. Blackwell has been promoted to partner in the firm of Blanchard and Newman in the Hendersonville, NC based law firm.

Class of 2007

Jared T. Amos has opened a new solo practice focusing in family law and criminal defense in Morganton, NC. He is also the 2010 “president-elect” of the 25th District Bar Association.

Class of 2009

Julie H. Weissman was sworn in as the Assistant District Attorney in Bertie County, NC.

Philip Gilfus was elected as an at-large member of the Cumberland County, NC Board of Commission.

In Memoriam


Anthony was a partner at the law firm of Hairston, Lane, & Brannon in Raleigh, NC. He is survived by his wife Monique and their three sons, Adam, Noah and Luke and a daughter, Savannah.

Greenville, NC Forms Local Alumni Chapter

Numerous alumni from the Greenville area, along with current students, and faculty and staff members enjoyed an alumni dinner and program at Finelli’s Café on March 25.

Jeff Foster, ’90 and Alumni Relations Director, Shonagh McGuade, proudly launched the Greenville Chapter of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law and encouraged those in attendance to be a part of Campbell’s future.

Chapters are a great way to stay connected to Campbell University School of Law! If you are interested in meeting and interacting with other law alumni in your area, please express your interest and find out how you can get involved. Chapters usually meet several times a year and provide a wide range of educational, social, and service activities such as those listed below.

• Alumni Breakfast Meetings
• Alumni Dinners
• Admissions Accepted Student Receptions
• Moot Court Competition Judge
• Client Counseling Judge
• Student Orientation
• Guest Speakers
• CLE and many more.

Attention Wake County, NC Alumni!

If you are a Campbell Law alumnus living in Wake County, we want to see you at Napper Tandy’s Irish Pub in Raleigh on April 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This event is a great opportunity for Wake County alumni to reconnect, network, mix and mingle with classmates from years gone by. Please RSVP online at alumni.law.campbell.edu or contact Shonagh McGuade at 919.865.5883 or shonagh@law.campbell.edu. We hope to see you there!

* Do you have news? Let us know by emailing Shonagh McGuade at Shonagh@law.campbell.edu
2010 Family Day and Law Day Celebrated - Professor Bowser Honored as Teacher of the Year

More than 450 friends and family members attended Family Day and Law Day events that were jointly held on Saturday, February 20 at the Campbell Law School. The Family Day program was hosted on campus on Saturday morning and gave the families of current students time to interact with faculty, hear presentations and learn more about the Campbell Law program.

The Law Day dinner program was held at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel that evening with Professor William A. Woodroof proving the keynote address. Awards for academic achievement, honorary awards and other student recognition were given throughout the event. Richard T. Bowser, Associate Professor of Law, was presented with the Most Outstanding Professor Award for 2009-2010 by the student body.

“Family Day and Law Day are always special for the Campbell Law community,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “It’s a great way to involve the families and friends of our students in the program and to highlight the achievements of our students and faculty members.”

Law Day, which was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower in May 1958, is a special day of celebration by the people of the United States in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their re dedication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries; and for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

Students Take Best Brief at Craven National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Three second-year Campbell Law students – Tim Londino, Natalie Rice, and Alka Srivastava – competed in the J. Braxton Craven National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition held on February 25-28 at the University of North Carolina School of Law. The team performed exceptionally, earning both team and individual honors.

The team, coached by Dean Bryan Boyd and Professor Bobbi Jo Boyd, won Best Brief in the competition and Tim Londino earned a “Top 10 Oralist” designation. The team’s representation of their client (a public school teacher and a local school board) in each round of appellate oral arguments was impressive, effective and professional. After the first two rounds, Campbell Law was already in the Top 8 and was able to skip round three. In round four, the Campbell Law team topped a team from Duke, and that victory left Campbell as the last team in the competition from North Carolina. In the quarterfinals, Campbell came up short against a talented team from Widener University School of Law.

The Campbell Law students served as exceptional ambassadors of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. Several other teams commented on their professionalism, good sportsmanship, and ability to craft compelling legal arguments in oral and written form.

“Winning the Best Brief award at the 2010 J. Braxton Craven National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition is a point of great pride for Campbell Law School,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “This marks the fourth year in a row that a student team from Campbell has secured this honor at a national moot court competition. Campbell Law students are exceptional writers because they are taught how to clearly analyze and communicate relevant points about complex legal issues.”

Delta Theta Phi Chapter Hosts First Annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala

On March 26th, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law chapter of Delta Theta Phi hosted its first annual Judge Robinson O. Everett Awards Gala and award program. More than 100 students, faculty and members of the North Carolina legal community attended.

The Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence is awarded to an individual who perpetuates the objects of the Fraternity which Judge Everett exemplified so well:

• The application of the highest standards of personal integrity;
• Diligence;
• Candor and trust;
• Individual responsibility;
• 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.

The group was pleased to name William Byrd Traxler, Jr, Chief Judge United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit as its 2010 Inaugural Recipient.

Judge Traxler was born in Greenville, South Carolina and, following his graduation from Davidson College in 1970, earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1973. After serving as a United States Army Reserve Adjunct General, Judge Traxler was in private practice until 1975 when he became an Assistant Solicitor for South Carolina’s 13th Judicial Circuit. He became Deputy Solicitor in 1978 and Solicitor in 1981 where he served until 1985 when he became a Resident Judge for the 13th Circuit. In 1991, President George H. W. Bush nominated Judge Traxler to a seat on the United States District Court for South Carolina for which he was confirmed in February 1992. Six years later, President Clinton nominated, and the Senate confirmed Judge Traxler to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In 2009, Judge Traxler became Chief Judge when he was elevated to preside over the Court for the Fourth Circuit.

Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean - UC Irvine School of Law, to be Keynote Speaker at Campbell Law School Commencement

Erwin Chemerinsky, founding dean and distinguished professor of law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, will be the keynote speaker at the 2010 Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law graduation ceremony - the first to be held in Raleigh. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Meymandi Concert Hall at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Chemerinsky taught at Duke Law School for four years during which he received the Duke University School-Teacher of the Year Award in 2006.

Before his years at Duke, he taught for 21 years at the University of Southern California School of Law and served for four years as director of the Center for Communications Law and Policy. Mr. Chemerinsky has also taught at both the UCLA School of Law and DePaul University College of Law.

His areas of expertise are constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of six books, most recently, Enhancing Government: Federalism for the 21st Century (2008), and more than 100 articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation’s highest courts, and also serves as a commentator on legal issues for national and local media.

Mr. Chemerinsky holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University.

“We are excited to have Dean Chemerinsky serve as Campbell Law School’s 2010 commencement speaker because, as students, we have been privileged to use his textbooks in our study of Constitutional Law,” said J. Whitfield Gibson ’10. “Furthermore, Dean Chemerinsky, while still a professor of Constitutional Law at Duke University, would take time to come to Buies Creek and debate with our faculty creating lively discussions on relevant Constitutional issues.”

Upcoming Events

May:
19 - Building Dedication, Raleigh, NC
21 - Graduation, Raleigh, NC

June:
18 - NCADA Alumni Luncheon, Hilton Head Island, NC
23 - NCAJ Alumni Breakfast, Wilmington, NC
25 - NC Bar Association Alumni Reception, Wilmington, NC

Contact: Shonagh McQuade at shonagh@law.campbell.edu
2010 Scholarship Luncheon Event a Success

On March 11, Campbell Law School hosted its annual luncheon for donors who have contributed scholarship funds that benefit the Law School and 2009-10 student recipients of endowed scholarship funds. Nearly 100 students and donors attended the event, including distinguished Law School alumni, faculty and staff.

The annual event is important for scholarship donors, student recipients and the Law School on multiple levels as it provides an opportunity for scholarship donors and student recipients to meet, as well as celebrating the hard work of law students and foresight of donors.

Jena Edelman (class of 2011), recipient of the Judge John & Kirby Tyson Law Scholarship, spoke of her experiences in both Buece Creek and Raleigh campuses and related how a donor’s generosity made it possible for her to attend law school, live in downtown Raleigh and take full advantage of all the opportunities available to her in the state capital. She went on to say how the positive impact she plans to make in both the legal profession and her community will be a direct result of the faith and inspiration her scholarship donors have given to her.

Jonathan Trapp (class of 2010), recipient of the Donald & Elizabeth Cooke Foundation Law Scholarship, spoke about how Campbell Law has affected and improved his marriage, faith and prospects. He shared stories about how his Campbell Law family "lifted me up and gave me hope" during a recent difficult time and how that experience left him wanting to challenge his classmates to "be at this event next year as donors to continue and expand scholarship opportunities for future Campbell Law students."

Dr. Jerry Wallace, President of Campbell University, also addressed the group about the tradition of scholarships and how one’s legacy can live forever in the form of providing education opportunities for generations to come.

For a confidential conversation regarding contributions to an existing scholarship or creating a new scholarship fund, contact Britt Davis, Director of Development, at 919.865.5977 or davis@law.campbell.edu.

Campbell Law Receives 2010 Imprint Award from Downtown Raleigh Association

On the evening of February 25, Campbell University and the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law were honored by the Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) as a recipient of the 2010 Imprint Award during the DRA’s Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Nearly 600 business, legal, education, nonprofit, and public sector leaders from the greater Raleigh region were in attendance.

The Imprint Award is an annual program administered by the DRA to recognize new construction and rehabilitation projects completed in the previous year that significantly contribute to the identity of downtown Raleigh. Jim Roberts, Vice President for Business and Treasurer for Campbell University, and Melissa Essary, Dean of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, accepted the 2010 award on behalf of Campbell.

Campbell University was honored for its $32 million investment in locating the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in downtown Raleigh, just two blocks west of the state Capitol. A video presentation during the event highlighted images from the new law school and provided a detailed description of the 110,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art school of legal education.

Key design and construction partners to the Campbell Law School project were also recognized during the awards presentation, including: T.A. Loving Company (general contractor); Small Kane Architects (architect of record); Sheeply Sullivan Richardson & Abbott (design architect); Steward Engineering; and RMF Engineering.

The DRA Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony offered an opportunity for community leaders and supporters to come together to network, honor outstanding regional leadership, and most importantly, enjoy an evening that celebrates the momentum in North Carolina’s center city.