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A hot topic in legal education is the idea of training students to think and act like lawyers. As strange as it sounds, many law schools do not focus on the practical aspects of the law or serving clients. They focus on theoretical discussions of the law and policy development rather than helping future lawyers understand the needs of a public that the legal profession is obligated to serve.

A 2007 study published by The Carnegie Foundation, ‘Educating Lawyers,’ concludes that “law schools need to do a better job integrating the teaching of legal doctrine with a much stronger focus on helping students develop practical lawyering skills and understandings of ethical considerations” in dealing with the public.

Three years later, many law schools continue to wrestle with recommendations from the Carnegie report. Fortunately, at Campbell Law School, we have always had a practical approach to training great lawyers who currently serve in all 100 North Carolina counties, 40 states and six foreign countries.

Professor Woody Woodrow frequently states, “The most important people at Campbell Law are not our students, but our students’ future clients.” This statement truly sums up the heart and soul of Campbell Law. It’s all about professionalism, personal excellence and serving others.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

Building Dedication and Inaugural Academic Year in Capital City Commemorated

May 19, 2010 marked the formal dedication of 225 Hillsborough Street as the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. The event was well attended by faculty, staff, students, business leaders and supporters of the Law School. The program focused on the tremendous work that led to the move from Buies Creek, N.C. to Raleigh and the successes the school has realized in its first academic year in Raleigh.

Speakers included N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Sarah Parker, N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper, Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker, and First Citizens Bank Chairman and CEO Frank Holding, Jr. spoke about the positive economic effects the Law School has already had on the area, the excitement for a new generation of servant leaders in the Triangle, and an overall sense of welcome and community Campbell Law has found in the state capital.

Dr. Jerry Wallace, Campbell University President, addresses the crowd.

Enwin Chemerinsky, the founding dean and distinguished professor of law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, delivered the commencement address, congratulating the candidates on three years of hard work and highlighting the importance finding joy in their work and listening to their moral compass.

Student Bar Association President J. Whitfield Gibson took the stage to share stories of this special class and present both Dean Melissa Essary and Professor Richard A. Lord with signed and framed photos of the class of 2010.

Dean Essary closed the ceremony stating, “This class is indeed special. You have already distinguished yourselves with your work in the community through both pro bono and volunteer opportunities, and we know your commitment to serve others will continue throughout your careers. You make us proud.”

Campbell Law School Celebrates First Graduation Ceremony in Raleigh

On Friday, May 21, Campbell Law School closed its first academic year in its new location with its first graduation in Raleigh, North Carolina.

As 105 new lawyers crossed the stage at the Meymandi Concert Hall in the Progress Energy Performing Arts Center, the celebration focused on this year’s special class – the first to attend classes in both Buies Creek and Raleigh.
Class of 1995

Jeffrey P. Gray has accepted a position with Bailey & Dixon, LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Class of 1996

Russell Smith won his bid for Clerk of Court in Hoke County.

Class of 1997

Anthony Biller of Raleigh, N.C. was recently selected to join the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.

Class of 1998

Brian King of Rutherfordton, N.C. was recently recognized by the North Carolina Bar as a Certified Family Law Specialist.

Class of 1999

Adam Hartzell was recently named Director for the North Carolina’s Consumer Protection Division within the office of the N.C. Attorney General.

Class of 2000

Troy Crawford has joined Lawyers Mutual as a Claims Attorney.

Class of 2002

Benjamin T. Cochran has been selected for inclusion in the 2010 North Carolina Rising Stars list by North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine. Mr. Cochran is a managing partner at Hardison & Associates in Raleigh, N.C.

Class of 2003

Steven N. Long P.C. has “hung a shingle” and opened his own practice in New Bern, N.C. He represents clients in Craven, Jones County and Pamlico County in traffic, criminal, domestic, small business, and wills and estates.

Upcoming Events

June:
17 - NC Association of Defense Attorneys, Hilton Head Island, SC
18 - Alumni Luncheon, Hilton Head Island, SC
23 - NC Advocates for Justice Alumni Breakfast, Wilmington, NC
23 - Wilmington, N.C. Area Alumni Luncheon (Port City Chop House)
25 - NC Bar Association Alumni Reception, Wilmington, NC
27 - NC Bar Association Prayer Breakfast, Wilmington, NC

For more information about these events contact: Julie Lechner at lechner@law.campbell.edu

* Do you have news to share? Let us know by emailing Julie Lechner at lechner@law.campbell.edu

Class of 2005

Allison Pope Cooper has accepted a position with Bailey & Dixon, LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Natalia K. Isenberg is working as an associate with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham in Raleigh, N.C.

Class of 2008

Lucy Tatum Austin announces the opening of the Law Office of Lucy Tatum Austin in Raleigh, N.C.

In Memoriam

Campbell Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Jamie Lee Long, ’99 who died on May 2. She is survived by her husband Rick Reeves and their children, Stephanie and Matthew, her father and stepmother, her mother, brother, and stepsisiter

Professor Rick Lord Receives Dean’s Award

Campbell University law professor Rick Lord received the Dean’s Award in Teaching Excellence at a ceremony held Sunday, May 2, at the Pope Convocation Center in Buies Creek. Lord has been a law professor at Campbell for 26 years.

Professor Lord was ranked first in his class at Memphis State University School of Law, where he served as a member of the Jessup Moot Court Team and on the Moot Court Board of Directors. He was also editor-in-chief of the Memphis State Law Review. While at Memphis State, Lord clerked with the law firm of Walt, Dyer & James. After passing the Tennessee bar exam, Lord took a position with the Robinson, Fisher and Avery law firm. He was elected to the American Law Institute in 1999 and appointed a North Carolina commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2002.

Professor Lord’s law career spans nearly 35 years and includes terms at some of the country’s finest law schools, including Indiana University, Indianapolis; Texas Wesleyan Law School of Law; the University of Missouri, Kansas City; and Rutgers University, Camden. He also helped to develop most court programs at these schools that have routinely ranked among the top 20 programs in the country. In addition, Lord is the author of several books and numerous law review articles.

“Professor Lord is a lawyer’s lawyer, a teacher’s teacher and a scholar’s scholar,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “Thousands of Campbell students have benefitted from his long and distinguished career.”

Flanary-Smith Hired as New LRW Director

Amy Flanary-Smith has been hired as Campbell Law School’s new Director of Legal Research and Writing (LRW). She served as the LRW Interim Director during the 2009-10 academic year.

Ms. Flanary-Smith received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has extensive experience in legal research and writing, as well as in development of law school academic support programs. Prior to joining Campbell Law, she was in private practice handling numerous matters for Rex Healthcare.
Candidates for N.C. Supreme Court & Court of Appeals Present at Campbell Law

The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University was honored to host the entire group of candidates running for statewide judicial offices in the Law School’s auditorium on April 16 for a candidates forum. All participants were vying for a spot on the Supreme Court of North Carolina or the North Carolina Court of Appeals. More than 100 Campbell Law students and members of the community attended the event.

This was the only time that these candidates for statewide judicial office were gathered before the May 4, 2010 primary elections. Campbell Law Professor Greg Wallace moderated the event. Each candidate had up to five minutes to tell attendees about themselves, their accomplishments and judicial philosophy. Following the presentations, panelists responded to questions from the audience.

The following candidates participated in the forum:

**Supreme Court of North Carolina (Brady Seat)**
Robert L. “Bob” Hunter*  
Judge Bob Hunter has served as an appellate judge on North Carolina’s Court of Appeals for over 11 years, where he has decided over 3,500 cases and authored over 1,000 opinions. Before that, he practiced law for 29 years in Marion, NC. He also represented North Carolina’s 48th District in the House of Representatives for 18 years. Hunter is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law.

**Sanford Steelman**  
Judge Sanford Steelman was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2002 and has authored more than 700 opinions and dissents, and has participated in another 1,400 cases. Prior to joining the Court of Appeals, Steelman served as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of Judicial District 20-B and held court in 32 counties. A graduate of Davidson College and University of North Carolina School of Law, Steelman resides in Raleigh.

**N.C. Court of Appeals (Elmore Seat)**
Alton “Al” Bain  
A resident of Lillington, Al Bain graduated from Duke University in 1982 and earned his law degree at the University of North Carolina in 1985. Bain is a partner at Bain, Buzuzz & McRae, LLP, where he has a general practice with an emphasis on representing senior citizens. He has served as president of both the Harnett County Bar and the Eleventh Judicial District Bar.

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*Will appear on the North Carolina ballot in November 2010 election.

Campbell Law Hosts ‘Rule of Law ’ Conference for High School Students

On June 7, Campbell Law School, in partnership with the Wake County Bar Association, World Justice Project and News & Observer Publishing hosted a High School ‘Rule of Law Conference.’ Nearly 100 Raleigh-area middle and high school students from Wake and surrounding counties came to learn about and discuss the rule of law and how it relates to both citizenship and civil rights.

The students listened to presentations then were involved in smaller discussion groups facilitated by local leaders including N.C. Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin; Orage Quaries, President of the News & Observer, Wake County Superior Court Judge Paul Ridgeway; and Campbell Law School Dean Melissa Essary, among others.

“We were pleased to have so many young people interested in these topics,” said Dean Essary. “After hearing these students’ interest and lively discussions, I’d say the legal future looks very bright.”

Justice Mark Martin added, “This program is a supplement to the schools’ civics lessons. We want to show these students how the law applies, not just to lawyers and judges, but to each citizen and every citizen.”
Law Library Featured in American Association of Law Libraries Magazine

"From the Creek to the Capital" is the headline in the May 2010 edition of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Spectrum magazine for an article featuring the Campbell Law Library.

Written by Olivia L. Weeks, Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law, the story tracks the progression library’s move from Bueces Creek to the Law School’s new location in Raleigh. From the formation of a committee to meet the needs of the library staff and students, to the challenges of transforming an existing office building into a state-of-the-art library, to the tagging and physical move of the books—the story is one very few people can tell, and photos featured in the article are stunning.

“Our story is not just one of the move,” said Professor Weeks. “It’s a saga that began with a blank slate and ended in a library that is a point of pride for the school, staff, faculty and especially, our students.”

The article can be found online on the American Association of Law Libraries website - www.aallnet.org.

Campbell Law Honored with Triangle–Area Community Enhancement Award

The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University was honored with a 2010 Champion Award on April 29 by the Triangle Commercial Real Estate Women ("Triangle CREW"). Twelve award categories were presented to recognize notable Triangle-area commercial development projects and leaders from 2009.

Campbell Law School was bestowed with the Community Enhancement Award presented annually “to a public or non-profit project that enhances its community through resulting economic growth, aesthetic appeal, improved quality of life, job creation and/or other positive impacts.” A total of 11 worthy community projects were nominated for this category. Nominations were evaluated by a slate of six judges.

In announcing Campbell Law School as the winner of the 2010 Community Enhancement Award, emcee Sharon Delaney McCloud referenced Campbell as being the first new institution of higher education to locate in Raleigh since the founding of Meredith College in 1891, as well as the partnership opportunities that exist for the law school with the area legal and business communities. "The students of Campbell Law School certainly have energized downtown Raleigh," she said.

“We are honored that Campbell Law School has been recognized as a major enhancement to downtown Raleigh and the entire Triangle region,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “Each of the projects nominated for this category were extraordinary, so it is quite meaningful that the judges would ultimately deem Campbell Law School to be the most significant community project during the past year.”

New Loan Repayment Assistance Available for Civil Legal Assistance Attorneys

A new loan repayment assistance program for civil legal aid attorneys is soon to become available. The Civil Legal Assistance Attorney Student Loan Repayment Program (CLAAP) will repay a portion of eligible federal student loan debt for civil legal assistance attorneys who are employed full-time. A total of five million dollars is available for distribution to qualified civil legal assistance attorneys for fiscal year 2010. The U.S. Department of Education will commit these funds to eligible civil legal assistance attorneys on a first-come, first-served basis. The anticipated deadline for applications is August 16, 2010. For program details and official deadlines, please visit www.equalexjusticeworks.org. The Equal Justice Works site includes valuable information and tool kits for various student debt relief options including CCRAAs: Income-Based Repayment and Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs.

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