From the Desk of Dean Melissa Essary

Leadership. It’s a term that most all of us use and hear everyday. Each of us works to lead within our respective communities, and most of us likely opine that our nation needs more ethical, action-oriented leaders to ensure both stability and progress for our country.

Since 1976 Campbell Law School has produced some of our nation’s most thoughtful lawyers and leaders. This issue of the ‘Campbell Law Brief’ presents how the Campbell Law faculty, students and alumni continue to make a difference in the legal academy and profession.

In September, a new Law School Board of Visitors was launched. This group of thought leaders consists of some of the nation’s most respected attorneys, judges, and business leaders who are lending their expertise to the course of Campbell Law.

The work of our students continues to be noticed, and we are pleased that Campbell Law’s Delta Theta Phi fraternity chapter was named the nation’s most Outstanding Student Senate for 2009-2010. Equally notable is the 2010 Richard A. Lord Moot Court competition where 132 second year students demonstrated their advocacy skills before dozens of attorneys and judges.

Campbell Law Launches New Board of Visitors

The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law is pleased to announce the formation of a new 13-member Board of Visitors, a select group of thought leaders assembled to serve as a resource for innovative ideas and a sounding board for the dean, administration, and faculty.

The Board, which is comprised of some of the most respected names in business and law, was brought together following the Law School’s 2009 move to Raleigh. Building off that momentum, Board members will assist in evaluating the Law School’s strategic plan and new initiatives, as well as providing an outside perspective to help guide the implementation of best practices to enhance the national visibility of Campbell Law School. The board will also help foster relationships throughout the legal and business communities, nonprofit organizations, higher education, and government agencies that may have an interest in partnering with the Law School.

“We are elated to have these 13 extraordinary individuals dedicate their time, energy and extensive experience to Campbell Law School,” said Dean Melissa Essary. “The endeavor we have embarked upon with these leaders will be invaluable as we work to advance our purpose in training the next generation of lawyers and leaders.”

Benjamin N. Thompson - Partner and Litigation Section Chairman, Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton, LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina - Class of ’79 (Chair)

Terrence M. Bagley - Deputy Managing Partner, McGuireWoods, Richmond, Virginia - Class of ’92

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Samuel R. Clawson - Partner, Clawson & Staubes, LLC, Daniel Island, South Carolina - Class of ’80

Thomas F. Darden II - CEO, Cherokee, Raleigh, North Carolina

The Honorable Allyson K. Duncan - U.S. Circuit Court Judge 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, Raleigh, North Carolina

Frank B. Holding, Jr. - Chairman and CEO, First Citizens Bank, Raleigh, North Carolina

Johnny M. Loper - Managing Member, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, Raleigh, North Carolina

Chief Justice Sarah Parker - Supreme Court of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina

Orage Quarles III - President & Publisher, News & Observer, Raleigh, North Carolina

General William K. Suter - Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States (U.S. Army, Retired), Washington, D.C.

Lisa E. Vaughn - Special Advisor to the Chairman of the Board, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina - Class of ’87
The 2010 Richard A. Lord Moot Court competition provided more than 132 Campbell Law 2Ls the opportunity to strengthen their legal research and writing abilities, as well as demonstrate their appellate advocacy skills before members of the legal community.

During the course of the competition, more than 130 attorneys and judges visited the school to serve on judging panels, several of whom traveled from as far away as West Virginia and South Carolina.

“Several attorneys and judges commented to me that ‘Campbell never stops producing great lawyers,’” said Dean Melissa Essay. “And yes, some of these compliments were given out after just the first round.”

Anna McLeod & Kevin Marcilliat and Michael Pierrie & Ryan Bakelaar made it to the final round, competing before a very active panel of judges that included the Honorable Willis Whichard, North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, (Retired); the Honorable Paul Newby, North Carolina Supreme Court Justice; and Professor Richard A. Lord. The Overall Winning Team of the 2010 Richard A. Lord Moot Court Competition was the team of Michael Pierrie and Ryan Bakelaar.

Valerie-Justine Andrade and Richard Waugaman were named as Best Oralsists for the competition. Anna McLeod and Kevin Marcilliat won the Best Brief Award, and Richard Waugaman was honored with the 2010 Rick Edmundson Memorial Award for Overall Best Competitor.

Two Campbell Law School professors presented papers on September 17, 2010 at the Court of Milan as part of a conference hosted by the European Centre for Life Sciences, Health and the Courts of the University of Favia, in cooperation with the Court of Milan, and the international group on Neuroscience & Law.

Professor William A. Woodruff presented a paper on the admissibility of neuroscience evidence suggesting whether a witness is testifying truthfully can be admitted under the Federal rules of evidence.

Associate Professor Kevin P. Lee presented a paper on the religious exercise rights of persons who have been diagnosed as suffering from neurological defects likely to induce delusions.

In the past two decades there has been an explosion of information about human neurobiology that has raised profound questions about what can be known about the human mind. The new neuroscience can be used to measure mental states that are of interest to law and legal disputes.

The Law and Neuroscience project, funded by the MacArthur Foundation and located at Vanderbilt University, seeks to bring together scholars of many disciplines to engage in a common discourse on the implications of neuroscience for law and legal issues.

Professor Woodruff joined the Campbell Law faculty in 1992 after serving 22 years in the Army and reaching the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Professor Woodruff teaches Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and Advanced Trial Advocacy. Woodruff has taught graduate legal studies at The Judge Advocate General’s School in Charlottesville, Virginia, and served as a trial attorney in the Army Litigation Division and the Torts Branch, U.S. Department of Justice, where he represented the United States in civil litigation. Prior to joining the Campbell Law faculty, he was the Chief of the Litigation Division at Headquarters, Department of the Army, and was responsible for overseeing civil litigation involving Army policies, programs, and operations.

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Professor Lee is currently preparing a doctorate in social and political ethics at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He frequently speaks on topics involving religious ethics, philosophy of mind and epistemology, political ethics and democratic theory. Professor Lee teaches Contracts, Business Organizations, Professional Responsibility, Jurisprudence, Comparative Law of China, and International Business Transactions.
Campbell Law Chapter of Delta Theta Phi Recognized as Nation’s Most Outstanding Student Senate

The National Delta Theta Phi Fraternity selected the R. C. Bryan Senate of Delta Theta Phi at Campbell Law School as the nation’s most Outstanding Student Senate for 2009-2010. This is an award earned by each member of the R.C. Bryan Senate, and it is attributable to the members’ tireless work on behalf of the Senate and the fraternity.

“We were honored to present this award to the Campbell Law senate of Delta Theta Phi,” said Karen E. Hamilton, Chancellor of Delta Theta Phi International. “I had the privilege to meet with the students and to see their dedication to provide a quality program to the student body and their community through school related events, scholastic achievement, and service projects that set them apart from other worthy law schools across the country.”

In addition to the recognition garnered by the student senate, Thomas Harper, Class of ’10, and last year’s Dean of the Senate, received Delta Theta Phi’s Outstanding Student of the Nation award.

“The student leaders of Delta Theta Phi are wonderful examples of the high caliber individuals that populate the classrooms of Campbell Law,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “We have had an active Delta Theta Phi chapter for many years and being honored as the nation’s most Outstanding Student Senate is recognition for the dedicated efforts of many.

“As a past Chancellor of the Delta Theta Phi Fraternity, I have had the opportunity to visit dozens of law schools and meet thousands of student and alumni members of the fraternity,” said Campbell Law Professor Rick Lord. “Thomas Harper represents the best and the brightest that Campbell, Delta Theta Phi and the legal profession have to offer. I’m honored to have been affiliated with the R. C. Bryan Senate, and I congratulate Thomas and the other members of the Bryan Senate on this well-deserved recognition.”

Portrait of Former Dean Willis P. Whichard Unveiled

On the evening of October 7, the administration of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law hosted a reception and program for the unveiling of a portrait of former Dean Willis P. Whichard. More than 100 friends, family members, and Campbell Law School alumni were in attendance.

“Dean Whichard was among friends, many friends, for the historic unveiling of his portrait at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “This handsome portrait was well-earned through seven years of dedicated leadership as Dean of this law school and his thoughtful mentoring of its faculty, staff, and students.”

Dr. Jerry M. Wallace, President of Campbell University, sent the following message to Dean Whichard for the occasion. “Your portrait will be a visual testimony of a life ‘well lived’ and serve as an historic reminder of an important era in the history of the law school.”

Willis P. Whichard served as Dean & Professor of Law at Campbell Law School from 1999-2006. Prior to coming to Campbell, Whichard had an exemplary career as a North Carolina statesman and judge. He served in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1970-74 and in the N.C. Senate from 1974-80. In September 1980, Whichard became a judge on the N.C. Court of Appeals and served in that role until his election to the N.C. Supreme Court in 1986. He retired from the Supreme Court in December 1998. Following his tenure at Campbell Law School, Whichard joined the firm of Moore & Van Allen in Research Triangle Park. Dean Whichard’s portrait hangs in the law school’s first floor Grand Foyer space. Portraits of Patrick Hetnick and Leary Davis, also former Deans of Campbell Law, hang in this location as well. A bust of Campbell Law’s namesake, Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins, is also located in the Grand Foyer.

Campbell Law Library Welcomes New Staff

Campbell Law is pleased to welcome two new members to the law library staff.

Caitlin Swift, Reference Librarian, comes to Campbell from Las Vegas where she was the was the Director of Operations for the Spencer Firm. She received her undergraduate degree from UNC - Chapel Hill where she majored in International Studies. She received her law degree with honors from UNC Law and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Caitlin will be providing reference services to faculty, staff, and students. She will also be supporting faculty research and providing in class presentations through the faculty liaison program.

Kimberly Hocking, Public Services Librarian, joins us from Peace College where she was the head of Public Services. Kim received her undergraduate degree with honors from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. and her M.L.I.S. with honors from State University of New York at Buffalo. Kim will schedule and supervise student library assistants. She will also be in charge of interlibrary loans, and assist both faculty and students with law-related research.

“I am delighted to have these two very bright, talented, and experienced librarians join our staff,” said Olivia Weeks, professor and director of the law library. “With the addition of these two professional staff positions, the library now has five professional librarians, and we will be able to offer more services to meet the needs of our faculty and students.”

Coats+Bennett PLLC Career & Professional Development Suite Dedicated

The administration of Campbell Law School was pleased to dedicate the Coats+Bennett PLLC Career & Professional Development Suite within the Law School during a September 27 ceremony.

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Ten attorneys and the firm administrator from Coats+Bennett joined Dean Melissa Essay and members of the Campbell Law staff to dedicate the highly utilized space within the Law School that houses Career Services, Alumni Relations, Development, and three career interview rooms.

Anthony Biller, Class of ’97, and Emily Haas, Class of ’08, were among the Coats+Bennett staff in attendance.

Dexter Smith Named Assistant Dean of Admissions

The administration of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law is pleased to announce the hiring of Dexter Smith as its new Assistant Dean of Admissions.

Smith comes to Campbell Law School from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida where he most recently served as Director of Admissions. Prior to his tenure at Florida Coastal, which began in 2006, Smith was Assistant Director of Career Services at the University of Florida Levin College of Law and Director of Legislative Services at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Smith earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He also has a Master’s in Educational Leadership and a B.A. from the University of Florida. During his years with the University of Florida, Smith was highly engaged in campus activities where he served on numerous boards and advisory committees.

“We are thrilled to have Dexter Smith join Campbell Law as the leader of our admissions team,” said Dean Melissa Essay. “His experience as a legal education admissions professional are superb, and he comes to Campbell at an important time as we transition from our traditional rural home to an urban setting in downtown Raleigh.”

Attorneys from Coats+Bennett pose in the new Coats+Bennett PLLC Career & Professional Development Suite
Homecoming 2010: Law Classes of 1980, '85, '90, '95, '00 and '05 Return for Reunions

More than 125 members of the law school classes of 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 and guests attended a reunion reception and dinner on Friday, October 29 in Raleigh. This year’s reunion event was scheduled to coincide with Campbell University’s 2010 Homecoming festivities.

“I think this year’s class reunions were a big success,” said Judge Robert B. Rader, class of ’85. “The two biggest highlights for most in attendance were being able to tour the new facility and reuniting with old classmates. It was crystal clear that those in attendance were very pleased with the direction the law school has taken over the past few years and everyone left with a renewed sense of pride of what it means to be a ‘Campbell Lawyer’.”

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