SHAPING THEIR FUTURE
“I started volunteering in the Charlotte community and quickly realized that serving the poor and disadvantaged brought me a lot of joy. Once I found my passion, everything else fell in place.”

— CARSON SMITH (JD ’16)

Carson Smith (JD ’16) is the first Wake Forest Law student to be recognized by The National Jurist as Law Student of the Year. He was one of five students recognized from law schools across the nation in the magazine’s spring 2016 issue. Smith also received the North Carolina State Bar Student Pro Bono Service Award for his substantial involvement in the Pro Bono Project. Serving as its executive director, he helped add a pro bono component to the requirements of a first-year course, among other accomplishments.
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Wake Forest students need your help on the way in and on the way out of law school.
Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

Greetings from the Worrell Professional Center, the “still-feels-new” home of our law school. I hope you have had the opportunity to visit and enjoy our transformed spaces. And if you haven’t made it back to campus yet, I hope you make plans to join Hoppy Elliot and me for our third annual Law Alumni Weekend on Nov. 3-5.

Just when we thought we were through with construction dust and noise, the North Carolina legislature approved Wake Forest Law as home to the newest North Carolina Business Court! The state’s fourth business court opens in January 2017 with Michael Lindsay Robinson presiding as Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases.

This past year included a surprise visit from former President Bill Clinton, record-making Trial and Moot Court teams and North Carolina bar exam passage rates at the top of law schools in the state.

As part of fall 2015’s National Pro Bono Week, the Pro Bono Project hosted a discussion between North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Cheri Beasley and me, “Improving Access to Justice: A Call to Action.” For the second time in recent memory, I am proud to say, the Pro Bono Project went on to win the Day of Service Award from the American Bar Association’s Law Student Division. Students logged more than 200 hours of pro bono work during that week and ended the year with almost 6,000 hours in pro bono service.

Throughout the year I have enjoyed visiting with brother and sister alumni in Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., New York, across the Southeast, and of course, North Carolina. I am thrilled to carry on the great work that we began — can it be? — more than a year ago when I became dean.

Much of that success is because of you, our loyal alumni. In addition to offering our students employment, mentoring and professional development opportunities, you have also supported the law school financially this past fiscal year, helping to raise nearly $850,000, a record for the Wake Forest Law Fund. For all of you who contribute and plan to contribute to my “Let’s Make It A Million” campaign, many heartfelt thanks.

As you will read in our cover story, there is still work to be done and scholarship monies to be raised to ensure we continue to graduate Wake Forest lawyers who lead our profession and raise the bar on what it means to be a citizen lawyer.

When we gathered to start the academic year, we noted that the events of the summer – Orlando, Baton Rouge, Dallas, St. Louis, Nice and more – renewed us to embrace our commitment to equal justice. As this magazine goes to press, the recent tragedies in Charlotte have brought the crisis geographically and emotionally even closer to home. At Wake Forest Law we are lawyers, lawyers-in-training and a community dedicated to that training. Ours must be a special responsibility for the perception and the reality of equal justice under the law. In that spirit, we have re-dedicated ourselves to addressing the systemic problems that have brought us to this painful moment in our nation’s history.

Yours in the struggle and grateful for your continued support,

Suzanne Reynolds
SHAPING THEIR FUTURE

Sarah Saint (JD ’17) loved her job developing mentoring programs through a partnership between the University of Alabama and neighboring Title I schools. But she also knew she wanted to be able to affect change at a higher level. That’s why she decided to study law. It was not a decision she made lightly, however.

“Deciding to attend Wake Forest Law was a big leap for me,” explains Saint, who is the current Pro Bono Project executive director. “Trying to finance a legal education with no real savings and looming student loans was, in a word, daunting. Without the Fletcher Law Scholarship, I know I would have stayed where I was comfortable. Because of the Fletcher Foundation’s generosity, I was also able to be generous — of my time and of my spirit — unburdened by financial uncertainty. Through the scholarship, I was empowered to pursue my goals surrounded by scholars who are as dedicated as I am to making a difference.”

Current and future Wake Forest Law students like Saint need your help. Now. It’s no secret that debt burden affects the kind of jobs a graduating student might pursue as well as his/her ability to give back to the law school and community.

Wake Forest Law students graduate with less debt than graduates from many of our peer schools because we have increased our scholarship awards. In 2011-12, the law school paid out $5.8 million in scholarships. In 2015-16 that number rose to $11.4 million, a 94 percent increase. And it’s not just the financial burden on the law school that is at issue. Of the Class of 2015 members, 88 percent borrowed, a percentage we want to decrease.

“Giving to scholarships is even more important these days because it’s how Wake Forest Law attracts the best students,” says Paul Wingate (BA ’92), the law school’s assistant dean for development. “The more scholarship money we raise, the easier it is to recruit the best students, which leads to better job prospects in a tight legal job market and an overall increase in the prestige and ranking of the law school.”

Dean Reynolds wants to reduce student debt by one-third, which means she needs to raise $4 million in scholarship funding over the next two years. It’s up to you, our loyal Wake Forest Law alumni, to help meet her goal and to ensure that the tradition of producing Wake Forest lawyers continues.

With a small endowment — approximately $60 million — it is difficult for the law school to build the endowment fast enough to address student debt quickly. That is why, Wingate says, “there is a plan this fall to focus on current scholarships to help reduce student debt now, while we also look for opportunities to grow the endowment.”

At Wake Forest Law, we shape future citizen lawyers. Wake Forest lawyers. It’s what we’ve been doing since 1894. As you read through the rest of this magazine, you’ll see that tradition playing out, time and time again. But Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) can’t lead the charge alone.
Lynn Buhl (JD '81), sponsor of the Pay It Forward Dean’s Scholarship, wanted to help students like Saint “because student debt should not limit professional opportunities. Now that my finances allow it, I wanted to ‘pay it forward’ so that others can have choices, take risks and advance careers in fields in which they are interested and want to make a difference. Wake Forest Law gives us the tools; financial support allows more freedom in deciding how to use them.”

“The (Fletcher) scholarship enabled me to go to Wake Forest without concern of how to pay for it. I don’t know how I would have paid for it otherwise,” says Dean Webster (JD ‘81), assistant attorney general for the State of North Carolina and inaugural recipient of the Fletcher Law Scholarship.

How can you help?

DONATE

1 Donate to Wake Forest Law Fund
“Every dollar above $300,000 raised for the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law goes to scholarships,” Wingate says. In FY 2015-16, the law school broke a record by raising nearly $850,000 toward its $1 million goal. “You can help Dean Reynolds ‘Make it a Million’ this fiscal year by giving to the Law Fund.

2 Support an existing scholarship
The Deborah Leonard Parker Scholarship, established by her husband Professor Wilson Parker and named for the former Dean of Students, who died unexpectedly in 2009, went to its first recipient in fall 2016 and is among a number of named scholarships that would benefit from your contributions. This is a great opportunity to contribute to a scholarship that is already established or you received as a student.

3 Create a Named Endowed Scholarship
Named endowments, which can also be funded by planned giving, are a significant way to honor a person or family and to establish their name in a legacy that will benefit students for generations.

Dean Webster (JD ‘81) and A.J. Fletcher (JD ‘11) in 1978
How can you help?

MENTOR

Elizabeth Goodwin (JD ’08), who is the Office of Career and Professional Development’s employee relations coordinator, provides some best practices for developing networking relationships between alumni, current students and recent graduates.

Students and recent graduates need experienced attorneys to help them build their networks and make connections that will ultimately lead to employment. There are plenty of ways that alumni can serve as mentors, advisers and resources for students and recent graduates beyond a job offer. Following are some tips on how to serve as a great mentor:

* Respond and engage
  If a student or recent graduate emails you to ask for an informational interview or a networking coffee, please take some time out of your busy day to chat.

* Introduce the student to others
  Your network took years to build, but giving a student or recent graduate access to even a small part of it will give him or her a huge leg up.

* Extend an invitation
  Invite a student or recent graduate to attend networking events, CLEs and social gatherings for attorneys with you.

* Be positive but realistic
  While you should never try and scare anyone away, knowing the challenges of being a lawyer is vitally important to being prepared to face them.

* Keep them in mind in the future
  Please pass along potential opportunities to the student or recent graduate, and if you feel comfortable doing so, pass their resume on to people looking to hire.

“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen and a push in the right direction.”

— John C. Crosby

If you’re interested in serving as a mentor to a current student or recent graduate, please contact Goodwin. GOODWIME@WFU.EDU
Lisa Jeffries Caldwell (JD ’86) is executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Reynolds American Inc. Caldwell, who was a scholarship recipient, teamed with her classmates – Jeanette Peace, Marsha Grayson, Carol Waldron and Joal Broun – in 1984 to create the first Black Law Students Association Scholarship banquet, which continues to award three scholarships annually. Caldwell remembers the students asking, “How do we make an impact?”

As the next generation of law students, among them her son Tyler Caldwell (JD/MBA ’14), begin making their impact, Caldwell reflects on the training she received. “I think law school is about a lot more than being a lawyer in a large law firm,” she says. “There’s a level of self-confidence you gain in looking at a problem and analyzing it through the lens of your position and your opponent’s position.”

Dominic Interlicchia (JD ’18) interviewed Michael Klotz (JD ’15), an associate at Jones Day in New York City, during the summer of 2016. Klotz specializes in business and tort litigation and is an example of another Wake Forest Law Fletcher Scholarship recipient.

Q. Why did you choose Wake Forest Law?

When I visited the law school, I really liked it. Professor (Dick) Schneider, who I had known from my time teaching at Wake Forest, introduced me to a couple of law professors, and it seemed like a great environment.

Q. What did you learn at Wake Forest that has helped you most throughout your career?

The education was great in the first two years. Then the clinics stood out in my 3L year because they built practical skills and gave me experience. I was part of the Community Law and Business Clinic with Professor (Steve) Virgil and the Appellate Advocacy Clinic with Professor (John) Korzen.

Q. What are you doing now to help give back to society?

Currently I am working on a few different pro bono cases. One of the cases is an asylum case that I am working on with two other attorneys. We are helping a man who is HIV positive complete his paperwork to gain asylum into the United States with the hope that he will be able to gain entrance to the United States indefinitely. The client has faced significant persecution in his home country due to his sexual orientation and cannot receive the same type of medical treatment in his home country as he could in the United States.

Q. What advice would you give recent graduates about the legal job market and their careers?

My number one piece of advice would be to reach out to Wake Forest Law alumni as well as try to figure out as early as possible where they want to practice regionally. It’s important to build their resume as early as possible to suit the regional market that they want to practice in.
Thirty students enrolled in the now fully online, part-time Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree program in fall 2016, each selecting a track in Human Resources or Health Law & Policy.

The entire MSL curriculum is tailored to these working professionals, combining a foundational understanding of the law with practical applications for the workplace.

Sean E. Rogers of Ithaca, New York, says he couldn’t be happier that he decided to pursue the program. “I’m very impressed with how well everything is organized and with the rigor and richness of the content. The professors and staff have been super responsive and available. What you and Wake (Forest) Law have created is very impressive!”

Developed by the Wake Forest Law faculty with input from industry leaders, all of the courses are specially designed for and taught only to MSL students, says MSL Director Ellen Murphy (JD ’02), assistant dean of instructional design.

“Recognizing the need to navigate the web of government regulations in today’s workplace, these students chose Wake Forest Law’s program to help them become valuable assets and reduce overall risk in their workplace,” she says.

The MSL is a partner degree for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina’s Blue University. The program, which can be completed in less than two years, combines the flexibility and accessibility of online learning with the rigor and academic excellence of Wake Forest Law.

Wake Forest Law also has plans to grant a “Certificate in Workplace Legal Fundamentals” to students who complete the MSL Core Curriculum. “This will allow professionals in fields beyond health law and human resources to benefit from our real-world centered foundation courses. Degree-seeking students may also earn the certificate upon completion of the first four MSL courses,” Dean Murphy says.
Wake Forest Law will become home to the newest North Carolina Business Court in January 2017

A business court at Wake Forest Law provides a wonderful opportunity for students to watch great legal minds tackle sophisticated business issues, says Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77). “I’m delighted the legislature has invested in the administration of justice by adding a business court, and I’m proud for Wake Forest Law to partner with the state in broadening the reach of this court.”

Judge Marion Warren, director of the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC), made the announcement that Wake Forest Law would house the state’s fourth business court in March 2016 at the signing agreement in the General Assembly’s Legislative Building.

“This new court begins a new relationship that opens the door to greater opportunities for the unified North Carolina court system to serve its citizens, its business owners and the international business community,” Judge Warren said.

On July 1, Michael Lindsay Robinson was sworn in as Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases for the new business court, which will be located on the third floor of the Worrell Professional Center. Judge Robinson will work with cases involving complex and significant issues of corporate and commercial law in North Carolina, overseeing such cases from the time of designation through trial or other resolution.

The North Carolina Business Court is an administrative division of the N.C. General Court of Justice’s trial division that was established in 1995 for specifically handling complex business disputes. Recent demand has prompted the expansion of another court in Winston-Salem, making it more convenient to litigate business disputes.
The Pro Bono Project received the American Bar Association (ABA) “Day of Service Award” from the Law Student Division thanks in part to Wake Forest Law students’ dedication to pro bono legal services, especially during the ABA’s Pro Bono Week in October 2015.

During Pro Bono Week, Wake Forest Law students volunteered 284 hours and 15 minutes of their time to multiple community-serving programs, far surpassing the Pro Bono Project’s goal of 200 hours. A total of 3,710 supervised pro bono hours were completed by Wake Forest Law students throughout the 2014-15 academic year. That’s compared with 5,902 pro bono legal hours throughout the 2015-16 academic year, equaling the highest participation in a single year, according to Pro Bono Project organizers.

This is the second time the ABA has recognized the Pro Bono Project within four years. The law school’s Veteran Advocacy Law Organization (VALOR) received the 2012 Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award from the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

“We are honored that the ABA recognizes the compassion and diligence of our dedicated student body,” said Professor Beth Hopkins, then director of the law school’s Smith Anderson Center for Community Outreach. “This most recent recognition solidifies Wake Forest Law’s Pro Bono Project as a leader among law schools in the state and the nation.”

Students earn pro bono hours through helping Legal Aid, providing free clinics for wills, Advance Directives and criminal expungements for community members, presenting the “Know Your Rights” program to area high schools, acting as educational surrogates for area disabled and foster children and representing youth in Teen Court, among others.

The Pro Bono Project was started during the 2009-10 school year and is the central point for all pro bono activities at the law school, maintaining a database that keeps track of student pro bono work. The Pro Bono Project has filled hundreds of placements with attorneys in non-profit organizations, private practice and North Carolina’s legal services organizations. The program is administered by a student executive board with the support and assistance of the law school administration and partnerships with local attorneys and legal services organizations.
Wake Forest Law’s trial team has once again been invited to compete in the 2016 National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Tournament of Champions, hosted by the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, starting on Oct. 20.

Only 16 law schools received invitations for the October tournament in San Francisco, California. Selections are based upon a three-year performance at both the National Trial Competition and the American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition, according to William H.D. Fernholz, director of the 2016 NITA Tournament of Champions.

“AAJ taught me how to win, but in the right way.”

— JOSHUA BUSSEN (JD ’16)

This invitation is a direct result of the efforts of the trial team coaches — Professors Mark Boynton (JD ’97) and Matthew Breeding (JD ’06) along with Stephanie Reese (JD ’96) and Katie King (JD ’12), says Professor Carol Anderson, director of the Litigation Externship Clinic.

The coaches consistently maintain a focus on the individual, one that encourages each student to discover his or her own voice and style through practical skill sets. They ultimately want to produce strong litigators, not just mock trial competitors.

Trial team members emphasize that personal and professional development, along with the support of experienced alumni, is at the core of their success.

It’s no surprise that many members of the trial teams consider the experience to be Wake Forest Law’s most valuable experiential offering. Carson Smith (JD ’16) says, “Trial team was hands down the best practical experience I could have asked for in law school. Not only did I learn how to build a case from scratch, but I also gained the confidence necessary to be an effective trial advocate. (Trial team) gave me the tools necessary to enter the courtroom and confidently represent my clients.”

In developing the strengths of each student, the coaches emphasize class, dignity and fairness in the pursuit of legal success. “AAJ taught me how to win, but in the right way,” says Joshua Bussen (JD ’16). “Our coaches have always had a philosophy: We’re going to win, but we’re going to do it fairly and ethically.”
Currently 1.9 million North Carolinians, two-thirds of whom are children, rely on Medicaid benefits. And with the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in King v. Burwell in 2015, the recent passage of Medicaid reforms and the upcoming presidential election, many are wondering what the future holds for Medicaid expansion in the state, says Professor Mark Hall, director of the Health Law and Policy Program.

That’s why he organized a town hall forum with industry leaders to discuss this issue and more as part of the “Future of Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina” in January 2016. The event was co-sponsored by the North Carolina Health News.

“This event allowed participants to learn more about the current state of North Carolina’s Medicaid system as well as the benefits and detriments of expansion from several big names in health policy,” Professor Hall explained.

He moderated the panel that included state Rep. Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth), one of the major movers for Medicaid reform; Michael Parkerson, Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina; Janet Hoy, the chair of the Healthcare Roundtable for the League of Women Voters in North Carolina; Katherine Restrepo, the Health and Human Services Policy Analyst for the John Locke Foundation; and Charlie Trefzger (JD ’84), founder and CEO of Meridian Senior Living.

The same day, Professor Hall and Edwin Shoaf (JD ’14) released a study, “Medicaid Expansion Costs in North Carolina: A Frank Discussion.”

Nearly 200 attendees participated in the public forum held in the Worrell Professional Center, which was accessible to remote viewers through a live webcast.
SARAH OLINE
joined the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid on Aug. 23 as Assistant Director for Law Admissions. She will focus on recruiting prospective students. Oline spent more than four years practicing law in New York City, where she worked as an associate attorney for an insurance litigation and coverage firm in the Financial District. As a 2011 graduate of Boston University law school, Oline has personal knowledge of the law school application process and the law school experience. “I am grateful to have become part of the Wake Forest Law family, and I am excited to welcome future students to this special family for years to come,” says the Skokie, Illinois, native who holds a B.S. in Communication from the University of Miami.

KAITLYN RUHF
joined the law school on Aug. 29 as Assistant Director of Communications. She will focus on marketing, social and digital media strategy as well as assist in writing stories for the website and the Jurist, taking photos and creating videos. Previously she specialized in event management and venue marketing for Wake Forest’s Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. A native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Ruhf joined the Wake Forest community in 2009 as an undergraduate student-athlete where she graduated with a bachelor of arts in English. “I am beyond thrilled to share our Wake Forest Law family and its values with future Wake Forest lawyers, current students and alumni through vocal, digital and print mediums.”

HOLLY SWENSON
who you may know as a member of the Professional Center Library staff, has formally joined the Communications Team half-time as the new Lead Visual Communication Designer. What you may not know is that Swenson has already made many talented contributions for the past three years, working as the designer of The Jurist as well as Admissions and other print and digital materials and serving as a videographer and photographer. Swenson holds a double bachelor’s degree in German and International Studies from Utah State University and has been instrumental in the development of the marketing plan and assets for the new online MSL degree. In her spare time she works at and makes art for Winston-Salem-based Art-O-Mat.
When the Elder Law Clinic opened its doors on Aug. 19, 1991, it began a new era of hope for moderate- to low-income elderly citizens in and around Winston-Salem. The clinic is celebrating a milestone anniversary – 25 years of providing elderly citizens free legal aid, giving law students practical experience while forging Wake Forest Law’s reputation as a leader in elder law.

Each semester, 10 upper-level law students participate in the Elder Law Clinic, honing their legal skills by working directly with clients under the supervision of managing attorney and Clinic Director Kate Mewhinney, a certified specialist in Elder Law by the N.C. State Bar and the National Elder Law Foundation.

“Working in the Elder Law Clinic allows us to hear and see first-hand the unique problems of aging, both legal and non-legal,” said Rebecca Daddino (JD ’17). “Our clients not only tell us about the troubles they are currently facing, but also they tell us stories about their families, lives and experiences.”

From the beginning, the clinic took a novel approach by combining legal and medical services. Wake Forest Law opened the clinic in conjunction with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, now Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, allowing patients to be served thorough interdisciplinary care. Students’ handling of matters such as wills, powers of attorney, Medicaid planning, guardianship and nursing home questions is supplemented with an understanding of medical terminology. And medical professionals benefit by becoming familiar with patients’ legal issues and rights.

Professor Mewhinney has embraced the interrelationship between legal and medical services, providing expert guidance and participating in hospital policy development. She has been a “dedicated, insightful and enthusiastic contributor to the work of the Clinical Ethics Committee,” says Dr. John Moskop, School of Medicine professor and committee chair since 2010.

Elderly citizens are the biggest winners, Professor Mewhinney says, because the clinic and the

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— BEN LIMEHOUSE (JD ’14)
medical center provide more comprehensive solutions by working together.

“It is respected on the national level,” said clinic alumnus and elder law practitioner Ben Limehouse (JD ’14). “It began serving a severely underserved population at a time when no one even knew there was such a thing as elder law.” Professor Mewhinney is the “heart and soul of the clinic,” adds Limehouse, a sentiment many others share.

Professor Mewhinney was supervising Litigation Clinic students and teaching trial practice when she was chosen to head the Elder Law Clinic. Her classroom and clinical experience, coupled with her 11-year career as a Legal Aid attorney, made her the ideal candidate. Her newness to the field of elder law was trumped by her “understanding of indigents, concern for service (and) skill as a lawyer,” former Dean of External Affairs Professor James Taylor Jr. told the Winston-Salem Journal in September 1991.

“I was a mature lawyer who got to experience the joy of learning a whole new field,” Professor Mewhinney recalls.

Along the way she mastered elder law and grappled with new issues, including many ethical challenges. She believes the difficult ethical challenge for students is the temptation to be distracted by their elderly clients’ well-meaning family members.

“When you represent somebody, they are your world,” she reminds students.
APPELLATE ADVOCACY CLINIC
The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit issued a published opinion in favor of the clinic in the case of Kent Stahle v. CTS Corporation on March 2. Six students made appellate oral arguments during the 2015-2016 academic year, a new high for a single year in the clinic.

CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC
The Children’s Law Center (CLC) of Central North Carolina, home to the clinic, celebrated its 11th anniversary with a birthday bash benefit featuring NBC’s “The Voice” finalist Braiden Sunshine, nephew of Iris Sunshine (JD ’89), clinic director. In September 2015, the CLC celebrated its 10th anniversary with a presentation by Brian F. Martin, author of the New York Times best-seller “Invincible: The 10 Lies You Learn Growing Up With Domestic Violence and the Truths to Set You Free.”

COMMUNITY LAW AND BUSINESS CLINIC
The clinic offered advice about investment structuring and business development for Flywheel’s New Ventures Challenge 2016, a competition offering up to eight startup business teams a shot at tens of thousands of dollars in seed funding. The clinic also provides free weekly consultations at Flywheel in Wake Forest Innovation Quarter on issues such as how to start a business, legal issues facing small businesses, intellectual property questions and tax issues, among others.

LITIGATION EXTERNSHIP CLINIC
Clinic Director Professor Carol Anderson and the Fall 2016 Trial Practice faculty sponsored an Intensive Weekend on Aug. 19-20 for all students enrolled in the Trial Practice course. Over the past year, the clinic conducted four intensive weekends of trial practice, which included assistance from a dozen lawyers from the local community.

INNOCENCE AND JUSTICE CLINIC
The clinic, led by Professor Mark Rabil, was honored at the Winston-Salem Chronicle’s 31st Annual Community Service Awards Gala recognizing individuals contributing to the overall quality of life or the community on April 23.

VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC
Among its current cases, the clinic is assisting Rodney White, a community college administrator, complete his presidential pardon application for a first-time, non-violent drug offense that resulted in a 15-year prison term.
In April, Wake Forest Law continued its winning streak as the largest contributor per capita (and on the whole) in the Law School category of the North Carolina Legal Feeding Frenzy, conducted by the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association in conjunction with N.C. Feeding America Food Banks. Students, faculty and staff donated 8965.25 pounds of food, or 13.28 pounds of food per person.


Remembering Darryl

Darryl Hunt, Innocence and Justice Clinic adviser and longtime friend of Wake Forest Law, died on March 13 at 51. A memorial service was held on March 28 at the law school. Hunt, a Winston-Salem man wrongfully convicted of murder in a highly publicized case, worked closely with I&J Clinic Director and then Forsyth County assistant capital defender Mark Rabil, whose zealous advocacy led to Hunt’s release and exoneration after 19 years of incarceration.

For the first time in Wake Forest Law history, students have the opportunity to spend a semester studying at a university in China. Professor Andrew Verstein developed the partnership with the International Business and Economics School of Law.

For the second year in a row, student organizers of the Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) raised $18,000 with its annual spring online and live auctions, which are held to raise money to provide grants for students with unpaid public interest internships during the summer. The popular chili cook-off between students, faculty and staff raised an additional $700.

The Innocence and Justice Clinic was granted a motion from Iredell County Superior Court Judge Julia Gullett to free its client, Norman Satterfield, from prison. Satterfield has been incarcerated 37 years on a conviction of second-degree rape and first-degree burglary in 1979 that he claims he did not commit. The clinic continues to work to have a separate robbery conviction sentence consolidated with the rape and burglary sentence so that Satterfield can be released.
Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted its 31st Annual Scholarship Banquet on Feb. 12 at the Milton Rhodes Arts Center with the theme “Fulfilling the Dream” based upon Martin Luther King Jr.’s iconic speech. Attorney Willie E. Gary, known across the country for his successful, multi-million dollar lawsuits against such companies as Disneyland and Anheuser-Busch, was the keynote speaker. “A law degree is a very powerful degree. I know you want to make money and that’s fine, I like making a few bucks myself. But make the money, don’t let the money make you. Reach out and help somebody who’s less fortunate than you are,” Gary said. “You didn’t get the way you are on your own. So reach back and pull somebody along with you as you travel the ladder of success.” BLSA scholarships were awarded to Briana O’Neil (JD ’18), Candice Diah (JD ’17) and BLSA Vice President Ashlee Johnson (JD ’16). The BLSA Legacy Award was presented to Professor Beth Hopkins, who attended Wake Forest University for her undergraduate degree and served as the director of outreach for Wake Forest Law.
Wake Forest Law conferred hoods on more than 200 graduates at its 42nd annual hooding ceremony on May 15. Graduates included 184 Juris Doctor degree (JD) candidates, 16 international Master of Laws in American Law degree (LLM) candidates, 11 Master of Studies in Law (MSL) candidates and two Scientiae Juridicae Doctors (SJD) candidates. Among them were several pioneering candidates: Ashley Escoe and Maria Nkonge, the first two JD/Master in Divinity dual degree candidates; Nicholas Griffin, the first JD/Master in Sustainability dual degree candidate and Danya Bin Mahaysin, the first female SJD candidate. The Class of 2016 chose Nkonge and Professor Rebecca Morrow as the student and faculty speakers, respectively. “I have been so impressed with this class. You are smart, you are good to each other, you are rich in kindness, you are funny and generous and a delight to be around,” said Morrow, who was also chosen as teacher of the year. “You have made Wake Forest Law a better place.” Ann Robertson was chosen as staff member of the year. The Dean’s Reception in downtown Winston-Salem’s Millennium Center followed.
Professor Beth Hopkins (BA ’73) retired from Wake Forest University after more than 30 years in various roles. As inaugural director of the Smith Anderson Center for Community Outreach since its beginnings in 2010, she has overseen the law school’s Pro Bono Project and Public Interest Law Organization (PILO).

“Professor Hopkins brought passion for pro bono that launched the implementation of more pro bono projects on and off campus, according to her students, her fellow faculty members and her deans. She worked with local law firms, the local bar association and general counsels of local corporations as well as private attorneys and organizations to initiate additional pro bono activities within North Carolina communities.

“Professor Hopkins has transformed the Wake Forest Pro Bono Project into a premier law school program that inculcates the Wake Forest tradition of pro humanitate into our law school culture,” said Ann Gibbs, associate dean of administration and student services.

Carson Smith (JD ’16), former executive director of the Pro Bono Project, worked alongside Professor Hopkins for three years. “Professor Hopkins’ passion for uplifting the community through pro bono has been inspiring,” he says. “Beyond just her passion for helping others, she is an unparalleled leader… Her humility and lack of ego allowed her to get the best out of everyone around her, and with her character and passion, Professor Hopkins lives the pro humanitate motto every single day.”

Professor Hopkins is a 1977 graduate of the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. She served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Virginia and Louisiana and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Commonwealth of Virginia with additional practice in a private law firm.
CAROL ANDERSON
- Attended NITA Teacher Training Program for Clinical, Trial Advocacy and Skills Teachers jointly sponsored by Duke and Elon law schools, as the Wake Forest Law representative on Feb. 12, 2016
- Chaired the Experiential Learning Committee, charged with examining all of the law schools’ clinical and externship programs to ensure compliance with the new American Bar Association Standards for experiential learning, which went into effect in August 2016
- Conducted four intensive weekends of trial practice and deposition skills with the help of a dozen lawyers from the community, which she says, speaks volumes about the willingness of the bench and bar to support our programs

MEGHAN BOONE
- Joined Wake Forest Law as Assistant Visiting Professor, July 2016

JONATHAN CARDI
- Collaborated with Virgil, a career navigation platform company, to launch Legal Skills Assessment and Portfolio (LSAP) for law students, alumni and employers; presented platform and demonstration with Virgil’s Ron Mitchell on Sept. 23, 2015
- Received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award; presented by Provost Rogan Kersh at the Founder’s Day Convocation on Feb. 18, 2016
- Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussions on Feb. 23, 2016

KAMI CHAVIS
- Appointed Senior Academic Fellow for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
- Authored the article, “The Supreme Court Didn’t Fix Racist Jury Selection,” in The Nation on May 31, 2016
- Appointed Associate Dean for Research and Public Engagement as of July 1, 2016

CHRISTINE NERO COUGHLIN
- Co-authored “An Advocate Persuades” with Joan Malmud Rocklin, Sandy Patrick and
Professor Jonathan Cardi named Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and receives Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award

Professor Jonathan Cardi has been appointed as the newest Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2016.

Among his many goals, one involves the American Bar Association’s new regulations that require law schools to report learning outcomes for JDs. “We are using this requirement as a spur to take a deep look at our curriculum and to focus our teaching even more purposefully on what we believe makes Wake Forest Law graduates special,” Professor Cardi says.

In his most recent role as the law school’s Associate Dean for Research and Development, Professor Cardi established a number of new programs, including a speaker exchange.

He specializes in teaching tort law, the law of remedies and the intersection of race and law and is also the co-author of a torts casebook, a remedies casebook and two commercial

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— DEAN SUZANNE REYNOLDS (JD ’77)
outlines. He is also the co-editor of a book, “Critical Race Realism.”

In February, Professor Cardi received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award for his outstanding teaching and service to the legal profession.

“In all of Professor Jonathan Cardi’s courses, he pushes his students to understand a concept so that they can take the next steps and appreciate what this legal principle means in the lives of everyday people,” Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) writes. “But it is in Professor Cardi’s Torts class, a part of the first-year, first-semester experience, where students regularly report that the course transformed them.”

His devotion extends beyond his classes, Dean Reynolds continued. “In order to help all of the students face a challenging legal market, Professor Cardi collaborated with a career navigation platform company to develop a legal skills assessment and portfolio. The result is a career navigation experience for web and mobile environments free of charge for Wake Forest Law students and alumni.”

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was established in 1985 to honor Wake Forest alumnus Joseph Branch (JD ’38, LLD ’83) upon his retirement from the N.C. Supreme Court.

Professor Cardi has served as president of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS), chair of the Remedies Section of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) and he is a member of the American Law Institute (ALI), serving as Associate Reporter of the Restatement (Third) of Torts. He is also a contributor to the European Group on Tort Law.

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LUELLEN CURRY
- Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussions on Feb. 23, 2016
- Taught the regional Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Attitude is Essential 1L Prep Course at Wake Forest Law, July 16-17, 2016
- Member of the N.C. Bar Association’s Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee and facilitated the Avoiding Survey Bias subcommittee

MICHAEL KENT CURTIS
- Published Wake Forest Law Review article, “Using the Voting Rights Act to Discriminate: North Carolina’s Use of Racial Gerrymandering, Two Racial Quotas, Safe Harbors, Shields, and Inoculations to Undermine Multiracial Coalitions and Black Political Power;” May 2016
• Presented at the University of the South (Sewanee) symposium on “The Fourteenth Amendment, Does History Matter?” and participated in a symposium panel discussion on Sept. 16-17, 2016

TIMOTHY DAVIS
• Served as Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from July 1, 2015-June 2016

ANN GIBBS
• Inducted as a Community Trustee following participation in “Leadership Winston-Salem Flagship Program,” June 2016

SHANNON GILREATH
• Published, “Sexual Orientation and Identity: Political and Legal Analysis,” West Academic College Textbook Series, 2016

RUSSELL GOLD
• Joined Wake Forest Law as Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) faculty member, July 2016

LAURA GRAHAM
• Organized several “Critiquing Workshops” and served as a panelist, “Changing or Converting Your Legal Writing Program to Tenure Track,” at the 17th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Portland, Oregon, July 10-13, 2016

MICHAEL D. GREEN
• Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussion on Feb. 23, 2016

HEATHER GRAM
• Joined Wake Forest Law as Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) adjunct faculty member, July 2016

MARK HALL
• Named among the top law journal authors by HeinOnline, November 2015
• Served as the Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law at Yale University, Fall 2015
• Published “How Insurers Are Competing Under the Affordable Care Act,” 15 Hous. J. Health L. & Policy 17-41 (2015) and “Medicaid
Professor Kami Chavis, founder and director of the law school’s Criminal Justice Program, has been named the first Associate Dean for Research and Public Engagement.

Professor Chavis says, “In this new role, I will be responsible for helping faculty promote the wonderful scholarship they produce and connect their work with discussions about current issues impacting our broader campus community, nation and beyond.”

Professor Chavis intends to increase partnerships with community organizations to provide access to Wake Forest Law professors’ expertise. She says, “We have experts that we want to share with the greater community. This might include having faculty members provide critical analysis of topics as part of participating in panel discussions, moderating town halls or testifying before legislative bodies.”

As one example, Professor Chavis and Mark Rabil, director of the law school’s Innocence and Justice Clinic, have partnered with the River Run Film Festival organizers to participate in panel discussions following film screenings.

After earning her J.D. from Harvard Law School, Professor Chavis worked as an associate at private law firms in Washington, D.C. In 2003, she became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, which involved her in a wide range of criminal prosecutions and in arguing and briefing appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Professor Chavis was elected to the American Law Institute in 2012. In 2015, she was appointed as a Senior Academic Fellow at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Professor Chavis, a leader in the field of police accountability, makes presentations on law-enforcement issues around the country. She frequently appears on national news outlets such as CNN, NPR and Sirius XM. She is a contributor to the New York Times, The Nation and The Huffington Post.
Professor Simone Rose has been named Wake Forest Law’s first Associate Dean for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, effective July 1, 2016. Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) appointed Professor Rose to the new position because of her engineering background and rich professional life in the study and practice of intellectual property.

“The new associate dean position was created out of the market’s increasing demand for the combining of intellectual property, business law, science and regulation,” Dean Reynolds explained.

Professor Rose says new program development, such as this, will not be limited to intellectual property. She plans to create an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, as well as explore new interdisciplinary certificates and degrees in a variety of areas.

“I look forward to creating a strong law school presence in the Innovation Quarter’s Bioscience and Engineering programs,” she says.

Professor Rose is an award-winning professor and active scholar who writes and publishes in the area of intellectual property (IP). Her scholarship explores whether the current incentive-centered framework of IP law meets the Constitutional mandate to “promote progress” and effectuates the proper balance between incentivizing innovation and providing the appropriate degree of public access. She challenges us to engage in a more holistic view of “progress” which allows us to consider humanism, morality and sustainability when developing and interpreting IP law.

Prior to joining the law faculty, she practiced law at Foley and Lardner LLP. As a registered patent attorney, she assisted clients in both the acquisition and enforcement of patent, trademark and other intellectual property rights. She is a board member and ardent supporter of Tri-City Relays/Project T.E.A.C.H., which stands for “teaming education with athletics to create hope.”
Expansion Costs in North Carolina: A Frank Discussion (Jan. 2016)” with Edwin Shoaf, J.D.


BETH HOPKINS
- Advised Wake Forest Law’s Pro Bono Project’s collaboration with WFU athletics to present “Know Your Rights,” as a part of the 2015 National Pro Bono Week activities, on Nov. 2, 2015, for which the Pro Bono Project received American Bar Association Day of Service Award from the Law Student Division; April 2016
- Received the Martin Luther King Jr. “Dare to Make a Difference” Award in recognition of her efforts for human and civil rights at the 36th annual MLK Day Noon Commemoration on Jan. 18, 2016
- Received the BLSA Legacy Award at the 31st annual Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Scholarship Banquet on Feb. 2, 2016
- Announced retirement after more than 30 years in various roles at Wake Forest Law, April 2016

QUENTIN HUFF
- Returned as Assistant Director of Bar Success and Adjunct Professor of Law

JOHN KNOX
- Called on governments to protect environmental and land rights defenders, including in the op/ed, “Protecting those who work to defend the environment is a human rights issue,” with fellow U.N. special rapporteurs Michel Forst and Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, in The Guardian, on June 5, 2016

JOHN KORZEN
- Supervised six 3Ls making oral arguments in four different federal circuit appeals in September 2015, January 2016; in the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, in May 2016; and in the Seventh Circuit in Chicago, Illinois, in April 2016
- Elected Vice-President of the Federal Bar Association Middle District of North Carolina Chapter, on Oct. 1, 2015
- Argued in front of the North Carolina Court of Appeals in Raleigh, North Carolina, in the case of Town of Beech Mountain v. Genesis Wildlife Sanctuary Inc. on Nov. 4, 2015
- Advised the Wake Forest National Moot Court Team at the Region IV Tournament on Nov. 21, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia, which won the Best Brief, Best Oral Advocate and overall Best Team awards and at the 66th annual National Moot Court Competition finals in New York, New York on Feb. 9-12, 2016
• Advised one of two Wake Forest Moot teams in the Billings Exum Frye Moot Court Competition held at Elon Law School in Greensboro, North Carolina, in April 2016
• Re-appointed to a third, two-year term as the Wake Forest Law representative to the North Carolina General Statutes Commission, which meets monthly in Raleigh, North Carolina, in June 2016

BARBARA LENTZ
• Presented a talk with Professor Andrew Verstein, “Shared Perspectives and Strategies in Course, Curriculum and Competency Exercise Design,” at Emory University Law School’s Fifth Biennial Conference on Teaching Transactional Law in Atlanta, Georgia, June 2016
• Published four short online pieces, including “Cultivating Careful Listening and Community” for the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, where she has been reappointed as Contributing Faculty for another term, July 2016
• Served on the Reynolda House of American Art Museum’s National Advisory Council
• Served as Senior Faculty Fellow

HAROLD LLOYD
• Spoke on “Law as a Trope: Framing and Evaluating Conceptual Metaphors” at Georgia State University College of Law
• Led roundtable discussion at the 45th annual ICSC Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on Oct. 30, 2016
• Published multiple posts on The Huffington Post including, “McCrory’s House Bill 2: A Brief Outline of Its Five ‘Parts,’” which went viral with more than 17,000 likes on May 31, 2016
• Participated in the 17th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Portland, Oregon, July 10-13, 2016

TANYA MARSH
• Named Chair of the Association of American Law Schools, Section on Real Estate Transactions
• Participated in the panel discussion, “Accomplishing Sustainable, Innovative Urban Change” at the colloquium, “Designing for Life and Death: Sustainable Disposition and Spaces of Remembrance in the 21st Century Metropolis,” at Columbia University, April 1, 2016

KATE MEWHINNEY
• Led Wake Forest Law’s Elder Law Clinic’s co-sponsorship of the “Aging Re-Imagined” symposium at Wake Forest University, March 2016
• Gave a presentation on “Cognitive Impairments: Ready or Not, Here They Come,” at the Queens University Estate Planning Day, Charlotte, May 19, 2016
• Celebrated the Elder Law Clinic’s 25th anniversary and the clinic students’ community service
• Spoke to the N.C. Guardianship Association on “Guardianship and Elder Exploitation: New Developments”

REBECCA MORROW
• Will publish “Accelerating Depreciation in Recession,” in the Florida Tax Review
• Presented, “Accelerating Depreciation in Recession,” at William and Mary School of Law on Oct. 22, 2015
• Chosen by graduating class as faculty speaker at the Wake Forest Law’s 42nd Hooding Ceremony on May 15, 2016
• Selected as 2016 Teacher of the Year by the Student Bar Association
Professor Russell Gold found his path within the law by combining his criminal law interests and his experiences within civil litigation. As Wake Forest Law’s newest Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) faculty member, Professor Gold says he hopes to mentor law students to help them find their own specialty within the law.

Beginning in fall 2016, Professor Gold will teach a section of LAWR to first-year students as well as Litigation Drafting to upper-level students.

Having taught first-year students at New York University School of Law, Professor Gold says he looks forward to continue teaching students early on in their legal studies. “I want to help my students find a path in the law where they will be happy and successful,” he says.

Professor Gold is currently researching prosecutors’ duties to their public clients. Within the next year, Professor Gold will have two additional articles published, both discussing similarities between class counsel and prosecutors, highlighting ways to increase accountability in legal practices. These articles will be published in the Notre Dame Law Review, Washington Law Review and the Georgia Law Review.

Professor Gold joined Wake Forest Law in June 2016 from New York University School of Law, where he was the associate director of the Lawyering Program, a basic skills program for first-year students focused on legal analysis, research and negotiation. During his time spent teaching at New York University School of Law, he was awarded the Albert Podell Distinguished Teaching Award.

Prior to New York University School of Law, Professor Gold served as a law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals and practiced litigation at Gibson Dunn, where he focused on class action issues.

Professor Gold spent his undergraduate years at Arizona State University and went on to study at George Washington University Law School.
The Art of Persuasion

Professor Christine Nero Coughlin (JD ’90), co-author of the textbook, “A Lawyer Writes,” has co-written a follow-up book, “An Advocate Persuades,” with the same co-authors Joan Malmud Rocklin and Sandy Patrick, with the addition of Robert B. Rocklin.

Published in December 2015 by the Carolina Academic Press, “An Advocate Persuades” introduces its reader to the role of the advocate and the tools of persuasion, according to the Carolina Academic Press website.

‘An Advocate Persuades’ communicates both the theories and foundational skills of persuasion so that they will be retained for a lifetime of legal practice.

“This book, like its predecessor ‘A Lawyer Writes,’ places the reader in the role of a first-year attorney,” the website states. “Now, that first-year attorney must draft a motion or appellate brief and then present an oral argument. With step-by-step explanations and numerous examples, ‘An Advocate Persuades’ explains how to develop and refine trial-level and appellate arguments and then how to present those arguments orally. Speaking to its readers in a straightforward manner, ‘An Advocate Persuades’ communicates both the
RUTH MORTON
- Joined Wake Forest Law as Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research, July 2016

ELLEN MURPHY
- Launched part-time, online Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree with focus on healthcare and human relations as director, on March 4, 2016
- Authored, “Dispelling Myths about Online Learning,” on The Huffington Post blog on March 30, 2016
- Led MSL Webinar Series, “Today’s Workplace Risks,” featuring Professor Steve Nickles and Tomi Bryan (JD ’89)

WENDY PARKER
- Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussions on Feb. 23, 2016
- Participated in panel for Wake Forest University Theatre Department’s production of “Clyborne Park” on Nov. 7, 2015
- Presented “Reversing Course in U.S. Housing Segregation” at Wake Forest University, February 2016

WILSON PARKER
- Participated in discussion with Professor Ronald Wright at Wake Forest Law’s Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society’s U.S. Supreme Court round-up on Oct. 13, 2015
- Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussions on Feb. 23, 2016
- Served as president of Wake Forest University Faculty Senate (2015-16)

GREGORY PARKS
- Participated in “Studying Race and Human Community: Current Curricula Opportunities in the Humanities” panel discussions on Feb. 23, 2016
- Promoted to associate professor of law, July 2016

RALPH PEEPLES
- Coached the winning Wake Forest Law team at the inaugural NASCAR Negotiation Competition in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Nov. 13-15, 2015
- Served as faculty judge for National Moot Court Region IV Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, on Nov. 21, 2015
ABIGAIL PERDUE
- Participated in a panel at the 2016 Legal Writing Institute’s Biennial Conference called, “Polyphonic Professionalism”; was invited by the Scholarship Committee to help facilitate a scholarly incubation workshop; and selected to serve as Co-Chair of the LWI’s New Member Outreach Committee in Portland, Oregon, July 10-13, 2016
- Selected to serve Co-Editor-in-Chief of “The Second Draft,” a publication of the Legal Writing Institute
- Published, “The Solidarity Paradox,” in the Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy

MARK RABIL
- Participated on panel, “Human Dignity and the Death Penalty,” at Duke University on Nov. 13, 2015
- Received award for Innocence and Justice Clinic being named Organization of the Year at Winston-Salem Chronicle’s 31st Annual Community Service Awards Gala on April 23, 2016
- Spoke on “Peace Officer” panel with Professor Kami Chavis at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on May 11, 2016
- Featured in new MTV docu-series, “Unlocking the Truth,” August 2016

SUZANNE REYNOLDS
- Named to the North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice (NCCALJ) by North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin, September 2015
- Offered three, one-hour Continuing Legal Education (CLE) ethics courses entitled, “The ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services,” in February 2016 in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Raleigh
- Received Community Service Award at the Winston-Salem Chronicle’s 31st Annual Community Service Awards Gala in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on April 23, 2016
- Appointed as Vice President of the North Carolina Bar Association Board of Governors, June 2016

CHARLEY ROSE
- Served as team adviser to the winning Wake Forest National Moot Court Team at the Region IV Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, on Nov. 21, 2015

SIMONE ROSE
- Presented to the Wake Forest Board of Trustees, “Innovative Teaching Techniques for Law Courses,” June 23, 2016
VISITING PROFESSORS

JAGDEEP BHANDARI
has been a Visiting Professor of Law since 2015, teaching Antitrust, Law and Economics and International Trade Law. With strong experiences in economics and law, Professor Bhandari has taught at several universities in both law schools and business/economics departments. He was formerly an executive at the International Monetary Fund. He has also worked at various law firms and served as an adviser to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

MEGHAN BOONE
has been a Visiting Professor of Law since 2016 teaching Civil Procedure. Professor Boone’s research interests include state regulation of the physical body, emerging trends in civil rights litigation and issues of inclusion in the legal profession. Prior to her academic work, Professor Boone worked on Antitrust and Civil Rights class action litigation as an associate at Cohen, Milstein, Sellers & Toll, PLLC. She also clerked for the Honorable Martha C. Daughtrey on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Nashville, Tennessee.

RUTH MORTON
returned in fall 2016 to teach first-year and advanced Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR). Professor Morton was most recently the writing specialist in the law school’s Pilot Writing Program and served as bar counsel for graduates taking the North Carolina Bar Exam. Professor Morton was a lecturer in English Composition at High Point University, a supervisory attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina and judicial clerk to Judge Cecil J. Hill of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.
HEATHER GRAM

he teaches Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) to first-year law students and Business Drafting to second-year law students. Professor Gram comes to Wake Forest Law with significant experience in entertainment and media law providing legal review and counsel for “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” Oprah.com and other television series. She most immediately served as the Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Harpo Productions Inc.

QUENTIN HUFF
(BA ’95, JD ’03)

is the Assistant Director of Academic Engagement and Bar Success. He conducts workshops on all first-year subjects and provides one-on-one mentoring through the Academic Engagement Program. He is also a solo practitioner focusing on business law, copyright, trademark and debtor-creditor law. He is a former member of the Wake Forest tennis team.

DONALD JODREY
(BA ’84)

is the Senior Policy Adviser to the Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He commutes between Washington, D.C., and Winston-Salem to teach Natural Resources. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science and his JD from American University’s Washington College of Law.
• Appointed as the first associate dean for innovation and entrepreneurship, July 2016

RICHARD SCHNEIDER
• Participated in ‘Studying Race and Human Community’ panel on Feb. 23, 2016
• Organized and wrote mock trial hearing in which U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg participated as part of a series of events hosted by Compagnia de’ Colombari and Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, which was featured in The New York Times, July 2016

SIDNEY SHAPIRO
• Elected by the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States to become a public member
• Named 19th most-cited administrative law faculty member from 2010 to 2014 in Brian Leiter’s law school report on Law Professor Blogs Network on May 24, 2016
• Testified in front of the U.S. Senate’s Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 16, 2015
• Co-authored the Charlotte Observer article, “How a hidden clause helps banks and others rip you off,” with Martha McCluskey on May 12, 2016

OMARI SCOTT SIMMONS
• Named Director of Business Law Program
• Inducted into the MERIT Hall of Fame for his efforts advancing higher education opportunity in Southern Delaware in a ceremony at the Seaford Boys & Girls Club in Seaford, Delaware, on June 6, 2015
• Published “Delaware’s Global Threat,” Journal of Corporation Law, 2015
• Gave keynote address at the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Director’s 31st Annual Association Conference in Norwood, Massachusetts, on Dec. 4, 2015
• Served as panelist, “Campus Climate,” Carolina Advising Corps Advisor Summit, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., on July 26, 2016
• Received Community Service Award at the Winston-Salem Chronicle’s 31st Annual Community Service Awards Gala on April 23, 2016

MARGARET TAYLOR
• Authored Iowa Law Review Online article, “Midnight Agency Adjudication: Attorney General Review of Board of Immigration Appeals Decisions,” an invited response to an article published by Hon. Alberto Gonzales and Patrick Glen
• Continues to serve as a consultant to the Committee on Federal State Jurisdiction, Judicial Conference of the United States, and presented on immigration issues at the Committee's biannual meeting, Seattle, Washington, 2015

ANDREW VERSTEIN
• Published “The First Insider Trader in Commodities” on the Harvard Law School Forum on Dec. 4, 2015
• Created partnership with UIBE School of Law in Beijing, China, on behalf of Wake Forest Law
• Presented paper at 26th annual American Law and Economics Association meeting at Harvard Law on May 24, 2016
• Gave lecture on national security and corporate law at Dartmouth’s Political Economy Project on May 26, 2016
• Presented paper on insurance law and risk at Boston College Law on June 9, 2016
• Promoted to associate professor of law, July 2016

STEVE VIRGIL
• Appointed to board of directors at the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship on March 14, 2016
• Created with Austin Thompson (JD ’17) Nano Startup Challenge in Cancer on March 21, 2016
• Hosted “The Law of Raising Money” at Flywheel on April 20, 2016
• Launched Veterans Legal Clinic on Oct. 19, 2015

GEORGE WALKER
• Served as a member of the Board of Directors, American Branch, International Law Association (met in the NYC meeting October 2015)

• Served as Observer (non-member expert) on Uniform Laws Commission project Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act
• Moderated "Rising Seas, Baseline Issues" panel discussion at annual ABILA meeting, Nov. 7, 2015

RONALD WRIGHT
• Named the 13th most-cited criminal law and procedure faculty member in the United States, from 2010 to 2014, in Brian Leiter’s law school report, published originally on Law Professor Blogs Network on May 18, 2016
• Received grant along with Wake Forest Assistant Economics Professor Francis Flanagan for $112,000 in support of their project, “Do Peremptory Challenges Increase Bias on Juries?,” July 2016
• Casebook cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in Betterman v. Montana decision on May 19, 2016
• Joined U.S. Sentencing Commission expert roundtable in Washington, D.C., as well as a new think tank to train and study prosecutors, October 2015
• Provided commentary about upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decisions at Wake Forest Law’s Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society U.S. Supreme Court round up on Oct. 13, 2015

VANESSA ZBOREAK
• Became a founding member of the Academy of Food Law and Policy
• Presented “Jail Time for Bad Food: The New Legal Landscape of Park Doctrine Prosecutions” at the UVM Food Systems Summit
• Received the Champions of Change Award in Academics and Engaged Learning
• Elected to the Board of Directors of the Yadkin Riverkeeper
Distinguished Service

Professor Don Castleman was posthumously awarded the 2016 Distinguished Service Award by the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) in August. He was recognized for his service and dedication to SEALS as president and his efforts in organizing the annual golf tournament. His wife, Tommie, and his son and daughter-in-law received the award on his behalf.

GREGORY PARKS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
Professor Gregory Parks became Associate Professor of Law for the new academic year. His research focuses on both race and law issues as well as social science and law issues. His scholarship also focuses on black fraternal networks and their relation to the law. He teaches Race and the Law, Civil Procedure and Social Science, Race and the Law. Prior to joining faculty, he practiced in the Trial Group in the Washington, D.C., office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP.

ANDREW VERSTEIN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
Wouldn’t you agree that the losing litigant in a trial rife with falsities and error — from an imposter judge to undeniable anti-Semitism — deserves an appeal? After a verdict resulting in a forced religious conversion and the surrender of wealth and property, Shylock, the hard-hearted moneylender from Shakespeare’s controversial comedy, “The Merchant of Venice,” was granted an appeal in the summer of 2016 in his native Jewish Ghetto of Venice — 400 years after his original trial.

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— RICHARD SCHNEIDER

At the intersection of the 500th anniversary of the formation of the Venetian Jewish Ghetto and the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death, the mock appeal was held in Shylock’s case on July 27. The judicial panel hearing the arguments included the Honorable U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Professor Richard Schneider.

“This is the kind of thing that only happens once,” says Professor Schneider, who organized the mock hearing at Justice Ginsburg’s request. The hearing was part of a series of events hosted by Compagnia de’ Colombari and Ca’ Foscari University of Venice that included symposia, lectures by Shakespeare scholars and a six-performance production of “The Merchant of Venice.”

Students in Professor Schneider’s “Law, Literature and Culture” course, which addressed “The Merchant of Venice,” observed the oral arguments and attended a reception that included U.S. Ambassador to Italy John R. Philips, another member of Shylock’s jury, and Justice Ginsburg, who also spent a day with the students lecturing on the high court and its work. It was the third time Justice Ginsburg has participated in Wake Forest Law’s Study Abroad programs since 2008.

Professor Schneider’s students’ Venetian experience was furthered by sharing a classroom with University of Padua law students. “It’s really fantastic, because they have such different backgrounds and educations. They look at law in such different ways.”

Similarly, many of the Italian students’ literary education more heavily emphasizes old works, like those of Dante and Giovanni Boccaccio, explained Professor Schneider, who decided to incorporate a number of these works into the mock hearing.

Instead of applying modern human rights laws, the judges and lawyers focused on laws and works of literature available during Shylock’s original trial.

Ultimately, the judges ruled to restore Shylock’s property and the money he lent to Antonio and nullify the demand for his conversion, Professor Schneider said.

“I think this (was) really an amazing opportunity for students to think about the intersections of law and literature. Because a part of law is telling a story, telling a narrative and getting people to believe it. That’s also the heart of literature.”
Wake Forest Law’s LL.M. degree program was featured in the summer issue of the International Jurist as one of the best LL.M. programs in the U.S. in terms of law school experience.

The International Jurist named the LL.M. program, which is one of the longest running in the U.S., as one of the top 14 LL.M. programs in its category. The programs were selected based on the ability to help students receive hands-on training, collaborate with U.S. students, participate in extracurricular activities and more.

Designed for international lawyers and law students looking to enhance their legal careers by studying the U.S. legal system, the LL.M. program attracts students with its small class sizes. “This, coupled with the support of my professors, has allowed me to be confident in my professional life,” says Sarah Turner (LL.M. ’14) of the United Kingdom.
The Wake Forest Law Veterans Legal Clinic provides pro bono legal services to veterans for military-related issues currently not addressed or underserved by existing programs. The clinic serves NC military personnel including active duty service members, reservists, and veterans. All legal assistance is provided by Wake Forest Law students under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

The clinic offers assistance in the following areas:
• Employment law
• Discharge upgrade
• Consumer protection
• Landlord/Tenant law

The need for veteran services in North Carolina:
North Carolina has the eighth-largest veteran population in the country with 775,000 veterans, nearly 10 percent of NC residents.

Referring a veteran to the Clinic:
The Veterans Legal Clinic is accepting clients. Please have the veteran visit the application page at veteransclinic.law.wfu.edu/application or call 336-758-4950.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CAPTAIN FLORENT “FLO” GROBERG
2015 Congressional Medal of Honor recipient

In 2015 U.S. Army Captain Florent “Flo” Groberg was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the War in Afghanistan. On August 4, 2012, while leading a security patrol of American and Afghan military personnel, Groberg suffered severe life-threatening injuries when he derailed an attack by two suicide bombers.

For more information on the clinic, visit Wake Forest Veteran's Legal Clinic. If you have questions about the gala or would like to sponsor this event, please contact Karleigh King at kingkj@wfu.edu or 336-758-5800.
The need for veteran services in North Carolina: North Carolina has the eighth-largest veteran population in the country with 775,000 veterans, nearly 10 percent of NC residents.

Referring a veteran to the Clinic: The Veterans Legal Clinic is accepting clients. Please have the veteran visit the application page at veteransclinic.law.wfu.edu/application or call 336-758-4950.

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WAKE FOREST LAW VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC GALA

The Wake Forest Law Veterans Legal Clinic provides pro bono legal services to veterans for military-related issues currently not addressed or underserved by existing programs. The clinic serves NC military personnel including active duty service members, reservists, and veterans. All legal assistance is provided by Wake Forest Law students under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

The clinic offers assistance in the following areas:

• Employment law
• Consumer protection
• Discharge upgrade
• Landlord/Tenant law

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Nick Fountain

1961
Henry A. Mitchell Jr. is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1963
Fred G. Morrison Jr., of the Office of Administrative Hearings, received the Governor Richard Caswell Award recognizing his 45 years of dedicated, extended service to the State of North Carolina.

Mark W. Owens Jr. is with Owens Nelson Owens & Dupree PLLC in Greenville, NC. He was honored as the first non-judge attorney from Pitt County to have his portrait hung in the Pitt County Courthouse.

1964
Sidney Eagles Jr. is an attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was chief judge of the N.C. Court of Appeals from 1983 to 2004 and is a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He was named a trustee emeritus by the board of Barton College. He received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award, one of the highest honors given by the N.C. State Bar.

William O. King is a former partner at Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley & Gill PLLC in Durham, NC, and is currently of counsel for the firm. He received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award from the N.C. State Bar for his exemplary service to the legal profession.

1966
William K. Davis is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and among the Top 100 lawyers in North Carolina.

Jim Williams is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a Super Lawyer, one of Benchmark Litigation’s Local Litigation Stars and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. He was named a permanent member of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame.

1967
A. Doyle Early Jr. is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Dan McGinn is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

1968
John Nicholas Fountain is with Young Moore Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1970
Mike Lewis, of Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem, was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1971
Walter W. Pitt Jr. is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.
Considered one of the fastest-growing criminal industries in the world, human trafficking is an issue that demands discussion, according to Symposium Editors Kyleigh Feehs (JD ’17) and Sarah Saint (JD ’17). Annual profits from human trafficking are estimated to be more than $150 billion per year, which is more than the annual profits of Microsoft, Exxon, Apple, BP and Samsung combined.
John Richmond (JD ‘98), the co-founder of the Human Trafficking Institute, has teamed up with the Wake Forest Law Review to present, “Combatting Human Trafficking: Current Trends and Cutting Edge Issues,” on Friday, Oct. 28, in the Worrell Professional Center.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will run from 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Room 1312 with a reception to follow. The North Carolina Bar has approved the symposium for 5.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit.

By bringing together academics, practitioners, victims and students, the law school can make a significant contribution in advancing the human trafficking conversation, Feehs says.

Richmond adds, “We need more intelligent and thoughtful conversations about human trafficking from many different perspectives. There is a lot more to this problem and crime than what people usually think.”

This symposium will bring together diverse voices to explore the complexities of combatting both labor and sex trafficking. Presenters will examine how to protect trafficking victims, how to strengthen public justice systems, how to promote accountability in corporate supply chains, and how immigration reform will impact human trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Institute wants to raise awareness through campaigns, Richmond says. “We need shelters.”

The ultimate goal of the Human Trafficking Institute is to decimate modern slavery at its source by empowering police and prosecutors to stop traffickers. “The Institute’s focus is stopping the traffickers from exploiting more people — a critical component of this movement,” he says.

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— JOHN RICHMOND (JD ’98)

In addition to working with governments around the world to improve the ability to stop traffickers, rescue victims and reduce the prevalence of trafficking, Richmond also hopes to develop a global information hub about trafficking that is evidence-based, independent and reliable.

Stopping trafficking, however, is slow work and the path to success remains unclear. “Failure is real and has consequences. There are no quick fixes or silver bullets. These things are a struggle. That's what makes them meaningful.” Richmond hopes the symposium will spur others to get personally involved in trying to help solve some of the issues.

Learn more about Richmond and his work at go.wfu.edu/kff and the symposium at go.wfu.edu/mt8

Coleman Cowan (JD ‘95) reveals the corruption seeded in international soccer in his recent “60 Minutes Sports” investigation of a child-trafficking network that targets African athletes. “Out of Africa” premiered Sept. 6 on Showtime.
Learn more: go.wfu.edu/qx0
1972

Carolyn Burnette Ingram and her husband, Charles, are attorneys and members of the Duplin County (NC) Historical Society. They spearheaded the effort to identify and honor 99 Duplin County servicemen and women who died during World War II. The Ingrams completed a similar project in 2009 that identified and honored those who died during the Vietnam War. The monuments are on the grounds of the Duplin County Courthouse.

Carroll C. Wall III is a sole practitioner focusing on criminal law in Lexington, NC. He is on the Deacon Club board of directors and the Hall of Fame committee. He was state chairman of N.C. Ducks Unlimited. He and his wife, Sherry, have five children and seven grandchildren.

Howard Williams is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a Super Lawyer.

1973

Alfred Adams represents Sigma Chi on Wake Forest’s Greek Alumni Advisory Board.

1974

Richard V. Bennett is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

John W. Brown, a circuit court judge in Chesapeake, VA, has been elected to the executive committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association and to the board of trustees of Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC.

1975

James W. Narron is with Narron O’Hale & Whittington PA in Smithfield, NC. He was named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers.

David D. Ward Sr. is cochair of the medical malpractice group with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named Lawyer of the Year by the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

James P. Weaver is U.S. senior legal counsel and CEO of Grant International LLC, a London-based organization. He oversees investigations in North America, Central and South America and the Caribbean pertaining to copyright/trademark infringement and counterfeiting of designer goods.

1976

Barry E. Coplin practices family law in Little Rock, AR. He received the 2015 James H. McKenzie Professionalism Award from the Arkansas Bar Association and has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America every year since 1999.

A. Holt Gwyn is president of the American College of Construction Lawyers for 2016-17. He has been a fellow since 1999 and was editor-in-chief of the semiannual Journal for seven years.

1977

Rebecca Lynn Connelly had her first solo exhibit, “Exquisite Chaos — Explorations in Color & Texture,” of acrylic and mixed media paintings at Willow’s Bistro in Winston-Salem. After a career in law and business, she studied studio art at Salem College. She and her husband, Bill Briggs, travel as often as possible to visit their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters.

Joslin Davis is with Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. She was
Jason Benetti’s enthusiastic voice echoes throughout U.S. Cellular Field as Avisail Garcia blasts a three-run home run, virtually locking in a 7-3 victory for the White Sox over the visiting Cleveland Indians and suppressing the anxiousness the crowd fights with grilled hot dogs and beer. It’s April 9 and Benetti’s first game as the newest play-by-play announcer for the Chicago White Sox, a seat last occupied by Ken “Hawk” Harrelson, a play-by-play legend and one of Benetti’s childhood heroes. It’s “pretty surreal,” described Benetti (JD ’11).

Benetti shares the booth with broadcast partner Steve Stone. This is a familiar place for Benetti, a Chicago native, who has been calling games of various sports and levels since giving hourly sports updates at WHFH, his high school’s radio station.

After graduating from Syracuse University with a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism, economics and psychology, and calling lacrosse and women’s basketball games all the while, Benetti moved to Winston-Salem to do football broadcasts with IMG Sports, then ISP, and announce play-by-play for High Point University. His broadcast career blossomed, and with it a desire to study law. Benetti attended Wake Forest Law, passionately and mindfully balancing his studies with continued broadcasting work. “I will always owe Wake Forest a great debt of gratitude for letting me pursue multiple interests at once,” Benetti says. “The professors at Wake Forest, some of whom remain friends to this day, were so fantastic about scheduling and understanding.”

Law school did not slow him down, and in fact, helped Benetti, who has cerebral palsy. In 2011, he joined ESPN and has called televised football, basketball, college baseball games and more. On June 22, he called his first nationally-televised MLB game on ESPN’s Wednesday Night Baseball, a program he grew up watching.

How does a law degree fit into all of this? “No. 1, for an announcer-type like me, I realized very quickly in law school that talking to a jury is not dissimilar to talking to an audience at a sporting event,” Benetti says. Like an attorney presenting his case, Benetti wants the audience to see the game from his point of view.

And No. 2, Benetti adds, law school made him realize there are always two sides to an argument. “You have to understand that people all have their own beliefs, and that level of understanding, I think, comes from a great legal education.”
David Furr (BS ’80, JD ’82) and Christopher Swecker (JD ’81) educate participants on the evolving threats within cybersecurity architecture and the methodology to analyzing and resolving security compromises.

“This excellent series is the brain child of David Furr, Wake Forest law graduate, in collaboration with Chris Swecker, another law alumnus,” says Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77). “Mr. Furr and Mr. Swecker teach in the program and have assembled an all-star cast of additional teachers.”

Cybersecurity stands at the forefront of Enterprise Risk Management. Cybercrime costs are estimated to reach $2 trillion by 2019 in the form of direct damages and post-attack business disruption costs, according to Forbes magazine. A survey of U.S. technology and healthcare executives nationwide have also identified cybercrime as a serious threat to data and business continuity.

As a result, careers in cybersecurity are projected to grow at an unprecedented rate over the next several years. Threats from nation-states, cyber criminals, national and international competitors and hacktivists continue this trend as threats to big data increase with the development of technology.

Participants in the certificate program are encouraged to develop foundational knowledge in security models, secure systems and crisis management among other related topics.

Wake Forest Charlotte Center’s “Cybersecurity: Strategy and Implementation” certificate is a five-session course designed for executives in enterprise risk management, business managers and cybersecurity IT professionals. Students must attend four sessions in order to acquire certification. CLE credit has been approved in the amount of 6.0 hours.

charlotte.wfu.edu/certificates-program
named president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

James K. Dorsett III is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

J. David Walsh retired as a Florida circuit judge after 15 years on the bench presiding over the civil, felony and child dependency division in Volusia and Flagler counties. He was elected chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit for two terms and before taking the bench practiced civil litigation for 24 years. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Ormond Beach, FL.

1978
William C. Argabrite practices corporate law with Hunter Smith & Davis LLP in Kingsport, TN. He is chair of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

Mel J. Garofalo is a managing partner with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and Lawyer of the Year in product liability litigation.

Dennis A. Wicker is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was honored by the N.C. Foundation for Public School Children as a 2016 Champion of the Children.

1979
Michael Colliflower is counsel for the supplemental health division of Aetna Insurance Company. He celebrated his sixth anniversary working in a paperless environment from his home in Florida.

Lillian O’Briant Jordan is a court of appeals judge for the State of North Carolina. She received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award from the state bar.

Bob Singer is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a Super Lawyer and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

1980
Stephen Owens is general counsel for the University of Missouri System and founder and CEO of Silverstone Healthcare Co. The Mizzou Alumni Association recognized him as an alumni honoree.

1981
David S. Jonas is a partner with Fluet Huber + Hoang PLLC in Tysons Corner, VA, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School. He was named to the board of directors of the Young Marines, a national youth organization.

Steven M. Sartorio is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Theodore B. Smyth is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Craig B. Wheaton is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Joe W. Williford is with Young Moore Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.
1982

D. Anderson Carmen is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year in construction litigation and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Michael W. Flannelly was elected to a 10-year term on the York County Court of Common Pleas. He and his wife, Peggy, live in York, PA.

Rudy L. Ogburn is with Young Moore Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Gerald F. Roach was elected vice chair of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees. He is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named a managing partner of the firm for a three-year term, one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Eric R. Spence is with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Jill Wilson is a partner with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. She was named a member of the management committee and one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1983

Sarah W. Fox is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

John D. Madden is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.


1984

Steve Berlin is managing partner of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He was named one of Triad Business Journal’s Most Influential Leaders.

James P. Cain was elected to the board of directors of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, the largest developer of life science and technology clusters in the United States.

David M. Duke is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He is the first North Carolina attorney to be elected to the American College of Transportation Attorneys. He was also named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Craig A. Minegar is with Winderweedle Haines Ward & Woodman PA in Winter Park, FL. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Jim Phillips is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a Super Lawyer, one of Benchmark Litigation’s Local Litigation Stars, one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers in Business.

David M. Warren represents Kappa Alpha Order on Wake Forest’s Greek Alumni Advisory Board.

1985

John D. Bryson is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

David Daggett has been elected chair of the board of directors for Insight Human Services.
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WAKE FOREST LAW HONORS SOME OF THE MAJOR DONORS, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECENT TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORRELL PROFESSIONAL CENTER

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SMITH ANDERSON OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH represented by Mike Mitchell (official firm representative) as well as Linville (’53, JD ’55, P ’80, P ’82, P ’83) and Mary Jon Roach (P ’80, P ’82, P ’83)
Megan Ratley joined Wake Forest University Advancement on Aug. 1, 2016, as Assistant Director of Law Alumni Engagement.

With extensive experience in alumni relations, volunteer management and event planning, Ratley will focus on strategically engaging alumni to strengthen their involvement and participation with Wake Forest Law.

“We began this search looking for someone who would keep our alumni part of the community that has meant so much to them and keep us a part of their professional lives,” says Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77). “In Megan, we found a person deeply committed to this mission and with all the skills to accomplish it.”

Ratley comes to Wake Forest following a decade of service at Salem Academy. There she served as director of Alumnae Relations managing all aspects of the alumnae program and assisting with reunion and class fundraising efforts.

As a native of Wilson, North Carolina, Ratley graduated from Salem College in 2006 with a BA in Spanish/K-12 education. She then earned a Master’s of Science in Sports Studies from High Point University in 2008.

Ratley is thrilled to be partnering with Wake Forest Law. “I am excited to bring my alumni engagement experience to Wake Forest Law and continue fostering the connection our alumni have to the school in ways that cater to their needs,” she says. “I intend to work closely with all departments within the law school to maximize our reach and enhance the alumni experience.”

A die-hard Demon Deacon fan, Ratley has enjoyed attending Wake Forest University athletics events since her undergraduate years at Salem College.

When not attending Wake Forest football or basketball games, she is immersed in her interests that include snowboarding, photography and spending time at the beach with her friends and family.
1986

Elizabeth M. Repetti is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1987

Ed Gaines is chief compliance officer, emergency medicine division, of Zotec Partners LLC in Greensboro, NC. He was appointed chair of the joint task force of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Emergency Department Practice Management Association.

Ronald L. Hicks Jr. is a partner with Meyer Unkovic & Scott LLP in Pittsburgh. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer. He was appointed to the committee for diversity and gender equality and elected to the board of governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Brent Shaffer is a partner with Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP in Wilmington, DE. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and to the council of the ABA Section of real property, trust and estate law.

Catherine E. Thompson is an attorney with Gaylord McNally Strickland & Snyder LLP in Greenville, NC.

Jan Yarborough is with Wall Babcock LLP. She will continue to work from Chapel Hill, NC, practicing health law, particularly managed care issues.

1988

Bob King is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a Super Lawyer, one of Benchmark Litigation’s Future Stars and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Warren K. Lail is an associate professor of anthropology and dean of graduate studies at New Mexico Highlands University. He led a group of students on an archaeological research exchange project with Université Blaise-Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand, France. He and his wife, Linda, live in Santa Fe, NM.

Mike Lord is an attorney with Williams Mullen in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized by Chambers USA for labor and employment law.

1989

Joe E. Austin Jr. is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Michael W. Mitchell is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was appointed to the newly created N.C. Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice and will serve on the Civil Justice Committee. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Charlot F. Wood is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1990

Rob Blair is a partner with Essex Richards PA in Charlotte, NC. He was named to Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame.

Forrest Campbell is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Susan Curtis Campbell was appointed by Gov. Pat McCrory to the Governor’s Court
Commission to fill an unexpired term. She practices child welfare and is the county attorney for the Surry County Department of Social Services. She and her husband, Hugh B. Campbell III (‘92), met at Wake Forest and have a law firm, Campbell Law Group PLLC in Mount Airy, NC.

Patrick H. Flanagan is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Dana H. Hoffman is with Young Moore Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1991 Karen Kemerait has joined Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC.

David Paulson is an attorney with Williams Mullen in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized by Chambers USA for corporate mergers and acquisitions.

1992 Luanne Lambert Runge is executive director of Liberty Fellowship, a nonpartisan incubator for leadership for South Carolina and a part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

Kimberly C. Stevens is an assistant federal defender for the District of Oregon, stationed in North Carolina. She is a capital resource counsel, one of two in the United States. She represents men and women around the country facing the federal death penalty.

1993 J. Gregory Hatcher is managing partner and family law attorney with Hatcher Law Group in Charlotte, NC. He was selected a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

1994 I. Javette Hines is senior vice president, supplier diversity and sustainability for Citigroup in New York. She received the Leadership Corporate Trailblazer Award from the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Jeffrey A. Kadis is with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Jennifer Van Zant is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a Super Lawyer, one of Benchmark Litigation’s Future Stars and one of Chambers USA’s America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. She was named a permanent member of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame, named one of Triad Business Journal’s 2016 Outstanding Women in Business and one of Benchmark Litigation’s 2016 top 250 women in litigation.

1995 Deanna Davis Anderson is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Curtis C. Brewer IV is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Daniel C. Bruton is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.
To say that Greg Brewer (JD ’84) is a bluegrass fan is a bit of an understatement. A native of Wilkes County, North Carolina, he and his family have been going to MerleFest, its annual ode to bluegrass and all other types of roots Americana music since its inception in 1988. In fact, the cabin that is home to the famous Cabin Stage next to the main Watson Stage was donated by Brewer’s family. That stage has launched musical acts from Gillian Welch to Mipso’s Joseph Terrell.

So it should come as no surprise that Brewer, along with his wife, Lisa De Maio Brewer (BA ’81, MA ’08), are the steam behind the musical engine that pulls the annual Carolina Bible Camp (CBC) Bluegrass Festival together each year. “The CBC Bluegrass Festival has two goals: The first is to raise funds for the CBC and the second is to raise awareness of the CBC,” says Lisa Brewer, who serves as the festival’s director. She said more than 1,000 people attended this year’s festival held Sept. 10 just outside Mocksville, North Carolina.

Greg Brewer has practiced law in Wilkesboro since 1988, and is a partner at Brewer, Brewer and Sorel. According to his firm’s website, he served on the legal staff of the Reagan-Bush ’84 National Committee and as a staff attorney for the North Carolina Division of Aging from 1986-88. He is a charter member of the President’s Club of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers as well as a member of the American Trial Lawyer Association (ATLA), the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) and the North Carolina State Bar.

He’s also the nephew of Professor Emerita Rhoda B. Billings (JD ’66), who was first in her law school class and the only woman. She went on to become Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1985 and she served as the NCBA’s first female president.

A deacon at the Wilkesboro Church of Christ, Greg Brewer attended the CBC in his youth, many years before the camp was in its current permanent location and now returns each year as a board member.

This year was no exception as the CBC hosted its Fifth Annual CBC Bluegrass Festival featuring MerleFest fan favorites Scythian and Junior Sisk with his Rambler’s Choice.

Scythian’s Danylo Fedoryka says, “We met the organizers at MerleFest and to us it seems that what they’re trying to do is create a continuation of that MerleFest spirit — great bluegrass in a real family friendly environment.”
William O. King (JD ’64) is the recipient of the 2016 John B. McMillan Award presented by the North Carolina State Bar for his exemplary service to the legal profession.

North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin has announced the full membership of the newly created North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice (NCCALJ). Brad Wilson (JD ’78) is co-chair for the public trust and confidence committee of the commission and will work with Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) among others. Catharine Arrowood (BA ’73, JD ’76) is a co-chair for the legal professionalism committee. Rowan County Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Anna Mills Wagoner (JD ’85) is also serving on the commission, and Mike Mitchell (JD ’89) will serve on the Civil Justice Committee.

The Honorable Sidney S. Eagles Jr. (’61, JD ’64) received the North Carolina State Bar John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award, one of the highest honors given by the State Bar. He was honored at a luncheon, sponsored by the North Carolina State Bar and Wake County Bar Association, on Dec. 1, 2015.

Wake Forest Law graduates achieved the highest bar exam passage rate of all seven North Carolina law schools with 82.86 percent for the July 2015 exam. Continuing the trend, Wake Forest Law graduates, at 81 percent, had one of the highest bar passage rates for first-time takers of the North Carolina exam in July 2016.
Scott Lewis is with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Wilmington, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Robert J. Ramseur Jr. is with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and elected vice chairman of the N.C. Real Estate Commission.

Edwin West III is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Wilmington, NC. He was named to the board of advisers of Hampden-Sydney College’s Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Jay Williams is special counsel in the structured finance and derivatives group of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP in New York.

1996
Patricia Goodson is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was named global vice chair of the labor law practice group of Geneva Group International, one of the Best Lawyers in America and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Jonathan G. Odom completed an assignment as the oceans policy adviser in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. During that assignment he earned his LLM from Georgetown University and received the Judge Advocate Association’s Career Attorney of the Year Award. He and his wife, Missy, and their two children moved to Hawaii where he is a military professor of law at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Waikiki.

Hunt Wofford is a partner with Dozier Miller Law Group in Charlotte, NC. He was certified as a specialist in family law.

1997
Bonita Hairston Brown is director of higher education practice with The Education Trust in Washington, D.C.

John B. Comegno II is serving a fourth three-year term as chairman of the Burlington County Bridge Commission in Palmyra, NJ.

Daniel Katzenbach is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

1998
Reagan Holliday joined Hilltop Securities Inc. as a managing director in public finance investment banking.

Coe Ramsey is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

Kevin G. Williams is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1999
Galen C. Craun III is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

2000
Matthew Glidewell is with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

John T. McFarland is with Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, MI.

Stephen A. Oberg was elected managing partner of Council Baradel Kosmerl & Nolan PA in
Annapolis, MD. He continues his business law and commercial finance law practice.

2001

John P. McNeil is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for North Carolina’s 2nd Congressional District which encompasses Harnett, Franklin, Nash and portions of Johnston, Wake and Wilson counties.

Gavin Parsons is a partner with Troutman Sanders LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was named a Chambers USA: Commercial Litigation Up and Coming.

J. Greer Vanderberry Jr. is an attorney with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, NC. He received his mediator certification from the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission.

Arlene M. Zipp is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

2002

Brian Ellsworth is a partner with Alston & Bird LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America. He is pro bono chair and has served as chair of the board of directors of Junior Achievement of the Central Carolinas. He and his wife, Lisa Ellsworth ’02, live in Mint Hill, NC, with their three children.

Kenneth O.C. Imo is director of diversity and inclusion with Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP in Washington, D.C. He received the American Bar Association Law Practice Division Robert P. Wilkins Award for the Best Feature Article in Division Publications. The article, “The Needle Moves When Leaders Push It: Diversity Lessons from the NFL, U.S. Military and Corporate America,” was published in the July 2014 issue of Law Practice Today.

Todd A. King is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Roberta King Latham is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Super Lawyer and was elected president of the board of directors of Susan G. Komen, Northwest North Carolina.

C. Edward Teague III is associate general counsel for business affairs and real estate, general administration, at UNC-Chapel Hill. Brandon A. Van Balen is counsel with Hunton & Williams LLP in Atlanta.

Ellen Persechini Wortman is with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Wilmington, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

2003

J. Boyd Camak III is in technology sales with Appian Corporation in Ashburn, VA.

Kim Kukulski Doyle is senior counsel at Barnes & Noble College in Basking Ridge, NJ. She is on the board of the N.J. Women Lawyers Association and is co-chair of the in-house committee. She and her husband, Patrick, and two children, Brendan (7) and Reagan (4), live in Morristown.

Matthew J. Gray is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Robby Lawson is an attorney with Williams Mullen in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized by Chambers USA for real estate law.

W. Walter Rapp is with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP in Wilmington, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.
Derek Waugh (JD ’96) was announced as the new Head of Georgia Sports Hall Of Fame in April.

Judge Marvin Pope (JD ’73), the resident Superior Court judge in Buncombe County, North Carolina, introduced the state’s second Veterans Treatment Court in spring 2016, one of only 227 in the country.

The Wake Forest Law Review Board of Editors at its annual awards dinner in April announced that the dinner would henceforth be known as the Dan McGinn Law Review Closing Dinner, in honor of previous editor of the Law Review Dan McGinn (BA ’64, JD ’67). The dinner was sponsored by Brooks Pierce, where McGinn is a partner.

Three Wake Forest Law alumni received Citizen Lawyer Awards from the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) — the Honorable Richard L. Doughton (JD ’71), James R. Van Camp (JD ’65) and Marc L. Isaacson (JD ’82) — at the NCBA’s 118th Annual Meeting on June 24 in Charlotte. The annual meeting consisted of various award ceremonies, candidate forums, receptions, legal education programs and more.

Justin Ervin (JD ’14) was recently promoted to Captain in the U.S. Army. Pictured with him is Lt. Col. Brian Chapuran (JD ’00). Ervin and Chapuran were two of five Demon Deacons providing legal support to the Fort Stewart Army installation recently, the others being Mike Miranda (JD ’13), Landon Medley (JD ’11) and Amanda Medley (JD ’11). Ervin is now unfortunately the sole remaining Deacon at Fort Stewart as the Medleys, Miranda and Chapuran have moved on to other assignments.
Virginia Bailey Rolfes is special counsel in real estate and financial services with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Charlotte, NC.

2004

Wes J. Camden is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was named a Super Lawyer.

Amy C. Lanning is counsel, practicing in the renewable energy, business law, and commercial real estate and development groups, with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

2006

Angela M. Allen is with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, NC. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and appointed chair of the product liability practice area for the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys.

Dionne Tunstal Jenkins was named general counsel for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system. She had a private practice in criminal defense, family law, personal injury and general civil litigation and was an adjunct professor in the paralegal program at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Scott M. Seedorf represents international and local labor unions with O’Donoghue & O’Donoghue LLP in Washington, D.C.

2007

David Anna is with Wyche PA in Greenville, SC. He was named one of Greenville’s Best and Brightest 35 and Under by Furman University and Greenville Business Magazine.

Justin Barnes is a principal in the Atlanta office of Jackson Lewis PC. His practice focuses on defending complex wage and hour class and collective actions.

José D. Vega is with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was elected president of the Mecklenburg County Hispanic Latino Lawyers Bar.

2008

Jonathan Kreider has been managing attorney of Dummit Fradin in Greensboro, NC, since 2012. He was selected by N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory to fill a district court judge vacancy in Guilford County.

Kelsey H. Mayo was elected a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC. She practices employee benefits and executive compensation.

2009

Nathan A. Chrisawn is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC.

Anna Warburton Munroe is with Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. She is a certified family law specialist and a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

2010

Benjamin S. Chesson is an associate with Nelson Riley & Scarborugh LLP in Charlotte, NC. He practices product liability and commercial litigation.

Andrew A. Freeman is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He was named a N.C. Rising Star.

Amber Kirby Talley was senior associate in tax at PricewaterhouseCoopers in McLean, VA, before taking a job on Capitol Hill in 2014. She worked for Chairman Jason Chaffetz as counsel for the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform before joining his personal office as legislative director. She and her husband, Kip, live in Falls Church, VA.
2011

Jason Benetti is the TV play-by-play voice for Chicago White Sox baseball home games at U.S. Cellular Field.

Chris Jackson is an attorney with Ellis & Winters LLP in Greensboro, NC. He was appointed to the N.C. Bar Association Litigation Section Council.

Dirk D. Lasater is a litigation associate with Williams Mullen in Charlotte, NC.

2012

Katherine Barber-Jones is an associate with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Stephen J. Bell joined the litigation firm of Duffy & Young LLC in Charleston, SC. He represents individuals and businesses before state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Katherine T. Heath is a shareholder with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem. She represents renewable energy developers in project development and finance.

Kathleen Rose Rodberg is an associate attorney with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. She practices elder and special needs law.

2013

Rory P. Agan and Laura M. Esseesse met their freshman year in Collins Residence Hall. They are engaged to be married in October.

Bernard Armoo passed the bar exam and will be admitted to the New York Bar Association.

Robert Yelverton Bennett Jr. is a leveraged finance associate at Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP in New York City.

2015

David S. Emery is an associate accountant with Butler + Burke LLP in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Brittany, have one son, Lincoln.

Ryan Hanson is an associate focusing on general business matters with Williams Mullen in Virginia Beach, VA.

Katelyn McCombs is an associate with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Jasmine M. Pitt is an associate attorney with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC.

Ashley Quaranta is an associate with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Huntington, WV.

Caitlin Hale Walton is an attorney with Essex Richards PA in Charlotte, NC. She practices civil litigation with an emphasis on ERISA and employment litigation.

Marriages

Catherine E. Thompson (’87) and Jonathan E. Strother. 12/13/14 in Raleigh, NC. They live in Greenville, NC.

Anna Elizabeth Warburton (’09) and John Corry Munroe. 9/12/15 in Winston-Salem.

Will Elliott (’13) and Gretchen Edwards. 5/28/16 in Norfolk, VA. They live in Valdosta, GA. The wedding party included Jordan Benton (’13), Elizabeth Molino, Julie Musgrave, Tim Seidman, Scott Seifert, Henry Skelsey, Eleanor Smith, Darcy Delph Stanton and Laura Wilson.

Ashley Quaranta (’15) and Cody Barebo. 6/25/15 in Huntington, WV, where they live. The wedding party included Kelsey Meuret (’15) and Kelly Russo (’15).
**Births**

**Janine M. Jacob ('01)** and Robert Lackey, Martinsville, VA: a son, Samuel Hartley. 12/10/15. He joins his brother, Tate (2).

**Boyd Camak ('03)** and Sara Camak, Ashburn, VA: a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth. 12/5/15

**Virginia Bailey Rolfses ('03)** and Bobby Rolfses, Charlotte, NC: twins, Anne Marie and William Copeland. 5/22/15. They join their sister, Geneva (3).

**Graham Patrick Carner ('04)** and Mary Etta Carner, Clinton, MS: a son, Owen Prine. 9/2/15

**Grant McGee ('06)** and Sarah Jensenius McGee, Dallas: a daughter, Olivia Reese. 12/4/15

**Joe Murnane ('10)** and Linda Murnane, Columbus, OH: a daughter, Lucy Renee. 1/15/16

**Deaths**

**Robert Fletcher Babb ('48)**, Oct. 11, 2015, Portsmouth, VA. He had a private practice in Portsmouth until his appointment to the bench of the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in 1990. Babb retired in 1997 but continued to serve in the Tidewater area district courts until 2009.

**Robert Burren Morgan ('50)**, July 16, 2016, Buies Creek, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy shortly before the end of World War II and again during the Korean War. Morgan remained in the Navy Reserves through 1971 and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1971 to 1973. While a student at Wake Forest, he was elected clerk of court of Harnett County and served from 1950 to 1954. Morgan was a N.C. state senator from 1955 to 1969, N.C. attorney general from 1969 to 1974, U.S. senator from 1975 to 1981 and director of the State Bureau of Investigation from 1981 to 1992. He returned to practice law in 1991 in Raleigh and Lillington, NC, with his daughters. He served as founding president of the N.C. Center for Voter Education. Morgan was preceded in death by a daughter, Alice. He is survived by his wife, Katie; two daughters, Margaret and Mary ('88); a son, Rupert; and five grandchildren.

**Leroy Robinson ('51)**, Dec. 30, 2015, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 102nd Infantry Division. Robinson joined Belk Stores Services in Charlotte in 1951 as assistant general counsel before being called to serve in the JAG Corps during the Korean War. He spent 17 years in the legal department of Belk before being named executive vice president and supervising partner of Belk Brothers Company in 1968. After retiring in 1988 he was general counsel until 1995. He served on many boards, educational and community service organizations. Robinson received the Excellence in Management Award in 1989 from the Charlotte Chamber, Rotary Club and Business Journal. In 1993, he and his wife established the Leroy and Teresa Robinson Scholarship Fund at Wake Forest for students from his home county, Montgomery. Robinson was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**John Henry Hoots ('55)**, Feb. 11, 2016, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Guam during World War II. Hoots was an insurance adjuster and regional claims representative in Winston-Salem for more than 30 years.

**Bill Ray Craig ('57)**, May 2, 2016, Florence, SC.

**John Cristwell Stroupe Jr. ('58)**, Feb. 11, 2016, Hickory, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Stroupe practiced law with his father in Hickory for more than 35 years. He was president of Hollar Hosiery Mills.
Harold Mills Edwards (’59), Jan. 6, 2016, Charlotte, NC. His law career led him to judge pro tempore of Mecklenburg Criminal Court and Charlotte Municipal Criminal Court. Edwards was counsel for N.C. Sen. Robert Morgan (’50) and later U.S. Attorney of the Western District of N.C., where he received the Outstanding Service Award.

Charles Alexander Horn Sr. (’61), Feb. 4, 2016, Shelby, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and joined his father’s law firm, Horn West & Horn. Horn became district court judge in 2001 for the 27th N.C. District. He is survived by his wife, Jeri; three children; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Gordon Bennett Tayloe Jr. (’61), Oct. 12, 2015, Norfolk, VA. He served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marines. Tayloe was assistant city attorney of Norfolk from 1964 to 1974 and city attorney of Portsmouth from 1975 to 1980. After Tayloe’s public service, he practiced with Cooper Spong & Davis and was an adjunct professor at the College of William & Mary School of Law. In 1987 he joined Kellam Pickrell Cox & Tayloe PC and practiced for 25 years until retirement. Tayloe was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and a brother, Hinton. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; three children; and eight grandchildren.

William Robert White (’64), Aug. 23, 2015, Brevard, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. White was preceded in death by his brothers, Lenny, Jack (’51), Emmett Sr., Ed and Glen. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; three daughters; and four grandchildren.

Edward Russell White Jr. (’66), March 4, 2016, Demorest, GA. He was a veteran of World War II and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. White received his MD from the University of Wisconsin and had a general practice in Winston-Salem for 15 years. He was chief of pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed Medical Center in Silver Spring, MD, and practiced medicine in Roswell, GA, until his retirement.

James Mashburn Bowen (’67), Oct. 22, 2015, Savannah, GA. He was in Sigma Pi Fraternity and was an avid golfer. Bowen practiced law in Rutherfordton, NC, for 40 years and was a partner with Hamrick Bowen Nanney Dalton Mebane & Greenway.

Joe Earl Biesecker (’68), Dec. 6, 2015, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy before his legal career with Duke Power Company. In 1970 Biesecker began practicing law with what is now Biesecker Tripp Sink & Fritts LLP in Lexington, NC. He is survived by his wife, Gail; a daughter, Wendy McNeill; a son, Eric; and five grandchildren.

Edward Whitaker Grannis Jr. (’68), Oct. 8, 2015, Fayetteville, NC. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade in Vietnam. Grannis was an assistant district attorney and in 1974 was elected district attorney for the 12th Prosecutorial District. He retired in 2010. Grannis received the N.C. Bar Association Criminal Law Section’s Peter S. Gilchrist III Award as Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year and the N.C. Bar Association’s Centennial Award. He also received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine and the Boy Scouts of America’s Distinguished Citizen Award. Grannis is survived by his wife, Winnie; and two sons, Whitaker and McBryde.

Charles Cadmus Lamm Jr. (’69), March 27, 2016, Terrell, NC. He practiced law from 1969 to 1979 in Boone, NC, and was a N.C. Superior Court Judge from 1979 to 2004.

Bruce Cameron Fraser ('73), Jan. 15, 2016, Winston-Salem. He was an attorney. Fraser was preceded in death by a brother, Geoff ('69). He is survived by his wife, Cindy; a stepson, Michael; and two brothers, Mark ('84) and Alan.

Harvey Lindenthal Cosper Jr. ('75), Dec. 19, 2015, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. Cosper was an attorney with Golding Meekins Holden Cosper & Stiles for 25 years before becoming a partner and head of the medical malpractice defense team of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. He was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007 and received the J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence in 2014.

Sallie Meade Kellems ('77), Sept. 10, 2015, Cumming, GA. She was an administrator at Old Salem in Winston-Salem, a librarian at the Wake Forest School of Law Library and the Kentucky State law librarian at the State Capitol in Frankfort, KY. Kellems was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Larry Shields Overton ('77), May 28, 2016, Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; daughter, Wynne; and son, Shields. Memorials may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Winston-Salem, the Music Ministry of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, or the Charley Rose Scholarship, Wake Forest School of Law, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Richard Douglas Ramsey ('77), Aug. 1, 2015, Winston-Salem. He had a law firm, Richard R. Ramsey PLLC.

Mark Stanton Thomas ('78), March 14, 2016, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. Thomas was a partner with Maupin Taylor & Ellis PA, now Williams Mullen. He is survived by his wife, Sally; a daughter, Elizabeth; his mother, Vivian; and two brothers, James and Michael. Memorials may be made to Edenton Street United Methodist Church, North Carolina Master Chorale, Wake Forest University Theatre or the National Park Service.

Peyton Thomas Hairston Jr. ('80), Feb. 13, 2016, Knoxville, TN. He was an attorney in labor relations in Cincinnati and held other positions in the South and Midwest. He was senior vice president of communications and ombudsman to the public for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Charles Edward Lyons II ('85), Feb. 4, 2016, Mooresville, NC. He was an assistant U.S. attorney during the Reagan administration from 1985 to 1989 and received a Special Achievement Award from the U.S. Attorney General. Lyons practiced community association law, bankruptcy, creditor’s rights and construction law. He was a member of the Iredell County Board of Elections since 2007 and was chair in 2013.

Jennifer Jane Allen ('86), March 31, 2016, Winston-Salem. She taught at Davidson County Community College for 26 years.

Cindy Gay Brewer ('90), Sept. 22, 2015, Mount Pleasant, MI. She was an attorney and retired in 2001.


Carolina Jean Stalker ('02), Dec. 31, 2015, Richmond, VA. She began her law career with McGuire Woods LLP. Stalker staffed the transportation committee with the Division of Legislative Services and then took a position at the Department of Motor Vehicles. She returned to Legislative Services to staff the House Courts of Justice Committee.
A number of events reunited and connected law alumni this year, including the Summer Judicial Externship reception in Washington, D.C., with Professor Abigail Purdue and her students as well as a reception at the Winston-Salem Open tennis tournament. Many alumni gathered for a Wake Forest Law reception at the North Carolina Bar Association’s 2016 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. Back at the law school, Tomi Bryan (JD ’89) and Ellen Murphy (JD ’02), Assistant Dean of Instructional Technologies and Design, conducted a webinar series titled, “Today’s Workplace Risks,” to promote the new online MSL degree. Find more alumni photos at www.flickr.com/photos/wfulawschool
Wake Forest Law hosted its second annual Law Alumni Weekend (LAW) on Oct. 23-24, 2015. Amid the conversations and re-connections, there were a number of special events, including the program, “Grit and Growth Mindset: Advancing Women In Law,” hosted by Women in Law, the Office of Career & Professional Development and the Forsyth County Women Attorneys Association and the symposium, “Revisiting Langdell: Legal Education Reform and the Lawyer’s Craft,” hosted by the Wake Forest Law Review. Preceding the football game against North Carolina State University, alumni also enjoyed “Biscuits with the Faculty” and the annual Rose Council tailgate. This year’s LAW events will take place Nov. 3-5, 2016. “I hope you’ll join Hoppy Elliot (JD ’77) and me as we kick off what is sure to be a wonderful weekend,” says Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77).
Come and celebrate together at Law Alumni Weekend. It won’t be the same without you. November 3-5, 2016.

The Law Board of Visitors, Rose Council and General Counsel Advisory Committee will meet on November 3rd and 4th. Please save the date!

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