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# Law Student of the Year

The National Jurist named Sarah Saint (JD '17) as one of 25 “Law Students of the Year” in its second-annual listing published in March. It is the second time in as many years that a Wake Forest Law student has received this recognition. Saint, who served as the Pro Bono Project’s executive director among other leadership roles, was the only law student from a North Carolina law school to be featured on the list.

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# From the Dean



Dear Brother and Sister Wake Forest Law Alumni,

As the dog days of summer wind down, I find myself reflecting on our wonderful law school's storied past and promising future. In the following pages you will find a brief history of Wake Forest Law as well as a look at what lies ahead. We tell some of these stories through our distinguished faculty—their excellence in the classroom and their trailblazing lives and research. We tell others through our alumni—their high standards of character and their exceptional legal skills. We tell others through our students—who continue to reflect the best of the tradition of Wake Forest Law and its embrace of the future.

Speaking of the best of Wake Forest tradition, surely you have heard by now how our students and their coaches smashed records this year in advocacy competitions. We are the only law school in history to win in the same year both the National Moot Court Competition and one of the two national trial team competitions—the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

Both of our national trial teams have been knocking on the door of first place. For the third consecutive year, both the AAJ team and our National Trial Team won the regionals of their competitions. For two of the past three years of the AAJ regionals, the finals have pitted two Wake Forest Law teams against each other. And for the second year in a row, Wake Forest Law is one of only 16 schools across the country to compete in the Tournament of Champions for the law schools with the best trial advocacy records. In this edition of the *Jurist*, you'll read about these amazing student advocates and their dedicated, talented coaches.

In another repeat, the National *Jurist* magazine for the second year in a row recognized a Wake Forest Law student as one of 25 students nationwide who deserved the title, "Law Student of the Year." I knew Huntsville, Alabama-native Sarah Saint (JD '17) was special the day I met her at orientation. Three years later as the law school's Executive Director of the Pro Bono Project, she led our student body to log more than 6,150 hours (or 256 days worth of pro bono work) throughout the academic year.

We celebrate these student achievements while remaining focused on their experiences at graduation and beyond. One important marker measures the number of students employed 10 months after graduation in jobs for which a JD was required or for which a JD was an advantage. In that category, the percentage of Wake Forest Law students employed was the 10th highest percentage point nationwide. That employment figure helped fuel another rise in the rankings of U.S. News & World Report—to the 36th spot. The latest rankings of USNWR also ranked our Health Law and Policy and our Legal Analysis, Research and Writing (LAWR) programs at 23rd and 24th in the country.

Part of our future involves bringing law to the world—teaching law to new, eager audiences. Our wholly online Master of Studies in Law (MSL), for mid-career professionals who are not pursuing the JD, helps these professionals become more valuable in the workplace. The MSL, with tracks in health law and human resources, is adding new tracks while offering groundbreaking courses. For example, in the health law track, our MSL students may elect to take the first telemedicine course of its kind.



On a personal note, one highlight allowed me to participate on a panel at the Library of Congress with two friends, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Associate Dean of International Affairs Dick Schneider. Organized by Dean Schneider, the panel heard the mock appeal of Shylock as he railed against the injustice of his treatment by the imposter trial judge, Portia. Read more about this experience of a lifetime and the role played not only by Dean Schneider and me but also by a Wake Forest alumnus.

What a year it has been—and what a moving way to end it. I know you read all your emails from Wake Forest Law School so you know that this year, we broke another record as you responded to the challenge to “Make It A Million” for the Wake Forest Law Fund. We made it a million. Not only do you hire our graduates, coach trial teams, hear practice rounds, mentor our students, invite them for internships, you also support us financially, an increasingly important part of being a Wake Forest Law graduate. For all of you and all you do, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

We have a lot to celebrate. I hope you will make plans to join Hoppy Elliot and me for a celebratory toast at our fourth annual all Law Alumni Weekend on Nov. 17-18.

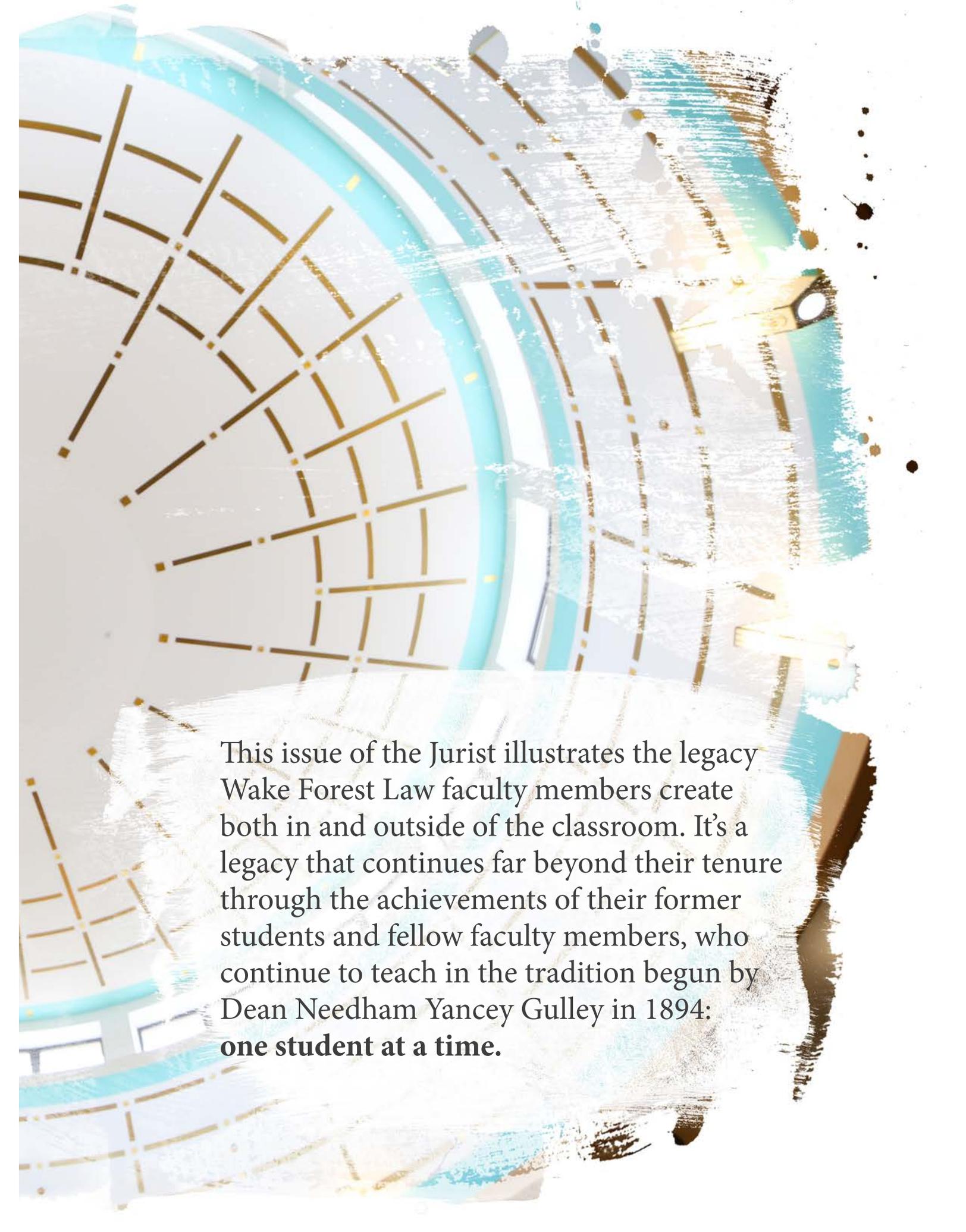
With pride and gratitude for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Reynolds".

Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77)  
Dean





The background features a complex, abstract design. It includes a grid of teal and gold lines on a light grey background, overlaid with large, expressive brushstrokes in teal, gold, and white. The overall effect is artistic and textured.

This issue of the Jurist illustrates the legacy Wake Forest Law faculty members create both in and outside of the classroom. It's a legacy that continues far beyond their tenure through the achievements of their former students and fellow faculty members, who continue to teach in the tradition begun by Dean Needham Yancey Gulley in 1894: **one student at a time.**

# LEADER

## A Rise to National Prestige

"TO MAKE WAKE FOREST MORE OF A NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL WITHOUT CHANGING THAT BASIC CHARACTER OF THE SCHOOL WAS MY BIGGEST MISSION."

When Dean Emeritus and Professor Robert K. Walsh came to Wake Forest Law in 1989, he says the biggest challenge was to not throw the baby out with the bath water.

"Wake Forest has an intense sense of community of students, faculty and alumni. It's like an extended family," he says. "They also value education, not just the skills of being a lawyer. To make Wake Forest more of a national law school without changing that basic character of the school was my biggest mission."

Twenty-eight years later, 18 of which he served as dean, Walsh remains widely recognized as one of the leaders in legal education in the United States. He stepped down as dean in 2007 and plans to retire on Jan. 31, 2018.

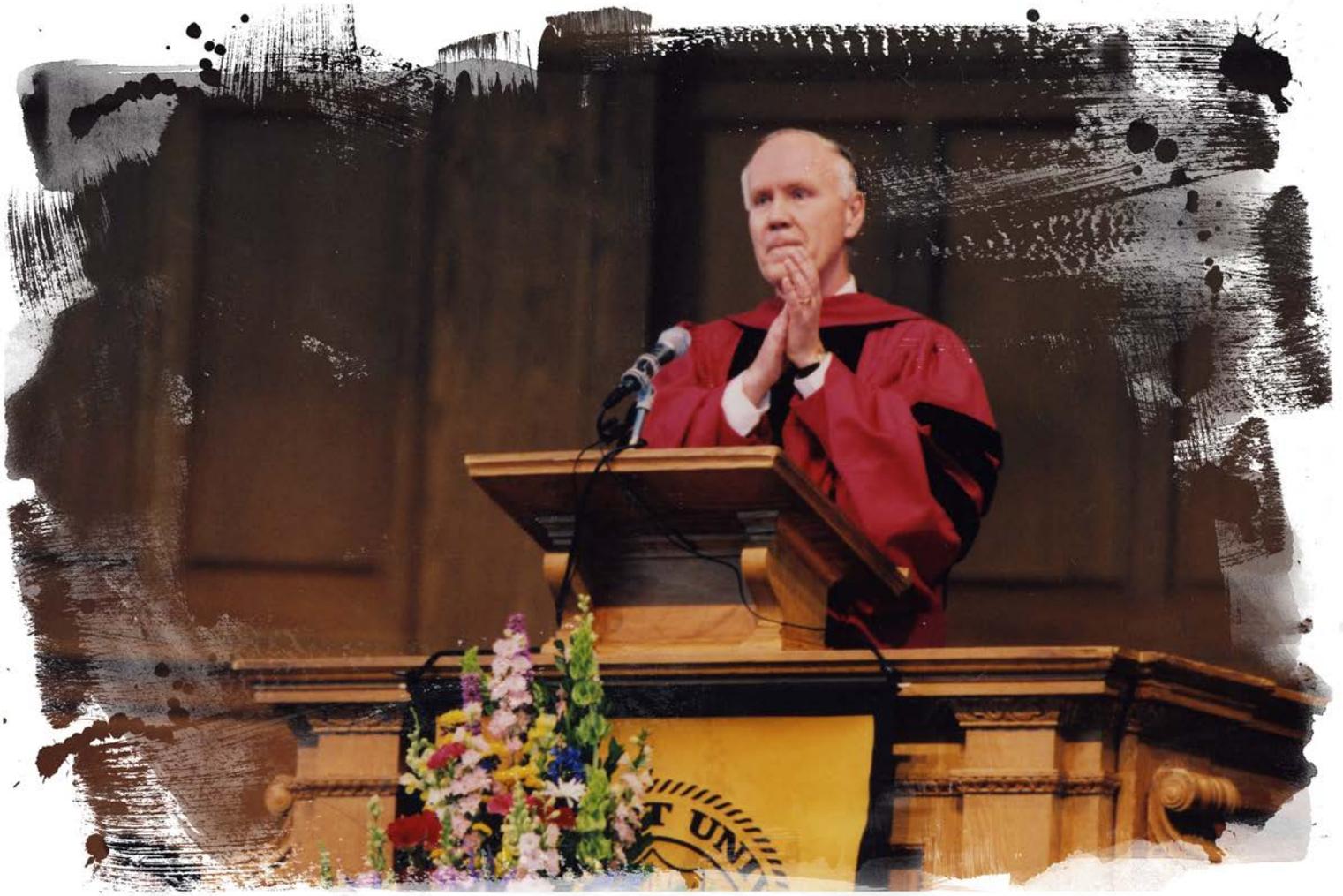
"I am thrilled to say we've kept the tradition of small classes and faculty who are great classroom teachers who like to relate to students outside the classroom and who care about not just the skills of being a lawyer but the values of professionalism."

Walsh adds his greatest legacy, however, is the faculty and staff he left behind, most of whom remain. When he joined as dean, the law school had no endowed chairs or professorships. That changed under Professor Walsh's leadership. "When I left we had four chairs and three endowed professorships," he remembers. He is also very proud of the dramatic increase in scholarship aid for students during his deanship.

Besides directing the rise of Wake Forest Law into national prominence, Walsh has served as the chairperson of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, which is the accrediting authority for all law schools, and has chaired its two major committees, the Accreditation Committee and the Standards Review Committee.

In 2010, the ABA gave its national Robert J. Kutak Award to Walsh as the person who "meets the highest standard of professional responsibility and demonstrates substantial achievement towards increased understanding between legal education and the active practice of law." Past winners of the Kutak Award have been practicing lawyers, academics and judges, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Since stepping down as dean, Walsh continues to teach. "Students praise his teaching, appreciating his practical wisdom in the law of Evidence, his insights as a seasoned trial lawyer in Federal Courts and his principled explanations of the separation of powers in Con Law II," said Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77).



Dean Reynolds continued, “Bob Walsh has always been one of my most trusted colleagues. For the many years I was a faculty member while he was dean, I valued him for his high standards of civility and character. When I found myself as one of his successors, I turned to him again and again for counsel and guidance. He always responded quickly to every issue, offering his quiet reassurance that he would always be there for me and for the law school to which he has been totally devoted for much of his professional life.”

That indomitable loyalty extends to his wife, Kathie, and to their four children and four grandchildren, Dean Reynolds added.

“While he will continue to represent Wake Forest Law at various professional events, his desire to spend more time with his family will make his retirement effective this coming January. For Bob Walsh’s extraordinary service to this law school, to the legal profession, and to the legal academy, join me in hearty congratulations and well wishes to Bob and Kathie Walsh.”

And while there is no question Walsh will be remembered for an illustrious legal career full of accomplishments, his colleagues say what they recall most fondly is his penchant for singing, whether on the bus to faculty retreats or belting out “Climb Every Mountain” at his last Hooding Ceremony.

# TAXMAN

A Lifetime of Scholarship and Tax Law

Professor Joel Newman has dedicated more than 40 years of service to Wake Forest School of Law. Despite his many years of legal practice and pedagogy, legal studies were not always in his plans.

“I wanted to improve cities,” Newman says.

As an American Civilization major at Brown University in the mid-60s, Newman discovered an interest in community development from the works and advocacy of Jane Jacobs. He soon after landed a job with the Redevelopment Authority of New York City with the aspiration to continue his studies in city planning or architecture. Friends and colleagues encouraged him to do otherwise.

“They told me that the heads of city planning agencies in almost all of the major cities were lawyers,” Newman recalls. “They said if you really want to do something to have an impact, you’d better get a law degree. So I did.”





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Newman began his legal education at the University of Chicago Law School during a turbulent time in American history.

"When people ask me to share my law student experiences, they often can't relate," Newman says. "The Vietnam War was going on, and there has not been anything like that since. Half of my entering class didn't graduate because they either went to Canada or were drafted."

Despite the unrest and threat of the draft, Newman graduated in 1971. He began practicing business law, and soon discovered a passion for tax law and education.

"I like explaining things," Newman says. "I much preferred to have a client who would say, 'explain how this works,' and I thought it would be more fun to do that full time."

Shortly after, Newman received an offer to teach tax law at a small, private law school in the foothills of North Carolina.

He remembers his first flight to Winston-Salem as if it were yesterday, recalling how the green landscape of the Piedmont deeply contrasted with the snowy streets of Minneapolis.

"We broke through the clouds to land in North Carolina. I saw this lush greenery and that did it," he says.

He joined Wake Forest Law in 1976.

Since then, Newman has become a globally-recognized scholar of tax law, having provided consultations to several countries including Uzbekistan, the Ukraine and Slovakia through the American Bar Association's Central and

Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI).

Newman has come to see himself as a writer and an educator, one who has become a better teacher through the process of scholarship.

"The best way to learn is through scholarship," Newman says. "One of the things I like to do most in my scholarship is to tell stories. When you're talking tax, you're talking political stories. When we get to a particular tax subject in class, I'll tell them the political story behind it."

Newman has shaped many memories with students and alumni, memories that are arguably immortalized in one large, stuffed 600-pound gorilla.

"One of my courses is International Tax," Newman says. "When teaching that course, I tend to rail about the arrogance of the U.S. Treasury Department. We're the big guy in the room, so the U.S. Treasury is the 600-pound gorilla. I guess I said that once too often, so one year, my students chipped in to get me a gorilla."

Newman retired from Wake Forest Law on July 1, 2017. When he is not chasing his ideas and thoughts through scholarship and storytelling, Newman is spending time with his family, and playing jazz music.

He and his wife, Jane, have been married for 47 years. They have two children, Bryce and Becky, and three grandchildren—Jack, Juno and Nora. He and Jane routinely dress up in outrageous costumes for Jack and Juno's themed birthday parties, and they play hide-and-seek with Nora every Friday.

# ADMIRAL

Inspiring a Passion for International Law

Professor George Walker is remembered by many of his former students for using the “simulation” method for his Civil Procedure courses, a method adapted for the classroom.

“I would begin by asking if anybody wants to do clinic, and they mostly all did,” he recalled, adding he did not use this method in his sit-down seminar courses. “I then handed out Classroom Standards, which published citations to the local rules of state and federal courts, all of which required standing to address a jury or to address the court. It was a way of trying to bring realism to the law school experience from the start.”

Walker also did a cost analysis for students in his Civil Procedure courses to illustrate how much money was riding on every class minute.

“I noted that if a student was wasting everyone’s time showing he or she was not prepared after my inquiry, that was a waste of everyone’s money, as well as the sunk cost of the class represented by alumni gifts. Students could submit unprepared slips before class got started, up to three a semester. The goal was not intimidation but realism for those considering trial work, and underscoring the ethics of wasting time of others.”

Former and current students remember Walker as being tough but fair, generous with his time and advice, but as one put it, “He hid his heart for the students well.” Others credit him with being the inspiration behind why they chose to practice international and corporate law. “While he terrified the 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls respected him because they knew he had their best interest at heart,” says Francie Scott (JD ’04), director of the law school’s Office of Career and Professional Development.

Walker, the Dean’s Research Professor of Admiralty and International Law, is celebrating his 45th year as an educator at Wake Forest Law. Upon his planned retirement on July 1, 2018, the university will confer on him the title of University Professor Emeritus of Admiralty and International Law. He will spend the 2017-18 academic year on sabbatical leave representing the university and law school and will represent the law school as University Professor Emeritus following his retirement.

Walker joined the Wake Forest Law community in 1972. He has played a key role in international, national and state legislative and rule drafting projects. He focused initially at Wake Forest on the legal writing course, beginning a tradition of excellence in the legal research and writing program. The first adviser for the Moot Court program, Walker’s efforts in advocacy led also to the the law school’s first clinic, the Appellate Advocacy Clinic, one of the first appellate clinics in the country. Honoring this history, in 1998, the

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Moot Court Board named the first-year moot court competition after him to recognize his long-standing support.

During 1992-93 he was appointed as the Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. The Navy awarded the College faculty and staff the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the highest Navy award for shore installations for 1992-93.

At the age of 55, Professor Walker took up painting and donates watercolors to the annual auction of the law school's Public Interest Law Organization (PILO), helping to raise money to send law students to summer internships. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two children and four grandchildren.

"Even in my short time as dean, I've heard alumnus after alumna share their gratitude for Professor Walker's special place in their professional development," said Dean Suzanne

Reynolds (JD '77). "Alumni speak of Professor Walker in the fondest of terms, acknowledging how much he invested in their legal education and in their development as good citizens and good people."

Right: George Walker congratulates Chris Salemme (JD '17) on his promotion to first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. (in March 2016 in the Law Commons)



# Career Highlights



**BOB  
WALSH**

1989-2017

Worked as a litigation partner with a law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas, and as an associate with a law firm in Los Angeles

Served as dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law (1976-1981) and Wake Forest Law (1989-2007)

Co-founded the American Bar Association's Seminar for New Law Deans and served as the chairperson of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the accrediting authority for all law schools

Served as president of the American Inns of Court Foundation Board of Trustees, becoming only the second non-judge president of the organization in its 30-year history

Appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to a five-year term on the Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board

Elected as an Honorary Academic Bencher of the Honorable Society of Inner Temple, the first Academic Bencher outside of the United Kingdom (2010)

Received the ABA's national Robert J. Kutak Award (2010)

Received the A. Sherman Christensen Award from the American Inns of Court (2017)

Worked as an Associate at Shearman & Sterling (1971-1973) New York, New York, and Fredrikson, Byron, Colborn, Bisbee & Hansen, P.A. (1973-1976) in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Served as the 1995 Fulbright Lecturer in Law, Xiamen University People's Republic of China

Created the City of St. Petersburg's Tax Incentive Plan (1998) and Lithuania's Individual Income Tax Law (1996)

Published multi-edition casebook, "Federal Income Taxation: Cases, Problems and Materials" (West Publishing Company) (1998)

American Bar Association, Central and East European Law Initiative Consultations Macedonia, Amendments to the Law on the Bar (1999)

Co-taught comparative taxation systems with Professor Martin Ginsburg, husband of Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as part of the Wake Forest study abroad program (2008)

Authored more than 60 articles, including "Sales and Donations of Self-Created Art, Literature and Music" (2015) and "Should Olympic Medals Be Taxed?" (2017)

Published "A Short and Happy Guide to Federal Income Taxation" (2017)



## JOEL NEWMAN

1976-2017

Chairs the International Law Association (American Branch) Law of the Sea Committee research project on the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea; in 2012, as general editor he published its final report in Definitions for the Law of the Sea: Terms Not Defined by the 1982 Convention

Serves as a consultant on the American Law Institute (ALI)'s Restatement (Fourth), Foreign Relations Law of the United States and for a Restatement on international arbitration and ALI member for life

Elected as Honorary Vice President for life of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) (2016)

Member of group of experts who published in 1995 the International Institute of Humanitarian Law's San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, the first of its kind since 1913

Served as the U.S. representative on a committee draft of the International Law Association (ILA)'s "Helsinki Principles on Maritime Neutrality"

Served as principal drafter for the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Arbitration Committee Model Family Law Arbitration Act project (2005)

Received numerous North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) Section Awards including the 2013 Dispute Resolution's Peace Award, the International Law and Practice's Dortch Award and the Family Law Award

Served as an observer (non-member expert) for the Uniform Laws Commission Project for a Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act (2012-16)



## GEORGE WALKER

1972-2017

# GROUND BREAKER

Piecing Together Obscurities in Funeral and Cemetery Law

Their eyes were attentive to the tombstones basking in the Nebraska sunlight. Nearly hidden among the grasslands were the names of people passed, and with them the mysterious connections that quietly existed between the viewers and the dead.

Professor Tanya Marsh was in her late teens the first time her footsteps followed her grandmother's on burial grounds. It was along a path her grandmother knew well, having spent each Memorial Day of her life navigating the graves of distant relatives with flowers in hand.

These trips continued with Marsh cataloguing the names, births and deaths of her grandfather's people, an endeavor that eventually led her to the county courthouse to piece together her faded family history.

"It was this big puzzle," Marsh recalls. "They

were all farmers, so I was basically trying to reconstruct a family tree from real estate and probate records."

Only a few years later, Marsh would find herself in law school with intentions to specialize in trusts and estates, an interest that sprouted in cemetery grass and grew from historical threads rooted in the narrative of property law. A bookish passion for history would continue after graduation and lead Marsh to new legal territories.

"When I was practicing commercial real estate law, I would read old common law cases for fun," she says. "I started reading cases about cemeteries and it became another giant puzzle I needed to solve."

To Marsh, there was a legal framework of oddities and obscurities, a roadmap of missing stories that had at once established funeral and





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Above: Tanya Marsh interviews New York Times best-selling author Caitlin Doughty, a funeral director and well-known voice in the Death Positivist movement, as part of Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy's February symposium, "Disrupting the Death Care Paradigm: Challenges to the Regulation of the Funeral Industry and the American Way of Death."

cemetery law and remained hidden among statutes and common law doctrines.

Marsh sees the innovative appeal of funeral and cemetery law, noting the antithetical fracture between our own cultural avoidance of death and the law's faint whisper of memento mori.

"People die every day. Cemeteries are all around us. If it wasn't for the deep death-denying trend in our culture, funeral and cemetery law would be something that we would be more concerned about," she says. "But we just don't want to talk about death, so as a result this important area of law has been completely neglected for the better part of the 20th century."

There is a recognition, or rather a unique foresight on Marsh's part, about the salient impact of current laws on the future of funeral services.

"I think the funeral services industry is nearing crisis," she says. "Part of the reason that they're approaching a reckoning point is because people are changing their practices. The rise in the cremation rate and interest in greener practices alone results in people spending less money, which means less income for funeral homes."

Beyond that is the ill-fated combination of an aging funeral director population and high barriers of entry into the funeral services industry, Marsh says.

"The legal and regulatory structure has not changed how much it costs to enter and compete in the funeral industry, so people's changing preferences are reducing income while the cost of doing business remains unchanged. Something has to give."

This is particularly problematic for sparsely populated rural areas fraught with a diminishing demand for funeral services.

"Nobody is paying much attention yet, but I think there is going to be huge pressure on the law when the government sees that funeral homes are closing down because legally imposed obligations mean the economics just don't work," Marsh says. "The government is going to have to relax those obligations in order to have a place for bodies to go and for services to happen. If not, we're all going to have bigger problems."

Marsh is a continuing advocate for legal changes to support the future of the funeral services industry, hosting the first-ever symposium on funeral and cemetery law in February 2017 with the support of the Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy.

# HIGHER CALLING

Promoting Higher Education through Social Connections

Professor Omari Simmons (BA '96), Howard L. Oleck Professor of Business Law, brings a unique set of perspectives to scholarship and teaching that are born out of his diverse experiences. Before joining Wake Forest Law in 2006, Simmons worked as a corporate counsel for two multinational corporations with additional experiences as an associate at the law firm of Wilmer Hale in Washington, D.C., and as a clerk for Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey of the Delaware Supreme Court.

As a recognized expert on corporate governance and higher education policy, Simmons is the founder and director of the law school's innovative Business Law Program (BLP). The student-centered program is designed to expand opportunities that strengthen knowledge of business law concepts as well as develop skills to assist professional development and readiness for practice.

During his time as director, Simmons has helped establish a number of initiatives and programs, including the Sager Speaker Series, named for Thomas Sager (JD '76), which has exposed the Wake Forest Law community to distinguished jurists, general counsels and even

an NFL general manager. The National Jurist recently recognized Wake Forest Law among the top law schools for business and corporate law.

Many are unaware, however, that Simmons is also the co-founder and executive director of the Simmons Memorial Foundation (SMF), a grassroots nonprofit organization that promotes higher education access for vulnerable students through student-focused services that include mentoring, college advising, campus visits, standardized test preparation and scholarships. SMF alumni have graduated from an impressive list of top colleges and universities, including Wake Forest University, Harvard University and Yale University.

Simmons does not subscribe to the idea that academically successful students will pursue higher education opportunities that align with their potential and therefore require less guidance from high school counselors. According to Simmons, this perception assumes that all high-achieving students have the same college guidance resources and embark on the same college selection process.





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Above: Omari Simmons interviews Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland as part of the Business Law Program's Sager Speakers Series, named for Thomas Sager (JD '76)

"Research tells us that higher education attainment is not simply a matter of what you know," Simmons says. "Who you know is also important. Underserved populations often lack the social capital—the relationships with college-educated adults, peers, teachers, administrators and counselors—that help bridge the gap between high school and college in an effective and meaningful way. This social capital can serve as a catalyst to help students acquire valuable information, skills and other benefits in the higher education planning and selection process."

Simmons states that the average high school counselor in the United States serves about 460 students. Against this backdrop, SMF provides high quality college guidance and mentoring to vulnerable students who would not ordinarily have access to these types of resources and higher education-related social capital.

Simmons' advocacy for higher education access has subsequently translated into scholarship. He is the author of multiple articles on education access, including "Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education," "For Profits and the Market Paradox" and "Class Dismissed: Rethinking Socio-Economic Status and Higher Education Attainment." He is also the author of the forthcoming book, "College Access from the Ground-Up," published by Rutgers University Press.

Simmons earned his JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he received the Thouron Award, a postgraduate fellowship for study in the United Kingdom. He went on to earn his Master of Laws from the University of Cambridge with a concentration in International Commercial Law. Simmons is a member of the American Law Institute (ALI) and has received multiple honors in recognition of his efforts promoting higher-education opportunities.

# GAMECHANGER

## Working to Improve the Justice System

Professor Ron Wright wants to improve the justice system in North Carolina and beyond, one case at a time.

“My hope is that ultimately my research will result in changes in the law and in legal practice,” he says. For several years, his research took him into the offices of prosecutors to interview the newcomers and veteran attorneys working there. “I want to learn about the best ways to develop young prosecutors as professionals,” Wright says. Some of his research on this topic was published in an article titled, “The Cure for Young Prosecutor Syndrome.”

Wright’s prosecutor research also explores the role of elections. He assembled a one-of-a-kind database of thousands of prosecutor election outcomes between 1996 and 2006 and discovered this troubling fact: voters don’t really hold prosecutors accountable. About 95 percent of incumbent prosecutors won re-election, and a remarkable 85 percent ran unopposed in general elections.

More recently, Wright has visited courthouses across North Carolina as part of his research regarding jury selection known as the “Jury Sunshine Project.” His research eventually will generate a database — the first of its kind — of jury selection outcomes in felony trials in all 100 counties of North Carolina.

“I had the motive and the opportunity,” Wright told University of Pittsburgh Law Professor David A. Harris in a recent interview on the radio program, “Criminal (In)Justice.” “I am interested in prosecutors and in who looks over their shoulders, and that includes jurors. I think it’s weird prosecutors get to choose their own bosses.”

Beginning in January 2013, law library faculty member Liz Johnson helped Wright organize dozens of field researchers, professionals and students in the collection of jury data on 1,306 felony jury trials within the North Carolina courts from all 100 counties, for a total of more than 30,000 jury members.

Data gatherers then fanned out across the state to visit clerk’s offices in remote county courthouses. “It turns out, North Carolina has pretty good records on this ... but the numbers we have gathered no one knew before.”

Wright, who is the Needham Yancey Gulley Professor of Criminal Law, says the “Jury Sunshine Project” is at its heart a story about public records. “We had to work hard to know which files to ask for when we showed up at the courthouse.”

Initial results from the research reveal that women and men serve on juries at about the same rate. Results also show some people get removed from jury pools much more often





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Above: Ron Wright interviews former University of North Carolina (UNC) System and Davidson College President Thomas W. Ross during a "Conversation With" in March in the Worrell Professional Center

than others and, according to Wright's findings so far, race appears to be a factor.

Despite being constitutionally improper to use race or gender as the basis for removal from a jury, a judge, prosecutor or defender can knock off any jury member based on trivial factors, such as the color of his/her shirt. According to the project's findings so far, however, judges remove black jurors at a 20 percent higher rate than white jurors, and prosecutors remove twice as many potential black jurors at trial as white jurors. The flip side is true for defense attorneys, who have a 2-1 ratio of removal the other way, the data shows.

"Race has formed the views of the jurors and they (attorneys) know it's going to affect the case," Wright says. "The outcomes show that a jury with more white males is more likely to convict, especially if a black man is on trial. We also found the more black males on the jury, the more defense-friendly the juries are and the more likely to acquit. Black female jurors are also more likely to acquit, but not so with white women."

Wright is also working with Assistant Professor Francis Flanagan of the Wake Forest University Department of Economics. The pair received a grant to support their project entitled, "Do Peremptory Challenges Increase Bias on Juries?" from the Law and Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF) that runs through June 2018.

And working in conjunction with Wake Forest Law Professors Kami Chavis and Gregory Parks, Wright hopes to eventually see similar "Jury Sunshine Projects" pop up at law schools in each of the 50 states.

"Moving forward, we want to look more closely at the data," Wright adds.

# Career Highlights



**TANYA  
MARSH**

2010-PRESENT

Serves as a leader in the American Bar Association (ABA)'s Real Property Trust and Estate Law Section

Serves Associate Journal Editor for Real Property Trust and Estate Law Journal, Co-Editor of Jotwell's Property Law Section, former contributing editor for Property Prof Blog and founder and editor of the Funeral Law Blog

Elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) (2015) and serves as Associate Reporter for the Restatement of the Law (Fourth) Property

Licensed as a funeral director in the State of California

Published "The Law of Human Remains" (2015) and "Cemetery Law: The Common Law of Burying Grounds in the United States" (2015)

Co-authored one-of-a-kind casebook, "Real Property for the Real World: Building Skills Through Case Study" (2016)

Received the Excellence in Writing Award for Best Overall Article from the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law's Probate and Property magazine (2016)

Hosted first-ever symposium on funeral cemetery law with the Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy (2017)

Serves as executive director and co-founder of the Simmons Memorial Foundation (1996)

Worked as Senior Counsel at Invista in Wilmington, Delaware, (2003-2005) and for Lenovo in Washington, D.C. (2005-2006)

Served as president/ CEO of Systems Integration & Management in Washington, D.C.

Authored forthcoming book, “College Access from the Ground-Up: Narratives Transformed” (Rutgers University Press) (2017)

Founded Wake Forest Law’s Business Law Program and the Sager Speaker Series (2012)

Granted Thouron Fellow at the University of Cambridge (LLM ’01)

Authored “The Impact of Business Courts (Outside of Delaware),” on Jotwell’s Corporate Law Blog (2017)

Appointed the Wake Forest Law Howard L. Oleck Professor of Business (2017)



## OMARI SIMMONS

2006-PRESENT

Named 13th most-cited criminal law and procedure faculty member in U.S. (2010-2014)

Served as Wake Forest University School of Law – Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2007-2010) and (2014-2015)

Appointed the Wake Forest Law Needham Y. Gulley Professor of Criminal Law (2012)

Co-authored two casebooks on criminal procedure and sentencing

“Sentencing Law and Policy” casebook cited in the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Betterman v. Montana* (2016)

Served as Vera Institute of Justice, Project on Prosecution and Racial Justice board member (2006-2014)

Participated in a “Roundtable on Criminal Justice” hosted by the White House Domestic Policy Council in conjunction with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice’s Institute for Innovation in Prosecution

Created the Jury Sunshine Project database — the first of its kind — of jury selection outcomes in felony trials in all 100 counties of North Carolina (2017)



## RON WRIGHT

1988-PRESENT

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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Wake Forest Law is home to the most technologically advanced courtroom in the state of North Carolina — and perhaps the United States — thanks to the addition of the newest North Carolina Business Court in January 2017. It also makes Wake Forest Law the only ranked law school in the nation to house such a court.

## THIS IS THE COURTROOM OF THE FUTURE.

—Justice Paul M. Newby

“This is the courtroom of the future,” North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Paul M. Newby told the group of dignitaries gathered on Jan. 18 for the formal dedication ceremony of the state’s fourth physical business court. “Because of the nature of the Business Court, we can be innovative.”

The Honorable Michael Robinson, special superior court judge for complex business cases, has chambers, staff and a

dedicated business litigation courtroom at the new location in Winston-Salem. The courtroom is in the west wing of the third floor of the Worrell Professional Center, Room 3205.

Because Business Court judges have statewide jurisdiction, they may hold hearings and trials in all 100 counties. That’s why the court has judges, staff and similar facilities in Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and now in Winston-Salem. Currently Wake Forest Law alumni are among those serving as law clerks in all four court locations.

The Winston-Salem court heard its first case—Vogler Reynolda Road, LLC vs. SCI N.C. Funeral Servs. Inc.; 15 CVS 94 (Forsyth County)—on Tuesday, Jan. 10. The Honorable James L. Gale, Chief Business Court Judge, from Greensboro presided.

“We are training lawyers of the future, so we could not be more thrilled. It took visionary, senior leadership to make this happen,” said Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) as she introduced Provost Rogan Kersh (BA ’86).

Having the Business Court housed at the law school, Provost

Kersh said, is “an extraordinary opportunity for us to extend what we at Wake Forest do so well — our whole mission, which is to educate remarkable young minds. In this case, future lawyers — they will be a part of this experience and see Judge Robinson, a whole set of lawyers, plaintiffs and the like, do the work of this place. That is an enormous benefit to us and adds to the depth of our gratitude. It is also central to our university’s mission that we contribute to the communities of which we are a part, to the bar, the state, the region, to the city and the Triad region, and to this state. This fourth business court enables us to deepen and extend our community contributions. We know that landmark decisions will be reached here, and we are mighty proud that they will be reached in the Wake Forest courtroom.”



Judge Michael L. Robinson

Judge Marion Warren, director of the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC), was instrumental in bringing the new court to Wake Forest Law. “This is the courtroom for the future,” he explained. “Here we will litigate, we will have discovery, we will have motions with folks in Charlotte, folks in Raleigh, folks in Belgium, folks in Singapore.

“It is a working courtroom where men and women practicing law for clients at high-stake levels will come and do their business. They will not only hone their craft, they will teach their craft. And not only will they teach their craft, they will be allocating and advocating in front of one of the best benches in the United States. I cannot overemphasize the work of the people who have made this a reality today. The institution that is Wake Forest went out of its way to bring

this court to this university and to this city and the vision of the North Carolina General Assembly.”

Judge Robinson added, “I am so excited about being in this space. I have told people and they say, ‘Well how is your court?’ and I say ‘It’s not my court, it’s the state’s court.’ We have digital recordings of our proceedings, we are able, as Judge Warren said, to have

people testify live by video conference from anywhere in the world, and we’re looking forward to doing that. We have monitors in the jury box, something that is hard to find anywhere in the United States, especially in North Carolina. Justice will be done here.”



# Clerks

Wake Forest Law is the only ranked law school in the country that is also home to a working business court, and Wake Forest Law alumni are working as clerks within each of the four state business court locations in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and now in Winston-Salem.



**Kelly Warlich (JD '16)** is the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael Robinson at the North Carolina Business Court in Winston-Salem. A native of New Canaan, Connecticut, Warlich majored in psychology at Oberlin College before attending Wake Forest Law. "I have really enjoyed seeing hearings and attorneys' different argument styles, as well as hearing the perspectives of, and learning from, the Business Court judges," she says. Read more at [go.wfu.edu/rfj](http://go.wfu.edu/rfj)

**Derek Bast (JD '16)** is the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Louis A. Bledsoe III at the North Carolina Business Court in Charlotte. Bast, who is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, studied classical languages and religious studies at Vanderbilt University. A highlight of his clerkship was getting to see a case through to a jury verdict. "Trials are remarkably dynamic compared to the measured process of motion practice," he said. Read more at [go.wfu.edu/4jz](http://go.wfu.edu/4jz)



**Kaitlin Price (BA '13, JD '16)** is the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable James L. Gale at the North Carolina Business Court in Greensboro. A native of Albemarle, North Carolina, Price is gaining hands-on litigation experience, increasing her understanding of business law and interacting with some of the state's top business attorneys as part of her clerkship. "After speaking with professors and practicing litigators, I realized that a clerkship was a great way to start my career because I would be able to get hands-on experience with cases early on." Read more at [go.wfu.edu/dks](http://go.wfu.edu/dks)

**Brinson Taylor (JD '15)** is the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Greg McGuire at the North Carolina Business Court in Raleigh. Taylor, who previously clerked in the North Carolina Court of Appeals, says he has been surprised by the amount of practical experience he has gained as a business court clerk. His advice to current law students who think they want to clerk in the business court? "Start early." Read more at [go.wfu.edu/tj7](http://go.wfu.edu/tj7)





# STUDENTS @ SCOTUS

“ HEARING JUSTICE KENNEDY USE THE CONCEPT OF A ‘PUBLIC SQUARE’ OR JUSTICE GINSBURG REFER TO THE ‘MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS’ IN THE MODERN FIRST AMENDMENT SETTING OF THE INTERNET WAS FASCINATING. ”

*Professor John Korzen (JD '91)*

Members of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic traveled to Washington, D.C., to observe an oral argument at the U.S. Supreme Court and then had the extreme honor of meeting with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Feb. 27, 2017, says Professor John Korzen (JD '91), clinic director.

The clinic members attended the oral argument in *Packingham v. North Carolina*, a case involving a First Amendment challenge to a North Carolina statute. The petitioner was convicted of violating a state statute that prohibits all registered sex offenders from accessing any commercial social media websites that minors can join even if their convictions had nothing to do with the internet. The petitioner was convicted of violating the law after he noted on Facebook that he had had a traffic ticket dismissed and praised God. The clinic submitted an amicus brief on behalf of three organizations that support the petitioner’s First Amendment rights.

“The oral argument was outstanding,” Professor Korzen said. “Hearing Justice Kennedy use the concept of a ‘public square’ or Justice Ginsburg refer to the ‘marketplace of ideas’ in the modern First Amendment setting of the internet was fascinating.”

After the day’s arguments, clinic members met with Justice Ginsburg, who graciously answered numerous questions on a variety of topics, including memorable cases she has worked on, who inspired her as a writer and her advice for 3Ls about to enter the legal profession.

Clinic member Malorie Letcavage (JD '17) is incredibly grateful to have the opportunity not only to hear an oral argument that the Appellate Advocacy Clinic had some part in, but to be able to meet Justice Ginsburg.

“Meeting Justice Ginsburg in person affirmed all the reasons I wanted to be a lawyer in the first place. She is proof that if you work hard and advocate for what you believe in, you can make a difference.”

# STEPPING UP

U.S. Army Capt. Florent “Flo” Groberg presented, “Opportunities Earned and Leadership Learned: An American Hero’s Journey,” on March 15 in the Worrell Professional Center. The event was co-sponsored by Bank of America in an effort to raise financial support and student engagement for the Veterans Legal Clinic. Capt. Groberg made a similar presentation later that day at the Wake Forest University Charlotte Center, where he was introduced by former U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Brandon Heffinger (JD ’14).

“When a country is not providing services to veterans that it should, great law schools have to step up,” Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77) said. The Veterans Legal Clinic provides legal assistance to North Carolina veterans, reservists and active duty personnel. The clinic is operated by six to eight students who handle two to three cases each semester.

“I am not a veteran, but I’m a daughter and granddaughter of a veteran and a friend of very many,” Charlee Fox (JD ’17) said. “I am so eager and humbled to work with veterans. The Veterans Legal Clinic allows me to become a better attorney for veterans in the future and a better daughter to the veterans in my life now.”

Capt. Groberg received the Medal of Honor in 2015 for his heroic actions in Afghanistan. When he arrived in Afghanistan’s Konar province, he noticed a suspicious man backpedaling toward the Army patrol. Groberg grabbed the man by the chest and threw him on the ground before his bomb detonated. The suicide bomber killed four men and injured several others, but Groberg survived with life-threatening injuries to his left leg.



After 33 surgeries and struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Groberg has a new appreciation for life.

“We wear that uniform ready for the ultimate sacrifice,” Groberg said. “Now I live every day to the best of my ability.”

Many veterans suffer from PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and approximately 20 veterans commit suicide daily. The Veterans Legal Clinic is

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—Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77)

working with veterans in the community to upgrade their discharge paperwork, allowing them to receive greater benefits. Through their pro bono work, students taking the clinic, under the supervision of a licensed attorney, are making an impact.

“I’m really amazed by the Veterans Legal Clinic; these are great people volunteering and leading,” Groberg added.



## HOW THE CLINIC HELPS

By **Brandon Heffinger (JD '14)**  
**Veterans Legal Clinic Adjunct Professor**

When service members leave the military, whether at the end of their commitment or following disciplinary action, they are given a discharge with an accompanying characterization. Discharges classified as other than honorable, bad conduct, dishonorable, or, in some cases, general are called “bad-paper” discharges, and they preclude veterans from many, if not all, benefits. Veterans who feel they were unfairly given a “bad-paper” discharge can petition to upgrade their characterization.

There are hundreds of thousands of veterans with “bad-paper” discharges. For example, although studies estimate that 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, the condition was not medically diagnosed until 1980, and the Department of Defense did not instruct Discharge Review Boards to give liberal consideration to PTSD and TBI in upgrade petitions until 2014.

In late 2016, Congress passed a new law, requiring Boards for Correction of Military Records and Naval Records to also give liberal consideration to PTSD and TBI in upgrade petitions. Additionally, as many as 100,000 service members received “bad-paper” discharges for homosexuality between World War II and the 2010 repeal of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

The Wake Forest Veterans Legal Clinic assists veterans with discharge upgrade petitions. As a law student, I conceived the clinic and worked with Professor Steven Virgil to develop the program. With the assistance of several other law students, the clinic was launched in 2015.

Law students enroll in the clinic for credit, and, in addition to attending a weekly seminar, directly represent veterans with discharge upgrade petitions and advocate for pro-veteran policies. The clinic is in the process of filing its first batch of discharge upgrade petitions.

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

BY MIA FALZARANO (JD '17)  
AND LIBBY CASALE (JD '18)

It has been an exciting year for oral and written advocacy at Wake Forest Law. The National Moot Court Team and American Association for Justice (AAJ) Trial Team both had success on the national stage. Within two months, the two teams won their respective national competitions, a feat that no other law school has accomplished.

The National Moot Court competition completed its 67th year and is the country's oldest interscholastic moot court tournament. This year was the fifth time in eight years that a Wake Forest team advanced from its regional competition to the national level, with Wake Forest having "four-peated" as a regional champion. For the second

time, Wake Forest won the National Championship, the first being in 1986, when a team composed of the Class of 1987's Scott Lovejoy, Donna Sisson and Karen Williamson, coached by Professor Charley Rose, won the competition.

This year's National Moot Court team was comprised of Matt Cloutier, (JD '17), Mia Falzarano (JD '17) and Blake Stafford (JD '17). The coach was Professor John Korzen (JD '91).

The moot court team brought home all "the hardware" at the national finals, which were held in February in New York City. In addition to winning the final round over a team from Ohio State University and thereby earning

the championship, the team also won Best Brief (out of the 28 teams in the finals), Best Oralist in the final round (Falzarano) and Second Best oralist in the final round (Stafford). Going 6-0 in the finals (after going 5-0 in the Richmond regional), the team defeated UCLA, South Texas, Minnesota, Chicago-Kent and Tennessee law schools to reach the final round.

Wake Forest's AAJ National Student Trial Advocacy Competition (STAC) was equally successful, bringing home Wake Forest's first national win in a trial competition. Team members—Mia Falzarano (Captain, JD '17), Cheslie Kryst (JD/MBA '17), Drew Culler (JD '17) and Ethan White (JD '17)—led

The 2017 National Champion AAJ Trial Team of Mia Falzarano (JD '17) (left), Coach Matthew Breeding (JD '06), Ethan White (JD '17), Drew Culler (JD '17) and Cheslie Kryst (JD '17) pose in the Law Commons in April



National Moot Court Champions pose with their coach, Professor John Korzen (JD '91) (left), Matt Cloutier (JD '17), Mia Falzarano (JD '17) and Blake Stafford (JD '17)



Wake Forest to a decisive victory, under the direction of coach Matt Breeding (JD '06), and were praised for their professionalism and dedication to trial advocacy.

Both the AAJ Trial Team and the National Trial Team have been regional winners for the past three years. During 2016 and 2017, Wake Forest was also the runner-up at the AAJ regional competitions, with one team failing to advance only due to going head-to-head with the other Wake Forest team for a spot in the national competition.

In 2016, the AAJ Trial Team went further at the AAJ Student Advocacy Trial Competition nationals than any other Wake Forest Trial Team had ever gone, placing third in the United States. The 2016 team was comprised of Joshua Bussen (Captain, JD '16), Zabrina Delgado (JD '16), Mia Falzarano (JD '17) and Carson Smith (JD '16), who were under the direction of Breeding and Katie King (JD '12).

These successes would not have been possible without the dedication of coaches Breeding and Korzen, who dedicated countless hours to preparing their students for the competition and life beyond law school. The skills developed through Wake Forest's advocacy programs help bridge the divide between student and attorney. Breeding stated that in the decade he has coached, there has never been a team like the 2017 National Champions, adding the AAJ Team evoked awe in others by demonstrating a combination of intelligence, passion and camaraderie during the competition. Korzen, who has similarly coached the National Moot Court Teams for a decade, said the 2017 National Moot Court Team members had an ideal blend of legal skills, work ethic and professionalism.

"Volunteer coaches devote thousands of hours to our appellate and trial teams," says Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77). "Because of their devotion, our hard-working students learn invaluable lessons about advocacy skills, professionalism, devotion and commitment. Wake Forest competes and wins against schools with bigger budgets and more personnel, but they never compete against schools with more heart or more talent."

# Justice for Shylock

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg leads mock appeal panel at Law Library of Congress



Shylock, the Jewish moneylender in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," has

prevailed—but not for his pound of flesh. In a mock appeal organized by Professor Dick Schneider and hosted by the Library of Congress, the panel of appellate judges decreed that Shylock receive his original loan of 3,000 ducats without his having to convert to Christianity.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg presided over the judges' panel, which included Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77), Schneider, former U.S. Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and Maryland Congresswoman Connie Morella and Micaela del Monte from the European Parliament.

"Justice Ginsburg is fascinated by literature, especially drama, and by the power of literature to give us new perspectives on the lives we lead," Schneider said. "She threw herself into the Shylock appeal with her usual energy and passion, which meant we had a great event."

The performance began where the original play left off: Shylock, who was portrayed by Edward Gero, received nothing of his claim, deprived of all property and sentenced to convert to Christianity.

Michael Klotz (JD '15) of Jones Day of New York advocated on behalf of Shylock, arguing two central issues that arose in the aftermath of the loan contract between Shylock and the merchant of Venice, Antonio. According to Klotz, he was never paid and the trial judge, Portia, imposed criminal penalties on what was a civil contract.

"It can't be the case that when somebody goes to court and asks for justice, that that's a crime," Klotz argued. "So we ask that the judgment be reversed trial, we ask for the money to be returned, we're asking for interest and any relief that the court deems fit."

"There's an unusual feature of this proceeding," Justice Ginsburg pointed out from the bench. "Antonio is surety. The beneficiary of the loan is Bassanio, but you are not suing Bassanio. You brought suit against Antonio."

"That's correct, your honor," Klotz replied. "He was the guarantor on the loan and he was the recipient with the Republic of Venice for the underlying money for this argument."



Eugene D. Gulland of Covington LLP advocated for Antonio, stating that Shylock entered into a “premeditated and deceitful course of action in order to lure Antonio into a bond that would be the means of his own destruction.” Emphasizing Shylock’s perceived vengeance plot, he asked the court to uphold its former decision, including the conversion sanction.

“[Shylock] was laying a trap,” Gulland claimed. “He understood that he would probably be repaid, but he also understood, that if he were not, this would be his opportunity to finally have the revenge that he sought so dearly.”

The appellee counsel also included Professor Teresa Miguel-Stearns of Yale Law School, who argued on behalf of Portia, seeking to discharge the heroine from the case and from future-related proceedings.

“Portia is the wrong defendant appellee in this case,” Miguel-Stearns said. “Portia’s alleged misrepresentations to the court and alleged interests in the outcome of this matter are without merit, or at most, harmless error.”

Miguel-Stearns noted that gender discrimination played a role in the appellee’s actions, citing that “pretending

to be a judge was her way to advance her career as lawyer.”

At the conclusion of the appeal, Portia, too, was exonerated and dismissed from further proceedings.



“Teresa Miguel-Stearns, you were such a wonderful advocate for your client,” Reynolds said from the bench. “I hope you tell her that I think she would be a really wonderful candidate for admission to Wake Forest law school.”

Although Shylock was not granted interest, the Court annulled his conversion as a substitutional remedy and dismissed the Alien Statute that formerly stripped Shylock of his property.

“What a wonderful homework assignment: re-read “The Merchant

of Venice” to prepare to share the appellate bench with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” said Dean Reynolds. “The evening had all the magic of Shakespeare and the brilliance of Justice Ginsburg.”

“Justice for Shylock” was performed on June 21 as part of a series of events sponsored by the Law Library of Congress commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Ghetto in Venice. This event marks the second mock appeal for Shylock organized by Schneider. The first was staged in Venice during the summer of 2016. Both performances featured Justice Ginsburg as the presiding judge.

The full performance can be watched on YouTube at [bit.ly/JusticeForShylock](http://bit.ly/JusticeForShylock).

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# Citizens of the World

Wake Forest Law boasts a robust LL.M. program, welcoming students from across the globe to study law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, each year. The JD Mentor Program partners LL.M. students with current JD students to provide assistance in adjusting to a new culture, language and education.

Each fall, JD student volunteers are paired with a new LL.M. student based upon their backgrounds, interests and languages spoken. It was through this program that Kintaro Minami (LL.M. '17) and Ray Dunn (JD '18) met and forged a strong friendship.

“My life in law school became more comfortable after I met Ray, my mentor, in the beginning of fall semester,” said Minami, who hails from Japan. “Once you make a friend that you can talk with about your experience in law school, you feel better.”

JD student mentors offer guidance on cultural issues and answer questions about class requirements, law school exams and study practices. They also help welcome their LL.M. mentees into the social aspects of the law school community.

“It was very beneficial because (my mentor) had a long career in Japan,” Minami said. “I could ask questions about jobs in Japan as well as in the U.S. Maybe you and your mentor will have something in common. If you want to talk, need help or have lunch, your mentor will give you time and you can share your experiences with him or her.”

The program benefits the mentor as well. JD students form relationships with international students, and with them, an increased knowledge of world affairs.

“I signed up to be a mentor because I thought it would be a great opportunity to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with an attorney from another country,” Dunn said. “(The LL.M.s) bring an invaluable opportunity to share unique perspectives through mutually beneficial cross-cultural communication. And this not only makes us better lawyers, but better citizens of the world.”



# Pro Bono Project establishes Family Preparedness Project

By Vanessa Garrido (JD '18) and Emily Scotton (JD '18)

Bilingual Wake Forest Law students volunteered during the spring semester in the Family Preparedness Project, a new initiative led by the Pro Bono Project that seeks to provide durable powers of attorney for individuals in North Carolina who may be at risk of deportation. Student coordinators, Emily Scotton (JD '18) and Vanessa Garrido (JD '18), organized client appointments at the Downtown Health Plaza in Winston-Salem over the course of four evenings in April.

Using a training module and a forms packet provided by the North Carolina Justice Center, law students met with immigration clients to prepare

documents under the supervision of local volunteer attorneys, including Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77).

“For me, participating in this project gave a face— actually, two faces—to the immigration debate,” Dean Reynolds says. “Through student translators, I talked with a mother and father anxious to provide for their children in the event they had to leave this country without their children. These parents, my clients, brightened as they executed the documents, and I felt a part of something really important.”

These documents included durable powers of attorney, power of attorney

to make educational decisions about children, authorization to consent to health care for a minor and a DMV power of attorney. “We are ecstatic that we were able to serve so many people,” Scotton said. “Now 17 individuals have the peace of mind that comes from having these documents.”

The Downtown Health Plaza is a frontline provider of primary care to the medically underserved in Winston-Salem.

Professor Margaret Taylor who served as the faculty adviser to the Family Preparedness Project, says, “It was gratifying to establish a partnership with colleagues at Wake Forest Baptist Health. I am so impressed with the pro bono commitment of our students who eagerly stepped forward to organize and staff this project.”

In addition to the two project coordinators, 12 law students, four local attorneys and Adjunct Professor Helen Parsonage and former Pro Bono Director Beth Hopkins volunteered.

Jessica Bell (JD '05) and Matthew Phillips (JD '06) also generously volunteered their time and estate planning expertise to provide an orientation to project participants and to train student volunteers.

The Project hopes to serve more clients in the 2017-18 academic year by forming relationships with new community partners and expanding their network of volunteer supervising attorneys. If you or your organization are interested in getting involved, please email Professor Taylor at [taylormh@wfu.edu](mailto:taylormh@wfu.edu).



# In Memorium

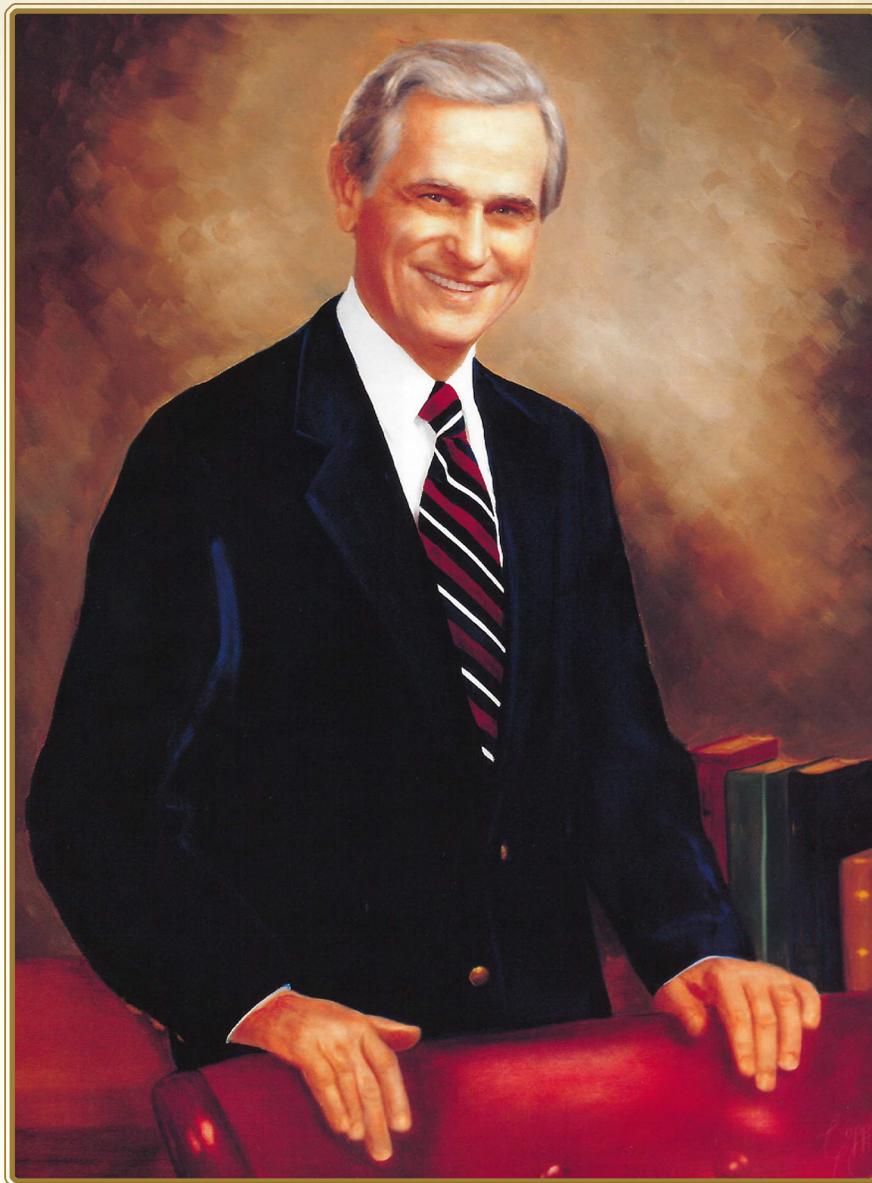
## Dean John 'Don' Scarlett

Dean Emeritus and retired Professor of Law John "Don" Scarlett, 93, died on July 10, 2017, after an extended illness. Dean Scarlett joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1955, one year prior to the college's historic move to Winston-Salem. A teacher of Torts, Constitutional Law and International Law, Dean Scarlett was one of nine faculty members at the law school under the leadership of Dean Carroll Weathers (BA '22, JD '23).

In Washington, D.C., in 1960, Dean Scarlett received a congressional fellowship, the American Political Science Fellowship. He served as counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee for the next two summers. He left Wake Forest in 1962 to pursue a deanship at the University of South Dakota Law School, and in 1969, at Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa.

He returned to Wake Forest Law as dean in 1979. Under his leadership, the law school implemented the 440 Plan to reduce the student/faculty ratio. He also strengthened the school's program of legal writing. As chairman of the National Financial Aid Committee of the Law School Admissions Council, he assisted in the development of the National Access Loan. He retired as dean in 1989.

"All the things we've been doing in the past 10 years have combined to change the public perception of Wake Forest



Law School from essentially a local practitioner oriented school to [an] innovative, still professionally oriented law school with growing national recognition," Dean Scarlett was quoted as saying in the Spring/Summer 1989 issue of the *Jurist*. "And while we've been doing this we've been trying to maintain the best thing we have going for us — the Wake Forest mystique. One of my personal goals is that as we develop into a national law school we

still retain some of the 'good stuff' about Wake Forest."

Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) noted, "Several of us joined the faculty during the tenure of Dean Scarlett. Individually, we felt his support in our professional development. Collectively, we felt his devotion to preserving the best of Wake Forest traditions while pushing us to embrace our national role in the academy."



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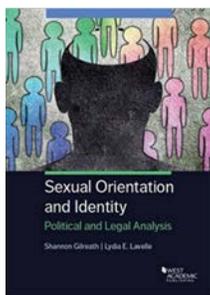
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**1** Hazel Mack began as Wake Forest Law’s new interim director of outreach in October 2016 after 35 years at Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC). Ann Gibbs, associate dean of Administration and Student Services, said, “We warmly welcome Hazel Mack to the Wake Forest community and are extremely fortunate that she will be overseeing our outreach efforts.” Mack’s office is located in the Smith Anderson Center for Community Outreach, where she works closely with Outreach Coordinator Denise Hartsfield (JD ’91).

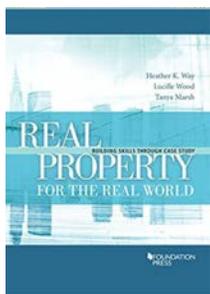
**2** Wake Forest Law conferred hoods on more than 200 graduates on May 14, including 177 Juris Doctor degree candidates, 17 International Master of Laws in American Law degree (LLM) candidates, nine Master of Studies in Law (MSL) candidates and four Scientiae Juridicae Doctors (SJD) candidates. The school conferred hoods on its first Two-Year International JD graduates — Julia de la Parra and Santiago Herrera of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Shou Li of Liuzhou, China.

**3** The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) celebrated the 32nd annual scholarship banquet inspired by former President Barack Obama’s uplifting slogan, “Yes We Can. Yes We Will,” on Feb. 10. Held at the Winston-Salem Marriott, BLSA members dined with faculty members and alumni and heard a keynote by the Honorable Cheri L. Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The 2017 recipients of the BLSA Scholarships were Briana O’Neil (JD ’18), Cheslie Kryst (JD ’17), Tracea Rice (JD ’19) and Lhens Vilson (JD ’17). Professor Steve Virgil, executive director of experiential education, received the Legacy Award.

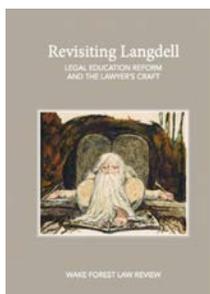
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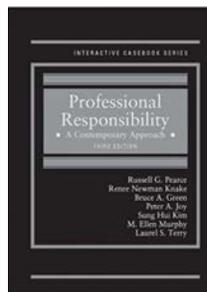
Professor Shannon Gilreath (JD '02) co-authored a comprehensive textbook, “Sexual Orientation and Identity: Political and Legal Analysis,” with North Carolina Central University School of Law Professor Lydia E. Lavelle. The book uses decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts to “trace the development of rights pertaining to sexual orientation and identity.”



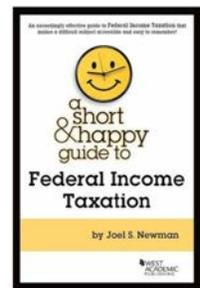
Professor Tanya Marsh co-authored a book, “Real Property for the Real World: Building Skills Through Case Study,” with University of Texas Professors Heather Way and Lucille Wood. Published by West Publishing Co., the book shows how the concepts in first-year Property courses work in practice.



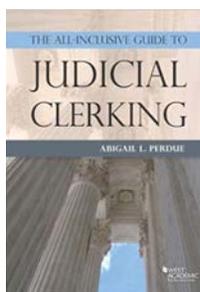
Professor Harold Lloyd shepherded the publication of a one-of-a-kind book reproducing Volume 51 of the 2015 Wake Forest Law Review Symposium on Langdell and legal education reform, “Revisiting Langdell: Legal Education Reform and the Lawyer’s Craft.”



Assistant Dean of Instructional Technologies and Design Ellen Murphy (JD '02), director of the Master of Studies in Law degree program, co-authored the textbook, “Professional Responsibility: A Contemporary Approach (3d),” part of a West Academic Publishing Interactive Casebook series.



Professor Joel Newman authored a new book, “A Short and Happy Guide to Federal Income Taxation,” a West Publishing Company publication. The guidebook addresses basic law school income tax course topics such as deductions, capital recovery and mixed motive expenses.



Professor Abigail Perdue’s latest book, “The All-Inclusive Guide to Judicial Clerking,” published by West Academic Publishing, is available on Amazon and was listed as the No. 1 New Release in the Legal Services category.



Professor Omari Simmons, director of the law school’s Business Law Program, authored the book, “College Access from the Ground-Up: Narratives Transformed,” a forthcoming Rutgers University Press publication.



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**1** From Harbin, China, to Vienna, Austria, to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the third biennial meeting of the World Tort Law Society will be held Nov. 13-18 at Wake Forest Law. Professor Michael Green, a nationally and internationally recognized torts teacher and scholar, is hosting and helping organize the event as a founding member of the World Tort Law Society. The World Tort Law Society's bi-annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wake Forest Law Review's fall symposium Friday, Nov. 17. Both will address the way in which different legal systems address traffic accidents, including bases for tort liability, first and third-party insurance and government social welfare program.



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**2** Francie Scott (JD '04) has been named Assistant Dean of Career and Professional Development following the retirement of former Director Kim Fields after serving the law school for 16 years.



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**3** Legal Writing Institute (LWI) has named Christine Nero Coughlin (JD '90) as the recipient of the 2017 Mary S. Lawrence Award, which recognizes an individual for a combination of pioneering scholarship and innovative curriculum or program design.



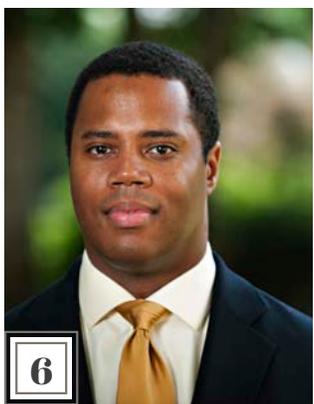
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**4** Professor Kami Chavis, associate dean of research and public engagement and director of the Criminal Justice Program, has been appointed as associate provost for academic initiatives beginning July 1.



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**5** Professor Laura Graham (JD '94) will take over as director of the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) Program as of July 1. Graham, who has served as assistant director of LAWR since 2012 as well as the University's pre-law adviser, will assume leadership of the program from Professor Christine Nero Coughlin (JD '90), who is stepping down from the position after 17 years.



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**6** Professor Gregory Parks, whose research focuses on both race and law issues as well as social science and law issues, was promoted to full professor with tenure as of July 1. He has been appointed as Associate Dean of Research, Public Engagement and Faculty Development.



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**7** The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Professor Shannon Gilreath (JD '02) at the Founder's Day Convocation on Feb. 16.

# Wake Forest Law's History of Strong Women Leaders Influence Current Student Leaders

By Grace Sykes (JD '17)

In 1966, Rhoda Billings graduated first in her class from Wake Forest University School of Law. She was the only woman.

The same year Billings enrolled in law school, the American Bar Association (ABA) began recording data on gender and law school enrollment. Fifty years after Billings graduated, women make up the majority of students enrolled at ABA-accredited law schools. But Billings is just one remarkable woman in a long line of strong women leaders at Wake Forest Law.

When Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) enrolled as a student at the law school, Billings was a member of the faculty. Dean Reynolds is an expert in family law and has received countless accolades for her commitment to teaching and public service both nationally, regionally and locally. After practicing for a few years, Dean Reynolds joined the faculty in 1981, was named Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 2010, interim dean in 2014 and finally dean of the law school in 2015. She is the first woman to lead Wake Forest Law, and joins a minority of ABA-accredited

law schools—only 31 percent—that are currently led by women.

These women, and countless others, have inspired women and students to pursue their passions and not be afraid to lead.

In the past two years, female students have stepped up to the challenge including Kayleigh Butterfield (JD '17), who served as the Wake Forest Law Review Editor-in-Chief, a position held by a woman at only 38 percent of Top 50 Law Schools ranked by U.S.



Denise Hartsfield (JD '91) and Ann Marie Calabria



Caroline Massagee (JD '15),  
Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77), Wanda Bryant



From left, Janice Johnson (JD '17), Grace Sykes (JD '17), Kyleigh Feehs (JD '17), Kendra Stark (JD '17), Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77), Stephanie Jackson (JD '17), Sarah Saint (JD '17), Kayleigh Butterfield (JD '17) and Katie Barkley (JD '17)



Rhoda Billings (JD '66)

News & World Report. Sarah Saint (JD '17) directed Wake Forest Law's Pro Bono Project and co-chaired OUTLaw, Stephanie Jackson (JD '17) directed the Public Law Interest Organization (PILO), Kyleigh Feehs (JD '17) chaired the Honor Council and Grace Sykes (JD '17) served as president of the Student Bar Association.

Numerous other women lead student organizations at Wake Forest Law, and will attest that the female faculty and staff serve as inspiration. Kendra Stark (JD '17), who led the Federalist Society and the Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition (DVAC), says these women "paved a path that provided us not only the opportunity, but the courage to achieve. Being surrounded by confident, fearless, high-achieving women, both standing at the front of the classroom and sitting in the desk beside me, has forced me to demand more of myself both personally and academically."

The legal profession has historically been dominated by men. For example,

total representation of women in both federal and state judgeships is only 27.1 percent. Additionally, as of 2015, women lawyers on average earned roughly only 90 percent of a male attorney's weekly salary.

Janice Johnson (JD '17), who led the Immigration Law Society and served as the Pro Bono Project's Coordinator of Student Organizations and Projects, says one challenge she has faced as a young female professional is establishing credibility. "I was working with a client, a non-profit, and in the final meeting, the chairman of the board felt the need to validate or second everything I said to the rest of the board. It was as if he was reassuring the board that I was correct. I wonder if he would have done if I were male?"

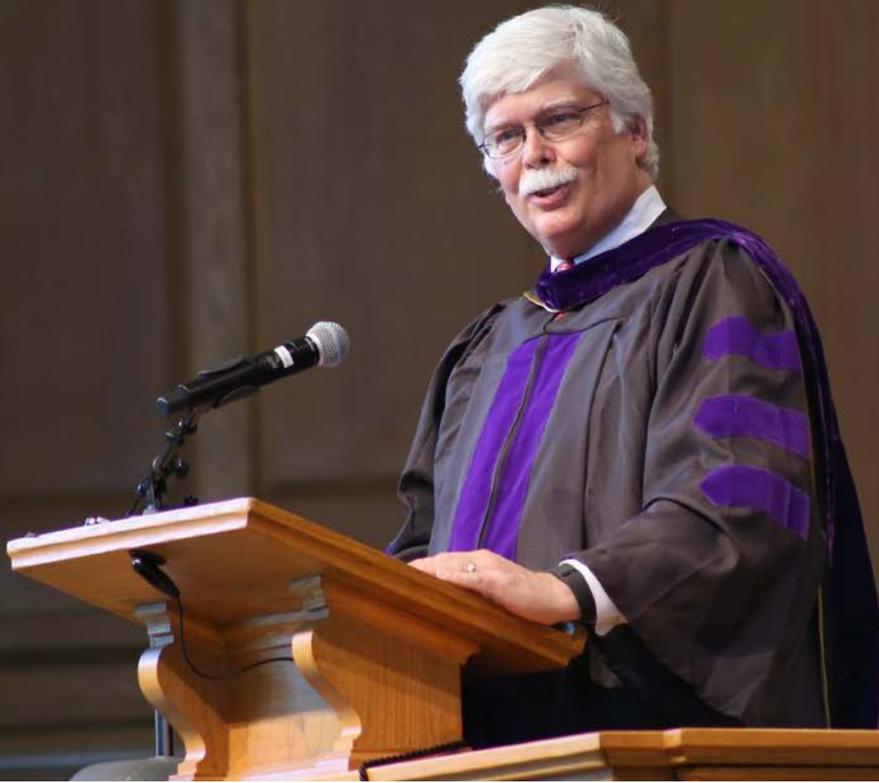
These obstacles force women to strike an almost impossible balance, learning to command respect without causing offense. "I feel like I have to walk a very fine line between being assertive but not (too) assertive," Johnson says.

Jackson adds being surrounded by strong women leaders is "heartening." For her, Wake Forest Law is filled with "professors, administrators and staff who lead by example, utilize an open-door policy for support and empower all students to step up, to lean in and to contribute."

"If you have the vision and the motivation to try and make a difference in the law school community and beyond, the implied question at Wake Forest Law is not, 'why lead?' but 'why not?'"

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Members of the "Women in Law" student group are planning an event that will bring together female students, faculty, staff and alumnae at Law Alumni Weekend 2017. Contact Megan Ratley, assistant director of Law Alumni Engagement, for more information at [ratleym1@wfu.edu](mailto:ratleym1@wfu.edu).



# STEVE GARLAND (JD '80)

From an afternoon daily newspaper to Charlotte and Winston-Salem law firms to serving as a town attorney, Wake Forest Law Professor of Practice Steve Garland (JD '80) eventually found his way to the classroom.

After 25 years in private commercial law practice, Professor Garland joined the Wake Forest School of Law staff as an adjunct professor in 2006. He became a Professor of the Practice in August 2011 and taught the foundational Master of Studies in Law (MSL) course, "The Workplace: Its Legal Context," as well as Decedents' Estates and Trusts to JDs. Over the years, he also taught Mortgages; Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I and II; and Business Drafting before retiring in 2017.

"To my surprise, I found that standing up and talking in front of a bunch of people was fun; it's sort of like an hour of standup comedy," said Garland, who was not only chosen by the Class of 2017 as the faculty member to speak at Hooding, but also as Teacher of the Year. "You've got to get the information across in an entertaining way because you want the students to come back and actually care about the class."

Garland earned an undergraduate degree from Duke University. Following his brother to Wake Forest Law, he served as the Editor-in-Chief of Wake Forest Law Review. After graduation, he clerked for North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Branch (JD '38). "It's hard to say, but looking back I would credit that year to being the time I had the most fun as a lawyer," Garland says.

Garland was a private attorney at Moore and Van Allen in Charlotte in the early '80s and then spent most of his legal career in practice at Blanco Tackabery in Winston-Salem. There he specialized in commercial real estate, commercial financing and municipal law, including working on the creation of the Town of Lewisville.

Liz McCurry Johnson, a library faculty member of Wake Forest Law's Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR), authored "The Practical Obscurity of the Green Screen Terminal: A Case Study on Accessing Jury Selection Data," which will be published in the *The American Journal of Trial Advocacy* in Fall 2017. The article received the 2017 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)/LexisNexis Call for Papers award.

The article is part of a series of papers that discuss jury selections "by providing a positive, personal account with field data on how litigants pick a jury," specifically focusing on the challenges of acquiring historical data of jury selection outcomes. As a collaborator in the Wake Forest Law Jury Sunshine Project, Johnson discovered these challenges in data acquisition in legal, technological and organizational capacities. Her article offers innovative research techniques to combat these obstacles and provides insight on potential reasons as to why the government permitted these public records go dormant. This article is a part of a larger bed of legal scholarship by Professors Ron Wright, Kami Chavis and Gregory Parks who will further discuss the findings of this data through the Jury Sunshine Project.

Johnson is also the author of the Wake Forest Law Review article, "LexisNexis Risk Management v. N.C. A.O.C.: How the N.C. Supreme Court Gutted Open Access in 2016," which she presented alongside her article



on accessing jury data at the Cornell Law Library Speaker Series in April 2017. The article addresses LexisNexis Risk Management v. N.C. A.O.C. and how it affects researchers looking to explore N.C. public records data in the aggregate. As an interim solution, Johnson suggests "budgeting for and implementing a new data management system in order to bring the N.C. Clerk's offices into a digital age."

Johnson's teaching and scholarship are concentrated in the areas of the use of technology in the legal academy, outreach services provided by libraries, and teaching practice-centered legal research.

Read more about Liz Johnson's work at [go.wfu.edu/w44](http://go.wfu.edu/w44)

# LIZ JOHNSON



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# Remembering Porter B. Byrum (JD '42)

By Elaine Tooley

Porter B. Byrum (JD '42), an attorney, businessman, philanthropist and Wake Forest alumnus from Charlotte, North Carolina, died on March 27. He was 96.

No person has been a more generous benefactor to Wake Forest than Byrum, whose lifetime giving totaled more than \$50 million. In 2011, he donated to Wake Forest \$40 million, the largest gift in the institution's history, with the sale of the Park Road Shopping Center in Charlotte. His generosity spanned the course of decades, and because of him, hundreds of students were afforded the same opportunity for a quality Wake Forest education that he had.

"Wake Forest has lost a loyal friend in Porter Byrum," said Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch. "His generosity demonstrates his belief that perseverance can overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles, that education equals opportunity and that helping others is the key to a meaningful and well-lived life."

To follow Byrum's personal history is to journey with a member of the "Greatest Generation." One of five sons who grew up in a minister's home during the Depression, he received scholarship assistance to attend college and law school at Wake Forest College, then located near Raleigh, which he viewed as the transformational event of his life. After earning his degree in 1942, he was sent to Europe with the Army, where he fought under General George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. After trudging across Germany in the snow, Byrum was among those with the task of liberating the Buchenwald concentration camp. His service continued in Korea,

where he was part of the U.S. military government after the Japanese were expelled.

When he returned from the battlefield to Charlotte in the early 1950s, he made a living as an attorney solving problems creatively and seeking solutions that assisted his clients with smart business deals. For 60 years, Byrum practiced law in the way he thought best and allocated time to projects of his own choosing. He never charged an hourly fee; billing was dependent on the actual help he offered. Work was not driven by money; for Byrum, his purpose was to make a difference helping others in the spirit of Pro Humanitate—a lesson he learned from his father, a Wake Forest alumnus, and his own time at the University.

One of his earliest projects was the Park Road Shopping Center, the first open-air shopping center developed in Charlotte. In 1967, he purchased the center and actively managed it until 2011 when he gave it to Wake Forest University, Wingate University and Queens University of Charlotte.

Another early client needed help closing the purchase of some aircraft equipment with the government. In Byrum's assessment, the deal was a good one, and he invested some of his own money into it. This started his 50-year association with Charlotte Aircraft Corporation and his global travels dealing in airplanes.

Aside from his professional career, he gave time to his alma mater. At Wake Forest, Byrum was a member of the Law Board of Visitors, a recipient of the Carroll Weathers Award—the Law

School's highest honor—and a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"Porter was passionate about higher education and became an ardent supporter of the law school both as a member of the Law Board of Visitors and as generous benefactor," Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) says.

In 2001, he established the Porter B. Byrum Athletic Scholarship and, in 2007, he created the Porter B. Byrum Scholarship, providing financial assistance for law students to attend Wake Forest. He also set up an undergraduate scholarship fund in 1993, the John Thomas Byrum Scholarship, to honor his father, the man who championed education and lived to see all five of his sons earn their undergraduate degrees.

Hundreds of Wake Forest students have received scholarships funded by Byrum. Wake Forest's admissions and welcome center was named for Byrum in 2011 and his portrait hangs near the entranceway.

In a 2011 Charlotte Observer editorial, President Hatch wrote, "[Porter Byrum] will forever be remembered at Wake Forest University as a loyal friend, grateful for the gift of education and committed to granting young people the opportunity that he was given so many years ago. His legacy lives in the lives of the next generation of leaders."

Wake Forest has dedicated a remembrance site with Byrum's story, a photo gallery and a guestbook at [porterbyrum.wfu.edu](http://porterbyrum.wfu.edu).

## KIM STEVENS (JD '92)

# NEVER STOP LOOKING

Kimberly Stevens (JD '92) once worked for six months without much success to establish a rapport with a man accused of murder. One day she asked him to describe his earliest memory.

“He told me about being shut inside a garbage can with the lid on and hearing the garbage truck coming to get him,” she said. “I asked him how old he was. He said 3.”

Stevens has spent more than 20 years, mostly in North Carolina, working on more than 40 capital cases. Piecing together her clients' life stories often meant untangling years of abuse, family dysfunction and generational poverty.

Since 2015, Stevens has been one of two capital resource counsel attorneys for federal capital trial cases across the

United States. It's easier to see the good in some clients than in others, but she never stops looking.

“You come at it from heart and courage,” she explained. “It's a challenge to find the good in someone that society is poised to kill. That's our mandate and we have to do that because life is sacred.”

Stevens most recently served as co-counsel to Dylann Roof, whose case is on appeal in the shooting deaths of nine members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

She was drawn to criminal defense work as an undergraduate at Washington State University, where she volunteered with juvenile public defenders and was inspired by the difference they made in their young clients' lives.

When it was time to apply to law schools, Wake Forest Law rose to the top of her list and solidified Stevens' interest in criminal defense. Professor Charley Rose's criminal law class was a favorite, Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) impressed her with her openness and a criminal procedure class taught by Professor Rhoda Billings (JD '66) reinforced Stevens' belief in the importance of a public defender's work in upholding the Constitution.

Professor Carol Anderson identified Stevens' potential as a trial lawyer, referring to Stevens as a diamond in the rough and placing her on the National Trial Team.



Stevens has kept her ties to Wake Forest Law by returning to coach the trial teams—which won the national title this year at the Student Trial Advocacy Competition in April in Cleveland—for a number of years.

“The faculty at Wake Forest taught us to be responsible, to be a good citizen, to return calls, to be kind, to be ethical,” she said, “but above all, to believe in ourselves.”

Stevens was practicing at Womble Carlyle in 1997 when she took on John Daniels’ defense pro bono. Daniels was accused of strangling his elderly aunt.

“I loved the constitutional law and the investigation and putting the case together,” she said.

Hours before Daniels was to be executed in 2003, a psychiatrist asked then-Gov. Mike Easley for clemency because prosecutors never gave Stevens medical records about Daniels’ history of depression and brain damage from alcohol and cocaine use. The doctor learned of those records after Stevens unearthed the missing paperwork and gave it to her.

“When it’s your client, it affects you in ways you can’t describe,” Stevens said. “Often, they’ve changed through the years.”

Easley didn’t change his mind and Stevens had to tell her client there was no hope. They hugged and cried. Stevens was among those who watched the execution. “When you save a life, when you can participate in that happening, that keeps you going the next day,” she said. “The losses are almost not survivable.”

Stevens has negotiated life sentences for other clients including Demario James Atwater, who kidnapped and shot to death Eve Carson, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill student body president, and Quincy Allen, a South Carolina man, who in 2002, shot to death two men at a Surry County convenience store.

Stevens brings a rare combination of curiosity and compassion to the relationships she develops with her clients, says Professor Mark Rabil, director of the law school’s Innocence and Justice Clinic, who has worked with Stevens on six capital cases that ended in plea deals for life.

“She has a way of seeing through them to the original core of who they were,” he said. “People weren’t born this way. They may or may not have genetic propensities for addiction or mental illness, but most people are not born evil. They’re essentially just people, kids, who come into environments that you try to reconstruct. Kim’s expert at that.”

For Stevens, who calls capital defense work a lawyer’s highest calling, such cases require complete dedication.

“I’ll do all I can for a client whose life demands it,” she said. “You can’t rest until you’ve unturned all of the stones.”

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## CORENA NORRIS-MCCLUNEY (JD '00)



"I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING,  
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Indulging in a hot, glazed Krispy Kreme doughnut is a sweet reminder of success for Corena Norris-McCluney (JD '00). As vice president and general counsel of the Winston-Salem-based Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, she faces the unique challenges of helping run an international business on a daily basis.

"I know you're thinking, 'It's just doughnuts, how complex can it be?'" Norris-McCluney asked a group of Wake Forest Law students. "A lot goes into it, and it's more than just producing doughnuts. We're in 31 countries with 13,500 stores, consumer-packaged goods and licensing. Each day, you never know what you're going to get."

Norris-McCluney spoke as part of the Business Law Program's Sager Speaker Series on April 5, hosted by Professor Omari Simmons, the program director. The speaker series is named for Thomas Sager (JD '76), former vice president and general counsel for Dupont Co., and current partner at Ballard Spahr LLP.

"We hit the jackpot," Simmons said during his introduction. "I think, as with a lot of our speakers, she reflects the

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— PROFESSOR OMARI SIMMONS

highest ideals of the legal profession. Beyond being an avid professional, she is a wonderful person. My previous words don't begin to speak to her commitment to the profession, to the community and to you as students.”

A native of North Carolina, Norris-McCluney graduated from North Carolina State University before attending Wake Forest Law. She practiced with Kilpatrick Townsend LLP, a full-service international law firm, for nearly 12 years in Winston-Salem. During that time, she was awarded the North Carolina Bar Association's Citizen Lawyer Award for her work arranging the Stories of Excellence luncheon series, which featured inspiring speakers sharing their stories of success with fifth-graders at Cook Elementary School. Norris-McCluney also provides volunteer leadership to the Carolina Tide Basketball Organization and Crisis Control Ministry, YMCA of Northwest North Carolina Metropolitan, Heartstrings Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Support Group, St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Winston-Salem Foundation.

“Working at a law firm gave me an opportunity to quickly learn what I didn't want to do,” Norris-McCluney said. “It

gave me an opportunity to work in a lot of different areas and it prepared me for things I would do later in my career.”

After joining Krispy Kreme in 2014, she realized the considerable differences between working at an outside law firm and being on the general counsel for a corporation.

“You have to know how your legal knowledge impacts the business,” Norris-McCluney said. “You have to know the



business just as well as a traditional business person. (Krispy Kreme) isn't just looking for legal advice, they're expecting us to work magic. Having a seat at the table gives us an opportunity to prevent them from mis-stepping, where at an outside law firm you only get the reactive call.”

As large corporations begin establishing general counsels, the legal profession is shifting to accommodate business and legal needs.

“The emergence of general counsels is probably one of the most significant transformations of the legal profession over the past half century,” Professor Simmons said. “Many observers would call general counsel the Swiss Army knife of the legal profession.”

Norris-McCluney values practical problem solving and an understanding of business needs when hiring services from outside law firms.

“I look for diversity because I want a law firm that has diversity of thought. If it's the same people telling me the same thing, that's not helpful to me. I need different opinions, and I need options.”



# An Unforgettable Experience

Two groups of Wake Forest Law alumni became some of the newest members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States at two in-court admissions ceremonies in November 2016 and May 2017. Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77), a member of the Supreme Court Bar, acted as movant, stating that applicants met the requirements for admission.

“What a memorable event for Wake Forest Law graduates and their guests,” Reynolds said. “If you haven’t participated, be sure to put this on your professional bucket list.”

Professor John Korzen (JD '91) also acted as movant to former student and colleague, Katherine Henry (JD '98), at the May event. “Moving to admit my good friend Katie Henry to the Supreme Court Bar was an unforgettable experience,” Korzen said.

Both admissions ceremonies featured non-argument sessions where the Supreme Court reaffirmed prior case decisions. At the May session, the high court affirmed the ruling of the Fourth Circuit that North Carolina’s redistricting plan violated the Constitution.

After court adjourned, both groups were surprised with a brief visit from Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who shared her congratulations and a brief history lesson.

The next Wake Forest Law-sponsored Bar of the Supreme Court of the U.S. admissions trip is planned for March 3-4, 2019. Interested alumni are encouraged to contact Karleigh King at [kingkj@wfu.edu](mailto:kingkj@wfu.edu) for more information.



**If you haven’t participated, be sure to put this on your professional bucket list.**

— Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77)





**1** Members of the Class of 1986 Russ Schumacher, Andy Gowder, Jack Smith, Paul Flick, Nick Ellis and John Bryant commemorate their 30th reunion at the photo booth during Law Alumni Weekend 2016.

**2** The Dean's Conference Room was generously given by Theodore Molitoris (JD '77), and his wife, Parvin Rafiee, and dedicated in June.

**3** Law Professor Emerita Rhoda Billings (JD '66) celebrated her 50th reunion as part of Law Alumni Weekend 2016.

**4** Frank (BA '56, JD '58) and Becky (BA '58) Wyatt met on campus not long after Wake Forest University moved to Winston-Salem, and the rest is history. Their son, Burk Wyatt (JD '87), has given a generous gift to renovate Classroom 1109, where law students start their journey during Foundations Week and end it by taking 3L exams, in honor of his parents.

**5** Alumni, current students, faculty and staff mingle at the Law Alumni Weekend Reception 2016.

**6** Laura Espaillat (JD '71) and Maria Collins (JD '17) show off their school spirit at the photo booth during the Law Alumni Weekend Reception 2016.

**7** Yemi Adegbonmire (BA '00, JD '05) and Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) pose at the U.S. Supreme Court Bar Admissions Ceremony in May.

**8** Beverly T. Beal (BA '68, JD '74) and his wife, Judy, were just a few of the more than 130 law alumni who turned out for the fthird annual Rose Council Tailgate 2016.

**9** Bruce Thompson (BA '88, JD '94) and Christine Nero Coughlin (JD '90) enjoy catching up at the photo booth during the Law Alumni Weekend Dean's Welcome Reception 2016.

If you would like to host an alumni event or Continuing Legal Education (CLE) opportunity, please contact Megan Ratley, assistant director of Law Alumni Engagement, at [ratleym@wfu.edu](mailto:ratleym@wfu.edu).





## 1963

**FRED G. MORRISON JR.**, senior administrative law judge in the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, received the first Administrative Law Award for Excellence.

**MARK W. OWENS JR.** is with Owens Nelson Owens & Dupree PLLC in Greenville, N.C. He was honored as the only living non-judge attorney from Pitt County to have his portrait in the Pitt County Courthouse.

## 1964



**SIDNEY EAGLES JR.** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named a Benchmark Local Litigation Star.

## 1965

**JIM VAN CAMP** is with Van Camp Meacham & Newman PLLC in Pinehurst, N.C., and has practiced law for more than 51 years. He received the Citizen Lawyer of the Year Award from the N.C. Bar Association for exemplary public service and the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2015.

## 1966

**DAVID J. BEAL** received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He was with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, a retired clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County and vice president of human resources with Renfro Corporation in Mount Airy, N.C. He also served 10 years as a commissioner and mayor pro tem on the Mount Airy Board of Commissioners.

**RHODA BILLINGS** received a 2016 Chief Justice Professionalism Award from Chief Justice Mark Martin at a joint dinner of the N.C. State Bar and the N.C. Bar Association.

**JIM WILLIAMS JR.** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

## 1967

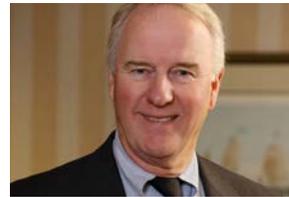
**A. DOYLE EARLY JR.** is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He was named one of the Best



Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**DAN MCGINN** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

## 1968



**J. NICK FOUNTAIN** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1969

**ALLAN HEAD** received Wake Forest's Pete Moffitt Courage Award for helping others suffering from serious illnesses. He has been director of the N.C. Bar Association for 43 years and in the past two years has been honored with the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine and the YMCA of the Triangle's Lifetime Achievement Award.

**R. BRADFORD LEGGETT** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler



PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1970

**HARRY CLENDENIN** is a partner with Clifford Clendenin & O'Hale LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the nation's top 100 injured workers' attorneys by The Workplace Injury Litigation Group.

**MICHAEL J. LEWIS** of Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in North Carolina.



**ROBERT SUMNER** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1971

**DONALD M. VONCANNON** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in



Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1972

**JOHN MANNING MAY** is with Robbins May & Rich LLP in Pinehurst, N.C. He was recognized by the Moore County Community Foundation as Man of the Year for his community achievements.



**DOUGLAS PUNGER** spent almost 34 years as chief counsel to the Forsyth County Board of Education. He is also on the board for Smart Start of Forsyth County and received the Karen W. Ponder Leadership Award at the 2017 National Smart Start Conference.

**HOWARD WILLIAMS** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

## 1973

**BOB TANNER** is with Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC in Atlanta. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1974



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

**RAYMOND BRETZMANN** is an attorney in High Point, N.C. He received the Citizen Lawyer Award from the N.C. Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division.

## 1975



**THOMAS T. CRUMPLER** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**CARL W. GRAY** retired after more than 40 years



practicing law in and around Davidson County. He was most recently of counsel with Brinkley Walser Stoner PLLC in Lexington, N.C.

**JAMES W. NARRON** is with Narron O'Hale & Whittington PA in Smithfield, N.C. He was named a Top 10 N.C. Super Lawyer and a Top 25 Raleigh N.C. Super Lawyer.



**DAVID WARD** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

## 1976

**DENNIS ROY AYERS** is a retired attorney and former president and COO of Lexington Medical Center. He published a book, "The Beginning of Wisdom" (eLectio Publishing).

**GREGORY C. GASKINS** is an ex-officio member on the N.C. Water Infrastructure Authority. He and his wife, Janet, have lived in Raleigh, N.C. since

2015 when Greg came out of retirement to serve as deputy treasurer of the State of North Carolina and secretary of the N.C. Local Government Commission.

**CHARLIE A. HUNT JR.** reports his first grandchild, Joseph William Hunt, was born 1/13/16.

**KEN JACOBSON** retired from Reynolds Smith & Hills, an architecture and engineering firm, where he served as CFO and general counsel for 17 years. He lives in Cornelius, N.C.

## 1977



**JOSLIN DAVIS** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.



**CHARLES "CHIP" HAGAN III** is a partner with Hagan Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.



**GAITHER M. KEENER, JR.** is on the board of trustees at Western Carolina University. He is on Wake Forest law school's board of visitors, is president of the Deacon Club board, on the board of directors of Soldier's Wish and the adviser council of the American Legion. He retired from Lowes Home Improvement in 2015 as executive vice president, general counsel, chief compliance officer and secretary of the board.

## 1979



**C. EDWIN ALLMAN III** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**LAURA CRUMPLER** is a special deputy attorney general in Raleigh, N.C. She received the Douglas F. Bates Distinguished Service Award from the National Council of State Education Attorneys and the Ann L. Majestic Distinguished Service Award from the

Education Law Section of the N.C. Bar Association.

**BOB SINGER** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

**DONALD RAY VAUGHAN** has been appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper to the N.C. State Banking Commission. He is an adjunct professor for state and local government at Wake Forest Law.

## 1980



**KIM W. GALLIMORE** is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.



## 1981



**TED SMYTH** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.



**JOSEPH W. WILLIFORD** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.



**CATHERINE ZIEGLER** is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Henegan Construction Co., headquartered in New York City.

## 1982

**RANDOLPH TYLER MORGAN** retired after 33 years as a special agent with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. He plans to practice immigration and tax-related law in South Florida.



**RUDY L. OGBURN** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**JANET PAUCA** retired in 2014 after 31 years in practice. She now enjoys

**DAVID S. JONAS (JD '81)**, a partner at Fluet, Herbert & Hoang, is expected to become the next general counsel for the Department of Energy after being nominated by President Donald J. Trump in May. Jonas has served as general counsel of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. His extensive knowledge and experience in national security issues has made him one of the few experts worldwide in nuclear nonproliferation law. He served more than 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was appointed to the board of directors of the Young Marines in June 2016. Jonas is an adjunct professor at Georgetown and George Washington University law schools.

volunteering as a reading tutor and spending time with her seven grandchildren.

**JILL WILSON** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and received the Ann L. Majestic Distinguished Service Award from the Education Law Section of the N.C. Bar Association.

## 1984



**DAVID M. DUKE** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.



**CRAIG MINEGAR** is with Winderweede Haines Ward & Woodman PA in Orlando, Florida. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**JIM PHILLIPS JR.** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He is serving a two-year term as an at-large member of the Public School Forum of North Carolina.



**DAVID SENTER** is an attorney and partner with Nexsen Pruet PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

## 1985



**RHONDA KAHAN AMOROSO** has written a book, "Behind Every Great Recipe – From Latkes to Vodkas & Beets to Meats" (simply francis publishing company). The cookbook is a companion to "Behind Every Great Fortune," a historical novel by her husband, Frank.



**JOHN BABCOCK** is with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. He was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**JOHN D. BRYSON** is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in



High Point, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and selected the 2017 DUI/DWI Defense Lawyer of the Year for Greensboro, N.C.

**DAVID DAGGETT** is a managing partner of Daggett Shuler Attorneys at Law in Winston-Salem. He placed first in his age division at Ironman 70.3 Puerto Rico and qualified for the 70.3 World Championships.



**KAREN WILSON** is with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. She was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**VIRGINIA JOHNSON (JD '85)** was among 19 new staff members the Department of the Interior welcomed in June. A native of Reidsville, North Carolina, Johnson is the new Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Office of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. An attorney with more than 30 years of experience including private practice, nonprofit and public service, she most recently served as director of Federal Relations for former N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory. She has served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Executive Director of the American Red Cross National Headquarters, Counsel to the House Armed Services Committee, the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Ethics Committee.



## 1986



**M. JOSEPH ALLMAN** is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in

Winston-Salem. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.



**J. NICHOLAS ELLIS** is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named president of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



**PAUL T. FLICK** is a managing partner of Jordan Price Wall Gray Jones & Carlton PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He is a N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Superior Court Mediator and on the N.C. Bar Association Dispute Resolution Council.



**ROBERT GRIFFIN** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**JAMES E. MEADOWS** is a managing partner with

Culhane Meadows PLLC in New York City. He provided content for the Lexis Practice Advisor® module on Outsourcing.

**JOHN B. SMITH** is a partner with Smith Law Firm PC in Charlotte, N.C. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**T. DAN WOMBLE** is an attorney in Clemmons, N.C. He is on the board of the Davie Community Foundation.

## 1987

**EDWARD R. GAINES** is chief compliance officer in emergency medicine with Zotec Partners in Greensboro, N.C. He received the 2017 Meritorious Service Award from the Emergency Department Practice Management Association.

## 1988

**MARK L. DREW** is executive vice president and general counsel with Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham, Alabama.

**BOB KING III** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer, and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

**RICK SAGER** is with Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC in Atlanta. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1989



**JIM BRYAN** is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. He was named a Fellow of The American College of Coverage and Extra Contractual Counsel in the practice area of insurance coverage.

**LUCIA PEEL** is the owner of Houghton Hall Bed & Breakfast in Williamston, N.C. She was named president of the Martin County Community Foundation advisory board.



**DAVID RHOADES** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1990



**ANDY AVRAM** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a Lawyer of the Year in workers' compensation law. He received an AV® Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**FORREST CAMPBELL JR.** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.



**PAT FLANAGAN** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**DANA H. HOFFMAN** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. She was named one



of the Best Lawyers in America.

**A. LEE HOGWOOD III** is with K&L Gates LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1991



**LAURA BYRD BURT** is a partner with Burt & Cordes PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. She was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**LORI I. HAMILTON** is the resident Superior Court judge in Judicial District 22B of North Carolina.

**FRED M. WOOD JR.** is a leader of the newly launched legal project management team of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He is also the Charlotte office litigation practice area leader, chair of the firm's business litigation team and co-chair of the business court team.

## 1992



**W. LEE ALLEN III** was a member of the JAG Corps in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1998 to 2008. He practices family law with Colombo Kitchin Dunn Ball & Porter LLP in Greenville, N.C. He was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**ANDREW G. DIMLICH** is the newest Raleigh County Circuit Court Judge in West Virginia. His wife, Suzanne McGraw (JD '91), is a family court judge in West Virginia.



**D. BETH LANGLEY** is with Hagan Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**BRIAN CHRISTOPHER LANSING** is senior counsel on the compliance, investigations and white collar, intellectual property and technology, and commercial litigation teams of LeClairRyan in Richmond, Virginia. He is a commanding officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves

and chief trial judge of Navy Reserve trial judiciary activity.

**JEFFREY G. WIGINGTON** is with Wigington Rumley Dunn & Blair LLP in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was listed in the National Law Journal for one of the Top 100 Verdicts in the United States. His product liability case was number 16 on the list.

## 1994



**ERIC W. ISKRA** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.V. He was elected to the Council of the Labor and Employment Section of the American Bar Association.



**R. BRUCE THOMPSON II** heads the government and public policy group of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and recognized as a top North Carolina political influencer and one of the state's most influential lobbyists.

**JENNIFER VAN ZANT** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She was named one of the Best Lawyers in America, a N.C. Super Lawyer and was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

## 1995

**STANFORD D. BAIRD** is with K&L Gates LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.



**ROBERT J. RAMSEUR JR.** is with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He received the Citizen Lawyer Award from the Citizen Lawyer Committee of the N.C. Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division.

**ED WEST** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1996



**BART GOODSON** is general counsel and chief of staff for N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore.

**TRICIA WILLIAMS GOODSON** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.



**DAVID E. INABINETT** is an attorney with Brinkley Walser Stoner PLLC in Lexington, N.C. He was elected chairman of the North Carolina Council of School Attorneys.

**WES NANCE** was elected commonwealth's attorney for Bedford County, Virginia.

**TATE OGBURN** is a managing partner of Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, N.C., and chairman of the board of directors for the American Red Cross Carolina Piedmont Region. He was appointed to the board of directors for the

Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.



**CLAYTON D. SOMERS** is vice chancellor of public affairs and university secretary at UNC-Chapel Hill.



**DANIELLE THOMPSON WILLIAMS** is a litigation partner with Winston & Strawn LLP. She is in Charlotte, N.C., where she collaborates with the Dallas group.

## 1997

**ROBERT H. COGGINS** was appointed an administrative trademark judge to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

**ROBERT N. CROUSE** is an attorney with Ward & Smith PA in Raleigh, N.C.



**RUSSELL W. DEMENT III** is the managing partner

of DeMent Askew LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America. He, his wife and three children live in Knightdale, N.C.

## SCOTT M. FEDEROFF

is a partner with Snyder Morgan Federoff & Kuchmay LLP in Syracuse, Indiana. He and his wife, Wendy, have been married more than 20 years. They have a daughter, Ashley (16), and twin sons, Connor and Nathan (12).

## 1998

**COE RAMSEY** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

**ADAM W. VANEK** is general counsel at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Dallas.

**KEVIN G. WILLIAMS** was elected president of Bell Davis & Pitt PA. He practices civil litigation and has been with the firm in Winston-Salem almost 20 years.

## 1999



**ANNA GREGORY WAGONER** is a

shareholder practicing with the renewable energy law group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

## 2000

**BRIAN CHAPURAN** is of counsel in the government solutions group of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC in Huntsville, Alabama. He continues to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves.



**BRIAN CORBETT** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was elected to the firm's management committee.

**L. MICHELLE DHUNJISHAH** is director of the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law.



**ROY L. MCDONALD II** is an attorney with Brinkley Walser Stoner PLLC. He received the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 20 years of service with the U.S. Army Reserves. He began his 30-year military career in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a major in the

U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate Corps.



**LISA B. SHORTT** is a partner and member of the health care and litigation practice groups of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She was certified as a professional coder for health care billing.

## 2001



**JOSEPH R. MAREK** joined the real estate practice group of Johnston Allison & Hord PA in Charlotte, N.C.



**STACEY BAILEY PHARR** is with Pharr Law PLLC in Winston-Salem. She was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.



**ARLENE WIEGNER ZIPP** is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. She was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

## 2002



**CATHERINE PAPPAS HANNA** is in the litigation department of ShuffieldLowman in Orlando, Florida.



**ROBERTA KING LATHAM** is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

## 2003

**TYLER O'CONNELL** is a partner with Landis Rath & Cobb LLP in Wilmington, Delaware. He was recognized by Chambers USA for his work in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

## 2004

**CHRISTINA ANTON HAYES** is vice president

and associate general counsel at Records Deposition Service in Southfield, Michigan.

**BEN NORMAN** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named a N.C. Rising Star.



**RYAN T. RHODENHISER** is a partner with Siegel & Rhodenhiser PLLC in Wilmington, N.C. He was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

## 2005



**BRADLEY P. KLINE** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2006

**CHARLES "CHAD" D. BROWN II** is a commercial real estate attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Winston-Salem.

**MAUREEN E. CARR** is a shareholder with Bean

Kinney & Korman PC in Arlington, Virginia.



**CARRIE ARTHUR HANGER** is a senior associate at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She was named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty and received her certification in health care research compliance.

**BECKY KINLEIN LINDAHL** is the youngest female partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She received the 2016 Young Professional Leadership Award from ATHENA International for exhibiting professional excellence, providing service to others and serving as a role model for young women.

## 2007



**LINDA BAUGHER MALONE** is a shareholder and principal in Vernon Law Firm PA in Burlington, N.C. She and her husband, Dennis, have two children.

## 2008



**JODI D. HILDEBRAN** practices business litigation with Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Rising Star.



**LAUREN TRASK MILLOVITSCH** practices estate planning and administration with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Raleigh, N.C. She was named a N.C. Rising Star.

**CLINT MORSE** is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He was named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2009

**AARON F. GOSS** is founder and president of Carolina Malt House, a link between North Carolina grain farmers and North Carolina breweries to process barley into beer.

**ELENI KASTRENAKES HOWARD** is a commercial litigator with Holland & Knight LLP in West Palm Beach, Florida.



**ANNA WARBURTON MUNROE** practices family law with Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

## 2010



**COURTNEY EPPS READ** is a partner with Watson Roach Batson Rowell & Lauderback PLC in Knoxville, Tennessee. She practices governmental tort liability, health care liability defense and general civil and appeals litigation.



**JERRI SIMMONS** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She received an AV® Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



**DANIEL M. VANDERGRIFF** practices renewable energy with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem. He was named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2011

**RONALD D. PAYNE II** celebrated five years at his law firm, Payne Law PLLC in Kernersville, N.C.



**JUSTIN STONE** received his LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. He is an associate with the state and local tax group of Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered in Chicago.

**ASHLEIGH R. WILSON** is an associate practicing products liability defense and commercial litigation with Bowman & Brooke LLP in Columbia, S.C. She was named Young Professional of the Year by the Columbia Chamber for her work as a board member of Special Olympics-South Carolina and service with the S.C. Bar Young Lawyers Division's Disaster Legal Services Hotline.

## 2012



**KATHERINE BARBER-JONES** is with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Rising Star.

**BRODIE D. ERWIN** is with Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in employment law.

**RACHAEL DOYLE LONGHOFFER** is an assistant attorney general in the civil litigation division of the State of Kansas Attorney General's office.

**DANIEL MURDOCK** is counsel with Indivior PLC, a global specialty pharmaceutical company in Richmond, Virginia.

**HANNAH DAVIS STETSON** is an attorney in the product liability and employment practice groups of Turner Padgett Graham & Laney PA in Columbia, S.C.

## 2013



**PERRIN B. FOURMY** is an associate with Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP in Dallas.



**KYLE A. FROST** practices family law with Horack Talley Pharr & Lowndes PA in Charlotte, N.C.



**AMANDA P. HODIERNE** was named a partner with Isaacson Isaacson Sheridan Fountain & Leftwich LLP in Greensboro, N.C.

## 2014



**LEE D. DENTON** is an associate with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

**DESTIN HALL** is an attorney with Wilson Lackey & Rohr PC in Lenoir, N.C. He was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives and is the majority freshman leader.

**DANIEL LOGAN** is an associate practicing criminal, civil and education law with Beechler Tomberlin PLLC in Winston-Salem.

**BENJAMIN R. ZAKARIN** is deputy attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of New Jersey's Securities Fraud Prosecution Section.

## 2015



**JUSTIN R. ERVIN** is a captain in the U.S. Army and the sole remaining Demon Deacon at Fort Stewart Army installation. Four other alumni served there before being moved to other assignments: Brian Chapuran ('00), Landon Medley ('11), Amanda Johnson Medley ('11) and Mike Miranda ('13). (Photo: Chapuran, Ervin)

**ARIAN GASHI** (LLM) writes articles for an academic writing service (essayvikings.com).

**ELIZABETH BINION HILKER** is an associate attorney with Smith Law Firm PC in Charlotte, N.C. She practices civil litigation with an emphasis on employment matters.

**ASHLEY N. WARING** is an associate attorney practicing workers' compensation litigation with Burns White LLC in Philadelphia.

## 2016



**KATHARINE Y. BARNES** practices family law with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C.

**ERIN BENSON** (MSL) has an online clothing boutique, Gameday Bae, featuring custom college game day apparel and trending fashion.



**MITCHELL BLANKENSHIP** is an associate attorney with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem.



**MEREDITH FITZGIBBON** is an associate attorney with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C.

**CATHERINE LAW** is an associate in the construction and litigation groups at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



**DANIEL T. MENKEN** is an associate in the corporate and business litigation group of Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Delaware.

**MACKENZIE M. SALENGER** is an associate with Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.

**JOHN I. SANDERS** practices securities and corporate law with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem.

**BRADLEY A. SETZER** is an associate attorney with Helen Tarokic Law PLLC, a firm specializing in immigration and nationalization law in Wilmington, N.C.



**ERIC T. SPOSE** is an associate practicing business and commercial real estate law with Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem.



**JEFFERSON P. WHISENANT** is an associate with the workers' compensation and employment law teams of Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C.



**BENJAMIN C. WILLIAMS** practices real estate law with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

## REUNION

On May 5-7, members of the **CLASS OF 1961**, who were also members of the law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, met in Morehead City, N.C., for a reunion. **BILL** and Donna Aycok, **LEON** and Mary Lou Corbett, **CHARLES** and Martha Davis, **GUS** and Jackie Davis, **BOB** Hedrick and Melanie Reeder, **HERBERT** and Betty-Bruce Hoover and **BILL** and Emily Powell. Morehead City residents Gus and Jackie Davis hosted the brunch for the group.

## MARRIAGES

**RYAN T. RHODENHISER ('04)** and Brittany Nicole Barr. 12/5/15 in Wilmington, N.C., where they live.

**MEREDITH ANNE PINSON ('09)** and Scott Morris Browder. 11/5/16 in Charlotte, N.C. The wedding party included the bride's father, **PAUL PINSON ('74)**, and the bride's sister, Whitney Pinson Herwig.

**RONALD D. PAYNE II ('11)** and Jennifer Beddingfield. 7/30/16 in West Jefferson, N.C. **JENNIFER PAYNE ('10)** officiated. They live in Burlington, N.C., with their son, Aiden.

**RACHAEL DOYLE ('12)** and Douglas Longhofer. 7/23/16 in Keystone, Colorado. The wedding party included **HANNAH DAVIS STETSON ('12)**.

**BRODIE D. ERWIN ('12)** and Hillary B. Greene. 10/22/16 in Raleigh, N.C.

**RORY P. AGAN ('13)** and **LAURA MARIA ESSEESSE ('13)**. 10/22/16 in Winter Park, Florida. The wedding party included Amanda Williams Hedrick and Elizabeth White.

**MATTHEW GASS ('13)** and **KELLEY CHAN ('13)**. 8/19/16 in Harwich Port, Massachusetts. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included **ALLISON COHAN ('13)**, **MICHAEL LEVINE ('13)** and **MORGAN MCCALL REECE ('13)**.

## BIRTHS/ ADOPTIONS

**STEPHEN G. TEAGUE ('83)** and Tuyen Teague, Greensboro, N.C.: a daughter, Elizabeth Anne. 10/6/16. She joins her brother, Jacob Andrew (9), and sister, Reagan (7).

**ERIC ENVALL ('99)** and Erica Envall, Charlottesville, Virginia: a daughter, Emily Paige. 11/9/16. She joins her brothers Spencer Thomas (8), Parker Harris (6) and Turner James (4).

**DREW DAVIS ('00)** and Laura Farren Davis, Beaufort, S.C.: a son, Graham Wilson. 12/30/15. He joins his brother, Reid (2).

**CHAD BROWN ('06)** and Caroline Thomas Brown, Winston-Salem: a son, Brooks Wilson. 11/20/16. He joins his brother, Henry (7), and sister, Sarah Louise (4).

**CORINNE BERRY JONES ('09)** and Kevin Jones, Greensboro, N.C.: a son, John Grady. 7/27/16. He joins his brother, Foster (3).

**AMY HOLBROOK WOOTEN ('09)** and Joshua Wooten, Raleigh, N.C.: a son, Holten Alexander. 11/11/16

**DANIEL W. MOEBS ('10)** and Leah Moebs, Midlothian, Virginia: a son, Richard Noel. 12/18/16

**JOHN I. SANDERS ('16)** and Jessica Prescott-Lunt Sanders, Winston-Salem: a son, Henry Fennigan. 12/20/16

## DEATHS

**PAUL BUCKNER BELL SR. ('48)**, Jan. 19, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Bell began his practice in Charlotte in 1948. The firm grew into Bell Seltzer Park & Gibson, and in 1997, it merged with Alston & Bird LLP, where he continued as counsel. Bell served on the Wake Forest law school's board of visitors and was an adjunct professor of patent law at Wake Forest and UNC-Chapel Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Sue. Bell is survived by his children, **PAUL JR. ('79)**, Morris, Betsy B. Liles, and Doug; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Bell Trulock Carillon Fund, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3115 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211; The Paul B. Bell Sr. Scholarship Program, Wake Forest University School of Law, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227; or Sharon Towers, 5100 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210.

**GLENN WILLIAM BROWN ('49)**, July 28, 2016, Asheville, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. Brown practiced law with Morgan & Ward in Waynesville, N.C., where his name was eventually added to the practice. He also was a solicitor for the 30th judicial district of North Carolina. Brown was preceded in death by a son, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son, Glenn; and five

grandchildren.

**ROBERT R. BLACKWELL ('51)**, April 27, 2017, Yanceyville, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Blackwell practiced law for 30 years and served as chief district judge and as an emergency judge until he retired. He received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine and an award from the N.C. Bar Association for his 50 years of service.

**GLENN CHARLES FINCANNON ('51)**, March 1, 2017, Wilmington, N.C. He served as a flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Japan. Fincannon worked 39 years in North Carolina for Wachovia Bank before retiring as a senior vice president.

**THOMAS LEE JONES ('51)**, Jan. 11, 2016, Murfreesboro, N.C. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**EUGENE JAMES MOORE ('51)**, Feb. 1, 2017, North Wilkesboro, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and the Korean War. Moore was a sole practitioner most of his career. He was mayor of North Wilkesboro and served as judge of the Wilkes County Recorder's Court. A fellow attorney said that "When I think of Jim Moore, two words come to mind – dignity and professionalism."

**BRYANT PERRY LUMPKIN ('53)**, Dec. 6, 2015, Richmond, Virginia. He served in the U.S. Navy

during World War II. Lumpkin taught and was assistant principal at Park View High School in South Hill, Virginia.

**JAMES ABERNETHY SIMPSON ('53)**, Jan. 30, 2016, Morganton, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the N.C. Bar Association for more than 60 years. Simpson was preceded in death by his brother, **DANIEL ('51)**. He is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

**LEE FRANK STACKHOUSE ('57)**, March 5, 2017, High Point, N.C. He served with the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II. Stackhouse started his law career with Sprinkle & Coffield, became a partner and practiced law for 52 years. Memorials may be made to the Law School Fund, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109; the Guilford College Loyalty Fund, 5800 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410; or Hospice Home at High Point, 1803 Westchester Dr., High Point NC 27262.

**GRAHAM ALBERT PHILLIPS JR. ('58)**, Sept. 13, 2016, Wallace, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army and in the National Guard. Phillips was on the basketball team coached by Bones McKinney. He practiced law in Kinston, N.C., for two years and in Wallace, N.C., for more than 55 years. Phillips served on the Duplin County School Board for 20 years and the N.C. Economic Development Board, and he received the

N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; four daughters, Sylvia Jurgensen, **MARY SUSAN PHILLIPS ('87)**, Jane Bowden and Virginia Strickland, and their mother, Lorraine Munn Phillips; two stepsons; five grandchildren, including Catherine Currin; one great-grandson; and two sisters, Betty Leak and Lillie Midyette.

**BENJAMIN ROSS WRENN ('59)**, June 5, 2017, Reidsville, N.C. He was in the ROTC program and commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army. Wrenn was a criminal attorney in Reidsville for 55 years.

**HARRELL POWELL JR. ('60)**, Oct. 25, 2016, Bermuda Run, N.C. He practiced law in Winston-Salem for more than 50 years. Powell received the 2006 Criminal Law Lifetime Achievement Award from the Forsyth County Criminal Defense Trial Lawyers Association. He wrote songs with the help of a friend and many were published and recorded. One song became part of Country Bear Jamboree at Disney World. Powell was a play-by-play announcer for Wake Forest football and basketball while in law school. He is survived by his wife, Grace; five children, including **DAVID ('85)**; two stepsons; 10 grandchildren; and a brother, **EDWARD ('67)**.

**CHARLES LAWSON SNIPES JR. ('60)**, Oct. 4, 2016, Goldsboro, N.C. He bought and operated for 40 years the Ford dealership in Goldsboro, where his

son joined him. Snipes was a club president and reunion volunteer, served on Wake Forest's Alumni Council, Deacon Club Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Lu; a son, Chuck; a daughter, Donna Schoettmer; and three grandsons, Stephen, Jeff and Michael. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109; St. Francis by the Sea, 920 Salter Path Rd., Salter Path, NC 28512; or UNC Memory Disorder Program, c/o Medical Foundation of North Carolina, 880 MLK Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

**LOYD KEITH SWARINGEN ('61)**, March 18, 2017, Albemarle, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army.

**FREDERICK STANLEY BLACK ('62)**, April 14, 2017, South Boston, Virginia. He practiced law in Halifax County for 54 years. Black was honored by the Virginia State Bar Association for his 50 years of active membership. He is survived by his wife, Bettie Belle; a son, Stan Jr.; and a brother, Richard.

**EDWARD R. GREEN ('62)**, Feb. 27, 2017, Winston-Salem. He had a private practice in real estate and estate planning. Green also served as a Forsyth County commissioner.

**WILLIAM DANIEL HERRING ('62)**, Aug. 16, 2016, High Point, N.C. He served four U.S. Navy tours

in Korea and received two battle stars. Herring played football at Wake Forest and served on the alumni council. He was an adjuster with State Farm Insurance and in 1964 joined the law firm of Morgan Byerly Post & Keziah in High Point, where he practiced for 52 years. Herring is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean Hurst Herring; two daughters, Dana Bentley and Andrea Morris; and three grandchildren, including Wake Forest freshman Maren Morris.

**NEILL ARCHIE THOMPSON III ('63)**, Nov. 5, 2016, Lumberton, N.C. He was in corporate real estate in Atlanta. Thompson is survived by his wife, Drina Cushman Hedgpath; four children; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**THOMAS WALTER MOORE JR. ('63)**, Feb. 14, 2017, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Moore was solicitor of the Superior Court from 1965 to 1970. He started a private practice in 1971 and in 1988 joined a firm which later merged into Hutchins Tyndall Doughton & Moore. Moore retired in 1997. Since 1998 he served as a mediator in the N.C. court system.

**JAMES ALBERT HARRILL JR. ('64)**, Aug. 14, 2016, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy. Harrill was Forsyth County's chief prosecutor from 1968 to 1971 and district court judge from 1976 to 1991 when he was appointed chief district court judge.

**RUSSELL WELDON DEMENT JR. ('65)**, March 17, 2017, Knightdale, N.C. He began his law career as a prosecutor and later became a general practice attorney, known foremost as a criminal defense attorney. DeMent served on Wake Forest's Law Alumni Council and Law Board of Visitors. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynn. DeMent is survived by three children, "**ANGIE**" ('88), "**Winnie**" and Russell III "**RUSTY**" ('97), and seven grandchildren, including John Ormand IV. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**JAMES R. ROGERS III ('66)**, Feb. 11, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. He practiced law for 50 years. Rogers also coached women's soccer for 25 years and retired in 2003 as head coach of Saint Mary's School. He was named N.C. Youth Soccer Coach of the Year in 1993 and was the first inductee into the Capital Area Soccer League Hall of Fame in 2006. He is survived by his wife, Sara Webb Rogers; four children, James IV, Sharon Ravenscraft, Sara Kindem and Katherine Simonsen; and eight grandchildren.

**NOLAND RANDOLPH MATTOCKS JR. ('69)**, Feb. 8, 2017, Bermuda Run, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army. Mattocks worked for Deloitte Haskins & Sells and Integon before opening a private practice in accounting and law.

**RONALD GENE BRASWELL SR. ('70)**,

Dec. 21, 2016, Goldsboro, N.C. He was a defense attorney. Braswell established the law firm of Barnes Braswell & Haithcock, now Haithcock Barfield Hulse & Kinsey.

**FRED ELVIN LEWIS III ('71)**, Dec. 22, 2016, Mount Airy, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Lewis practiced law with Woltz Lewis & LaPrade.

**MAX SANDERLIN BUSBY ('72)**, Nov. 8, 2016, Edenton, N.C. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and retired after 28 years as a captain. Busby practiced law in Edenton for 37 years. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; two sons; a sister; and three brothers, including **CHARLES ('78)**.

**VIRGIL VOLNEY HORNEY III ('72)**, May 20, 2017, High Point, N.C. He practiced law and was owner/operator of Horney's Hollow Herb and Plant Farm with his father.

**ROMULUS BRAGG PARKER JR. ('72)**, Nov. 16, 2016, Enfield, N.C. He worked for Sen. Jesse Helms in Washington, D.C., before joining his father's law practice in Enfield. Parker retired from the practice and was co-founder of Farm and Forest Realty.

**CHRISTOPHER STEVENSON CROSBY ('75)**, Jan. 26, 2017, Westport, Connecticut. He was a JAG officer and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Crosby worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York. He was a

principal author of the Global Private Banking/Wealth Management Survey and Wealth Management Infrastructure Survey. Crosby was a member of the Global Custodian Securities Services Hall of Fame.

**BRUCE TORRANS ROYAL ('77)**, Feb. 28, 2017, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. He was a lawyer for 30 years and a CPA. Royal was an international tax attorney for Marriott and later started his own practice in contracts and tax law. He was an adjunct professor of business administration for Bucks County and Montgomery County community colleges.

**GUSTAVUS LATHAM DONNELLY SR. ('78)**, July 6, 2016, Mount Airy, N.C. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps achieving the rank of captain and serving twice in Vietnam. Donnelly practiced law in Mount Airy and was a gunsmith, historian, poet and trumpet player.

**MARIAN FAYE PARKER ('78)**, March 9, 2017, Greensboro, N.C. She received her master's in library and information science from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1979 and enjoyed a 35-year career in education. Parker was a law professor and director of the law library at NYU; associate law librarian at Harvard University; associate law professor and director of the law library at University of Tulsa; associate director of the law library at SUNY Buffalo; research librarian and law professor at Duke University; and retired associate dean

for information services, director of the Professional Center Library and professor of law at Wake Forest. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, **PATRICIA P. RIDENHOUR ('91)**. Parker is survived by two children, John and Patricia; five grandchildren; and a brother.

**DAVID ROBERT CRAWFORD ('80)**, Aug. 27, 2016, Winston-Salem. He was a sole practitioner and a member of the 21st judicial district bar in North Carolina.

**GARY KELTON JOYNER ('82)**, Aug. 8, 2016, Raleigh, N.C. He was a founding member of Petree Stockton & Robinson, now Kilpatrick Townsend LLP, where he was managing partner of the Raleigh office. Joyner

was past chair of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the Research Triangle Regional Partnership.

**THOMAS L. KUMMER ('83)**, Feb. 1, 2017, Franklin, TN. He served in the U.S. Army. Kummer is survived by his children, Scott and Stacie; four grandchildren; and two brothers, **JOHN ('76)** and Stan.

**DANIEL ALAN DEVAY ('85)**, April 15, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. He was a retired attorney from Devay & Coleman.

**GEORGE MARTIN HUNTER ('86)**, June 7, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. He was a bankruptcy attorney for 30 years and an accomplished pianist. Hunter received the Mecklenburg County Bar's

Lawyer Referral Service Award in 2007.

**TERRI LYNN YOUNG ('87)**, Oct. 19, 2016, Weldon, N.C. She married **JOE VON KALLIST ('88)** and they formed Mann, Von Kallist & Young. Young is also survived by two sons, Nick and Chris; two brothers, Robert and **ANDREW ('96)**; a sister, Sherri; and her mother, Jackie.

**MARTHA THOMPSON PARSON ('93)**, May 2, 2017, Trent Woods, N.C. She is survived by her husband, **CLIFF PARSON JR. ('92)**; two children, Ford and Mary Lesley; and her parents, Leonard and Lea.

**MARK RANDALL LEWIS ('98)**, April 2, 2017, Fayetteville, N.C. He also

received a degree in nuclear engineering from N.C. State University.

## FRIENDS, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS

**ROBERT FRANKLIN CLODFELTER**, March 23, 2017, Winston-Salem. He retired in 1980 after 24 years as a trust officer and vice president at Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. Clodfelter served on the legislative committee of the N.C. Bankers Association. He taught trusts, estate planning and fiduciary administration at the Wake Forest School of Law from 1982 to 1989 and was the associate dean of students.





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