

A message from **Dean Mills**



Mills

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

As I begin my sixth year as Dean of the Law School, the fact that I have exceeded the typical national term and “natural shelf life” in this position is largely attributable to you. You have made it possible for me to continue to report on the growth and development of the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

The 2003-04 academic year is off to an historic start as we have welcomed our largest entering class. A total of 179 students enrolled, representing 145 new students in the Day Program and 34 new students in the Evening Program.

As we welcomed the classes of 2006 and 2007 during orientation, I discussed the fact that these new students would experience a great adventure and a long-overdue opportunity. Many of you already know that the Law School will be temporarily relocating to another site while our building is completely renovated and modestly expanded.

In this *Of Counsel* issue, we reflect on Dean Albert Turner’s 1953 excitement about a relocation of the Law School. Associate Dean Renee F. Hill also discusses our excitement, opportunities and challenges associated with relocating the school fifty years later.

Elsewhere in this issue, we highlight the accomplishments of several alumni, including Julian Pierce ’76 who was elected posthumously to the North Carolina Superior Court bench in 1988, and former Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Robert Glass ’51. We also highlight our popular Continuing Legal Education program, which we plan to continue to offer even during our temporary relocation.

The year 2003 has been one of both celebration and reflection. We celebrated the election of Frank W. Ballance ’65 to the United States House of Representatives, our first alumnus to serve in this capacity. We also mourned the loss of Maynard H. Jackson Jr. ’64 our first alumnus to serve as mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, and this major city’s first African-American mayor.

Throughout the 2003-04 academic year, we look forward to visiting with you as we continue to travel to meet with alumni. We also invite you to stop by the Law School, wherever we are! We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Janice L. Mills in black ink.

Dean Janice L. Mills

Julian Pierce '76

*An attorney
who was “for
the people”*



By Julia Pierce

Julian Pierce was a Lumbee Indian born in Moore County, North Carolina. He had 12 brothers and sisters and was the child of tenant farmers who were abjectly poor. At the age of sixteen, Pierce graduated from Hawkeye High School after having skipped several grades. He attended the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on full scholarship and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Chemistry. He was the first person in his entire extended family to attend college. After graduation he began working as a chemist for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia, and later worked as a chemist in the Navy Shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia. There he developed an award winning chemical process for decontamination of nuclear reactors. After several years, Pierce decided to attend law school.

He chose the North Carolina Central University School of Law because he felt that the quality of education, combined with the attractively diverse student body, was clearly the best fit for his needs. After graduating in 1976, he was offered a position with the United States Security and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC. While working, Pierce attended Georgetown School of Law in Washington, DC to earn his Masters of Law in Taxation. In 1978, he was asked to return to North Carolina to become the first director of Lumbee River Legal Services, a poverty law office in Pembroke.

For 10 years Pierce worked tirelessly at Lumbee River Legal Services to raise the standard of legal care for poor Native American, White, and African-American citizens who comprise most of the Robeson County population. He was instrumental in merging the tri-school board school system into a one school board system in the county so that children of all races would receive the same level of educational funding. He helped countless people receive benefits they would have had trouble receiving without legal intervention. He worked in the Lumbee community to help the tribe advance in its attempt to receive federal tribal recognition.

The 40,000+ members of the Lumbee Tribe reside primarily in Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties. The Lumbee Tribe is the largest tribe in North Carolina, the largest tribe east of the Mississippi River, and the ninth largest in the nation. Pembroke, North Carolina is the economic, cultural and political center of the tribe. The Lumbee people have been recognized by the state of North Carolina since 1885. In 1887, the state established the Croatan Normal Indian School, which is today The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In 1956, a bill was passed by the United States Congress, which recognized the Lumbee as Indian, but denied the tribe full status as a federally recognized Indian tribe.

In 1987, Pierce, along with others, such as Cynthia Hunt-Locklear, Wes White, Jack Campisi and Arlinda Locklear, petitioned the U.S. Department of the Interior for federal acknowledgment and entry to tribal rolls for the Lumbee. When the petition was denied due to language in the Lumbee Act of 1956, the group introduced a Recognition bill which failed due to opposition from the Department of Interior (one reason was undoubtedly the cost of servicing such

a large tribe) and from other recognized tribes (most likely because these tribes feared recognition of the Lumbee would cause a reduction in services to their own members). Though the Lumbee receive funds from some federal Indian programs, they have never been aided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Indian Health Service. This attempt to receive federal recognition is ongoing today.

In 1988, the General Assembly created a new Superior Court Judgeship in Robeson County. The first person to announce his candidacy was Joe Freeman Britt, the county's district attorney at the time. Britt, a white man, had widespread name recognition. He had sent 47 people, mostly minorities, to death row, earning him a spot in the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the deadliest prosecutor. While some thought that no one would oppose Britt, Pierce saw it as an opportunity to reach the county's discouraged voters. While Pierce did not have the widespread name recognition enjoyed by Britt, he understood that the many people he served in the county knew him, as did those he interacted with during his numerous community service roles such as when he was chairman of the Lumbee Medical Clinic, on the board of directors of the North Carolina Legal Resource Center, or vice-chairman of the Robeson Health Care Corporation.

Pierce resigned from his position as director of Lumbee River Legal Services to start a grass roots campaign to become the first Native American superior court judge in North Carolina. He understood the racial tensions that enveloped Robeson County and knew that much of it stemmed from the public's belief in government corruption and drug trafficking involving law enforcement and court officials. Pierce campaigned anywhere he could get an audience. He campaigned at cookouts, churches, and door-to-door. Although warned by many people to drop out of the race, he refused.

On March 26, 1988, Pierce's body was found in his home with shotgun wounds to his head, chest, and stomach. He had been murdered. There was a massive outpouring of rage and grief from the community. Although investigators claim that a Lumbee man shot Pierce and then, later that evening (before he could be arrested), shot himself, Pierce's family did not believe that version of the story, nor did many in the community. In the aftermath, Britt was automatically declared the winner of the primary. However, some reporters and campaign workers counted the votes and determined that Pierce actually won the vote posthumously, 10,787 to 8,231.

While Pierce did not get to serve as judge, his work for the poor and for Lumbee people has not been forgotten. Today, Native Americans and African Americans hold key leadership positions in the county. Many say Pierce was the impetus for this. In the last 15 years, the sheriff, school superintendent, clerk of court, register of deeds, county commissioners'



chairman, and superior court judge positions have all been held for the first time by Native Americans or African Americans.

Although several scholarships and a community building were named for Pierce, his children have attempted to give him the greatest honor by living up to his memory. His daughter, Julia Pierce, attended the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 1998, and is a federal Indian lawyer working for the Indian Health Service in Washington, DC. She is involved in the Indian community on a professional and personal level. His son, Julian Pierce, Jr., attended medical school at the Medical College of Virginia and is finishing his internal medicine residency in Tennessee. He hopes to work in an Indian community when the residency is complete. Pierce's eldest son, Avery Pierce, is finishing college after working for the last 15 years. Pierce remains in the heart of his children, family, friends, and community. ☉

Julia Pierce, Julian Pierce's daughter, is an attorney for the Indian Health Service in Washington, DC.

The Julian Pierce Scholarship Fund was started in 1999 at the North Carolina Central University School of Law by an initial donation of \$25,000 from the Raleigh, NC law firm of Twiggs, Abrams, Strickland & Irehy, P.A. (now known as Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.). There is a fundraiser scheduled in Fall 2003 to raise money for this scholarship fund. If you are interested in more information about the fund, please contact Mel Davis in the Office of Development Affairs at the Law School at 919-530-7450 or mhdavis@wpo.nccu.edu.

Activist lawyer's legacy is still felt in Robeson

*This is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the
March 26, 1998 edition of the Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer-Times:*

Harvey Godwin knew he was part of something historic when he campaigned for judicial candidate Julian Pierce.

It was 1988, a time of turmoil in Robeson County. Racial tensions were high, and public trust in the legal system was low. Pierce, a Lumbee Indian, was running for a newly created Superior Court judgeship.

Many people believed that Pierce was the best hope for uniting the county's three major ethnic races.

Godwin was Pierce's campaign manager. He recalls how the Committee to Elect Julian Pierce included blacks, whites and Indians from any backgrounds.

"That was the first time in the history of Robeson County you had a coalition in place that brought the races together like that," Godwin said.

Pierce's campaign was historic to many people. His supporters say he won the race even though he didn't live to see the Democratic primary. He was killed on March 26, 1988, five weeks before the primary. He was 42.

Some Robeson County residents remember Pierce as a symbol of hope and a catalyst for change.

"He helped bring all people together more, because of his genuine concern for all people," said Diane Phillips, assistant public defender for the county. "I certainly think he had a lasting impact."

Pembroke lawyer Dale Deese, head of Lumbee River Legal Services, which Pierce once directed, said Pierce inspired many people during his campaign for judge.

"He wasn't just running for the office for himself," Deese said. "He was encouraging poor people and minorities to stand up for themselves. His whole mission was about empowering people who had felt shut out for so long."

While Pierce didn't get to serve as judge, his death helped bring many of the changes that he was seeking, his supporters said.

Later in 1988, the General Assembly agreed to create a second Superior Court judicial seat in Robeson County. Gov. Jim Martin appointed Dexter Brooks, an Indian, to the seat.

That same year, the county created a tri-racial Human Relations Commission to help ease racial tension. The number of seats on the Board of Commissioners was increased to improve black representation. A majority-Indian legislative district was created.

"A lot of times, good things come out of bad situations," Sheriff Glenn Maynor said. "I think Julian's death made people aware that we can really accomplish a lot more by working together."

Pierce's legacy continues in other ways. Robeson Health Care Corp. renamed its Pembroke health clinic in Pierce's honor in June 1988. An endowment created that year provides a full scholarship each year for two students to attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

A watercolor portrait of Pierce, painted by Gloria Lowery, hangs in the office of Lumbee River Legal Services, where Pierce was director.

Pierce wrote Deese, the current director of the agency, a letter of recommendation in 1985 for Deese to attend North Carolina Central University School of Law. Deese considered Pierce a mentor for himself and others.

"He encouraged people if they were going to run for office, they needed to be honest, upright and accountable to the people," Deese said. "I think he had an impact on making the government in Robeson County more honest."

Judge Dexter Brooks said, "All people would like to be able to say the world was a better place because of their life, but I think Robeson County is definitely a better place because of Julian Pierce."

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Flowers

Lisa Flowers

By Lydia E. Lavelle '93

Public service in action

Many law school graduates would prefer to work in public interest jobs when they complete law school. However, the harsh reality is that there is a huge disparity in salaries between these positions compared to associate positions in a law firm. And, more often than not, students today often graduate from law school

with a substantial amount of law school debt, and simply cannot repay this debt with the salaries from many public interest jobs. But for Lisa Flowers '00, her first job provided her with a unique opportunity.

Flowers received her B.A. from the University of Alabama in 1985, and her J.D. from North Carolina Central School of Law, magna cum laude, in 2000. While in Law School, Flowers served as editor-in-chief of the North Carolina Central Law Journal, secretary of the Trial Advocacy Board, and also was an active member of the Moot Court Board. While a third year student, she secured a position with Kilpatrick Stockton in Charlotte, NC. She started working with the large firm after graduating in 2000 and taking the bar that summer. Kilpatrick Stockton LLP is a full service international law firm with more than 500 attorneys in offices in Atlanta and Augusta, GA; Charlotte, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, NC; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; London, England; and Stockholm, Sweden.

Her first two years with the law firm, Flowers balanced her legal work with pro bono and volunteer work. In 2001, Flowers contributed 177 pro bono hours and was named the recipient of the 2002 YLD (Young Lawyers Division) Pro Bono Award by the North Carolina Bar Association. She also received the Mecklenburg County Bar 2002 VLP (Volunteer Lawyer Program) Award for her outstanding volunteer work, some of which was in partnership with Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont. Most of her work involved landlord/tenant or environmental law, but she also did a bit of domestic violence work.

In September 2002, Kilpatrick Stockton announced that Flowers would serve a six-month fellowship with Legal Aid of North Carolina beginning in October 2002. Flowers was the first recipient of the Kilpatrick Stockton Fellowship in North Carolina. Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit organization that provides free legal representation in civil matters for low-income people through its 25 area offices and four, statewide project units. The organization has a staff of 235 employees, of whom 100 are attorneys.

When asked about her six month fellowship, Flowers said that "it flew by! From October, 2002 until April, 2003 I worked full time at Legal Aid. There was a little overlap between both at the beginning and the end of the six months, so I had to do a little juggling. It all timed itself well. I had a couple of cases at Kilpatrick Stockton that were in settlement negotiations before I left, but, for the most part, we were able to finish those up during October. Everything else just went to other associates in the office." When asked what she enjoyed most during her six-month "sabbatical," Flowers said, "I enjoyed the courtroom experience that I

got while at Legal Aid the most; the feeling that you were really helping somebody. Most Legal Aid clients are in pretty dire straits and it's great when you see the appreciation and the change you can make in their lives." As for what she enjoyed least, Flowers commented that the hardest thing to get used to was the smaller support staff. At her regular job, she has assistants and paralegals to help her get ready for a hearing. She noted that while Legal Aid has support staff, they are stretched very thin. Therefore, she had to take care of a lot of pre-trial preparation that she would normally give to someone else.

Flowers reflected on the work she did while at Legal Aid. She commented that the cases that had the most impact on her were the cases where her client was a single parent. In one of her first cases, she represented a woman with three children against her landlord. This client was being evicted for criminal activity. The criminal activity, however, involved the client throwing a tire iron at the leader of a gang in self-defense. The landlord also claimed that a bystander who shot a gun in the air to dispel a crowd was a guest of the client. Flowers' client had gone to the school bus stop to meet her teenage daughter because she was concerned for her daughter's safety. Several months earlier the client's daughter had been jumped and knifed by a girl gang, and she almost died. Flowers' client received a message that her daughter was in danger of being attacked again so she went to meet the bus. The landlord claimed that she was "asking for trouble" when she went to the bus stop. Flowers commented, "Luckily, the judge saw the matter in the same light that we did, and said that if he believed his daughter was in danger, he would have gone to the bus stop, too. He also found that even though the person who shot the gun was an acquaintance of my client's, he was not her guest on that particular day. Every time I talked to this woman, it made me realize how much we all have in common. This woman just wanted her kids to be safe, just like all parents (rich or poor), but she had so much more to deal with. I was amazed at her strength and courage."

Flowers is back at her regular job at Kilpatrick Stockton now. She continues to perform pro bono and community work, even in the non-traditional sense. She explains: "I've always been conscious of the need to give back. I believe that no matter who you are, you should try to make the world we live in a better place in any way you can. I believe there are ways to do that without even having to volunteer to work on some 'organized' project. For instance, by recycling or picking up a piece of trash instead of walking by it, we help the environment. Or, by taking food to a single parent and her children, we help make that person's life a little easier, even if just for a moment. We all have busy lives and it is not always easy to help in every project that comes along. However, I think we can all contribute in some way." Sounds like great (free) advice!



Lydia E. Lavelle '93 is the Dean of Students and Director of Alumni Relations at the NCCU School of Law.

The first ...

alumni newsletter

A letter dated October 26, 1953 was sent to alumni (there were 31 at the time) of the North Carolina Central University School of Law. It included the following words from then NCCU Law Dean Albert L. Turner:

“I am sure that you would like to have a sort of newsletter from the Law School and to know some of the things that we have been doing. We are, therefore, enclosing a statement prepared by one of our teachers covering our activities of last year.

We have thought about you many times as we go over in our recollection the students who have been here and the friendships we have developed with them. In a discussion with the faculty recently it was proposed that we link our mutual recollections and sentiments into an Alumni Organization, which would be of mutual interest to both the Law School and its graduates. As I see it now, this would not entail any financial burden on anyone beyond attending the occasional meetings and reunions, which should give us both pleasure and benefit. For instance, we are planning an Institute on some problem of interest to practicing lawyers. We are going to try to arrange to have some experts present at the Institute, and I am sure that each of our graduates would enjoy being present and meeting his schoolmates as well as the graduates of other years. At this time we could consider the organization of an active Alumni Organization.

If you are interested in either or both of these ideas please let me know as early as possible; and even if you are not interested in the ideas, we would enjoy hearing from you anyway. Yours very truly, Albert L. Turner, Dean of the Law School.”

So, even in the early years of our Law School, Dean Turner was pushing to get alumni activities started, and to start scheduling “Institutes” of experts – akin to our modern day CLE Program (featured on page 14 in this Of Counsel).

What follows is the first newsletter from the NCCU School of Law, the one that Dean Turner enclosed to the 31 graduates:

In the summer of 1952, the Law School moved into its new quarters in the building formerly occupied by the College Library. Immediately the Law School became an important busy center of activity for all law students, faculty and staff.



Dean Turner and others look over the schematics of his day

The expanded facilities and cheerful atmosphere of the new environment gave impetus to the development, on a much broader scale than has hitherto been possible, of a program designed to provide informative and stimulating extra-curricular activities for both students and faculty and to acquaint the community in general with the work of the Law School.

The 1953 program, which will be getting underway this month, will include some innovations to be announced as soon as plans for them are completed plus such features of the 1952 program as lectures, legal discussions, public service projects and informal social gatherings. During last year the faculty instituted a series of seminars on current legal problems with each instructor presenting a paper covering a phase of the law in which he was especially interested. Some of the aspects of the Law of Arrest were discussed by Professor Sampson, Public Opinion by Professor Simmons, and Antitrust Law by Miss Jones. Mrs. Duncan, Law Librarian, reviewed a book of controversial criminal cases, Francis X Busch's Guilty or Not Guilty, which provoked considerable discussion at the end of the session.

Since opening in its new location, the Law School has had an increasing number of visitors. This has given the students many opportunities to discuss a variety of problems with practicing lawyers, jurists, legal scholars and students from other institutions, and distinguished laymen. Most of the visitors gave

informal lectures to the students and faculty or participated in panels and group discussions. For example, Professor M.T. VanHecke of the University of North Carolina discussed a topic of vital importance to every law student – bar examinations; Lieutenant Samuels of the Durham Police Force gave a talk on the practical aspects of law enforcement and problems of arrest; and Mr. Frank Shea, Assistant to the Publisher of Time Magazine, discussed the implications of the suppression of La Prensa, the last independent newspaper in Argentina.

Several of the visitors to the Law School were from foreign countries. Dean Henry Brandis, Jr. of the University of North Carolina Law School brought Judge Sanya of Thailand over for an informal talk on the administration of justice in Thailand. Professor Paschal of Duke University Law School brought a group of German students who were studying American law and social institutions under the State Department's Student Exchange Program. These students were interested in hearing the American Negro express his opinion about his status as a citizen, his economic position, politics and social problems in general. The Law School arranged an informal meeting of students and staff and invited several business and professional men from the community at large to present a broad picture of the position of the Negro in American society. Attorney J.H. Wheeler, Mr. J.S. Stewart of the North Carolina Life Insurance Company, and the newly-elected City Councilman, Mr. R.N. Harris, joined in the lively discussion. This was one of the most successful ventures of the school year – with an overflow crowd of eager participants in the Student Lounge. Dean Turner launched the discussion with a resume of the historical background of the Negro in America.

The lecture-forum phase of the Law School Program last year also included a talk and motion picture on Federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance (Social Security) by a representative from the Department of Education, Health and Welfare, and a public forum on the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 ("Taft-Hartley Law"). Two exciting, as well as instructional, Moot Court trials were held with Attorney M. Hugh Thompson presiding as judge at one and Attorney C.J. Gates at the other.

Law School ventures also extended to the College community and the community at large. The faculty analyzed the 1952 presidential campaign at a College Assembly; faculty and students attended the annual State Bar Association meeting in Raleigh; Dean Turner represented the Law School at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association (its Diamond Jubilee this year); and individual faculty members took their classes on visits to the local courts. Perhaps the most ambitious public service project undertaken by the faculty last year was that of a series of lectures and legal aid rendered to the community of Wake Forest.

The Law School Program had its "Tea and Crumpets" aspect, too. The faculty took time out to play bridge on one or two occasions; they served refreshments at the seminars; and Dean and Mrs. Turner arranged an informal luncheon in the Student Lounge with Attorney M. Hugh Thompson as guest. On that occasion Professor Simmons gave a report on his trip to Washington to hear the oral argument of the Segregation Cases currently pending in the United States Supreme Court.

The Law School's extra-curricular activities culminated in an event that was, perhaps, the highlight of the 1952 school term – the Annual Spring Banquet honoring the graduating seniors. Attorney Herman Taylor of Raleigh delivered a scintillating after dinner speech, and there were two special guests: President Elder and Dr. Archibald Carey, Chicago City Councilman and Alternate Delegate to the United Nations. The good food and traditional "end of term cheer" contributed to the success of the final social event of the year.



Dean Turner and John H. Wheeler '47 at a long-ago Law School dinner

Despite the rigorous demands of the Law School curriculum and the numerous extra-curricular activities referred to above, the law students were active in their chapter of the American Law Students Association. Two students, Eugene Gadsen and Donald Ramseur, represented the N.C.C. Chapter of the Association at the Regional Meeting in Richmond, Virginia. At that meeting they participated in a debate on the Taft-Hartley Law – a project upon which they spent considerable time and effort in preparing their argumentation.

This week at the regular Law Faculty and staff meeting, committees were organized and chairmen appointed to plan and implement the 1953 program for the Law School. Advance indications are that the new program will be more ambitious, and even more interesting, than any previous one. ◉

The start of the Law School's

Alumni Association



Dudley with portrait
of Westerfield

William A. Dudley Sr. '76 is the chief deputy secretary for the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. He has been in this position for ten years. He was the first president of the North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association, serving two terms. Dudley explained the start of the Association this way in a recent interview:

I am not sure what year it was, but I believe it was 1986 or 1987. Dean Louis Westerfield was the Dean at the Law School at the time. Apparently there had already been some discussion among the Law School faculty and staff about getting an organized alumni group together. During that time, funds budgeted by the University for Law School operations were so restricted and so limited that the Law School administration determined that if there were a Law School Alumni Association, that group could serve as a source of unrestricted funds. This would allow the Dean to have a source to which he could turn to receive assistance that would not otherwise be available.

Dean Westerfield was the catalyst of this idea of an organized North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association. One day while visiting the Law School and discussing the fact that we were members of the same fraternity (Phi Beta Sigma), I encouraged Dean Westerfield to call me if I could ever assist the Law School. He did call me, and invited me out to lunch. We went out to Golden Corral! During the course of the lunch he asked, "Why doesn't the Law School have an Alumni Association?" Anyone who knew Dean Westerfield knew that was how he was – direct! I told him that while I understood there were some groups among the alumni that got together from time to time, I did not know why the Law School alumni had never organized anything formal. Well, the Dean said, "The time to do it is now and I want you to be the organizer!" In order to assist the effort Dean Westerfield offered the support of faculty alumni, Professors Deborah Jefferies '76 and Mark Morris '82. Professor Jefferies and Professor Morris were invaluable to the alumni organization effort. Professor Jefferies was the person who kept the first notes and helped to make the initial alumni contacts and Professor Morris was the person responsible for making sure that the technical particulars of the organization's structure were fiscally and legally sound. Without these two dedicated persons, organizing the Association would have been a lot harder.

A number of alumni were called for a "Convening Meeting." Among those I remember attending, in addition to Deborah, Mark and me, were Mike Morgan '79, Lynette Hartsell '81, George Givens '83, and Lawrence Wittenburg '84. We decided to form a Board of Directors for the Association and encourage other alumni to join with us. Others who were voted onto the Board in its infancy included Attorney General (at that time) Mike Easley '76, Court of Appeals Judge Clift Johnson '67, Superior Court Judge Leon Stanback '68 and J. J. Sansom '47. Let me tell you how we got Mr. Sansom on the Board. We had a notice asking all of the alumni who came back for Homecoming to come to the Law School for a reception. A number of alumni came, and were invited to join the Board. In fact, we elected them as they came into the Law School! J.J. Sansom, a CEO at Mechanics and Farmers Bank at the time, came into the Law School asking for directions. When I saw him (knowing that he was one of our oldest and most distinguished alumni), I asked, "If I receive a motion from the floor for Mr. Sansom to be elected to the Board and a second, and all vote in favor, then he is duly elected to the Board!" A unanimous vote of affirmation was given. Mr. Sansom noted that he had never been railroaded in such a fashion. He was a fine gentleman, in his 70s at the time, who continued as a strong supporter of the Law School until his death.

After our Board came together, there came a need to raise funds, and we were talking about how we were going to raise funds, and the Dean gave us seed money of \$300. Imagine that! Well, with that \$300, we began. In order to raise initial funds we offered to the membership to have their names placed on the official letterhead as charter members of the Association, upon the paying of the \$25 membership dues. Some members gave more. I recall Maynard Jackson '64 sending us \$250 with a note that

Presidents

1987-1989:	William A. Dudley Sr. '76
1989-1990:	Lynette M. Hartsell '81
1990-1991:	Genevieve C. Sims '86
1991-1992:	Michael R. Morgan '79
1992-1993:	Lawrence Wittenberg '84
1993-1994:	Donald L. Murphy '76
1994-1997:	Grady Jessup '86
1997-1999:	Tracey H. Barley '93
1999-2001:	Ronda Davis-Ward '89
2001-2003:	James E. Rogers '89

said essentially that if he were going to write a check to the Law School it had to be for more than \$25.00. That spirit of support from Maynard let us know that there were others who were willing to help the Law School, if asked.

We began our alumni giving program. We came up with the Bronze, Silver and Gold Legal Eagles as our categories of giving. I remember when we set up these giving categories. A few members noted that perhaps these amounts were a bit lofty. But, the Alumni Board voted that the Bronze should be \$1,000, the Silver \$2,500 and the Gold \$5,000. Wanting to demonstrate my support, I indicated my intent to be a Bronze Legal Eagle, because I wanted to be the first. We alerted the membership of our request and they responded. The first Bronze Legal Eagle turned out to be Willie Richardson '77, from Richmond, Virginia. I wanted to be the first but Willie walked in during the Homecoming game and wrote his check.

Others joined with me in following Willie's commitment. I remember Mr. Sansom commenting that coming to the meeting had cost him \$1,000! Early alumni contributing \$1,000 to become Bronze Legal Eagles included Frank Ballance '65, who said if we could get John Harmon '65 to give \$1,000, that he would too, and so they both did. Don Murphy '76 was another early \$1,000 contributor, as was Clift Johnson. The next year, Gene Ellison '83 said he wanted to be a Silver Legal Eagle and so he was the first to step up and give \$2,500. Needless to say, the Dean was quite surprised and pleased to see that from this initial \$300 seed money, we had raised close to \$20,000 that could be used to fund a few of the many needs of the Law School. With part of the money raised we established four, \$500 each, bar exam assistance scholarships. These scholarships were established to assist recent graduates who we determined needed assistance, with living and other expenses, while studying for the bar exam. Mike Morgan '79 chaired the committee responsible for establishing the criteria for the scholarships and recommending the recipients.

We began at that point to try to create a "clean list" of alumni addresses and professional information. For a long time, the University and the Law School had not properly tracked their alumni. Maybe it was the various challenges to the Law School, like the fire of 1969, or maybe it had just never been a matter of

priority to keep current alumni contact records. Notwithstanding, the Alumni Association took on this task of trying to get good addresses for our alumni who had not continued their affiliation with the Law School for whatever the reason. We wanted to establish a relationship with them for the benefit of the Law School. Most of our time was spent tracking alumni, sponsoring the reception at Homecoming for alumni, and just generally supporting the Dean, the Law School and the students, financially and otherwise. We would help with Law Day events at the Law School, and encourage alumni to come back and sit together and facilitate networking among the graduates.

We were able to get the first alumni directory printed. When I came to the Law School in 1972, and graduated in 1976, the law classes were getting larger. In the early years the classes were much smaller (for example, Clift Johnson class of 1967 only had six graduates), so we were only talking about a couple of hundred alumni at the time that I graduated. Dean Westerfield was well aware that the other law schools in the area had active Alumni Associations. When our class had its ten-year reunion in 1986, we raised about \$13,000 for the Law School. I think he thought that alumni fundraisers could be done at our Law School on a more widespread and continuing scale with the formation of an Alumni Association and that the time was right. I was part of the class of 1976 that helped to get this money together, and I think this is why Dean Westerfield asked me about helping to start the Association

By forming the Alumni Association, we found people who had not identified or associated with the Law School for a while. It gave us all a rallying point - a point of pride where we could look back at the Law School and see that it had done a lot of great things for us and for others. Great persons, great leaders have graduated from the North Carolina Central School of Law. Through the Law School Alumni Association we now know who our fellow "North Carolina Central University, Legal Eagles (the only true legal eagles) are, and that we can support each other. I am proud to have been involved with the formation of the Alumni Association, and continue to support the Law School today. Down through the years the deans, faculty and staff have provided to us a quality legal education that has carried us to the top of our profession whether in the public sector, in private practice or in business. We are prepared. ☉

The Law School Alumni Association today

The Alumni Association today works hand-in-hand with the Law School's Alumni Relations Office, formed in 1996.

The Alumni Relations Office now keeps current the alumni database, and schedules alumni receptions in various locations. The Association continues to award scholarships to students for bar preparation and to sponsor receptions at the Law School. The Board also serves as an advisory board to the Law School. In addition, this year, the Board of Directors voted to suspend membership dues in order to work with the Law School's Office of Development Affairs to present a coordinated effort by both groups when asking alumni and friends to give to the School.

The NCCU Law The Innocence Project

Righting wrongful convictions

Can you imagine being convicted of a crime that one does not commit? Cases in North Carolina and elsewhere have drawn national attention to the problem of conviction of the innocent. In North Carolina, the cases of Charles Munsey, Alfred Rivera, Timothy Hennis, Terence Garner, and the recent highly publicized case of Ronald Cotton are examples in which defendants were exonerated, sometimes through the use of DNA evidence, often after serving years for crimes they did not commit. Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. recently created a Commission on Wrongful Convictions to address this issue, a commission that includes the attorney general as well as prominent jurists, legal scholars, prosecutors and defense attorneys.

In Fall 2002, the North Carolina Central University School of Law joined a growing number of law schools where students have the opportunity to address the problem of wrongful convictions through the NCCU Law Innocence Project. The Project supports the work of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, a private, non-profit organization that assists North Carolina inmates with claims of wrongful conviction. The actual work of reviewing and investigating inmates' innocence claims is carried out by student volunteers at NCCU, Duke and the University of North Carolina Law Schools, as well as the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Teams of students respond to inmates' requests for assistance with a set of standardized requests for information, then evaluate each inmate's claim of innocence and present their recommendations at a case review session, at which time cases are chosen for further investigation where the students and the Project's advisers believe such further investigation is both warranted and can be helpful in proving the actual innocence of an inmate. The Project accepts only those cases in which actual innocence might be proved; prisoner requests for assistance with legal or procedural errors are not considered.

The chair of the NCCU Law Innocence Project Board is Christine Schultz, currently a third year student, who learned about the

NC Center on Actual Innocence while taking a course on wrongful convictions as a visiting student at Duke Law School. Discovering that both Duke Law School and UNC School of Law had Innocence Projects and convinced that other NCCU law students would want to participate, Schultz approached Page Potter, NCCU Law's Pro Bono Coordinator, about starting an Innocence Project at the Law School. Marshall Dayan, an assistant professor who has long been involved in post-conviction litigation in capital cases, agreed to serve as faculty advisor. Over 100 students attended an initial forum held in October 2002, and the NCCU Law Innocence Project became a formal student organization in January 2003.



Rape victim Jennifer Thompson, who now crusades about the unreliability of eyewitness identification testimony, with Ronald Cotton

The Project has held three workshops to train students in initial review of an inmate's innocence claim by seeking to identify new evidence that was not available or not presented at the time of trial. Over fifty students have participated in these workshops and approximately twenty are actively involved in reviewing cases. The student leaders of the Project collaborate with their counterparts at Duke Law School to assign the case files and arrange case review sessions, at which time the students present their

evaluation and recommendations to the NC Innocence Center's executive director and legal counsel and the Project's faculty advisors. To date, students have reviewed a total of twenty-two cases, nine of which were accepted for investigation, indicating a strong possibility that the inmate's claim of innocence could be established with further documentation. Fifteen students are involved in investigation of these cases, interviewing witnesses, recovering documents, and gathering evidence to corroborate allegations about specific facts. It is estimated that student volunteers have contributed more than 300 hours thus far.

The NC Innocence Center receives over a thousand letters each year from inmates in North Carolina prisons who claim they are innocent of the crimes for which they were convicted. Several typical causes of wrongful conviction have been identified; these include mistaken eyewitness identifications, false confessions, inadequate investigation by defense counsel, and defective or erroneous forensic evidence. For example, Ronald Cotton was



NCCU Law Innocence Project student members

twice tried and convicted for the 1984 rape of Jennifer Thompson, based in large part on identification testimony by the victim that ten years later was proved to be erroneous by DNA evidence that simultaneously cleared Cotton and led to the apprehension of the actual rapist.

In Ronald Cotton's case, a composite sketch had been prepared from the victim's detailed description of her assailant. Jennifer Thompson not only identified Cotton from an array of photographs, she also identified him in a police line-up. Based on her in-court identification and testimony, in January 1985 Cotton was convicted by a jury of one count of rape and one count of burglary. After Cotton's conviction was reversed, he was again convicted in November 1987. An Alamance County (NC) superior court sentenced Cotton to life plus 54 years. Between his two trials, a prison inmate who had been convicted of other rapes admitted that he, not Cotton, had committed the rape of Jennifer Thompson, but this information was not admitted in Cotton's second trial.

Ronald Cotton maintained his innocence. Ten years after the rape, new lawyers for Cotton filed a post-conviction motion for appropriate relief alleging ineffective assistance of appellate counsel and sought DNA testing of all physical evidence gathered in the case. In the spring of 1995, the City of Burlington (NC) Police Department (in Alamance County) turned over all evidence that contained the assailant's semen for DNA testing. The evidence showed no match to Ronald Cotton, but after being sent to the State Bureau of Investigation's DNA database of convicted felons, showed a match to the convict who had admitted the rape to a fellow inmate. That inmate ultimately confessed to the rape, and Ronald Cotton was freed from prison in June 1995. The Governor pardoned Cotton, making him eligible for \$5,000 in compensation, though he served ten and a half years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Jennifer Thompson Cannino now speaks across the country about the unreliability of eyewitness identification testimony.

Ronald Cotton's case is not unique. Terence Garner was wrongfully convicted of armed robbery and attempted murder in a North Carolina court and was incarcerated for four and half years before being freed after another man named Terence confessed to the crime. Garner's co-defendants had told law

enforcement personnel that Garner was not with them, but were encouraged to inculcate Garner through reduced sentences.

In another North Carolina case, Charles Munsey was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death despite numerous eyewitnesses who testified that he was at a softball game at the time of the homicide. However, the prosecution used the knowingly false testimony of a jailhouse informant to say that Munsey had admitted to the crime.

Munsey's lawyers were ultimately able to prove that the jailhouse informant and Munsey had never been in prison together, and that the prosecution knew that they had never been in prison together.

Through the Innocence Project, NCCU law students now have the opportunity to contribute directly to correcting miscarriages of justice and are introduced to the rewards of participating in pro bono work, while learning first-hand about problems in the criminal justice system, investigative techniques, and remedies for wrongful conviction.

Says Rob Brown, currently a fourth-year evening student, "I have worked on three Innocence Project files and have found that the benefits that I have received far outweighed the service that I have provided. In Law School, we learn how the justice system should work. Working on Innocence Project files, I get a glimpse of how it actually works. It is invaluable practical experience in the real world criminal justice system. All those rules that we learned in criminal procedure and civil procedure come to life and begin to really make sense. Not only do I get the feel-good feeling that one gets when one helps a stranger, but, from a practical standpoint, I have received some real-world legal education. Behind every file that I review is a human being who has put their faith and hope in me. Every file deserves my best effort." ☉

NCCU School of Law Professor Marshall Dayan, Christine Schultz 3L and NCCU Pro Bono Coordinator Page Potter all contributed to this article.

Judge Glass

By the Honorable Charles D. Gill

A giant of a man



Glass

Many years ago, I sought the position of juvenile judge in what was then New Haven County. I was told that another candidate was to be selected, one Robert D. Glass. It would be a decade before I would meet the man who would eventually become my mentor and friend.

I first saw him as he whisked by me in the Litchfield courthouse. What an intimidating moment that was! This giant of a man with a huge, flowing black robe strode past lawyers left gawking in his wake.

In 1964, I was assigned as a brand new judge to the Waterbury Superior Courthouse, where Judge Glass was sitting. We lunched together almost daily. When I knocked on his chambers door, I did not get the usual "Who is it?" or "Come in." Instead, I heard this booming voice say, "Come!" His next words were invariably, "Hey, fella, what have you got?"

In my case, what I usually "got" was a problem. He would say, "Well, fella, you got yourself another hot potato today." Remarkably, I did not have a hot potato when I left his chambers. He let me believe that I had somehow figured out the solution on my own.

Judge Glass, in his unassuming way, made this white Irish Catholic man feel the pangs of racism. He told me of his rejection from the University of North Carolina because of his race. He casually told me that Thurgood Marshall, later a Supreme Court justice, was his lawyer when he tried to gain admittance to that all-white law school.

He eventually won the lawsuit, but by that time had graduated from another North Carolina law school, and cum laude at that. Quite an accomplishment for a person who couldn't even start school until he was ten for lack of money to buy books.



Gill

This tribute was written by the Honorable Charles D. Gill, a superior court judge for the State of Connecticut, in memory of Justice Robert D. Glass '51. Justice Glass passed away on November 27, 2001. He was the first North Carolina Central University School of Law alumnus to serve on a state supreme court.



Justice Glass and Judge Patricia Lilly Harleston

This imposing man told me about his being called “boy” by judges in North Carolina while he was practicing there. He was denied access to law libraries, even though he was a decorated veteran of the Army.

Judge Glass always was modest about himself, yet always praised the accomplishments of others. He recommended me for a national award and accompanied me to Atlanta to receive it. His brief speech wowed the audience.

He made one other speech that wowed an audience, at a Connecticut Junior Republican graduation held in a chapel-like building with a high stage. When called upon to speak, he rose up, all 6 feet, 7 inches unraveling to the ceiling. The boys’ eyes seemed transfixed on this apparition. Judge Glass did not say a word at first, but slowly scanned the faces of the young men. After a minute, he said, “I was just trying to see if I had sent any of you here.”

The boys joined him in laughter. He went on to use Sammy Davis Jr.’s book title “Yes, I can” as his theme. The boys were enraptured. He spoke without notes. He told them they had the greatest thing going for them, their youth. He ended by saying, “Yes, you can. Look at me.”

I have never met a truly great person who lacked a sense of humor. This great man had a varsity one. He could laugh the loudest at himself. The only time I knew him to be even slightly vain was when I saw a framed notice on his wall that reported he had scored a hole in one. I went up to the notice and started writing on a pad. He said, “What are you doing, fella?” I said, “I am getting the names of your foursome to get affidavits that you actually got a hole in one.” What laughter!

Judge Glass was having a particularly difficult week once. The state news media were critical of him, as was one outspoken litigant. Judge Glass was, as usual, doing the correct things, but I knew he was feeling that barrage. I went out and bought him an old Army helmet, painted his name on it, placed a few band-aids upon it and gave it to him gift-wrapped. He howled with laughter and had to put the helmet on. Ever since, we kidded about whether it was helmet time. He kept it on the table next to his desk.

Judge Glass loved his family, his church and his America. He called himself “the American Dream” when he was sworn in as a justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. He knew what was important in life and what was not. He carried a copy of the U.S. Constitution and the peace prayer of St. Francis of Assisi in his wallet. The Rev. Stanley P. Petteway remarked at his funeral last week that Judge Glass had the “big plan.” Indeed he did, and I was so blessed to be a part of it.

Judge Glass, you had talent beyond intellectual brilliance – you had wisdom. When you knock on the door of Heaven, I am sure you are going to hear a big booming voice say, “Come!” Goodbye, fella. ☉



Justice Glass, former Chief Court Administrator of the Connecticut Supreme Court Judge Robert C. Leuba and former Connecticut Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert J. Callahan

The NCCU Law CLE Program:

Preparing today's lawyers for tomorrow's law



Alston, Tugman and David Gilbert '01

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Program at the North Carolina Central University School of Law has made great strides in recent years. While informative CLEs have been offered at the Law School for some time, the program has flourished recently under the leadership of Sarah J. Tugman, the Law School's Director of Law School Relations and Foundations. Tugman works with the Law School's CLE Committee to develop the Law School's CLE program. Sharon D. Alston, of the Alumni Relations Office, is also a key player in the success of the program, as she tracks the CLE registrations in the Law School's new event database and helps coordinates registration for the CLEs.

Two years ago, a concerted effort was initiated by Tugman to perform a total overhaul of the program. The first goal was to set a consistent theme for the various CLE offerings. The Law School's CLE Committee considered a number of ideas, but when presented with the theme "Preparing Today's Lawyers for Tomorrow's Law" the Committee knew that these words said exactly what it was looking for – NCCU's CLEs would continue the practical skills training approach that the Law School's students receive and bring into the real world.

The second goal was to re-design the CLE brochure so that when an alumni or friend of the Law School received

one, it was immediately recognizable. The brochure is neat, crisp and consistent, typically with photos and biographies of the presenters for each program. A third goal was to identify a cyclical schedule of offerings. For many years, the Law School held a CLE only during Law Week, usually the first week in April. The topics and presenters for this CLE varied from year to year. For the past few years, however, this CLE has been known as "Back to School: Recent Changes in the Law Brought to You by Your Professors!" It has featured NCCU Law professors talking about a topic in their area of expertise. Alumni seem to especially enjoy this CLE, because they get a chance to see familiar presenters and not worry about being prepared for class!

Because of the highly popular Law Week CLE, the Committee decided to schedule a regular offering each fall that spotlights alumni who present about their various areas of expertise. The first was held in Fall 2002. This CLE, "From the Practice Front: Alumni Return to Teach Emerging Topics," focuses on three or four different subject areas.

Besides these two regularly scheduled CLEs, the Law School typically offers a tax CLE of some sort, taught by tax guru Professor Walter Nunnallee. The scheduling of this program typically follows the passage of a major tax bill, but in years when this is not the case, Professor Nunnallee usually has a CLE tax update of some sort for his "tax nerd" alumni and other CLE-starved registrants. Occasionally this CLE has been co-sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association.

With the advent of the new "mental health/substance abuse" professional responsibility requirement of the North Carolina State Bar, this past year the CLE Committee decided

"This is a great service that you provide to alumni and the legal community at large."

*Legal eagles camp at
NCCU Law School
gives teens legal practice*

Law Camp

*The following article appeared in The Herald-Sun newspaper
(Durham, NC) on July 13, 2003.*

The article was written by Angela D. Forest.

“This is a case of anger, revenge and selfishness,” J.J. Mustapha began in an impassioned voice. “Fact: Jesse Sunderson was and still is a very angry person.” Sunderson had a motive and opportunity to light firecrackers inside a locker at Jefferson School, Mustapha said. She pounded her fist on the rail in front of jurors at least once for effect. “Teach Jesse now rather than later that there are consequences for his actions,” Mustapha said. Less than 10 minutes later, the verdict was in: Sunderson was guilty of setting off firecrackers that damaged several lockers, after he was suspended from the soccer team.

The case was fictional, but the middle and high school students who played defense and prosecution attorneys at N.C. Central University’s Law School got some real lessons in using the law to advocate for individual and state rights. One thing students learned was that being a lawyer

“You have to know what you’re talking about [as an attorney] in real life. You can’t just make stuff up.”

*Ella Washington
rising 10th grader
Jordan High School*

isn’t as easy as it looks on television, said Lydia Lavelle ’93, a co-director of the Legal Eagle Law Camp, a weeklong summer camp the law school runs with the Durham Public Schools Community Education organization. “They realized that court cases don’t get resolved in 30 minutes or an hour,” said Lavelle, who also works as assistant dean of students and alumni relations at NCCU’s Law School and is a partner at a Chapel Hill law firm.



Professor Thomas Ringer lectures the campers about the rules of evidence

Now in its 10th year, the camp allows students to tour the Durham County Courthouse, meet attorneys and judges, get information on preparing for law school and participate in a mock trial. Last month, 34 Triangle students attended camp activities. As in previous years, law school employees acted as trial witnesses, said Lavelle. The reality of being a lawyer means doing a lot of research behind the scenes. It also doesn’t pay as well as people think, especially for attorneys working in legal aid or as state prosecutors. And law graduates often leave school with a high debt load, said Nichelle Jones Perry ’93, who directs the camp with Lavelle and works as director of academic support at the law school. “Some people are walking out on a three-year education with anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000 in debt, and then start working a job that pays \$40,000,” Perry said. “That’s a tight budget.” Defense attorneys in the mock Sunderson trial were quick to give Mustapha, a rising 12th-grader at Southern High School, credit for a strong closing argument performance.

The question of their client's innocence started off a round of debate among defense members. Three out of the four students interviewed believed Sunderson was not guilty. "I don't think he was innocent, but I don't think he did it," said Danaka Walker, a rising 10th-grader from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, who gave closing arguments for the defense. Deon Tedder, a rising eighth-grader at Shepard Middle School, has gone through the camp twice. He plans to apply what he's learned in becoming an FBI agent. Working as an attorney is his second career choice, he said.

"We learn different rules [at camp], and basically you need to learn the law to be a lawyer," Tedder said. Ella Washington, a rising 10th-grader at Jordan High School, said she was surprised her side (the prosecution) won the Sunderson case because reasonable doubt existed. She said she enjoyed the hands-on experience she got from the camp and plans on becoming a lawyer in the future. "You have to know what you're talking about [as an attorney] in real life. You can't just make stuff up," Washington said. "You have to be an actor, be studious and be outspoken." ☉

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NCCU Law Student News



Judge Roger L. Gregory, the first African-American appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th circuit, was the 2003 Law School graduation speaker. Left to right: Dean Mills, honors graduates Kathleen Gleason '03 and Vaughn Monroe '03, and Judge Gregory.

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NCCU photographer*



During Orientation 2002, students and faculty participated in a "Potato Drop" where they bagged potatoes for the Durham Food Bank.



During Orientation 2003, students and faculty participated in a trail construction workday at the new Little River Regional Park, located in Durham and Orange counties.



The NCCU School of Law received the North Carolina Bar Association's Law Students Pro Bono Service Award in June 2003. The award was presented by the NCBA in conjunction with the NC Pro Bono Project of the law association's foundation. The award recognized the work of NCCU's civil litigation clinics in assisting the Durham office of Legal Aid of North Carolina. Left to right: Kevin Jones '03, NCBA President Norfleet Pruden and Hugh Harris '03.

The Turner Law Building

prepares to get a major facelift



O'BrienAtkins

For a behind-the-scenes look at what is going to be happening to the Turner Law Building shortly, we turned to Associate Dean Renee Franklin Hill:

Renee, we know that there have been many improvements to the Turner Law Building over the past few years, but everyone in the North Carolina Central University School of Law community is tremendously excited about the additional renovations and building expansion that are going to take place shortly! What is your role in this project?

I am one member of a committee that has been working very hard at trying to develop an architectural plan that will really work for the Law School. Other members of the committee are Dean Janice Mills, Professor Tom Ringer, Professor Deborah Jefferies, Professor Charles Smith, our Director of Law School Information and Technology Greg Clinton.

How were the renovations and building expansion brainstormed?

The committee met a number of times to examine our current building and to assess the needs of the Law School. Professor Ringer, wearing his "Architect Wanna Be" Hat, then developed a plan that set out our observations. We gained input from faculty, staff and students through a survey and other means to further develop our list of needs. Subsequently, we had numerous meetings with the architectural firm O'Brien Atkins, that was hired to work with us on this project. This firm developed schematics for us to look at and after numerous revisions, we finally came up with a plan that we think will really work for the Law School.

Tell us as specifically as you can what the renovations will be.

The renovations will eliminate some of our major physical facility problems. We plan to completely replace the air conditioning and heating system throughout the entire building. We hope that we will never have another exam period where students have to wear their gloves while taking an exam!

The lavatories will be completely remodeled with new stalls, new sinks, new fixtures, new everything.

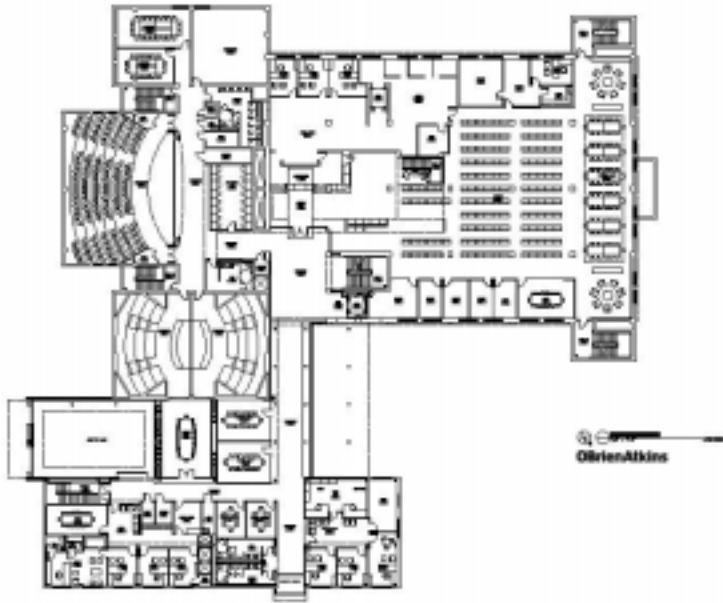
We are really excited about the expansion of our legal clinic. As many of you may know, our clinical program has really grown during Dean Mills' tenure and we now house six clinics in the Law School. Because of space concerns, these clinics have had to spread out all over the building. The clinic will be expanded so that there will be enough room to house all six clinics. In addition, the clinical space will have a separate library and a separate moot courtroom.

The architectural plan calls for an addition to the Law School building. For the most part, this addition will be new space for administrators. However, it will also house our Career Services Office. The new Career Services Office will have a library/reference room and several interview rooms stationed within it.

The basement will be enlarged to provide for a new student lounge that will incorporate a food service area. We have been in discussions with persons across campus and anticipate being able to offer a variety of sandwiches and salads, and Starbucks coffee in our new food service area.

The Student Bar Association and Law Review offices will be brand new. The basement will also house a portion of the Library and study carrels.

The Law School will have a new entrance way on the first floor. A modernized computer lab will also be located on the first floor in the area that is now our lobby.



operation there for a period of time. In the event this arrangement does not work out, the Law School will, of course, still be open and we will find an acceptable alternative.

What will alumni be most pleased to see when the building is completed?

Technology, technology, technology! The Law School has moved into the age of technology and throughout the entire renovation, you will see the use of technology from the Great Hall to the moot courtrooms.

How much money is going into this project and what is its source?

The cost of the renovations and addition are expected to exceed 11 million dollars. The money sources are the state bond funds of 1998, Title III funds and private donations.

What needs will not be addressed by this project?

In order to keep pace with our Library collection and with American Bar Association (ABA) standards, we always have to focus on the adequacy of the space provided in our Library. Law Schools are constantly building new libraries. While we are attempting to deal with our deficits through these renovations, at some point we will have to think about a new library complex, even in this day of technology.

Are you excited about this project?

Extremely excited! Our students are bright and hard working, and deserve to spend their years in law school in a facility that they can be proud of calling their own. ☺

We are extremely excited about the addition of a “Great Hall” on the first floor. The Great Hall will allow us to hold functions at the Law School, such as the Law Week Banquet, with as many as 100-150 people.

On the second floor we will have an additional classroom that will hold between 125-150 people, two new seminar rooms and another smaller moot courtroom. The library will be reconfigured and a real reading room will be established.

The entire Law School will be made to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and re-painted with new wall and floor coverings. The entire Law School building will have a facelift and we will have a new addition that will expand our ability to service our stakeholders.

What is the timeframe for this project?

We anticipate breaking ground in December 2003 or January 2004. The comprehensive renovations to the existing building should be completed in Fall 2004, and the entire project including the addition should be completed by Summer 2005.

How will the Law School deal with relocation of classes and offices?

Our current phasing plan will require the Law School to move out of the existing building for a period of nine months, starting in January 2004. We are currently negotiating with a private landlord located in downtown Durham to move the Law School’s



Career Services



Hayes '98 and Morgan

Remember what a task it was to begin your search for summer or permanent employment while in law school? Not much fun for most and downright stressful for others! Well, some things don't change. But what is changing are the opportunities that our students now have. Over the past several years, we have seen an increase in the number of employers either visiting our campus or requesting resumes from our students. In addition, there is more variety in the opportunities that are available. No longer are our students destined for a small firm or public interest practice. Many of the state's larger firms, as well as various federal government agencies, are beginning to recruit at NCCU School of Law. In addition, an increased number of our students are serving as clerks for North Carolina's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges. Though this increase in opportunities can be attributed to a number of factors, there is one in particular that is most rewarding...the involvement of our alumni.

Of the 38 employers that visited our campus last year, nearly one-third came as a direct result of the influence of an NCCU law grad. In addition, almost half of the interviewers who visited were alumni of the Law School. It is a big boost for students when they know that an alum is sitting on the other side of the interview table. They know they still must put their best foot forward, but at least feel that their chances for landing the position are as good as that of students from other law schools.

When Deria Phillips Hayes '98, an associate with the Law Offices of James D. Williams '79 in Durham, visits the Law School to conduct interviews, she also shares valuable information with the students. She talks at length with them about her practice area and gives them advice about things they can do to learn more about their areas of interest. Her interviews often run past their scheduled time, but the students leave armed with helpful information by the conclusion of the interview.

Kenneth Emanuel '77 visits the campus every year to conduct interviews for the Department of the Navy-Office of General Counsel. He was a student during a period of struggle for the Law School and is proud that the Law School survived and continues to produce some of the best and brightest lawyers of today. Any student who has ever interviewed with him comes away with a brief history lesson and renewed inspiration that anything is possible.

While we are fortunate to have more and more of our alumni in positions that directly influence the hiring decisions that are made, many not yet in such a position still make a huge contribution to students by participating in career related programming. Each year, a number of panel discussions and information sessions are held to introduce students to varied practice areas and settings. Students sometimes think they know what a particular practice setting might be like because they have seen it portrayed on television. Once they come to a panel discussion, they realize that they know very little, but can now make more informed career decisions. Students are also often interested in the path that an attorney's career has taken. They are often more encouraged when that attorney is an alum. There is a feeling that if you once sat where they now are, one day, they can get there too.

The involvement of our alumni in the development of our students is crucial. We are appreciative of the efforts of our alumni and look forward to continuing to produce active and involved future alumni. ○

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Office of Recruitment

Fall 2003 Entering Class Profile

What a year we have experienced in admissions! NCCU School of Law, like most law schools around the country, had a record year in applications. We received 1,457 applications for our Day Program (an increase in 28% from last year) and 640 applications for the Evening Program (a 29% increase over last year). From that number, with one month remaining before orientation starts, 149 Day Program applicants, with 5 offers pending a response, and 32 Evening Program applicants have indicated their intent to matriculate this fall, with 2 offers pending a response. See how the fall 2003 entering class is shaping up.

Day Program

Demographics

Age Range 20 to 57
Gender
66% Female
34% Male
Ethnicity
Asian/Pacific Islander
Female 2%
Male 1%
Black/African American
Female 36%
Male 15%
Caucasian/White
Female 24%
Male 15%
Hispanic/Latino
Female 2%
Male 1%
Puerto Rican
Female 1%
Other 3%

Median LSAT 148
Median UGPA 3.1

State of Permanent Residency

North Carolina 108
South Carolina 9
Georgia 6
Virginia 6
New York 4
Florida 3
Maryland 2
Alabama
California
Washington, DC
Michigan
New Jersey
Ohio
Wisconsin

Graduate Degrees Attained 13%

Undergraduate Institution Attended

UNC—Chapel Hill 27
UNC—Charlotte 9
UNC—Greensboro 7
East Carolina University 5
NCA & T State University 7
North Carolina Central University 5
North Carolina State University 5
UNC—Wilmington 5
University of Virginia 3
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
& State University 3
Duke University 3
Appalachian State University 2
Clemson University 2
Florida State University 2
Hampton University 2
Morehouse College 2
Saint Augustine's College 2
Spelman College 2
University of South Carolina 2
University of Florida 2
University of Georgia—Athens 2
Wake Forest University 2
American University
Barton College
Boston College



Recruitment Director Kären F. Alston chats with 1L students

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 Peace College
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 Shaw University
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 Texas A & M University
 Tulane University
 Tuskegee University
 University of Arizona
 UCLA
 Univ. of California—Santa Barbara
 Univ. of Maryland—College Park
 University of Utah
 Virginia's College at Wise
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia State University
 Wofford College

Undergraduate Majors

Political Science 31
 English 14
 Psychology 13
 Criminal Justice 12
 Business Management 6
 Sociology 6
 Communications 5
 Business Management 4
 History 4
 Biology 3
 Marketing 3
 Accounting 2
 Chemical Engineering 2
 Education 2
 Family Rel./Child Dev. 2
 Geology/Earth Science 2
 Government Service 2
 Humanities 2
 International Business 2

International Relations 2
 Journalism 2
 Mathematics 2
 Philosophy 2
 Social Work 2
 Anthropology
 Biomedical
 Chemistry
 Computer Programming
 Economics
 Engineering
 Finance
 German
 Management Information Systems
 Mechanical Engineering
 Medical Lab Technology/Radiology
 Nursing
 Pre-Law
 Policy Studies
 Public Affairs/Svs/Adm.
 Social Sciences
 Social Work
 Spanish
 Transportation and Commerce

Evening Program

Age Range 23 to 51
 Gender
 31% Female
 69% Male
 Ethnicity
 American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Female 3%
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Female 3%
 Black/African American
 Female 3%
 Male 9%
 Caucasian/White
 Female 22%
 Male 57%
 Other 3%

Median LSAT 155
 Median UGPA 3.26

State of Permanent Residency

North Carolina 24
 New York
 Tennessee
 South Carolina
 Virginia
 West Virginia

Graduate Degrees Attained 33%

Undergraduate Schools Attended

UNC—Chapel Hill 5
 North Carolina State University 3
 Clemson University 2
 Appalachian State University
 Barton College
 Bethany College—West Virginia
 Bowling Green State University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Clark University
 College of William & Mary
 Duke University
 East Carolina University
 Excelsior College
 Guilford College
 Ithaca College
 Marquette University
 North Carolina Central University
 Oberlin College
 Rutgers University—Cook College
 University of Georgia-Athens
 UNC—Charlotte
 University of Notre Dame
 Univ. of South Carolina—Columbia
 Wake Forest University
 West Virginia Univ. - Morgantown
 Winston-Salem State University

Undergraduate Majors

English 4
 Political Science 3
 Biology 2
 Communications 2
 Electrical Engineering 2
 History 2
 Psychology 2
 Accounting
 Agronomy
 Chemistry
 Computer Engineering
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Jerome S. Rothenberg '79

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Robert H. Christy Jr. '81
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Michael A. Robinson '81
John K. Stokes Sr. '81
James R. Adams '82
Renee L. Bowser '82
Wanda G. Bryant '82
Curtis L. Davis '82
Ronald S. Douglas '82 +
Frances P. Solari '82 +
Eugene W. Ellison '83
Leslie O. Wickham Jr. '83
Kathryn C. DeAngelo '84
Donna Douglas '84
Arnold R. Henderson '84
E. Ann Hill '84
Susan S. Marsh '84
Carolyn D. Sims '84
Monte D. Watkins '84
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Sammie Chess Jr. '58 won the National Association of Administrative Judges' Rosskopf Award for Judicial Professionalism and Ethics in fall 2002, the highest honor that can be bestowed by the association. Chess, appointed the state's first African American superior court judge in 1971, has been a North Carolina administrative law judge since 1991.

Frank W. Ballance Jr. '65 was elected to the United States House of Representatives for the 1st Congressional District in November 2002. Ballance, the son of a sharecropper, is the first NCCU School of Law alumnus to be elected to either branch of Congress. Ballance was elected as president of the democratic freshman class of the 108th Congress and serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the subcommittees on Department Operations, Oversight and Forestry; and Conservation Credit, Rural Development and Research. In addition, Ballance serves on the House Small Business Committee and the subcommittees on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology; and Tax, Finance and Exports. His wife, Bernadine '82, is a commissioner on the North Carolina Industrial Commission.



Ballance



Frasier receiving award

Ralph K. Frasier Sr. '65 received the Ohio State Bar Foundation's 2002 Ritter Award, announced in December 2002, its highest honor. The award is given annually to an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio whose career is

exemplified by dedication to the goals and values sought to be furthered by the Foundation: a lifetime of service to the public, integrity, honor, courtesy and professionalism.

Roland H. Hayes '71 retired because of mandatory retirement at the age of 72 after 18 years on the district court bench in Forsyth County, NC in March 2003. The large first-floor courtroom in the Forsyth County Hall of Justice has been renamed for him, and he was presented with a portrait by the Forsyth County Bar Association as part of a dedication ceremony which hundreds attended. He was praised for being true to his work and his tough-love approach to defendants. Additionally, Winston-Salem State University (where he received his undergraduate degree) recognized his careers in banking and law at a commemorative dinner where guests donated to a newly formed Roland Hayes

Chapter of the Slater Book Society to enhance the book collections in WSSU's library. Judge Hayes will remain on as an emergency judge.

Henry W. Oxendine '73 was sworn in as chief justice of the new Lumbee Supreme Court, organized under the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Oxendine, formerly a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, presides over a five-member court that has original jurisdiction of cases, controversies and ordinances enacted by the tribal council. Fellow Pembroke lawyer Edward Bullard '90 is also a justice on the court.

G.K. Butterfield Jr. '74 was named to the North Carolina Bar Association's Board of Governors to serve during the 2003-04 fiscal year. Butterfield, a former North Carolina supreme court justice, is a North Carolina special superior court judge. He shares an office with fellow judge Milton F. "Toby" Fitch Jr. '72, a former NC legislator.

Leonard T. Jernigan Jr. '76, with The Jernigan Law Firm in Raleigh, NC, announced that his supplement to *North Carolina Workers' Compensation - Law and Practice* (3rd edition) is now available. The firm's practice is limited to workers' compensation, serious accidental injury and asbestos litigation.

Herbert L. Richardson '76, a Robeson County district court judge, was the featured speaker in spring 2003 at a program recognizing high school seniors and honor students who took part in the Upward Bound program administered by Southeastern Community College.



Richardson

Archie L. Smith III '76 was elected as Durham County (NC) clerk of court in November 2002.

William C. Gore Jr. '77 was re-elected as superior court judge in the 13th judicial district (NC) in November 2002.

Billie R. Ellerbe '79 was selected as a 2002 Lawyer of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers in Summer 2002. NCABL noted that Ellerbe is a fierce advocate for his clients' rights, and has been in solo practice in Charlotte, NC since 1994 with 90% of his practice in domestic matters and 10% in personal injury. NCABL further explained that he is known for his tenacity, preparation, getting results, and is rated by many in the top tier of domestic attorneys in Charlotte.

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Robert H. Goldberg '80 is a physician-attorney based in Marietta, GA. He serves as an expert in legal medicine for the United States Department of Justice and has been instrumental in cases that earned their prosecution teams United States Department of Justice Directors' Awards. Goldberg is also a forensic case analyst and expert for law firms, insurance companies, legal aid, district attorneys, and the Dominican National Forensic Laboratory, dealing with forensic investigations and risk-management analysis.

David L. Cook '81 runs Americana Catering Group, located in Charlotte, NC. The catering and concessions specialist group has served "People, Presidents and Pros," including such notables as President Bill Clinton and the Williams sisters of tennis fame.

Michelle Rippon '81 is serving on the executive committee of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Wanda G. Bryant '82, a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, sat on a historic panel on Weds., Nov. 13, 2002: the three person court of appeals panel was made up entirely of African-American women for the first time in history. Judges Patricia Timmons-Goodson and Loretta Biggs joined Bryant on the bench. The re-arranging of the judges' schedules so that history could be made was the brainchild of Judge James Wynn, the only other black member of the 15-member appeals court.



Bryant

Richard A. Elmore '82 was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2002.

Monte D. Watkins '84 was appointed as a Davidson County (TN) criminal court judge by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen in August 2003. Watkins had been in solo practice for 19 years and is the first African-American to serve on the Davidson County court bench since 1987.

Ricky Spoon '85 was featured in an article in *The Chatham News and Record* in fall 2002 that discussed his new career of home-building, both residential and commercial development. Spoon, a former Mecklenburg and Wake county prosecutor, still prosecutes the Chatham County docket on a part-time basis.

Reuben Young '85 was named as legal counsel to Governor Michael F. Easley '76 in June 2003. He is the first African-American to fill the post in North Carolina. He was promoted from deputy legal counsel; prior to this, he worked in the NC Attorney General's Office while Easley was state attorney general.

J. Carlton Cole '87, a district court judge in Hertford County, was presented with an award from the North Carolina Association for Community Education in April 2003. Cole was particularly cited for his work with "at risk" students. He serves on the Governor's Crime Commission Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Preventive Committee, and the local Judicial Council made up of school counselors, principals, social services, mental health and health departments and local law enforcement. He volunteers to meet with youth monthly. Cole also initiated Project United First, a collaborative effort to provide services for the seven county area of the 1st judicial district. This program of family skills building addresses the problem of emergency placement for troubled youth in that region. Cole also works with Father's Making a Difference, and he serves on the Safe School Committee, the Ministers' Council for Education in Perquimans County and the local high school PTA.

Carolyn O'Garro-Moore '87 opened the O'Garro-Moore Law Office in Rocky Mount, NC in October 2002. Her firm provides a full range of legal services related to family law matters.



Moore

Phyllis Tranchese '89 was elected president of the Durham Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association in December 2002.

Tranchese, a private practitioner, was an assistant public defender in the Durham Public Defender's Office for twelve years.

Sue Wasiolek '89 was featured in a December 8, 2002 article in *The Herald-Sun* (Durham, NC) on the University page. The article profiled her job as dean of student development at Duke University, lauding her personal connection with her students and the fact that she always has time for them. "Dean Sue" was working at Duke while she obtained her law degree from NCCU's evening law program, and then earned a master's of law from Duke in 1993. She left Duke to practice law for nine months in 1994, but found that she missed her work with the students, and returned to Duke where she has been since that time.

Ola M. Lewis '90 was elected as a resident superior court judge in the 13th judicial district (NC) in November 2002.

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Marshall Pitts Jr. '90 received the Community Service Award from the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers in Summer 2002. Pitts is the mayor of Fayetteville, NC, the first African-American to be elected to the post.

Robin Tatum '90 was re-appointed to a five-year term on the NC Board of Law Examiners in October 2002.

Elaine M. O'Neal '91 was named as Durham's chief district court judge in September 2002. At the time of the appointment, O'Neal said, "When you are a child and you grow up in the west end of Durham like I did, you dream some and you hope some. You also pray a lot. But I never expected anything like this. I am honored and humbled. I cannot promise I won't make any mistakes, but I promise I will do my best."

Eleanor G. Kinnaird '92 was re-elected to the North Carolina Senate in November 2002.

Janet I. Pueschel '92 was elected as Wake County (NC) clerk of court in November 2002.

Linda Attarian '93 is general counsel for North Carolina Speaker of the House Jim Black.

Al Benschhoff '93 is now the city attorney for the Cabarrus County town of Concord, NC. He previously was town attorney for Pembroke, NC. Prior to attending NCCU School of Law, Benschhoff receiving a master's degree in regional planning from the University of Michigan and was in the planning department for the town of Cary, NC.

Lydia E. Lavelle '93 was elected vice president of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys in Fall 2002.

Peter Mack Jr. '93 was appointed to a district court judge seat serving Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties by Governor Michael F. Easley '76 in January 2003.

Adrian A. Phillips '93 was appointed as a deputy commissioner to the North Carolina Industrial Commission in May 2003. Prior to this, she worked as an assistant attorney general in the tort claims section of the Department of Justice and she was assigned to the Industrial Commission as agency counsel for the Industrial Commission and fraud prosecutor for the Commission's Fraud Investigations Section. Phillips formerly prosecuted Medicaid fraud cases for the Department of Justice. While working in the Medicaid Fraud Division during 1998-2000, she served as supervisor and prosecutor of white-collar crimes. She also served as an assistant district attorney in District 9A (Caswell and Person counties) from 1994-1998.

Beverly A. Scarlett '93, an assistant district attorney in Orange County, was mentioned in articles in *The Herald-Sun* (Durham, NC) in the spring and summer of 2003 because of the history of her family's property and how it relates to "Fish Dam Road," an old Indian trail that has recently been rediscovered in Durham and Orange counties. Levi Christmas Scarlett (her great grandfather) was a slave along Fish Dam Road, working and living on the Scarlett property on the Eno River, where the present-day border runs between Orange and Durham counties. After emancipation, his former owners, the Scarletts, gave him 149 acres on condition he stay on to look after two of the family's old maid sisters. Scarlett and her family still live at the old homeplace.

Bonner L. Stiller '93 was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in November 2002 representing Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Michael J. Dayton '95 was honored by the North Carolina Bar Association in summer 2002 as the recipient of the North Carolina Media and the Law Award. Dayton is editor of both the North Carolina and South Carolina *Lawyer's Weekly*.



Dayton

Carolyn A. Karpinos '95 formed the firm of Crabill & Karpinos, LLP in February 2003 with Robert Crabill. The firm is located in Chapel Hill, NC. The practice is centered around real property, land condemnation, education and criminal law.

Sharon B. Turner '95 has been named dean of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. Prior, she was dean of the School of Dentistry at Oregon Health & Science University.

Janet H. McLamb '96 and Lisa K. Vira '00 have established a law office, McLamb and Vira, P.A. in Chapel Hill, NC. Their practice areas include estate planning, trust, probate administration, tax law and general business.

Joe Morris III '96 is a senior analyst with the office of the mayor in Atlanta, GA.

Victoria Taylor Carter '97 was hired in August 2003 by Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, NC to work in their human resources division.

Chekesha Nataki Jones '97 has been an assistant district attorney in Craven County, NC in the New Bern office since September 1999. She was featured in a publication published by NC LEAF (the North Carolina Legal Educational Assistance Foundation) as a former recipient of a LEAF loan repayment award. She stated, "In my third year of law school, I decided I wanted to be a prosecutor as it seemed to me to be the best way to speak out and act on behalf of so many. ... I believe I have an

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affirmative duty and responsibility to seek justice... I enjoy what I do, and NC LEAF has reinforced my dedication to public service and increased my desire to encourage others to enter the public service sector.”

P. Susan Mitchell '97 opened a practice in Roxboro, NC in August 2002 where she concentrates in personal injury and medical malpractice cases statewide.

Gary M. Pace '97 was appointed as vice president for Corporate Development and Legal Affairs with Gentriss Corporation, a clinical pharmacogenomics testing and diagnostic products company. Pace has over twenty years of combined scientific and legal experience, with twelve years of corporate scientific research at the Ph.D. level with Allied Signal, United AgriSeeds, Ciba-Geigy Corporation, and Novartis Corporation.

Andru E. Wall '97 has published a book, *Legal and Ethical Lessons of NATO's Kosovo Campaign*, Volume 78 of the Naval War College's International Law Studies series. Wall is the lawyer for the commander of the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL.

Carey W. Fleming '98 is with Winston & Strawn in Washington, DC. Fleming's practice is limited to nuclear energy and product safety regulatory work (i.e., U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, respectively). However, he does get into non-administrative courts occasionally when he takes on pro bono child custody cases; he was recognized by the DC Bar for his efforts on a pro bono case involving a child custody matter. Incidentally, in a big 2002 decision, Winston & Strawn client Microsoft Corporation won a decisive victory in its ongoing, highly publicized battle against antitrust claims brought by various federal and state government entities. On November 1, 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly issued opinions in the remedy phase of *U.S. v. Microsoft Corporation*, rejecting a remedy proposal offered by nine non-settling states and the District of Columbia, and upholding the settlement reached in November 2001 between Microsoft and the government.

Niquelle M. Allen '99 is the assistant general counsel of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). ABRA is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the laws and regulations related to the importation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia.

Tamila Vines Lee '99 was hired to work in-house with First Union/Wachovia Corporation in Charlotte, NC in November 2002.

Barry K. Shuster '99 began employment with Waller, Stroud, Stewart & Araneda, LLP, in Cary, NC in November 2002. He had been an associate with Frederic E. Toms and Associates, PLLC since August 2001.

Matt Sperati '99 has been named a partner in the Rocky Mount law firm of Keel, Lassiter & Duffy. He handles criminal defense, real estate, small business matters and general civil litigation.

Michael A. Bush '00 is an associate at Staas & Halsey in Washington, DC. His work has included doing re-writes of foreign filed patent applications and office actions from the Patent and Trade Office.

Sheila W. Chavis '00 joined the firm of Hall & Messic, LLP in December 2002. The firm is located in Cary, NC.

Thomas H. Clifton '00 is working as an assistant district attorney in the 9th district. He was in private practice before joining the district attorney's office.

Lisa K. Flowers '00 was the winner of the 2002 Younger Lawyer Pro Bono Award presented by the NCBA's Young Lawyers Division (see an article about this on page five in this *Of Counsel*).

Susan Dunathan '01 was hired by Parker Poe to work with their health care regulation and tort and insurance practice groups in September 2003. Dunathan had previously been with Maupin Taylor for two years. She is also a member of the Wake County Bar Association public service committee.

Iris Green '01 is an attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina in Wake County, NC.



Moore

Miltonia "Toni" Moore '01 is an assistant district attorney in judicial district 6B (Northampton, Hertford and Bertie counties). Her parents, Milton '70 and Regina '73, held the Bible as she was sworn in.

Alice L. Bordsen '01 was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in November 2002.

Stacie Keyser '01 was named associate counsel of BridgePoint. BridgePoint is a leading provider of global, multimode supply chain visibility solutions that include connectivity, data management, global visibility, alert and exception management, and a host of other functionality. The company is located in RTP, NC.

Carrie L. Clodfelter '02 accepted a position in the Iredell County District Attorney's office in September 2002.

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William M. Crowe '02 joined the firm of Holt, York, McDarris & High in Edenton, NC in September 2002. Crowe had interned with the firm while in Law School at NCCU.

Emily M. Dickens '02 was appointed to be a full-time aide to Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin C. Foy '94. Dickens noted that "[t]his position provides an excellent opportunity to put my law degree to positive use. Local governance and lawmaking represent law in its purest form." Dickens, formerly an assistant to Duke University's architect, was responsible for the logistical management of a wide array of projects on behalf of the university architect.

Kristopher B. Gardner '02 joined the firm of Tharrington Smith, LLP in Raleigh, NC in August 2002.

Cynthia Haynes '02 is employed at Penn State University and teaches in the Pennsylvania Child Support Training Institute which is a nationally recognized program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Child Support Enforcement. In this position, she teaches all state and county workers the national and state laws driving child support as well as design curriculum, and she researches child support laws.



Jordan

Emily M. Jordan '02 joined the firm Crumley & Associates in Greensboro, NC in September 2002 and does primarily administrative law. She is a judge in Teen Court once a month.

Tabatha F. Phillips '02 is in private practice in Greensboro, NC in the areas of estate administration, estate planning and real estate. Prior to attending law school, Phillips was an assistant clerk of superior court in Guilford County.

Courtney M. Rogers '02 practices litigation at Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis, MN which she joined in September 2002. Formerly, Rogers worked at Pulley, Watson, King and Lischer, P.A. in Durham, NC as a summer associate.

Keisha L. Wright '02 is in private practice as a partner in Kabongo & Wright, in Jonesboro, GA. The firm's areas of law include family law, bankruptcy, criminal law, immigration and entertainment law.

Kathleen Gleason '03 is clerking for Judge Allyson Duncan in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals for the 2003-2004 year.

Maynard Jackson Jr. '64, who was elected the first black mayor of Atlanta at age 35 in 1973, died on June 23, 2003 at the age of 65. Born in Dallas, he grew up in Atlanta, graduating from Morehouse College at 18. He graduated cum laude from the NCCU School of Law in 1965. He was mayor from 1973 to 1981, and from 1989 to 1993. For three decades after being first elected, he was active in politics in Atlanta. He pioneered the practice of designating a portion of government contracts for minority-owned businesses, oversaw the expansion of Hartsfield Atlanta Airport and helped lay the groundwork for the 1996 Olympics. He made frequent trips to Washington to work with Democratic party leaders and in 2001, he was named chairman of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute. In September 2002, Jackson set up the Atlanta-based American Voters League, a nonpartisan organization to increase voter turnout. Jackson was quoted in an article in *The Herald-Sun* (Durham, NC) in 1994, lauding his law school experience at NCCU. He said, "I know I received as firm an education as anyone. You can take what you learned at NCCU all the way up to the Supreme Court."



Jackson



Jackson participated on NCCU's Moot Court team in fall 1963 while at NCCU School of Law. At the time of this picture, the Moot Court team was fresh from triumphs in the 14th annual national moot court competition, and had reached the finals in a two-day competition among eleven law schools in Region VI in Charleston, WV. NCCU defeated teams from the University of South Carolina and the University of North Carolina before losing to the University of Virginia. Both teams advanced to the national finals. Standing left to right: William G. Hill '64, Jackson and Ira L. Williams '64. Seated is NCCU Law Professor and Moot Court Board advisor Sybil J. Dedmond.

In Memoriam

Donald Ramseur '54
Robert L. Harrell '58
Maynard Jackson Jr. '64
Carroll T. Willis Jr. '72
Rita W. Rothrock '87

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June 2003 — Asheville, NC



March 2003 — Lumberton, NC



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