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Wake Forest made history in April with a first-ever National Trial Competition Championship. Wake Forest is the only law school to win the AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition, National Moot Court Competition, and the TYLA National Trial Competition over consecutive years. Only one other law school has won all three titles in the history of all three competitions.



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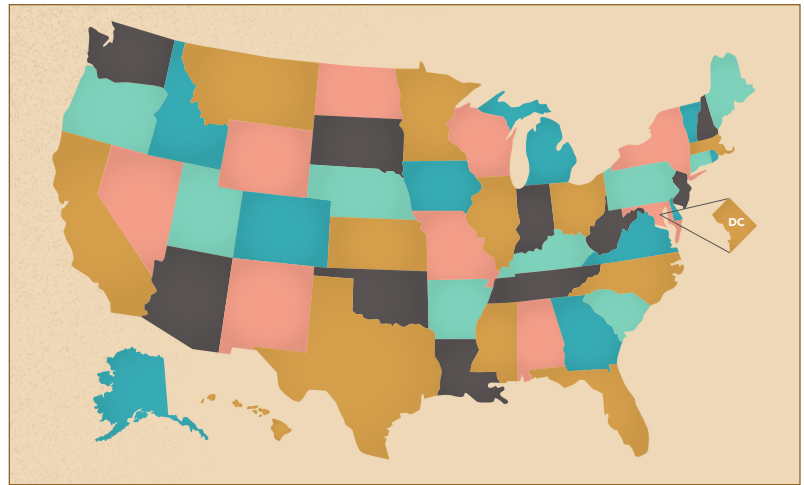
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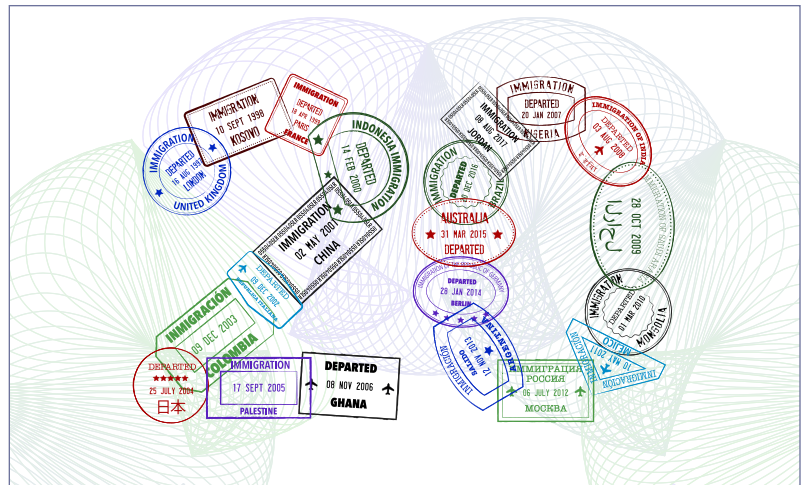
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Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

How I cherish serving as dean of the school we love. As you and I know, the past few years have been pivotal ones for law schools, and together, we have come through them stronger than ever. In this issue of the Jurist, you will see some measures of that strength as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our international programs and the mark they have made on our identity.

This past year has been particularly dramatic. In all matters related to litigation skills, our students set new records. Our National Trial Team won Wake Forest's first National Trial Team Competition Championship, with two Wake Forest teams facing off against each other in the final round of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition. The win also makes Wake Forest the only U.S. law school to win the national TYLA competition, the national AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition, and the National Moot Court Competition in consecutive years. In the history of these competitions, only one other law school has won all three titles. And while 2Ls and 3Ls were making history, our 1L Trial Team won the Kilpatrick Townsend Mock Trial Competition for the second consecutive year.

While we have remained strong in our litigation-related curricular and co-curricular experiences, we have added depth to our business and transactional work. Most recently we have added courses in technology, with offerings now in technology in the modern law practice, cybersecurity, and blockchain and the law. In the spring of 2019, we also will offer our students a semester-long externship in Charlotte, where we expect a strong showing from students interested in FinTech and related fields. A transactional competition has become an annual event, and the distinguished Sager Speaker Series brought luminaries from the corporate world, including Kenneth Feinberg, who has been involved in some of the most important dispute resolutions on the national and international scene; Craig Glidden, general counsel for General Motors Co.; Corena Norris-McCluney (JD '00), vice president and general counsel of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; and Sashi Brown, former executive vice president of football operations for the Cleveland Browns. Also, Wake Forest law school is now an official member of the "Winston-Salem Entrepreneurial Ecosystem," a group of

academic, financial, and community-based organizations focused on enhancing entrepreneurial growth in Winston-Salem in both the for-profit and nonprofit arenas. Our wholly online master's degree for the mid-career professional just graduated its first class, with non-lawyers in health, human resources, and business compliance having become better equipped to navigate the challenges of the workplace.

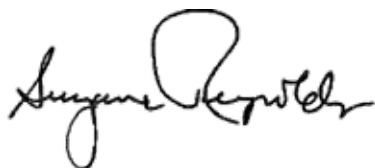
Most importantly, our students continue to reflect the values we promote as integral to the whole professional. In March, the American Constitution Society selected Jasmine Burgess (JD '19) as a Next Generation Leader. For the third time in as many years, the National Jurist has recognized a Wake Forest Law student as "Law Student of the Year" — Emily Scotton (JD '18) for her pro bono immigration work. And this summer, another one of our pro bono programs, a legal clinic for the LGBTQ+ community, received the North Carolina Bar Association's 2018 Law Student Group Pro Bono Service Award.

As you should already be aware, I will step down as dean at the end of the next academic year, ending this service June 30, 2019. Because we have remained true to ourselves as we embraced change, we will attract a strong slate of candidates for the next dean of Wake Forest law school. They will see our applications up by 25 percent, more than twice the national average, and employment of our students in JD required/preferred jobs ranking us in the top tier of law schools. In large measure because of our employment numbers, they will find our overall ranking in U.S. News and World Report at No. 32, the third consecutive year Wake Forest has risen in the rankings, with our program of legal writing ranked No. 12 in the country.

I look forward to the next year together. From all indicators, by the end of the next year, we will have weathered the worst of the storm in legal education. As most of you know, the legal profession has faced unique challenges in the last decade, challenges reflected in relatively low employment numbers for JD graduates. Because of a more robust legal market, strong candidates are increasingly interested in a legal education. We find that especially so at Wake Forest, where we have remained true to the values that matter to us while preparing our students for a professional world different from the one some of you and I entered.

I cannot express how grateful I am to serve as your dean. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the school we love.

With deep affection,



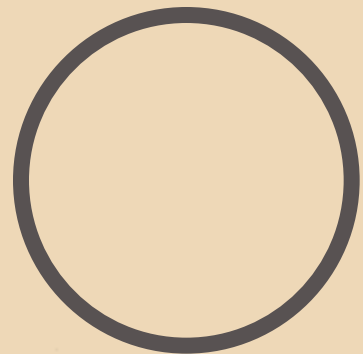
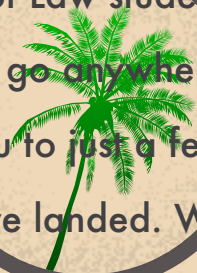
Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77)



THE PLACES YOU'LL GO....



Wake Forest School of Law students come from everywhere and then go anywhere. In this issue of the Jurist, we take you to just a few of the places our alumni family have landed. We explore not only where some of them now call home, but also the varied career paths they chose along the way. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride!





TAMMY HSU

Collaboration and leadership are the cornerstones of practicing financial law, according to Tammy Hsu (JD '14), who is an associate in the corporate department at Paul Hastings LLP in New York City.

"I've been surprised by how much people management is involved in the practice of law," Hsu admits. "I manage a broad array of people on a daily basis, including associates, paralegals, assistants, local deal counsel, special counsels,

and clients. While it may not always be easy, I've surrounded myself with very natural leaders as well as mentors with great management skills that I seek to emulate in my own managerial style."

Hsu notes that she works in a very relationship-driven practice area, representing private debt funds in strategic and sponsor-backed financing arrangements and restructurings, which she acknowledges is a perfect fit for her personality.

"I love the challenge of structuring complex financial transactions in a niche, ever-changing market," Hsu says. "And I love working on these challenges in a collaborative environment, where my team and I are trusted advisers and partners. The relationships and friendships I have with my clients and my team allow me to enjoy what I do."

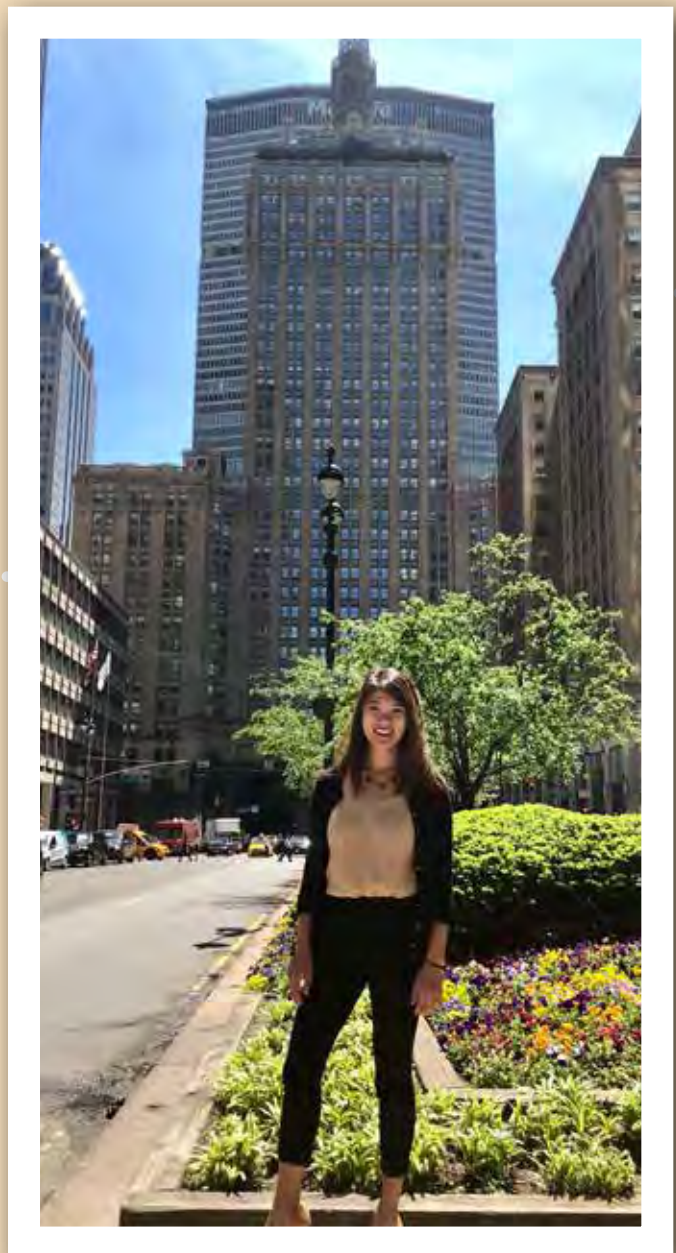
Outside of work, Hsu remains connected to a network of Wake Forest Law alumni living and working in the city.

"Our New York City alumni have a sense of 'being in it together,'" Hsu says, "In my experience, alumni here in the city appreciate that it can be tough to transition from North Carolina to New York without a broad professional network. Most of us did not come to New York with an existing network that we could tap into. But as a result of that, I have found that there is a willingness to share our network with anyone who asks and anyone who wishes to come and make their career in New York."

Her Wake Forest relationships — with faculty, too — were pivotal in directing her to corporate financial law.

"Professor Alan Palmiter convinced me to accept a job offer from a finance group associated with an international law firm, because he believed that my personality was best suited for complex negotiation," Hsu explains. "Although I was rather apprehensive, I took a leap of faith based on his recommendation, and never looked back."

When reflecting on her time at Wake Forest, Hsu says that she would tell herself to pursue what she really wants and to avoid the distraction of expectations, knowing that happiness will follow. "And spend more time on the weekends visiting Yadkin Valley wineries — such easy access to good wine and beautiful vineyards is hard to come by once you leave Winston-Salem."



SUSAN SPARKS



Susan Sparks (JD '87) is a Baptist preacher, a standup comic, a country singer, a Harley enthusiast, an author, and a former litigator.

As the senior pastor of the historic Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, and the first woman to hold the role in its 170-year history, she isn't exactly what comes to mind when you think of a religious leader.

Not so fast.

"Being a trial lawyer and a minister are the same job — just different clients," Sparks explains. "They require similar skills like persuasion, and the ability to come at problems with questions, not answers."

Maybe it's the red Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 she nicknamed "Lightning." Or maybe it's the interfaith "Laugh in Peace Comedy Tour" she performs on with her standup partners Rabbi Bob Alper and Muslim comic Gibran Saleem.

"After 10 years as a trial lawyer, I left the practice to pursue a career in ministry and stand-up comedy — a job that, frankly, didn't exist at the time," Sparks said. "I had felt a call to the ministry for some time but was unsure how a comedian would ever fit into organized religion."

After starting her law career with Smith Currie & Hancock in Atlanta as a trial lawyer in employment and labor law, Sparks later worked for CitiBank then First USA Bank of Delaware. When First USA was bought out, she saw an opportunity to go on a journey, a quest really, traveling around the globe hoping to find some other — if any — kindred spirits.

"I traveled for two years doing everything from working for Mother Teresa and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to driving my Jeep Wrangler from New York City to Alaska. Everywhere I went, whether it was the laughter of Buddhist monks or the Sacred Clowns of the Navajo, I found examples of how comedy — joy and laughter — was an integral part of the Holy. By the end, I knew what I had to do: ignore the doubters and enter seminary.

"Now I have turned that dream into a reality."

Her main focus is expanding the reach of her beloved Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

"We have a state-of-the-art website that offers a livestream broadcast of our services every Sunday at 11 a.m., which brings in viewers from all over the world. We are also on cable on Saturday mornings in New York City and we have developed a smartphone app through a Lily Grant that offers our global family more opportunities to engage with our church."

Sparks credits Wake Forest Law in helping her realize her dream.

"Professor George Walker helped shape my trajectory. After spending a year being terrified of him as a 1L, I got to know him as a mentor and a friend. He taught me how to find joy and meaning in the law and in life."

But the relationship didn't end there.



Comedian Lewis Black presents Susan Sparks with the John Haber Award for the Arts at the New York Carolina Club in May 2018.

"He helped me after I left Wake Forest in my practice, he wrote a recommendation when I applied to seminary, and he was there when I had my first book signing for 'Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor' in Winston-Salem. In fact, I dedicated a chapter to him."

Sparks, who writes a bi-monthly newspaper column for a syndicated media group, is also writing a memoir and a book on how to use humor in preaching and speaking, "Preaching Punchlines."

Her work with humor and healing has been featured in the Oprah Magazine, the New York Times, CNN, ABC, and CBS, among others. A breast cancer survivor, Sparks appears nationally speaking at health and wellness conferences giving keynotes on humor and healing.

"I didn't expect that I could find a career where I could bring all of who I am to what I do," she says. "My advice to young lawyers is drop the masks, the pretenses, and the fear of being an imposter. Leverage your unique gifts at all times in all places. That's what brings the power to your work."

Visit www.SusanSparks.com and www.MABCNYC.com



LAUREN
TOZZI



Lauren Tozzi (JD '11) lives and works in Washington, D.C.

Describe your journey to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

I started working at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while enrolled in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Externship during my last semester of law school. The externship program gave me the chance to show my office that I was a valuable hire.

A few months later, I joined the EPA's Superfund enforcement office, where I worked on site-remediation enforcement issues. I then went on to serve as the special assistant for the head of enforcement, Cynthia Giles, which was an incredible opportunity to learn about environmental enforcement from a broad, national perspective.

Since then, I've been working in the air enforcement division, where I specifically work on vehicle and engine enforcement matters under Title II of the Clean Air Act. I recently earned a leadership role for an initiative to address the widespread problem of removing

emissions controls from vehicles — also known as “aftermarket tampering” — which has terrible emissions consequences.

How has Wake Forest Law helped shape who you are today?

I love what I do, and I might not be here if it weren't for the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Externship.

Are you still connected to other alumni?

I have two great Wake Forest alumni-mentors at the EPA: Ken Patterson (BA '78, JD '81) and Greg Wall (JD '04). I also had the recent opportunity to pass the connection along to a recent Wake Forest Law graduate, Bradford Ramsdell (JD '17), who came to work in my office as part of the Metropolitan Externship.

Where do you go from here?

It's an honor and a privilege to be a public servant. I continue to feel inspired by the devoted people I work with, and I am so proud of the strides we make each day to protect human health and the environment.

CHARLOTTE



REBECA
ECHEVARRIA
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“ Wake Forest will
always have a
very special place
in my heart.

— REBECA HARASIMOWICZ (JD '14)



Rebeca Echevarria Harasimowicz (JD, MA Bioethics '14) lives and works in Charlotte, North Carolina.

What has surprised you in your daily work?

After graduating from law school, I knew I wanted to be an intellectual property attorney, but I wasn't sure that I wanted to do patent prosecution — litigation always looked more exciting. I've been very surprised by how much I've come to love patent prosecution, which can be highly technical and which largely mimics litigation and all of its excitement by way of written arguments.

What do you love most about your career?

I love that I never do the same thing twice. To be patentable, an invention must be novel and non-obvious, so every patent I work on is inherently new territory. I enjoy a career in which I am constantly challenged and never get bored.

What unique aspects of your Wake Forest Law experience have impacted your career?

The friends I made in law school have turned out to be a remarkable legal network of peers. Because of Wake Forest's small class sizes, students truly get to know their classmates on a personal and professional level. My Wake Forest classmates in Charlotte form both my inner social circle and the backbone of my professional network, and they have all excelled in their chosen specialties.

Parting thoughts?

Wake Forest law school helped me become the lawyer I am today with a career I love. It was also where I met my husband, Craig Harasimowicz (JD '14), who is an associate at Moore & Van Allen PLLC, during law school orientation. In this way, Wake Forest will always have a very special place in my heart.

JOSE
FERNANDEZ



“Sometimes the best deal is not doing any deal at all.”

— JOSE FERNANDEZ (JD '06)

Jose Fernandez (JD '06) says that was just one of the valuable lessons he learned from Professor Ralph Peeples, among others, while he was studying at Wake Forest Law.

“While not technically practicing law every day, I find myself applying at least one lesson that I learned over my 12 years of practicing law into a business decision,” he explains. “I would not be where I am today without my legal background and experience.”

other side to secure an arrangement that benefits both sides (but always trying to secure slightly better terms for us).”

And while sometimes the best deal is to reach no deal at all, ultimately, Fernandez says, “it is our job to advise and assist our (internal) clients in such a way, where all of their business needs are addressed, while also protecting the best interests of the corporation.”

His focus on the needs of both client and corporation is a direct product of his Wake Forest legal education.



Photo courtesy of Hispanic Executive Magazine

“More than anything, the level of emphasis that was placed on the importance of not just being a great lawyer, but being an ethical and professional jurist, has stayed with me over the years,” he says.

It's also just one aspect of why Fernandez says he loves his job. Another is when he helps launch a new long-term partnership or a new business venture.

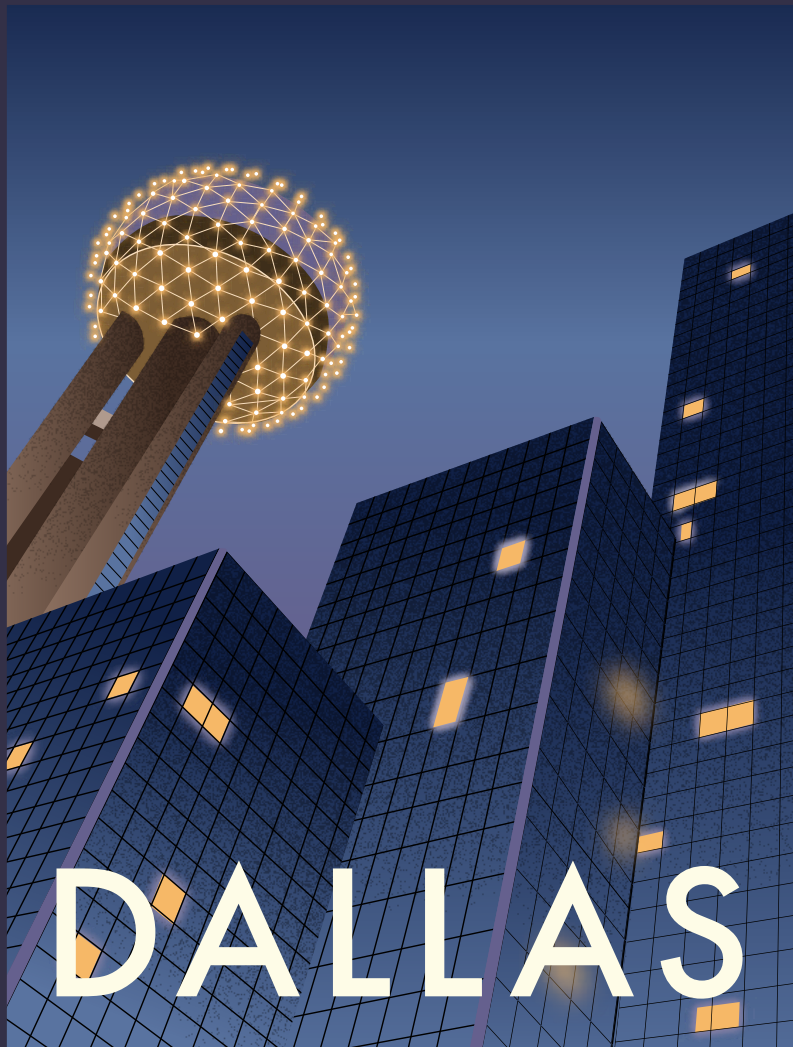
A native of Miami, Florida, Fernandez recently moved from Carnival Corp's Legal Department, where he served as assistant general counsel since 2011, to serve as vice president of strategy and business development for the world's largest cruise line.

“My main motivation and challenge is always trying to get the best deal for the company, while limiting risk and exposure. As a hyper-competitive sports junkie, it is always a delicate balance between wanting to ‘win’ on every point and working collaboratively with the partner on the

“There is a lot of hard work and time that goes into getting any transaction closed and completed, but it is paid back tenfold when you see the parties signing the agreements and getting ready to begin the next phase of the project,” he says. “The sense of optimism and excitement to get started is always palpable and very rewarding.”

From 2006 to 2011, he worked for Holland & Knight as an associate in their International and Cross Border Transactions and Healthcare groups, focusing on mergers, acquisitions, regulatory matters, and general corporate representation.

ROSS
FORBES



DALLAS



Growing up, Ross Forbes (JD '96) knew he wanted to be a lawyer even though he wasn't quite sure what lawyers actually did.

"Luckily for me, my personality is suited for the practice of law, and after 22 years of practice, I can't imagine doing anything else," explains Forbes, who is a partner and the statewide head of litigation at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas, Texas.

Forbes is a commercial litigator, who tries lawsuits and arbitrations that arise in business disputes.

"Helping my clients manage, avoid, and overcome problems that arise is what motivates me. At the same time, a love of competition and a desire to reach the right result in a given situation drives me as well.

"The thrill of winning a complex jury trial is hard to top, and I've been fortunate enough to experience that feeling many times over the years. I also enjoy finding less costly solutions to my clients' issues and get a great deal of satisfaction from those 'wins,' too."

At Wake Forest Law, Forbes not only learned what lawyers do, he also learned what was expected of them as well.

"I think the school emphasizes the professionalism expected of lawyers and made me appreciate how important being an ethical, honorable lawyer is," he adds. "I wish all law schools emphasized that aspect of being a lawyer as much as Wake Forest. I left Wake Forest wanting to be like Atticus Finch."

Forbes says his most influential classmate at Wake Forest Law was and still remains his wife, Kerrie Forbes (JD '96), who is associate general counsel for litigation at Southwest Airlines.

He says it was Kerrie who was largely responsible for him choosing Wake Forest.

"We were engaged before we selected a law school, and she was awarded the Fletcher Scholarship, which made the cost of our legal education possible," he recalls. "From studying together for exams; to beginning our legal careers in Dallas; to raising our children; and to now being leaders in our organizations; we've relied on each other every step of the way."

The couple has remained connected to Wake Forest Law in a number of ways. Forbes explains the couple even named their daughter, Lily, after one of Dean Suzanne Reynolds' (JD '77) daughters. "Dean Reynolds gave us hypotheticals in Family Law using the name of her daughter, Lillie Elliot, and we loved the name. We got to introduce our Lily to Dean Reynolds several years ago."

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Wake Forest Law's small size provided both Forbes with the ability to know everyone and build lifelong friendships.

"Some of our best friends to this day were our classmates at Wake Forest including John Anderson, Chase Coale, Gordon Hill, and Michael Turner," he explained. "I've had the pleasure of working with and for several of them over the years."

NATALIE SCRUTON FEDERLE



When Natalie Scruton Federle (JD '10) graduated from Wake Forest School of Law at the height of the Great Recession, legal jobs were scarce, especially for someone fresh out of law school.

Federle took the New York bar exam in July 2010. After passing the bar that same year, she moved to Chicago, where she began tending bar while looking for a legal job.

A connection to another Wake Forest law school alumnus, Mike Sheehan (JD '84), would lead Federle to practicing employment litigation at DLA Piper in 2011 after passing the Illinois bar.

"I learned a tremendous amount in my 2½ years at DLA about high-stakes litigation, working all hours of the day and night, and managing a stressful environment," she recalls. "I have also maintained relationships with other Wake Forest law alumni in Chicago, allowing me to get and give business."

Federle transitioned to a local mid-size firm before moving on to Jackson Lewis, one of the premier law firms that is focused solely on employment issues. Her time there would eventually deliver her to her current position as Corporate Counsel for Outcome Health in Chicago.

"At JL, I honed my employment law skills, gained valuable litigation experience, and met amazing people," she explains. "I recently transitioned in-house and am loving the new environment and expanding my skill set beyond employment litigation."

Natalie Federle poses with Professor Charley Rose at an alumni event.



Natalie Federle (second from left) is all smiles with her fellow graduates following the Hooding Ceremony.

Federle admits she almost didn't attend Wake Forest and was already committed to a different law school when she made an unscheduled stop in Winston-Salem.

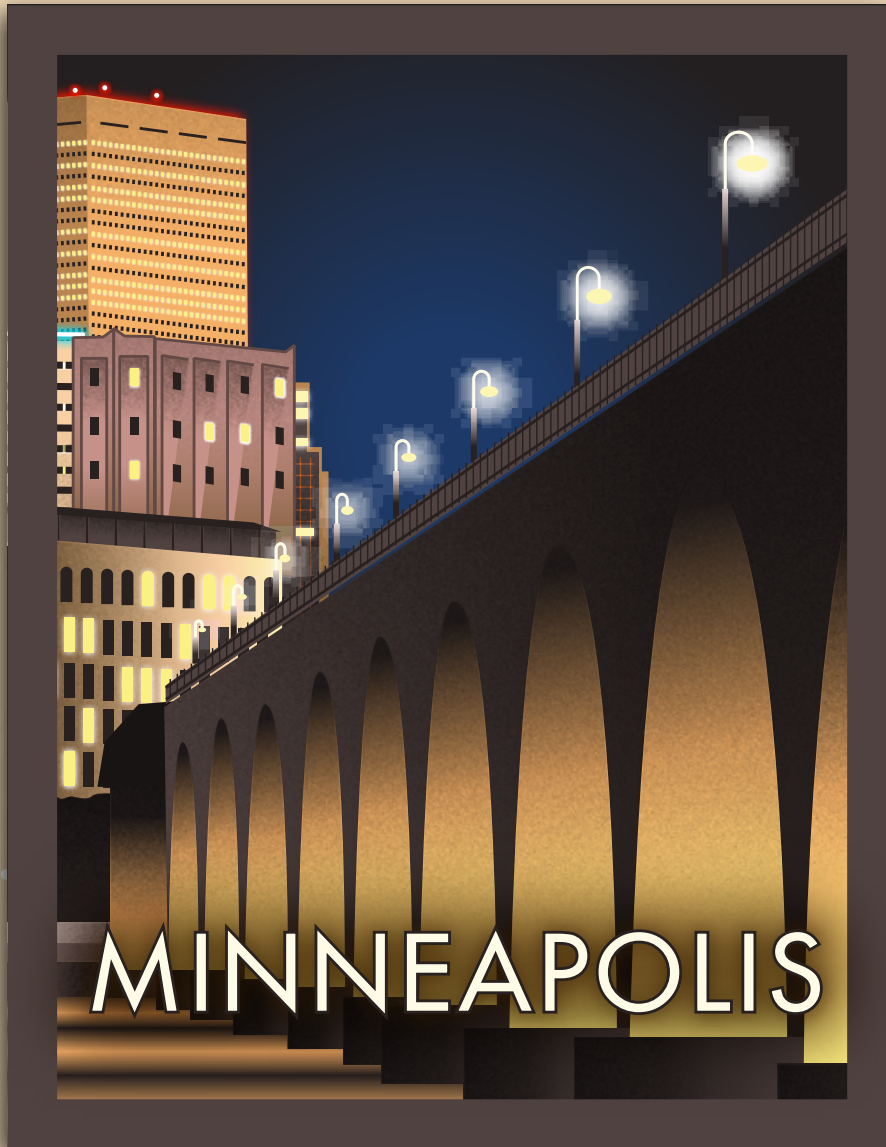
"After a last-minute campus visit, I changed my mind and never looked back," she explains. "It is a good thing, too, because I met my husband in Winston-Salem, have the world's greatest friends from law school, and could not imagine a more perfect environment to begin my journey as an attorney."

That's because Federle says she learned how to think like a lawyer at Wake Forest and how to use the tools that help her clients.

"I had the greatest professors (Section 1!) who pushed me, supported me, and taught me to always consider every angle. The three years that I spent at Wake Forest are some of the happiest of my life and I draw on that today when things are challenging. I also made lifelong friends who continue to support me and help me succeed."

And while Federle says she is uncertain about what the future holds, for the first time, she finds that prospect exciting.

"Having just taken my career in a new direction, I am excited to see where this leads."



ALEX REYES

Alexandria (Alex) Reyes (BA '06, JD '09) credits Wake Forest University with providing her with the foundation she needed to be a successful lawyer. The seven years she spent on campus, however, also taught her to embrace the university's motto, Pro Humanitate, which means "for humanity."

"Pro bono service is an important part of my practice," she explains. "I represented an unaccompanied minor in immigration and related state court proceedings in Georgia through an amazing organization called Kids in Need of Defense (KIND). I also represented a mentally disabled U.S. citizen in lawsuits involving his wrongful and illegal detention and deportation to Mexico."



Reyes, who went to work as an associate with Blackwell Burke, P.A. in her hometown of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a little more than a year ago, also represents her clients in a variety of business litigation matters, focusing on product liability defense and financial services litigation.

“Among the product liability cases I handle, I focus on food safety litigation, including regulatory actions and labeling and ingredient disputes.”

Before moving back to the Twin Cities, Reyes said she faced one of the biggest dilemmas of her legal career since she began working at Troutman Sanders LLP in Atlanta, Georgia, the firm she worked for as an associate during her 2L summer.

“One of the biggest challenges I had was making the tough decision to leave Troutman to pursue an opportunity back at home in Minnesota in early 2017,” she explains. “I loved Troutman, and it was difficult to leave amazing mentors and friends after having worked there for seven years. But I’m thrilled to be back home in the Twin Cities, despite the sub-zero temperatures in the winter!”

Moving home also has meant having the opportunity to reconnect with her mentor of more than 15 years,

retired Justice Paul H. Anderson of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

“I interned with him at the court when I was in high school, and he was the first lawyer I ever met. The lessons he taught me have been invaluable throughout my career, and it has been such a pleasure to reconnect with him more often now that I’m back in the Twin Cities. I was also honored to have him move for my admission to the Minnesota bar before the Minnesota Supreme Court, where I had interned with him 15 years prior!”

Reyes credits Professor Carol Anderson’s Litigation Externship Clinic as one of the law school experiences that prepared her for the real world.

“I believe the litigation clinic gave me an advantage over my peers from other schools in terms of the practical experience I gained,” she says.

“My experience at Wake Forest Law also helped to instill in me a desire for education beyond the billable hour – for example, connecting with colleagues inside and outside my firm, networking with alumni from the Wake Forest community, serving on nonprofit boards, and volunteering with local youth organizations.”



DAVID JONES



A leap of faith took David Jones (JD '11) more than 2,400 miles away from home. The California native, having never taken in the sweet aroma of a magnolia or the sight of a North Carolina pine, would find himself in a new community that was altogether different from what he had known.

"I had essentially spent my entire life on the California coast," Jones says. "I enrolled at the law school sight unseen and experienced some culture shock when I first pulled into Winston-Salem for orientation week."

His quick adoption of southern culture inspired the discovery of a new passion for travel, which would take his legal studies to London during his 1L summer. But Jones also acknowledges how his experiences in Winston-Salem developed his values and beliefs.

"Beyond the academic training, attending Wake Forest and working in the South instilled in me the value of professional courtesy. In my transactional practice, the most effective and happiest lawyers are often the most courteous."

In addition to a second home, Jones says that Wake Forest also grew another branch on his family tree. He and his closest law school friends continue to keep in touch through an annual weekend trip.

"While we aren't able to rent a limousine for law prom anymore," Jones explains, "we still try to get together to relive our best Wake Forest memories for a least one weekend a year."

His education, built on community and mentorship, also helped him open doors professionally.

"My Wake Forest connections have been invaluable," Jones says. "My first two jobs — with Judge John E. Waites and Moore & Van Allen — were both obtained through the help of Wake Forest connections. I've been able to experience the benefits of the tight-knit Wake Forest community firsthand."

Jones is now practicing real estate transactions at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP in downtown San Diego. He admits it's a particularly interesting time to be working in California real estate.

"California is in the midst of a housing crisis, and more needs to be done to increase the supply of affordable housing for all residents."

In reflecting on his legal education, Jones notes how Wake Forest helped him grow.

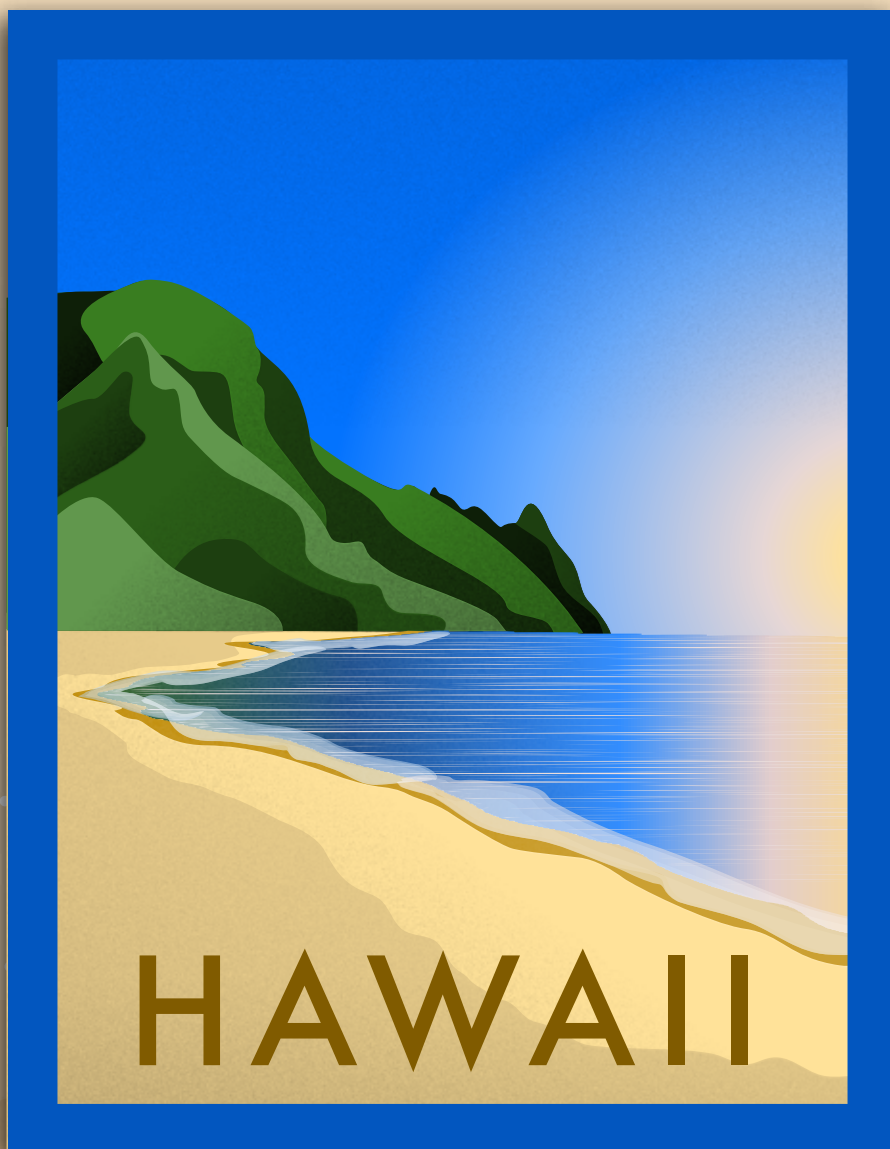
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— DAVID JONES (JD '11)



Bobby Ray Gordon just outside of the Multinational Military Coordination Centre (MNMCC) in Kathmandu, Nepal, during the 2015 Nepal Earthquake Response.



BOBBY RAY GORDON

For Bobby Ray Gordon (JD '86), legal education has been the doorway to a career built on decades of service and humanitarian aid. This doorway, painted with the colors of Mother So Dear, has allowed Gordon to take on numerous international positions, many of which have tasked him to defend the rights — and even the lives — of people all over the world.

“For me, the most memorable and satisfying experiences have been the moments where I have been able to use my legal education and legal skills to help protect the rights, and sometimes lives, of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDP),” says Gordon, who now calls Waipahu, Hawaii, home.

Although he entered the legal profession as a litigator in 1986, Gordon's career has evolved into a collection of more than 15 years of experience in international counsel, humanitarian aid, and disaster response. He took a slight pivot from litigation in 1991 when he joined the Peace Corps and the United Nations (UN) as a volunteer legal consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), a role that took him to Hong Kong. It was during this deployment that he met Aida, the woman who would become his wife of 22 years.

Gordon went back to practicing litigation after his term with the Peace Corps ended, but he returned to global refugee issues in 2002 when he took on the role of refugee protection officer for the International Rescue Committee. He was assigned to UNHCR offices in Sri Lanka, western Afghanistan, and Sudan.

"To be able to help people in dire straits return to their homes or to begin a new life in a new country with safety and dignity, makes all of the challenges worthwhile," Gordon explains. "In each of my deployments, there was at least one case where I felt I actually made a difference in someone's life."

Gordon continues to contribute to global humanitarian efforts as a multinational planner for the U.S. Pacific Command, a position that requires possible deployment for U.S. foreign disaster response and humanitarian assistance operations. He was most recently deployed in 2015 for the U.S. Pacific Command's Nepal Earthquake Response, which is otherwise known as Operation Sahayogi Haat or Operation "Helping Hand."

Gordon also travels throughout Asia and the Pacific to educate and prepare U.S. and regional military officers on how to support civilian-led disaster response and humanitarian operations under internationally recognized guidelines.

Looking back on his career, Gordon acknowledges that his Wake Forest experience and background in litigation built a strong foundation for the various international positions he has taken on during his lifetime.

"My Wake Forest education and years of litigation practice enabled me to effectively interview asylum seekers, and critically analyze their claims of persecution," Gordon says. "I was also able to effectively research and defend refugees,



Bobby Ray Gordon somewhere on the road between Qala-e-Naw and Bala Morghab in western Afghanistan as part of a 2014 UNHCR mission to investigate conditions for the voluntary returns of Afghan refugees and IDPs.

internally displaced persons, and stateless persons against abuses of their human rights. My legal education now enables me to analyze guidelines on disaster response, humanitarian assistance, and protection of civilians."

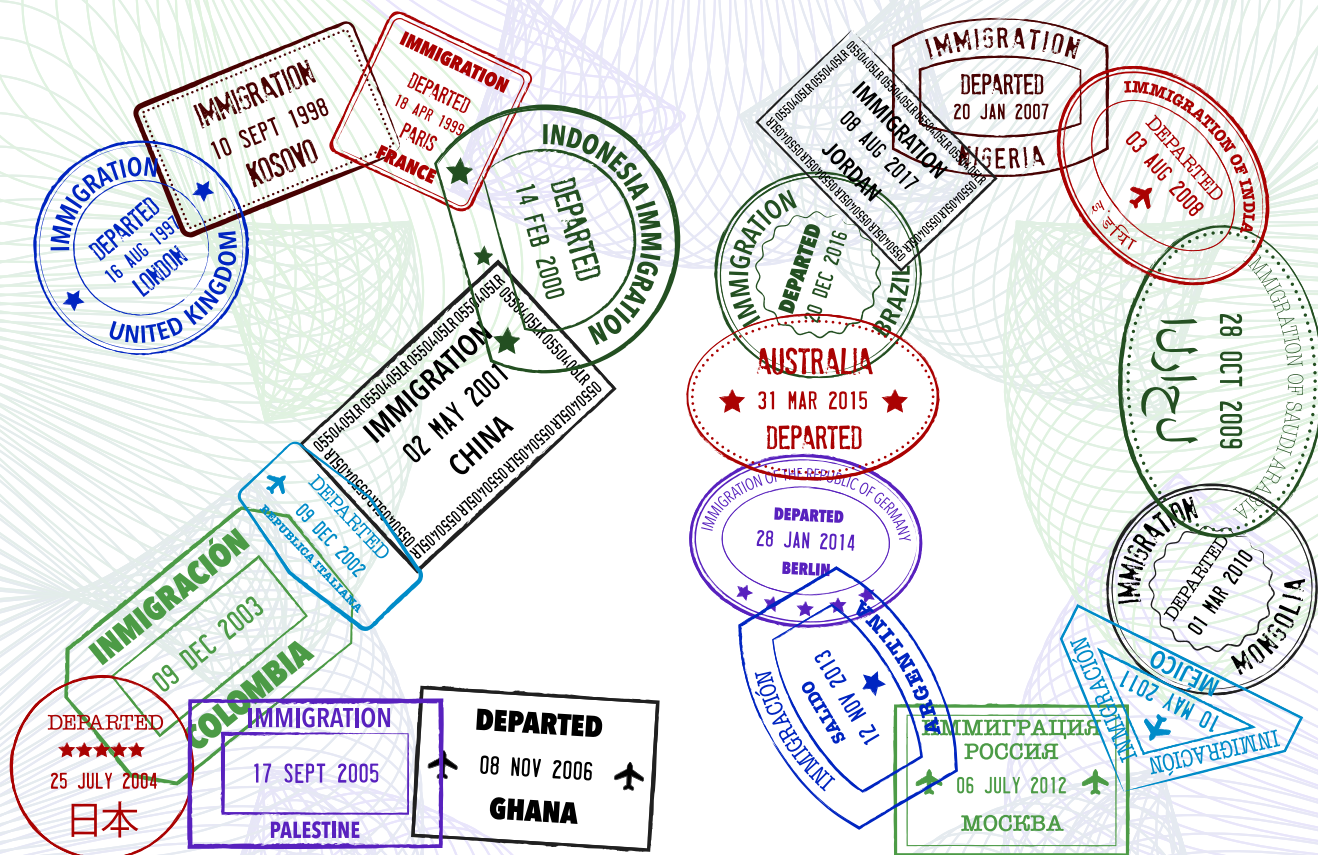
Gordon notes that his international law classes with Professor George Walker helped him find the door to his career. In fact, Professor Walker helped him find the keys to that door, too.

"I was required to have a Hawaii Bar member vouch for me," Gordon recalls. "Professor Walker introduced me to (retired) Major Gen. Ray Starling, Jr. (JD '75) and his wife, Pamela T. Garrison (BA '75), who were Hawaii State Bar members living in North Carolina — they vouched for me, enabling me to sit for the bar."



Bobby Ray Gordon in Kandahar at an IDP camp in Afghanistan during a 2003 UNHCR mission that connected village elders from Qala-e-Naw with IDPs from the Badghis Province.

CELEBRATING



YEARS

OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
AT WAKE FOREST LAW

They begin their journey as strangers in an even stranger land. But by the end of their first semester, Wake Forest international law students not only gain a better understanding of U.S. law, they also walk away with new friendships and global connections.

As one of the nation's first law schools to offer a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree for foreign lawyers, Wake Forest School of Law is home to one of the oldest and most prestigious programs for international students seeking legal education in the U.S.

Over the past two decades, the law school's international programs have grown to include the Scientiae Juridicae Doctorate (SJD), Visiting International Researcher (VIR), the trailblazing Two-Year Juris Doctor (JD) for International Lawyers, study abroad, and semester-long exchange programs.



Professor Alan Palmiter poses with members of the LL.M. Class of 1998 and the future Assistant Dean of the International Graduate Program Susan Montaquila. The LL.M. students (from left) are Francesco Ferrini, Abdulaziz Al-Bosaily, Sabrina Zancan, and Adriana Ozorio.



THE EARLY YEARS

When Dean Emeritus Bob Walsh arrived on campus in 1989, Wake Forest law school was primarily dedicated to training students who planned to practice law in the Old North State. He remembers the only professor who was really teaching international law was George Walker.

Walsh, however, foresaw an increasing need for global awareness in the legal profession as well as an opportunity to expand the reach of the then-regional law school.

"I wanted to expand the international offerings, because law and business were being globalized and we were trying to send students to work in Atlanta and Philadelphia," he explained. "Even if you were practicing in Hickory, you might have international dealings."





In a 1996 issue of *The Jurist*, Walsh announced that a new LL.M. degree for foreign attorneys would be available beginning the 1997-98 academic year. The program sought to bring four to eight graduates from foreign law schools to Winston-Salem.

“The international and comparative law components of our curriculum will better prepare our graduates to think like lawyers in the 21st century,” he said. “Wake Forest law students will benefit from having foreign-trained lawyers, who can provide additional insights regarding approaches to legal issues.”



The timing of the program’s launch was not coincidental — it was part of the university’s greater globalization efforts and it also happened to parallel the law school’s involvement in the American Bar Association (ABA) “sister school” program, which brought in a number of visiting professors from different universities and countries. Scholars arrived from places such as Janus Pannonius University in Pecs, Hungary, and University of Kiev in the Ukraine.



Walsh, along with Don Castleman and Richard Schneider, established roots at other universities through the program, having traveled to Pecs, Hungary twice as visiting professors. And a number of lawyers and law professors from other countries visited Wake Forest, including professors from the University of Kiev in Ukraine and the University of Minsk from Belarus.

These connections would later manifest themselves through the expansion of the London Summer Abroad Program, which began to offer courses in Venice and Vienna.

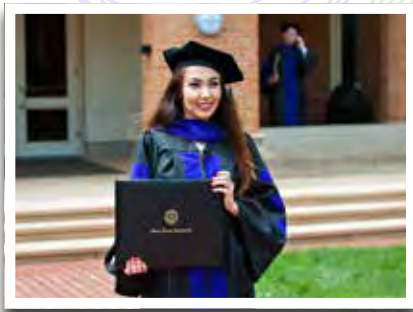
This confluence led then-Dean Walsh to form an internal International Committee, of which Professor Alan Palmiter was a member.



“We started really small and we’ve expanded consistently to 20 to 30 students,” Palmiter explained. “The international program has come together in pieces.”

Walsh later chose Professor Susan Montaquila, who had been teaching legal writing for a number of years, to head the LL.M. program as Assistant Dean of International Programs, in part, because she was responsible for setting up the RJR Nabisco stock trade Tokyo exchange.

Now Associate Dean of International Programs Schneider credits the ABA “sister program” and the expansion of the summer study abroad programs as the catalysts for additional degree programs for international attorneys.



“The LL.M. program was an outgrowth of this exposure to high-performing foreign law students and how great they are,” Schneider explains. “Expanding the study abroad programs led to the LL.M., which led to more diversification at the law school. The LL.M. program was an attempt to move us from being regional to global.”

It clearly worked.



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I love our international students, in part, because they are so respectful, and I've enjoyed teaching the LL.M.s over the years. These folks are undertaking a very difficult project. I think the LL.M. program has been a great contribution to our law school and in general to our JD program.

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Professor Miles Foy

"All the developments following the LL.M. degree program are just deepening the new perspective that the study abroad and LL.M. program had already given us," Schneider says.

These developments include the relatively new JD study abroad, exchange program agreements, and externships with schools, agencies, and companies in China, Italy, Switzerland, and beyond.

"We do it as a commitment to our Wake Forest students in recognition of the fact that law is a global world now," Schneider adds. "It's also a great way to start networking."

SMALL BY DESIGN

Professor Barbara Lentz has been working with LL.M. students since she arrived at Wake Forest law school in 2000, when the program mushroomed to 20 students. In 2012, she began teaching in the international programs full-time.

"I learn a lot from working with these students and I enjoy working with them in and outside the classroom," she explains. "When they are interested, I'll have students over to my house and they will join my family for dinner."

She's not the first LL.M. professor to invite international students to her home. Professors Schneider, Montaquila, Palmiter, Andrew Verstein, and Shannon Gilreath (JD '02) have all invited international students into their homes.

Gilreath, who worked for the program for a decade and served as associate director for four years, used to have students drive out to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner at his grandparents' home.

"Every year I held a dinner at my grandmother's house in the country in Alexander County," he explained. "We had traditional foods and sometimes the Saudi men would come in their traditional garb. They all seemed to really enjoy it and my family did, too."

Lentz has since picked up the baton by inviting LL.M. students into her home for the holiday — a tradition that has morphed over the years into a significant community-builder: an annual international potluck at the law school.

Opposite: Members of the Class of 2000 Faisal Al-Lazzam, Poravich (Pat) Makornwatana, Aibek Ismoilov, Komei Takatsu, and Frédéric Joly (featured on page 35); former Assistant Dean of International Programs Susan Montaquila (far left) poses with members of the Class of 2009; Professor Shannon Gilreath poses with Wanyu Cai (LL.M. '12); Professor Charley Rose poses with Forrest Fu (LL.M. '07, JD '10), who flew in from Shanghai, at Professor Rose's retirement reception; and Samira Schakirova (LL.M. '18) poses in front of the law school following the Hooding Ceremony.

Above: Arjeta Sadiku (LL.M. '18) (left), Professor Miles Foy and Hunaida Pasuli (LL.M. '18) celebrate at Professor Foy's retirement reception.



Amber Featherstone, director of International Programs, poses outside Wait Chapel before the Hooding Ceremony for the Class of 2018.

“Thanksgiving got too big, so instead of me just cooking, people began to make and bring dishes from the U.S. or ones that reflect their home culture,” Lentz added. “It’s a fun and meaningful evening. It’s a time when the international students can come together and share their successes.”

Lentz also invites the international students to join her in helping pack backpacks of food for local children at the Wake Forest School of Business. Her goal is to help connect international law students with the campus community.

“I try to help international students connect with others, so that they can get as much out of their experience here as possible,” Lentz says. “We are trailblazers in focusing on the needs and expectations of our students.”

But the biggest benefit to the program is its size.

“They have a good cohort of fellow master’s students that are drawn from numerous countries, but because it is small, they get individualized attention and also get integrated into the JD courses,” Lentz explained. “In some other programs, LL.M. students don’t ever get to interact with anyone from the U.S.”

In an annual newsletter sent to international alumni in 2010, Montaquila wrote: “There are a growing number of mega-LL.M. programs in the market. Wake Forest is adhering to our approach of offering a small, intimate program, which succeeds in providing close and individual contact with professors for each LL.M. student.”

Nearly 10 years later, this commitment to keeping international graduate programs small hasn’t changed.





THE FUTURE

In the spring of 2018, the faculty approved specializations within the LL.M. degree. There is also movement afoot to change the name of the current LL.M. degree in American Law, according to Schneider.

“We are responding to what our international students are telling us and that is we need an LL.M. in Business Law, or Health Law, or Human Rights Law,” he says. “And I’m all for making it more relevant for students.”

More JD students are studying overseas as part of the law school’s international programs. Some are pursuing their interests formally through partnerships with schools in China and Italy or externships with the United Nations in Geneva, organized by Professor John Knox, for example.

Others, like John Sanders (JD ’16) and Sam Abrams (JD ’16), are able to connect with LL.M. alumni through Schneider for international internships.

“Now John is at Kilpatrick Townsend here in town and he is still working with Francesco Ferrini (LL.M. ’98), who is a lawyer at IuraPlus Studio Legale in Milan, Italy, and building the relationship between his Italian firm and Kilpatrick,” Schneider explains. “This is a great Wake Forest success story. When we draw on the Wake Forest network, it ends up in fruitful relationships. It happens all the time.”

Palmiter adds, “I would say the biggest evolution of the international programs is that we now see our international students as critical to the law school, where in the beginning they were more of an add-on of foreign exchange students.”

Amber Featherstone, director of International Programs since 2015, recognizes the importance of keeping the programs student-focused.

“As Susan Montaquila noted in 2010, the success of our graduates is the direct result of the personalized experience we are able to provide by keeping our program small and selective,” Featherstone explains. “Twenty years of dedication to the individual students in one program has been wildly successful, and we look forward to continuing that tradition for another 20 years and beyond.”

Below: Members of the Class of 2015 at Wait Chapel before their Hooding Ceremony.

Members of the Class of 2015 from Kosovo pose with Associate Dean of International Programs Dick Schneider and Director of International Programs Amber Featherstone.



FULL CIRCLE

CLASS OF 2018 HAS STRONG CONNECTIONS
TO SOME OF THE FIRST LL.M. ALUMNI

CLASS OF 1999



LL.M. Class of 1999, (from left): Enkhbat Batsukh of Mongolia, Ketevan Kvartskhava Tbilisi of Georgia, Michael Hoffmann of Hamburg, Germany, Aziz Al-Suhaibani of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Ryo Kawamura of Japan

In the fall of 1998, three international attorneys from three very different places followed their dreams of expanding their legal knowledge. They boarded a plane bound for Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to pursue their LL.M. at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Within a few weeks, Enkhbat Batsukh (LL.M. '99) of Mongolia, Ryo Kawamura (LL.M. '99) of Japan and Ketevan Kvartskhava (LL.M. '99) of Georgia — representing the second incoming class of the program — were fast friends.

Nearly 20 years later, three more LL.M. students from the same three countries would begin their studies at the law school. But it was not coincidence that led Zolzaya Mundur (LL.M. '18) of Mongolia, Yosuke Watanabe (LL.M. '18) of Japan and Davit Tabatadze (LL.M. '18) of Georgia to Wake Forest law school. Instead it was the influence of their employers, who had taken similar journeys two decades before.

Mundur worked with Batsukh, a former government lawyer and business executive, who is now the managing partner at MDS KhanLex LLP law firm, for three years before either realized Mundur was interested in following in her supervisor's footsteps.

"The first time I came to know about Wake Forest was from Enkhbat's CV," Mundur explained. "I had a chance to meet with Amber Featherstone during her visit to Mongolia in April 2017 and told her my boss (whom she knew) went to Wake Forest Law. Enkhbat told Amber positive things about me before I even applied. It wasn't until I got accepted that I talked to Enkhbat about my plans. When I asked him about his experiences, he said great things about the school and the program."

Watanabe has worked for the past nine years with Kawamura, senior legal adviser in the Legal Department at UBE Industries Ltd. in Tokyo. Watanabe wanted to earn an LL.M. from a U.S. law school because he spends a lot of time checking contracts between U.S. holding

companies and UBE Industries. “My boss (Kawamura) recommended that I enroll at Wake Forest and he brought me on a tour here,” Watanabe said.

As the first Japanese graduate of the program, and founding member of the Wake Forest School of Law Japan Alumni Association, Kawamura has paved the way for other Japanese students as well. “I hope all of the LL.M. students at Wake Forest Law are fortunate to have the same experience as I had,” Kawamura said.

Kvartskhava is a partner of BLC Law Office, a top-ranked law firm in Tbilisi, Georgia. Tabatadze started at BLC five years ago as a junior associate before being promoted to associate.

“I heard of Wake Forest from Ketti and I knew she graduated from Wake Forest University,” he said. “I knew I wanted to get an LL.M. I talked to Ketti and she said you should pick Wake Forest because of small classes and the open communication with the professors.”

This current generation of LL.M. students received advice from their employers even about which classes to take. The 1999 graduates all had fond

memories of Associate Dean of International Affairs Richard Schneider’s courses and encouraged their mentees to learn from him.

All three enrolled in Schneider’s “Cross-Border Business Transactions” course in the fall semester. “It was a great pleasure to have students like Zolzaya, Davit, and Yosuke in my class,” he says. “They bring rich and varied experience from their own professional lives and made the subject of cross-border business transactions an immediate one for all students.”

Featherstone, director of International Programs, is ecstatic about the alumni connection.

“We have loved having this second generation of LL.M. students this year,” she explained. “In talking with the alumni, I know that the current students are experiencing the same welcoming and supportive environment they received so many years ago.

The technology may have changed, but the core of who we are and the experience we provide has not. We hope more of our alumni will encourage their colleagues and friends to join us, so that we can continue to expand the Wake Forest Law family.”

LL.M. Class of 2018, (from left): Davit Tabatadze of Georgia, Yosuke Watanabe of Japan, and Zolzaya Mundur of Mongolia





THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Given Name / Surname

RICHARD SCHNEIDER

Current Residence

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Associate Dean for International Affairs and Professor of Law Richard Schneider by Provost Rogan Kersh at Wake Forest University's Founder's Day Convocation on Feb. 15, 2018.

Kersh described Schneider, who is conversant in five languages, as the consummate intellectual. "And his students are better for it...he has grown the ranks and increased opportunities for foreign students (at the law school) as well as increased opportunities for our domestic students to study abroad in China, Italy, Spain, and Austria."

Schneider's academic and professional activities are multifaceted as well as national and international in scope. In addition to his environmental and international business law courses, he also teaches a course called "Law, Literature, and Culture." He directs the law school's Vienna Summer Program and works in that capacity closely with faculty at the University of Vienna.

"I'm delighted to announce that we will present Dick Schneider the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award this year," Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) says. "A student in his 'Cross-Border Transactions' course last semester called him 'a legend.' In his property course last spring, students complained about how much he made them read while acknowledging that they 'laughed more than any class.' His 'Law, Literature, and Culture' class regularly changes lives. A much-deserved recognition of a wonderfully gifted teacher."

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Schneider has followed Russia closely throughout his career and advises on a number of environmental matters in his capacity as Legal Chair of the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club. He has served on the Environmental Committee of the North Carolina State Bar Association and was a board member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Central and East European Law Initiative. After law school, Schneider went to work for Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York and in Brussels, where he did a wide range of international transactions.

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was established in 1985 to honor Joseph Branch (JD '38, LL.D '83) upon his retirement from the North Carolina Supreme Court.

COMMON GROUNDS

Given Name / Surname

FRÉDÉRIC JOLY (LL.M. '00)

Current Residence

FRANCE



A different way of life prepared Frédéric Joly (LL.M. '00) to bring his career back home. His journey to become senior legal counsel for Saint-Gobain Group in Paris, France, started as a mere curiosity — a passion for other legal cultures — and later transformed into a year-long journey at a small school in the foothills of North Carolina.

“I wanted to discover another legal culture,” Joly says. “Experiencing a different legal system and rules based on Common Law was an exciting and instructive challenge for someone coming from a Civil Law country.”

But Joly also wanted to pair culture with academic rigor. His search for American law schools started at well-ranked programs and narrowed into a short list of prestigious institutions that offered curriculums built on community and history.

“It was important to study at a well-ranked law school where I wouldn’t just be a number in a crowd of students,” Joly says. “Wake Forest School of Law allowed me to make strong connections with professors and even take classes with JD students.”

This closeness to professors had its benefits. One of Joly’s strongest memories of Wake Forest was the amount of preparation he had to make in order to attend class. Because classes were small, there was always a strong possibility that a professor would involve you in a lecture, Joly recalls.

“The time spent reading and preparing for class enabled me to acquire new legal skills and enhanced my knowledge.”

His focus on preparation would lead him to success. Upon graduation, Joly was named the CALI Excellence Award winner for his achievements in European Law. He immediately landed an internship with the Paris-based Deloitte Law Group, where he began to practice tax law.

From there, Joly was recruited by Bouygues Group, a major international construction, telecommunications, and media group. He joined their legal counsel team in 2001 and accrued years of experience in numerous practice areas, including real estate, business, and intellectual property law.

By 2010, Joly joined the legal counsel team at Saint-Gobain Group, a role that evolved into the senior-level position he holds today. He attributes part of his success to the global prestige of his degree.

“My Wake Forest diploma helped me a lot throughout my career,” Joly says. “My American experience, my legal English language skills, and my international diploma added a strong value to my profile.”

Beyond the success of his career, Joly reflects on the impact of his experiences at Wake Forest.

“Above all, the relationships with my classmates, professors, and staff, and the discovery of a different way of life in a wonderful region, has truly enriched my life.”



BRANCHING OUT

Given Name / Surname

REID WHITTEN (JD '07)

Current Residence

ENGLAND

Reid Whitten (JD '07) will join the Wake Forest School of Law faculty in 2019 as an adjunct professor of the new international compliance course for the online-only Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree and certificate program. The former Fletcher Scholar is the managing partner of the London office of Sheppard Mullin, where he specializes in global business transactions.

Tell us about your new Master of Studies in Law course.

My online international compliance course will be offered through the MSL program beginning spring 2019. It will focus on anti-bribery laws, economic sanctions, export controls, and foreign investments in the U.S. Because the MSL program offers working professionals the opportunity to learn practical approaches to law and regulation, I built a curriculum that teaches students how to comply with international

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Reid Whitten (JD '07)

regulations as well as respond to any legal challenges that may arise from global transactions their business may undertake. This course and the MSL program as a whole are just some of the ways Wake Forest law school connects its students to the larger world.

Describe your journey to becoming the managing partner at Sheppard Mullin's London office.

Since 2008, I have practiced international trade controls with my partner and longtime mentor, Scott Maberry. In 2013, I put together a business plan and presented it to the firm's executive committee. It seemed like a wild idea. A year later, the firm sent me to Brussels as the only Sheppard Mullin associate in all of Europe. I initially worked out of my apartment, coffee shops, and a borrowed office at a friendly firm in the city. By 2016, I was made full partner and we had established our own Sheppard Mullin Brussels office with a team of 12 attorneys.

Now, as managing partner for Sheppard Mullin's London office, I am charged with developing the firm's international services, client base, and reputation.

What are your main regulatory focuses and how have they changed in a digital marketplace?

Two of the regulatory areas I focus on are sanctions and export controls. As money and information move almost instantly across borders, compliance with those regulations becomes more complex. This is one of the many challenges that are leaving regulators scrambling to keep up and are keeping me and those in my field constantly on our toes.

What is the most interesting business practice that you conduct?

Sanctions. No question. International sanctions are a political tool by which countries make manifest their foreign policy. As sanctions shift, increase or roll back, business risks and opportunities move with them. If I advise my clients well, they can be best positioned to take advantage of a new market or protect themselves against a hidden risk of sanctions violations.

INTELLECTUAL BY DESIGN

Given Name / Surname

SHUYA WANG (LL.M. '08)

Current Residence

CHINA



Among the handbags and luggage, the sunglasses and luxury fashion-wear, there stands alone a brand — Louis Vuitton — that Shuya Wang (LL.M. '08) is tasked to defend. As the in-house intellectual property legal counsel for Louis Vuitton Company Limited, Wang is responsible for protecting the integrity of the brand throughout all of China. Her path to this role began with a series of connections, connections that were sewn and stitched together by the very fabric of the Wake Forest community.

“My first mentor in a law firm was a Wake Forest alumna, Katie Feng (LL.M. '02),” Wang says. “She trained me and led me to the path of an intellectual property attorney.”

This connection developed into more opportunities for Wang, leading her to Rouse & Co. in the city of Shanghai. It was there that she advised multinational companies, spanning industries, on various intellectual property issues, which included the development of protective strategies, handling anti-counterfeit matters, and dealing with trade name, trademark, and copyright disputes.

After dedicating four years to Rouse & Co., Wang joined Louis Vuitton in 2016.

“I handle a wide range of Louis Vuitton’s intellectual property matters in China, including the management of all disputes among trademark infringement, unfair competition, and copyright violations, advising on trademark prosecution matters, bad faith oppositions/invalidations with local research and investigation, and drafting and reviewing intellectual property-related clauses and commercial agreements.”

But before her professional journey could happen, Wang felt that she needed to elevate her academic resume and enrich her cultural experiences. She looked overseas only to find another connection that would inspire her to pursue education in North Carolina.

“Forrest Fu (LL.M. '07), an alumnus from my university, the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), was pursuing his LL.M. degree at Wake Forest,” Wang says. “He shared his experiences with me, emphasizing the notable faculty, rigorous academic atmosphere, and the friendliness of the campus, which convinced me to attend.”

Her experience would match these promises. Wang remembers vividly how time was not measured by the hands of a clock, but by the number of pages and assignments she needed to finish for her classes. Although the curriculum was demanding, Wang recalls how some of her most cherished memories were defined by her relationships with faculty and staff.

“The faculty and staff were so supportive,” Wang says. “They made Wake Forest a home for us, a new place where we were going to grow and succeed.”

For Wang, this growth and success would immediately come in the form of dual qualifications for the practice of law in both New York and China. She recognizes that much of her path was designed by the culmination of all the moments and relationships she experienced at Wake Forest.

“All of my experiences at Wake Forest have become good memories,” Wang says. “The knowledge I gained and the effort I made has had a profound impact on my career, motivating me to move forward in my own success.”



FAVORITE VISITORS

Given Name / Surname

IYIOLA SOLANKE

Current Residence

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Iyiola Solanke has been a visiting professor at Wake Forest University since 2010, which just happens to be the same year she joined the University of Leeds as a law professor.

Every other fall, most recently 2017, Solanke teaches a concentrated course on the law of the European Union.

Solanke's research is theoretical, empirical, historical, and socio-legal and her core interests fall in the fields of the EU, race, and law. "I write on intersectionality, anti-discrimination law, social action, the judiciary in Europe, and EU governance."

She presented her most recent book, "Discrimination as Stigma: A Theory of Anti-Discrimination Law" (Hart 2017) to the Wake Forest law faculty when she was on campus.

Her other recent publications include "The Paradox of Intersectionality" in the *Sociologia del Diritto* special issue on "Intersectionality, Law and Society" in December 2016 and "A Method for Intersectional Discrimination in EU Labour Law" in (eds.) Bogg, Costello, Davies *Research Handbook on EU Labour Law* (Edward Elgar, December 2017). She is also an editor for "Eutopialaw" (www.eutopialaw.com) run by Matrix Chambers.

Solanke's knowledge about the world's different legal systems allows her to make comparisons in class to evaluate the effectiveness of EU Law policies versus other systems, explains Candice Diah (JD '17).

"Our class also had several international students and students who have lived in different European countries," she said. "Our class dynamic offered a unique opportunity for open discussion."

“It is a privilege to be invited to teach an intensive course on EU Law at Wake Forest and I always look forward to my time here. Wake Forest not only has a good cohort of international students, but also many students with a genuine interest in international affairs.”

Iyiola Solanke

A graduate of the London School of Economics with a Ph.D. in Law, Solanke has held fellowships at the University of Michigan, the University of Sydney, McGill University, and Cambridge University. She is currently the chair in European Union Law and Social Justice at the University of Leeds School of Law.

MORE THAN PARTNERS

Given Name / Surname

MAURICIO ZULUAGA (LL.M. '13)

CATALINA GARZON (LL.M. '13)

Current Residence

COLOMBIA



The dream to take his legal studies beyond the borders of Colombia had been something Mauricio Zuluaga (LL.M. '13) had carried with him since graduating from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in 2002. This dream, which would be realized 10 years later with his wife, Catalina Garzon (LL.M. '13), by his side, would take both of them to the American South to a metropolitan city tucked into the outskirts of southern Appalachia.

"After several years of hard work in law," Zuluaga says, "my wife and I decided to invest in a high-quality education and accomplish one of our dreams. We wanted to experience a different cultural and academic environment as well as improve our professional profiles."

Zuluaga, who was formerly a senior lawyer at a Colombia-based financial company, and Garzon, a former senior lawyer at Bancolombia, would find Wake Forest School of Law through the Fulbright Scholarship program.

"My main goal in pursuing my LL.M. at Wake Forest," Garzon says, "was to acquire a global vision of the legal system that would allow me to develop products that increased public access to the financial system."

Both Zuluaga and Garzon describe their time at Wake Forest as a cherished year in their lives, one that has allowed them to develop as people and as professionals. Zuluaga specifically notes how – in addition to his improved English proficiency – his experiences with Wake Forest JD students and other international students allowed him to expand his professional relationships throughout the world.

"I'm still connected with international and American

classmates," Zuluaga says. "When I have a question about legal matters in another country, I have always had someone to call."

These series of discoveries, of lessons and interactions, also informed Zuluaga about the different opportunities in the legal profession, empowering him to establish his own business back in Colombia.

"When I left the country to study abroad," Zuluaga says "I discovered different opportunities in the legal field, so I decided to start my own law firm in Colombia that mainly focuses on commercial and tax law. After graduating, I've been able to deal with international transactions and clients abroad."

Garzon, too, benefited from these experiences. Soon after graduating, she was promoted to legal director at Bancolombia, where she was responsible for product innovation and personal banking.

In reflecting on their time at Wake Forest, which is often accompanied by memories of a beautiful campus and lively downtown, both Zuluaga and Garzon note the importance of Wake Forest in their lives now.

"Nowadays, Wake Forest is part of our life," Zuluaga says. "Every time a professor or staff member visits Colombia, I meet them."

Garzon agrees.

"When I have meetings with potential investors from the U.S., I'm proud to tell them that I'm a Wake Forest alumna, which makes me feel confident to engage in negotiation."

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

Over the past six years, Professor John Knox has traveled thousands of miles, journeying to places such as Madagascar, Mongolia, and Uruguay, all for the sake of an idea. In his final report as United Nations (U.N.) Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights and the environment, Knox emphasized “the interdependence of human rights and the environment is an idea whose time is here.” The breadth of his travels, research, and government consultations have shaped this idea into a mission to reach global recognition of the human right to a healthy environment.

“A healthy environment is necessary for us to be able to enjoy lives of dignity, equality, and freedom,” Knox says. “And the exercise of human rights such as rights to information and public participation are vital to the protection of the environment.”

Since being appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council in 2012, Knox has promoted the use of internationally and constitutionally recognized human rights, including rights of freedom of expression and assembly, to defend the environment from harm.

The Council extended Knox’s mandate in 2015, and appointed him to be the first-ever Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights and the environment.

Knox has published and presented more than a dozen reports to the Council, addressing the application of human rights to a wide array of issues, from climate change to biodiversity to the rights of children.

His work culminated in March 2018 with a final report, in which he set out 16 “framework principles” that provide guidance for the implementation of human rights obligations in the environmental context.

“Human beings are part of nature,” Knox writes. “And our human rights are intertwined with the environment in which we live. Environmental harm interferes with the enjoyment of human rights, and the exercise of human rights helps protect the environment and to promote sustainable development.”

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Professor John Knox

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Given Name / Surname

JOHN KNOX

Current Residence

UNITED STATES

Like this shared narrative, Knox's own story, too, is embedded in the lives of the people he encountered during his travels across the world. From government officials to indigenous leaders, from climate negotiators in Paris to community activists, from environmental defenders to concerned mothers, each have imparted their own stories to Knox in the course of his work. Some of the voices behind these stories also note the importance of Knox's influence in their own lives.

"I think the main reason I am alive is because of John," said Phyllis Omido at the 2018 Wake Forest Law Review symposium on natural resources and human rights. "In 2013, there were many attempts to kill me, but a letter from John's office to the government of Kenya, which discussed the work we were doing, immediately caused the aggressors to back off."

Omido, an award-winning environmental defender in Kenya, went on to say that Knox's work has been critical to the continuity of her work. Unfortunately, says Knox, the threats facing Omido are common among human rights advocates and environmental defenders.

"Being an environmental defender is one of the most dangerous occupations in the world," he says. "On average, every week four environmentalists are killed as a result of their work, somewhere in the world. Many more face harassment, violence, threats, and unlawful detention."

One way to combat threats to these vulnerable populations is through education.

In line with this principle, Knox joined the Universal Rights Group and several other organizations in developing and launching an educational web portal, environment-rights.org, which provides an extensive list of resources for environmental defenders and human rights advocates. The site launched in 2017.

Beyond his concentration on human rights and environmental defenders, Knox has focused his research and subsequent principles on educating citizens — even the youngest readers among them. One of his reports to the Human Rights Council in 2018 highlighted children's rights and the environment, and with the help of children "translators" in Northern Ireland, was also released in a "child-friendly" version.

His focus on future education is not limited to his work with the U.N. At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, Knox announced the launch of the Geneva Externship Program, enabling Wake Forest law students to work at an international organization or nonprofit in Geneva, Switzerland.

Knox's U.N. mandate concluded in summer of 2018. The Council has renewed the mandate for another three years, but he cannot serve another term, so his replacement will be named in July.

"This has been an inspiring and humbling mission," Knox says. "I have met some of the most courageous people in the world, who are risking their lives to protect the environment that we all depend upon. It has been a great honor to support them in their efforts."



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1 In January, the 1L Trial Team won the 2018 Kilpatrick Townsend Mock Trial Competition for the second year in a row.

2 The American Constitution Society (ACS) named Jasmine Burgess (JD '18) as a "Next Generation Leader."

3 National Jurist named Emily Scotton (JD '18) among "Law Students of the Year." It's the third year in a row the magazine recognized a Wake Forest law school student.

4 OUTLaw's LGBTQ+ Legal Clinic received the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA)'s 2018 Law Student Group Pro Bono Service Award.

5 U.S. News and World Report ranks Wake Forest Law as No. 32, up four spots from last year. It's the third year in a row the law school has moved up in the rankings. The Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research (LAWR) program was ranked No. 12.

6 The law school conferred hoods on 188 graduates on May 20, in Wait Chapel, including 153 Juris Doctor degree candidates, 20 International Master of Laws in American Law degree (LL.M.) candidates, seven Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree candidates and eight Scientiae

Juridicae Doctors (SJD) candidates. The MSL graduates represent the first class that earned their master's degrees wholly online.

7 The Moot Court program was ranked 12th among the best 100 law school programs in the nation by preLaw Magazine in its Fall 2017 issue. preLaw magazine, a National Jurist publication, also ranked Wake Forest among top schools for business and corporate law for the second year in a row. The National Jurist and preLaw magazines also named Wake Forest among the Best Value law schools in their Fall 2017 issues.

8 Wake Forest Law has for the fifth year in a row won the North Carolina Legal Feeding Frenzy sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA). The 2018 event saw more than 373,018 pounds of food collected — 66,000 more pounds of food than in 2017, according to organizers.

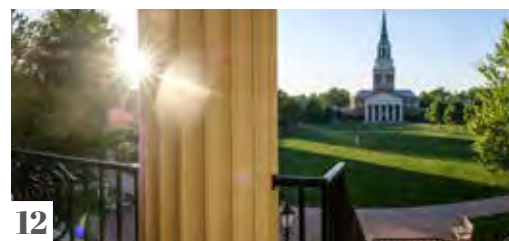
9 The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) celebrated the 33rd annual scholarship banquet on Feb. 9. BLSA members gathered to honor scholarship recipients, present the Legacy Award, dine with faculty members and alumni, and enjoy a keynote address by former Wake Forest Law Dean Blake D. Morant, who is now dean at George Washington University Law School.



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10 The next generation of physician assistants (PAs) can now take advantage of a new partnership — the first of its kind in the U.S. — established by the law school's fully online Master of Studies in Law (MSL) Degree and Graduate Certificate Program and the Wake Forest School of Medicine Physician Assistant (PA) Program. The MSL program also introduced a new Business Law and Compliance track designed for business owners and managers, among others.

11 Wake Forest Law began accepting the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the most widely used graduate school exam, as an alternative to the LSAT for its JD admissions process beginning Fall 2018. Wake Forest was one of the first three schools in the nation to have started a validation study of the GRE test in collaboration with Educational Testing Service (ETS). Wake Forest is the first law school in North Carolina to accept the GRE.

12 Wake Forest Law students and faculty have created a first-of-its-kind online graduate school journal that explores the growing field of bioethics. "Awaken: The Creative Journal of Contemporary Bioethics" is dedicated to exploring the field of bioethics through the publication of creative, fictionalized short stories based on contemporary bioethics issues, founders say.

13 Wake Forest Law Review is ranked No. 40 out of the 100 best law reviews in the country, according to the "2018 Meta-Ranking of Flagship U.S. Law Reviews," originally published on PrawfsBlawg on March 21.

14 Hazel Mack, the former leader of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC), has been promoted as director of outreach. Mack has served as the interim director of outreach for the law school since October 2016.

15 Jordan Crosby Lee (JD '16) joined the Office of Career and Professional Development as assistant director on Feb. 5. In his role, Lee will advise law students on career goals and job searching, help develop educational programming, and assist in teaching the law school's professional development course.

16 Some 175 Winston-Salem area residents learned more about recent changes in the laws in North Carolina regarding expungements at a Wake Forest Pro Bono Expungement Clinic information session held in partnership with the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Minister's Conference of Winston-Salem on Feb. 24, according to organizers.

1 Professor Mark Hall publishes a study on the Brookings Institution blog that asks, “Do States Regret Expanding Medicaid Reform?”

2 Professor Michael Green receives the 2018 Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award from the American Bar Association (ABA) Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

3 Marie-Amélie George, legal historian and former litigator and prosecutor, joins the Wake Forest School of Law as an assistant professor on July 1. She is a recipient of the 2018 Dukeminier Prize for her article, “Expressive Ends: Understanding Conversion Therapy Bans.”

4 Professor Timothy Davis receives the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) 2018 Section on Law and Sports Award.

5 Professor Laura Graham (JD '94) joins the Board of Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD). She also joins the Editorial Board of “The Second Draft.”

6 Professor Andrew Vertstein’s article, “The Jurisprudence of Mixed Motives,” is among the top submissions in the 2018 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition.

7 Professor Jonathan Cardi publishes a preliminary draft No. 5, “Restatement of the Law Third Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons,” and a tentative draft No. 3, “Restatement of the Law Third Torts: Torts to Persons.”

8 Professor Gregory Parks authors an amicus brief on the trial of a Florida A&M University student and signs on the brief for the Appellee as Amicus Curie, *Gill v. Whitford*, in the U.S. Supreme Court.

9 Professor Barbara Lentz receives the 2018 Innovative Teaching Award from Wake Forest University.

10 Brad Wilson (JD '78) joins Wake Forest University with appointments with the Provost and the business and law schools as Executive in Residence on Aug. 1. The former president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina will have his office in the law school.

11 Professor Christine Nero Coughlin (JD '90) authors “Modern Legal Scholarship: The Diverse World of Academic and Professional Writing,” a publication of the Carolina Academic Press.

12 Professor Rebecca Morrow is promoted to full professor with tenure and Professors Harold Lloyd and Abigail Perdue are promoted to professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research (LAWR) with tenure.



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PILO GOLF TOURNAMENT — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



THOMAS L. SAGER (JD '76), former legal counsel of DuPont for whom the Sager Speaker Series is named, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University in May for developing the industry standard for diversity in the legal profession.



MICHAEL A. GRACE (JD '77), an adjunct professor for the law school, received the Wade M. Smith Award from the North Carolina Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section in February to honor his career accomplishments as a defense attorney.



BURK WYATT (JD '87), and his wife, Brenda, dedicated the transformation of Classroom 1109, which will become the Wyatt Family Classroom, in honor of his parents, **FRANK (BA '56, JD '58)** and **BECKY (BA '58) WYATT**.



MAURICE
HORNE ('66)



ROBERT
HANNER ('69)



MIKE
LEWIS ('70)



DOUGLAS
PUNGER ('72)



ROBERT
TANNER ('73)

1960

RONALD C. DILTHEY was honored by the Campbell University School of Law with the dedication of the "Advocacy Suite" in his honor. He was an adjunct professor at Campbell's law school for 35 years. Dilthey also was included in the 24th edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

1963

RALPH WALKER of Greensboro, N.C., was reappointed by Speaker Tim Moore of the N.C. House of Representatives to a three-year term on the North Carolina Medical Board. Walker is a past director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and a retired Guilford County Superior Court and North Carolina Court of Appeals judge.

1964

SIDNEY S. EAGLES JR. was recognized by Benchmark Litigation 2018 as a Local Litigation Star. He

is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Raleigh, N.C.

1966

MAURICE HORNE spent 50 years in the law profession. He was a federal administrative law judge for 32 years, including 10 years as chief judge, until retiring in 2011. His undergraduate degree was in applied music (organ), and he continues to publish music, poetry and videos on his website and on YouTube. He lives in Greensboro, N.C.

JIM WILLIAMS JR. was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. Williams is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

1967

JOE MADDREY was awarded the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Bar Association. He served as president of the Eden

(N.C.) Chamber of Commerce and on the Morehead Memorial Hospital board of trustees and Hospice of Rockingham County board. He has practiced law in Eden since 1972.

DAN MCGINN was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

1969

ROBERT P. HANNER II was selected as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for the 11th straight year. He is a partner with Dozier Miller Law Group in Charlotte, N.C.

1970

MIKE LEWIS of Mike Lewis Attorneys was recognized as a 2018 Best Lawyer in personal injury litigation and eminent domain. This is the 19th consecutive year he has received the honor. His firm was named to the 2018 list of



HENRY
GORHAM ('74)



DAVID
WARD ('75)



JOSEPH
CARRUTHERS ('77)



DAVID
ROOT ('80)



TED
SMYTH ('81)

"Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers.

1972

DOUGLAS PUNGER received the Karen W. Ponder Leadership Award at the 2017 National Smart Start Conference. He spent almost 34 years as chief counsel for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. He is also on the board for Smart Start of Forsyth County and the North Carolina Partnership for Children.

HOWARD WILLIAMS was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

1973

ROBERT G. TANNER was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial in Atlanta.

1974

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

HENRY WISE GORHAM is with Teague Campbell Dennis and Gorham in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of The Best Lawyers in America and a North Carolina Super Lawyer.

1975

ALBERT R. BELL JR. was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Raleigh, N.C.

JOHN M. MARTIN was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, N.C.

DAVID WARD SR. was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for Raleigh, N.C., in the area of medical malpractice law (defendants). He was also named

to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog.

1976

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

THOMAS H. DAVIS JR. is president of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. He is a partner at Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, N.C.

1977

JOSEPH T. CARRUTHERS was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

MICHAEL A. GRACE received the Smith Award, named after renowned defense attorney Wade M. Smith of Raleigh, at the North Carolina Bar Association's 10th annual Gilchrist/Smith Awards Dinner. Grace has practiced criminal-defense law



GORDON
WIDENHOUSE ('81)



BEN
SUTTON ('83)



STANLEY
ATWELL ('84)



BRIAN
GALLAGHER ('84)



CRAIG
MINEGAR ('84)

for more than 30 years and is an attorney at Grace, Tisdale and Clifton in Winston-Salem.

CHIP T. HAGAN III was named among the 2018 Best Lawyers in America for his work in the area of business organizations. He is a partner with Hagan Barrett & Langley in Greensboro, N.C.

1978

PETER EHRLICH opened Riviera Creamery on the beach in Panama City Beach, Fla. He splits residency between Denver and Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

DAVIDA WAGNER MARTIN retired as Forsyth County attorney after 30 years of legal service. She began working for the county in 1988 and 10 years later was promoted to county attorney. She has served as president of the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys and was named Outstanding County Attorney of the Year in 2005.

1979

J. H. CORPENING, chief District Court judge for North

Carolina's Judicial District 5 (New Hanover County), received the David W. Soukup Judge of the Year Award at the National Court Appointed Special Advocates national conference in Boston.

BOB SINGER was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

1980

ANDY HARTSFIELD received the Chancellor's Legacy Award at Elizabeth City State University's (ECSU) Founders Day Gala. He is on the board of trustees at ECSU and in 2017 retired from Sanofi, where he served as head of international policy.

DAVID ROOT was admitted as a fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner at Carlock, Copeland & Stair and has been practicing law in Atlanta for 37 years.

1981

TED SMYTH was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C.

M. GORDON WIDENHOUSE JR. is a visiting professor of practice at Wake Forest law school teaching criminal law, criminal procedure, and criminal litigation drafting. His practice, Rudolf Widenhouse, focuses on appellate and post-conviction litigation.

1982

DONALT J. EGLINTON was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in New Bern, N.C.

RYAL W. TAYLOE was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Wilmington, N.C.

JILL WILSON received the Ann Majestic Award for Distinguished Service from the Education Law Section of the North Carolina



JOHN
BABCOCK ('85)



DENNIS
BAILEY ('85)



BILL
MUSSER ('85)



KAREN
WILSON ('85)



RONALD
HICKS ('87)

Bar Association. She also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. Wilson was named to Triad Business Journal's 2018 "Outstanding Women in Business." She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

1983

MICHAEL JAMES DODSON

was admitted as an advocate to the San Francisco Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is an attorney with Phillip M. Andersen & Associates in Pleasanton, Cali. Dodson and his wife, Mindy, live in Los Gatos, Cali.

DAVID MORRIS was inducted into the R.J. Reynolds (Winston-Salem) High School Sports Hall of Fame. He was a member of Reynolds' 1975 state championship basketball team and received all-city, all-county, and all-conference honors in 1976. He played at Wake Forest and later taught at Reynolds and coached the boys' varsity basketball team.

BEN C. SUTTON JR. was appointed to the board of directors of the White House Historical Association, a private

nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance the public's understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the White House. Sutton founded and serves as chairman and managing partner of Teall Capital, a private equity company created in 2017. He was also named to "The Champions: Pioneers and Innovators in Sports Business" group by the Sports Business Journal and Sports Business Daily, and received the University of South Carolina's Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Entertainment Award at its Sports Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow conference in Columbia, S.C. He is a member of Wake Forest's Board of Trustees.

1984

STANLEY ATWELL was named to the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a director at Carruthers & Roth in Greensboro, N.C.

BRIAN A. GALLAGHER was named interim dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

CRAIG A. MINEGAR was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He

is a lawyer with Winderweede, Haines, Ward and Woodman in Winter Park, Fla.

JIM PHILLIPS JR. was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business and selected to serve a two-year term as an at-large member of the Public School Forum of North Carolina. He also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and was named to Business North Carolina's 2018 Legal Elite for appellate "Power 100" list, and the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C. Phillips serves as a director of the James B. Hunt Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy and is a trustee of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

1985

JOHN W. BABCOCK was named North Carolina's best lawyer in the business law category in Business North Carolina magazine's 2018 listing of Legal Elite and he was also included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for mergers and acquisitions law and corporate law. He is a partner at



DAVID
RHOADES ('89)



ANDREW
AVRAM ('90)



PAT
FLANAGAN ('90)



JOHN
FLYNN ('90)



DANA
HOFFMAN ('90)

Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

J. DENNIS BAILEY was recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2018 as Lawyer of the Year for personal injury litigation (defendants) and was included on the list for commercial litigation, personal injury litigation (defendants), and medical malpractice law (defendants). He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

DAVID DAGGETT received the 2018 Forsyth County Governor's Volunteer Service Award in the People's Choice category for his commitment to the local Down Syndrome community. He was nominated by the Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network, an organization he's worked with for many years. He is an attorney and partner with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem.

BILL MUSSER is a senior public finance, securities, and corporate attorney with more than 30 years of experience. He joined the Pope Flynn law firm and works in both the Columbia and Charleston, S.C., offices.

JAMES K. PRYOR is chief counsel at Capital Telecom in Morristown, N.J.

KAREN WILSON was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

1986

LISA JEFFRIES CALDWELL was named Woman of the Year at the Winston-Salem Chronicle's 33rd annual Community Service Awards. She retired as the executive vice president and chief human resources officer of Reynolds American after 27 years. Her community involvement includes Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links, The Moles, and various local boards.

ROBERT GRIFFIN was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C.

1987

EDWARD R. GAINES received the 2017 Meritorious Service Award from the Emergency Medicine Department Practice

Management Association. He is chief compliance officer in emergency medicine with Zotec Partners in Greensboro, N.C.

RONALD L. HICKS was selected by Super Lawyers to its 2017 list of top Pennsylvania attorneys.

JAN E. BOSTIC YARBOROUGH was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem. Yarbrough is a member of the Wake Forest Law Board of Visitors.

1988

BOB KING III was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business, was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, and was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

JEFF MELCHER is regional managing partner of the Southeast for the law firm Wilson Elser in Atlanta.

RICK SAGER JR. was included in the 2018 edition of The Best



NICHOLAS
VALAORAS ('92)



SUSAN
FRADENBURG ('93)



DAN
CAHILL ('93)



ERIC
ISKRA ('94)



BRUCE
THOMPSON ('94)

Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial in Atlanta.

1989

BOBBY HIGDON JR. was nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Higdon had previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney in North Carolina's Western and Eastern districts.

DEAN W. HOLLANDSWORTH is deputy county attorney representing the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services in High Point, N.C. Hollandsworth and his wife, Barbara, live in Archdale, N.C.

LUCRETIA SMITH GUIA is vice president, labor relations, and deputy general counsel at American Airlines. She practiced labor and employment law with firms in Atlanta and Greensboro, N.C., for 20 years before joining US Airways in 2009.

DAVID RHOADES was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C.

1990

M. ANDREW AVRAM was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, N.C.

FORREST CAMPBELL JR. was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business, was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, and was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

PATRICK H. FLANAGAN was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, N.C.

JOHN M. FLYNN was named to the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a director at Carruthers & Roth in Greensboro, N.C.

DANA H. HOFFMAN was elected president of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA). She has served as secretary and president-elect on TIDA's Executive Committee. This marks her third consecutive term serving as a member of TIDA's

board of directors. Hoffman is a shareholder and litigation team member at Young Moore and Henderson in Raleigh, N.C.

DANIEL KENNEDY moved to Charlotte, N.C., with his family and is senior vice president and general counsel at Clear Blue Insurance Group.

AMY JACKSON SPILLER is vice president of government and community affairs at Duke Energy Ohio. She serves on the board of directors of Red Bike, Cincinnati's nonprofit bike-share system, and is a member of the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky bar associations. Spiller and her husband, Keith ('89), have lived in Cincinnati for nearly 25 years.

LEW STARLING is president of Mid-Atlantic Restaurant Corp., the franchisor of Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q, and Cary Keisler Inc. He is the first non-family member to be appointed president. He also continues to practice law as managing partner at Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence, & Starling in Clinton and Smithfield, N.C. Starling serves as mayor of Clinton.



ROBERT
RAMSEUR ('95)



BONITA
BROWN ('97)



NORMAN
KLICK ('97)



BRIAN
CORBETT ('00)



WILLIAM
KENNEDY ('00)

1991

KAREN M. KEMERAIT

is a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Raleigh, N.C. She is also a regular contributor to "Elements for Growth," a blog about infrastructure and economic development in the Southeast. Kemerait is vice chair of the Board of Adjustment for the city of Raleigh, a board member of the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters, and the former vice chair for WakeUP Wake County.

CYNTHIA DAVIS KENNEDY

moved to Charlotte, N.C., with her family, relocating her trusts/estates and tax practice to the Charlotte office of the law firm Bryan Cave.

1992

BETH LANGLEY was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a partner with Hagan Barrett & Langley in Greensboro, N.C.

ELIZABETH MCMORROW

started her own law practice, Elizabeth A. McMorrow LLC, specializing in international

tax transparency for financial institutions and international legal operations for biotech companies.

NICHOLAS VALAORAS was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, N.C.

JEFFREY G. WIGINGTON is with Wigington Rumley Dunn & Blair in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was listed in the National Law Journal for one of the Top 100 Verdicts in the United States. His product liability case was No. 16 on the list.

1993

ED WILSON JR. was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. He serves as an assistant professor during the summer session at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is a North Carolina Superior Court judge.

SUSAN MCNEAR

FRADENBURG was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and honored as Lawyer of the Year for health care law. She is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greensboro, N.C.

DANIEL G. CAHILL is managing partner at Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, N.C.

1994

ERIC W. ISKRA was re-elected to Spilman Thomas & Battle's Management Committee, continuing his leadership as member in charge of client relations. He has served in this role since 2004. Iskra also serves as chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group. He is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and serves on the Council of the Labor and Employment Section of the American Bar Association.

WILLIAM R. PLEASANT JR. is serving on the Alumni Council. He is vice president and deputy general counsel at CommScope in Hickory, N.C.

BRUCE THOMPSON has been recognized since 2008 by Woodward & White as one of the Best Lawyers in America. He practices state and federal government relations with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein in Raleigh, N.C., and Washington, D.C. He is also the lead singer and guitarist in the Oak City String Band. **J**



ROY
MCDONALD ('00)



CHRISTOPHER
BEECHLER ('01)



GREGORY
HABEEB ('01)



ELISE
WHITLEY ('01)



ROBERTA
LATHAM ('02)

JENNIFER VAN ZANT was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business and by Benchmark Litigation in its sixth edition of the Benchmark Top 250 Women in Litigation, her third consecutive year on the list. She also was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, and was named to Business North Carolina's 2018 Legal Elite and the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. Van Zant was recognized as one of the Top 100 attorneys and Top 50 women attorneys in North Carolina. She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

JOSEPH E. ZESZOTARSKI JR. is a partner with Gammon, Howard & Zeszotarski in Raleigh, N.C., where he represents clients in white-collar criminal and False Claims Act matters. He was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the 2017 annual meeting in Montreal.

1995

JENNEFER CROSS GARRITY is co-founder and attorney of Garrity & Gossage LLP in Matthews, N.C. The firm, co-founded with Kimberly Ann Gossage ('98), earned the North

Carolina Bar Association's 2017 Small and Medium Law Firm Pro Bono award. Garrity & Gossage LLP provided wills and other estate planning services through Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mecklenburg County Bar.

KATE HARRIS HATCHER was appointed to the Board of Partners of McGuireWoods in their Charlotte, N.C., office. She is also a co-leader of the firm's food and beverage industry group.

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

ED WEST III was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, and was named to Business North Carolina's 2018 Legal Elite and the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh/Wilmington, N.C.

1996

PATRICIA WILLIAMS GOODSON was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for

Business and included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Goodson is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, N.C.

DAVID E. INABINETT was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney at Brinkley Walser Stoner in Lexington, N.C.

GREGORY T. PEACOCK was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in New Bern, N.C.

1997

BONITA HAIRSTON BROWN is director of network engagement at Achieving the Dream, a national nonprofit in Washington, D.C., focused on supporting community colleges in helping students succeed.

CARLOS E. JANÈ was appointed district court judge in District 22B serving Davidson and Davie (N.C.) counties. He has worked as an attorney in private practice for nearly 20 years, specializing in criminal, civil, and juvenile law. Janè served as president of the Judicial District 22B Bar Association and on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.



CATHY
MANOFSKY ('03)



ELIZABETH
ZOOK ('03)



CORY
FALGOWSKI ('04)



BRADLEY
KLINE ('05)



MEGAN
MURRY ('05)

KEITH JONES is a partner at Troutman Sanders in the firm's multifamily housing finance practice in Charlotte, N.C.

DAN KATZENBACH is listed among the 2018 Legal Elite in Business North Carolina. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C.

NORMAN F. KLICK JR. was named by The Best Lawyers in America as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for litigation (health care) in the Greensboro, N.C., area. He was also listed in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for medical malpractice law (defendants) and was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a director at Carruthers & Roth.

1998

PAUL A. FANNING was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, N.C.

KIMBERLY ANN GOSSAGE is co-founder and attorney of Garrity & Gossage LLP in Matthews, N.C. The firm, co-founded with Jennefer Cross Garrity ('95), received the North Carolina Bar Association's 2017 Small and Medium Law Firm

Pro Bono award. Garrity & Gossage LLP provided wills and other estate planning services through Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mecklenburg County Bar.

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

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

2000

BRIAN F. CORBETT is with Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, N.C. He was elected partner to serve on the firm's management committee.

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

JASON R. HARRIS is a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Wilmington, N.C., and serves as chair of the firm's Admiralty and Maritime Practice Group.

WILLIAM K. KENNEDY II

is partner and vice chair at Montgomery McCracken in its labor and employment practice in Philadelphia.

ROY L. MCDONALD II was selected deputy command judge advocate for the 166th Regional Support Group, Taino Warriors, at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. He is an attorney at Brinkley Walser Stoner in Lexington, N.C.

2001

CHRISTOPHER BEECHLER

was recognized as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for the fifth consecutive year. He is a partner at Beechler Tomberlin in Winston-Salem.

GREGORY D. HABEEB was named to Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2017 class of "Leaders in the Law." He is a partner with Gentry Locke in Roanoke, Va., and is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 8th District.

GAVIN B. PARSONS is of counsel at Coats and Bennett in Cary, N.C. He is listed in Chambers USA for Commercial Litigation.



CARRIE
HANGER ('06)



JENNIFER
SELIN ('07)



ANDREW
APPLEBY ('08)



JAMIE
DEAN ('09)



PATRICK
KARTES ('09)

ELISE MORGAN WHITLEY

is a partner and board certified family law specialist with Kurtz, Evans, Whitley, Guy & Simos in Winston-Salem. She was named a North Carolina Super Lawyer, one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, and one of The Best Lawyers in America.

2002

E. BRADLEY EVANS was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, N.C.

JILL PETERS KAES was named in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and honored as Lawyer of the Year for trusts and estates. She is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Wilmington, N.C.

ROBERTA KING LATHAM was named partner of the firm Bennett Guthrie Latham in Winston-Salem. She also was included on the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list.

KEELEY LUHNOW was an editor and contributing author for the Probate Attorneys of San Diego's "Handbook for Probate Executors, Administrators or Personal Representatives," 2017 edition.

2003

CATHY CANIGLIA

MANOFSKY received the Leading Women Award from the Maryland Daily Record. She is a principal at Kramon & Graham in Baltimore. Manofsky serves on the board of the Anne Arundel County Court Appointed Special Advocates. She is also a member of the Executive Parent Teacher Organization Board at Davidsonville Elementary School and is a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. Manofsky is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, where she serves on its ethics committee. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Association and the D.C. Bar Association.

ELIZABETH JESTER ZOOK

was named to the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a director at Carruthers & Roth in Greensboro, N.C.

2004

CHRISTINE BISCHOFF is a senior supervising attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., and Jackson, Miss.

WES J. CAMDEN was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Raleigh, N.C.

CORY FALGOWSKI is a partner in the creditors' rights and bankruptcy practice group at Burr & Forman in Wilmington, Del. Since 2014, he has been ranked among the top bankruptcy practitioners in Delaware by Chambers USA.

BEN NORMAN was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

GREGORY WALL, of Williamsburg, Va., is an adjunct law professor at the College of William & Mary law school, where he teaches environmental law. He is also a senior attorney-advisor at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

2005

TRIP COYNE was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Wilmington, N.C.

BRADLEY P. KLINE was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is



ANDREW
MILLER ('09)

an attorney at Cranfill Sumner
& Hartzog in Charlotte, N.C.

KAREN NEELY LOUIS

is counsel in the corporate
practice group at Taylor
English Duma in Atlanta.

MEGAN S. WEBER MURRAY

is a partner at Paone, Zaleski &
Murray and manages the firm's Red
Bank, N.J., office. She is a member
of the American Academy of
Matrimonial Lawyers. Murray was
awarded the Young Attorney of the
Year award and the Martin Goldin
Award for dedication to family law
and was named a New Leader of
the Bar. She also co-authored the
book, "Divorce in New Jersey: The
Legal Process, Your Rights, and
What to Expect" (Addicus Books).

2006

CARRIE ARTHUR HANGER

received her certification in
health care research compliance.
She joined Nelson Mullins
Riley & Scarborough health
care practice as a partner in
the Winston-Salem office.

SCOTT SEEDORF was named
to the 2018 Super Lawyers list
of Rising Stars. He is a partner
at O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue
in Washington, D.C., and was



BENJAMIN
CHESSON ('10)



JERRI
SIMMONS ('10)

appointed (outside) deputy
general counsel of one of North
America's leading trade unions.

LATIA WARD is a research
librarian and diversity fellow at
Cornell University law school.

2007

BRIAN C. FOCHT launched
his new firm, Law Offices of
Brian C. Focht, in Charlotte,
N.C., focusing on cybersecurity
and civil litigation.

JENNIFER SELIN is the
Kinder Institute Assistant
Professor of Constitutional
Democracy at the
University of Missouri.

2008

ANDREW APPLEBY

was promoted to partner
at Eversheds Sutherland
(U.S.). He works in the tax
practice group in New York.

CLINT MORSE was
recognized in Benchmark
Litigation's "Under 40 Hot
List." He also was named to
Business North Carolina's



RONALD
PAYNE ('11)



KATHERINE
BARBER-JONES ('12)

2018 Legal Elite for Young
Guns and the North Carolina
Super Lawyers Rising Stars
list. He is a partner at Brooks
Pierce in Greensboro, N.C.

MICHAEL J. PARRISH

was named to the 2018 North
Carolina Rising Stars list. He
is an attorney at Ward and
Smith in New Bern, N.C.

NICOLE BISHOP

WEINSTEIN is an associate at
Beveridge & Diamond in New
York, N.Y. She participated
in the inaugural Associate
Leadership Institute with the
New York City Bar Association.

2009

JAMIE DEAN is a partner at
Womble Bond Dickinson. He is
a business litigation attorney in
the firm's Winston-Salem office.

ELENI KASTRENAKES

HOWARD is an associate
at Akerman in West
Palm Beach, Fla.

PATRICK L. KARTES

is a partner with Nelson
Mullins Riley & Scarborough.
He practices with the
Intellectual Property Group
in Charlotte, N.C.



MURPHY
FLETCHER ('12)



RYAN
SAMUEL ('12)



MEG
SHIPLEY ('12)



KAYLA
FREDERICKSON ('16)



ALICHA
GRUBB ('16)

ANDREW T. MILLER is a shareholder at Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte, N.C. His real estate development and finance practice covers all aspects of commercial real estate. He also represents institutional lenders in connection with acquisition and construction loans.

2010

BENJAMIN S. CHESSON is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Charlotte, N.C. He practices in the areas of product liability litigation and business litigation.

MEREDITH E. GREEN, a 2005 graduate of Furman University, is general counsel at the university. She co-authored "The Impact of the May 2013 Montana 'Blueprint' on the Sexual Harassment-Related Obligations of Colleges and Universities" (National Association of College and University Attorneys). She also was named a North Carolina Rising Star by Super Lawyers for three consecutive years.

JERRI SIMMONS is a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, N.C.

2011

RONALD PAYNE was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. This is his second consecutive year receiving the recognition. Payne and his wife, Jennifer, live in Burlington, N.C.

SUSAN SULLIVAN SIMOS was certified by the North Carolina Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a family law specialist. She is a partner at the Winston-Salem firm of Kurtz, Evans, Whitley, Guy & Simos.

2012

KATHERINE BARBER-JONES was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. She is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C.

MURPHY HORNE FLETCHER was selected for the North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy's Class of 2018. She is an attorney at McGuire Wood & Bissette in Asheville, N.C.

KATIE KING practices with the law firm of Everett Gaskins Hancock in Raleigh, N.C. She

represents individuals in personal injury and wrongful death claims.

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

RYAN SAMUEL was selected as a 2017 Top 40 under 40 honoree by Inside Business, The Hampton Roads Business Journal. He lives in Chesapeake, Va.

MARGARET SCHOLZ SHIPLEY joined Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem as an associate attorney focused on litigation and employment law. She is also on the board of directors of the YWCA. Shipley and her husband, John, and their two children, Grant and Anna, live in Winston-Salem.

2013

ROBERT BENNETT is a leveraged finance associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York.

KYLE KOHLER is an associate on the commercial real estate and transactional team of Goodman Allen Donnelly in Richmond, Va.

CECELIA HAGAN STULTZ co-wrote an article, "Understanding



EVELYN
NORTON ('16)



LAURA
BROWDER ('17)



SPENCER
KRANTZ ('17)



ADAM
NYENHUIS ('17)



PAIGE
TOPPER ('17)

the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,” in The North Carolina State Bar Journal’s winter 2017 issue. She is an attorney at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., and is president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Court of Federal Claims Bar Association. She and her husband, Gabe, live in Alexandria, Va. He is a law clerk to Judge Joseph L. Toth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

2016

KAYLA FREDERICKSON

is an associate attorney at Robinson & Lawing in Winston-Salem. Her practice areas include appellate, business, and personal injury litigation.

ALICHA M. GRUBB is an associate in the commercial litigation group at Gentry Locke in Roanoke, Va. She volunteers with Blue Ridge Literacy and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

EVELYN NORTON is an attorney at Turner Padgett Graham & Laney on the firm’s workers’ compensation team in Greenville, S.C.

2017

LAURA S. BROWDER is an attorney, practicing in residential real estate, at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, N.C.

ELIZABETH DEFRANCE

is the immigration services coordinator at Church World Services in Greensboro, N.C.

KIMBERLY HAYES HARRIS

is a district attorney in the 30th Prosecutorial District focusing on District Court and misdemeanor appeals to Superior Court in Cherokee and Clay (N.C.) counties. She is a U.S. Army veteran, having served four years with the Second Stryker Brigade as an intelligence analyst stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord outside of Tacoma, Wash.

SPENCER C. KRANTZ is an associate at Tuggle Duggins in Greensboro, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army from 2009-2014 and held leadership positions as troop fire support officer, scout platoon leader, rifle platoon leader, and battalion fire support officer. Krantz was deployed to Iraq from 2010-2011. He also serves in the N.C. Army National Guard as an artillery officer and is active in the West Point Society of the North Carolina Piedmont.

BRIAN KUPPELWEISER is an attorney, practicing in the area of business law, at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, N.C.

ADAM T. NYENHUIS has joined Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell in Wilmington, Del., as an associate in the corporate and business litigation group.

NICOLE REGNA joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton as part of the firm’s chemistry and life sciences team in the intellectual property department. She earned a Ph.D. in biomedical and veterinary sciences from Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and a bachelor of science in biology, with a minor in medicine and society and leadership and social change, from Virginia Tech.

HANNAH RUDDER is an associate at Williams Mullen in Richmond, Va.

SARAH SAINT is an associate at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, N.C. She will focus her practice on education law, employment law, and litigation.

PAIGE N. TOPPER has joined Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell in Wilmington, Del., as an associate in the business reorganization and restructuring group.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



The **HONORABLE J.H. CORPENING, II**, (BA '76, JD '79), Chief District Court judge of New Hanover County, participated in the 2017 "Re-Thinking Drug Policy: Seeking Solutions Based on Law, Science, and Public Health" symposium with Professor Kami Chavis, Criminal Justice Program director, and Professor Mark Rabil, Innocence and Justice Clinic director.



Alumni gather at the annual Law Alumni Weekend tailgate in November 2017. From left: **MICHAEL WALKER** (MSL '17), **MICHAEL KELLY** (MSL '17), **PAUL SHANER III** (JD '13).

AMANDA WHORTON is an associate at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, N.C., working in intellectual property law, entertainment law, and media law.

MARRIAGES

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

DYLAN GREENWOOD ('13) and Elizabeth Buckler. 3/5/16. They live in Winston-Salem.

MEGAN DRIGGERS ('14) and Mikhail Dudkin. 12/1/17 in Overton, Nev. They live in Alexandria, Va.

STEPHEN JENNINGS WHITE JR. ('15) and Virginia Isabelle

Ruane. 7/15/17 in Charlotte, N.C. They live in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included **DAVID CAMERON HOPPER** ('15).

KATIE MCABEE ('16) and Michael Oates. 11/18/17 in Charlotte, N.C., where they live. The wedding included **CAROLYN ATKINS** ('16) and **SOPHIA VAZQUEZ** ('17).

BIRTHS

NICOLE FERRARA RUTH ('96) and Aaron Ruth, Highlands Ranch, Colo.: a daughter, Hailey Rose. 9/3/17. She joins her sister, Natalie (12), and brother, Colby (9).

CHRISTINE BISCHOFF ('04) and Giancarlo Ladaga, Jackson, Miss.: a daughter, Lyla Sam. 8/16/16. She joins her sister, Maya (4).

GRAHAM PATRICK CARNER ('04) and Mary Etta Carner, Clinton, Miss.: a daughter,

Mary Patrick. 9/5/17. She joins her brother, Owen (2).

LINDA BAUGHER MALONE ('07) and Dennis Malone, Burlington, N.C.: a daughter, Amelia Marie. 10/14/17. She joins her brother, Tucker (5), and sister, Victoria (5).

CHARLIE MCCURRY ('08) and **KATE ARNOLD MCCURRY** ('11), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Virginia Britt. 10/1/17. She joins her brother, Teddy (3).

NANCY J. RAPP ('10) and Kyle W. Binder, greater Washington, D.C., area: a daughter, Ciara. 7/11/17

REBECCA BECKETT COHENOUR ('11) and Robby Cohenour, Dallas: a son, Harrison Robert. 9/29/17

RACHEL WATERS COLLINS ('12) and Christopher W. Collins, San Diego: a daughter, Ada Marie. 12/3/17

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN FRANK RAY ('48), Aug. 22, 2017, Concord, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Ray was general counsel for Continental Trailways and later practiced in the law firm of Myers, Ray, and Myers before becoming a solo practitioner.

JACK FRANKLIN CANADY ('49), Feb. 12, 2018, Advance, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He became licensed to practice law in 1949 and was with the same law firm for 53 years before retiring in 2002; the firm was then known as Canady, Thornton, Burge, Brown and Laws. Canady was a member of the choir and fellowship at Centenary United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Twin City Kiwanis, Forsyth Country Club, and local and state bar associations.

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

EDGAR HOBBS BRIDGER ('52), Aug. 11, 2017, Cary, N.C. He was a member of the Raleigh Jaycees, William Hill Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club, and Lions Club for 40 years. Bridger also served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher, and he chaired various committees at Ridge Road Baptist Church.

JOHN WARREN HARDY ('52), June 28, 2017, Greensboro, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Hardy began his law career in

Yanceyville, N.C., as assistant district attorney, later serving as assistant county attorney and then county attorney in Greensboro. In 1960 he joined the law firm of Douglas Ravenel and Josey, which later became Douglas, Ravenel, Hardy and Carihfield.

DONALD PAUL MULL ('52), June 10, 2017, Brecksville, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol and a lawyer.

GERALD FRANKLIN WHITE SR. ('52), Feb. 24, 2018, Elizabeth City, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He worked in the attorney general's office in Raleigh, N.C., before opening a general practice law office in Elizabeth City. White was community-oriented and served many organizations and boards, including Wake Forest's President's Club and the Law Alumni Council. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings. He is survived by his wife, Sara Holcomb White, three children, three grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

LONNIE BOYD WILLIAMS ('53), April 11, 2018, Wilmington, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran and practiced law in Wilmington for more than 60 years. In 2008, he was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Williams served on Wake Forest's Board of Trustees and was a Life Trustee. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice, his parents and five brothers. He is survived by three children, including **LONNIE JR. ('81)**, and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

ALVIN AVELIA THOMAS JR. ('54), Feb. 23, 2018, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Marines in World War II. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1959, Thomas was voted Jaycee of the Year. He last worked for the law firm of Reavis, Thomas & Poole.

THOMAS MCLEAN FAW SR. ('54), March 24, 2018, Mount Airy, N.C. He was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. Faw was a trial and corporate attorney in Mount Airy for 53 years. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and served on several boards.

DANIEL JAMES WALTON ('56), Jan. 18, 2018, Gastonia, N.C. He was a District Court judge. Walton was also a member of the Bessemer City Sportsman Club, A.M. Optimist Club and the YMCA, where he was given an honorary membership. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son. Walton is survived by four children, their mother, Peggy, and five grandchildren.

JOHN COUNCIL JOYNER JR. ('59), Jan. 14, 2018, Asheville, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Joyner worked for the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem before returning to Asheville, where he joined his father at the law firm of Joyner and Joyner. He was preceded in death by his parents, **JOHN SR. ('23)** and Edith; and his sister, Jean. Joyner is survived by the love of his life, Brenda, and his sister, Nancy.

WILLIAM BOYD ROGERS ('59), July 31, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Rogers attended Southeastern

Baptist Theological Seminary. Throughout his career he served as pastor, chaplain, real estate broker, and professor.

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

MARVIN KENNETH GRAY SR. ('60), Nov. 7, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Gray had a long law career serving in Mecklenburg County and was most proud of his appointment to the Superior Court bench in 1986. He spent 23 years as a Superior Court judge and after retiring served in an emergency role until 2010. In 2009, the Mecklenburg Bar Committee commissioned an artist to paint Gray's portrait, which hangs in the county courthouse.

WILLIAM EVAN HALL ('60), April 11, 2018, Clemmons, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He followed his late father, **AVALON ('21)**, into the law profession and opened a practice in Mocksville, N.C. Hall served as county district judge and solicitor, retiring in 2003. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, a son and two sisters. He is survived by two children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and three siblings.

CLINTON ORVILLE LIGHT ('60), Nov. 17, 2017, Eden, N.C. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Light practiced law for 55 years and received an award for 50 years of service from the North Carolina State Bar Association.

FREDERICK STANLEY BLACK ('62), April 14, 2017, South Boston, Va. He practiced law in Halifax County for 54 years. Black was honored by the Virginia State Bar Association for his 50 years of active membership. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

SARAH JOHNSON DURHAM ('62), Nov. 1, 2017, Wilmington, N.C. She established her own law firm in Wilmington and served on the staff at Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church.

WALTER EUGENE JOHNSTON III ('63), March 28, 2018, St. Petersburg, Fla. He pursued careers in law, business, real estate and politics. In 1980, Johnston was elected to represent the 6th District of North Carolina in the U.S. Congress. He was a founder of Hope Harbor in Greensboro, N.C., a home for men recovering from addictions. He is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, eight grandchildren and his sister.

FREDERICK LUKE MUSSELWHITE ('63), July 28, 2017, Lumberton, N.C. He was a U.S. Army Reserve veteran. Musselwhite practiced law for 54 years and was a partner in the firm of Musselwhite, Musselwhite, Branch & Grantham.

BOBBY GRAY MARTIN ('64), Nov. 30, 2017, Winston-Salem. He served four years in the U.S. Marines as a sergeant in the legal department and as an MP. He was a member of the Marine Corps League and the Military Burial Honor Guard. He practiced law for 50 years and was a true globe-trotter who loved to see new places and learn about other cultures. He was always involved

in charity work and helping those less fortunate. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

DONALD CLEVELAND PERRY ('64), Aug. 25, 2017, Indian Trail, N.C. He played baseball at Wake Forest. Perry served in the U.S. Air Force as judge advocate achieving the rank of captain. He was an attorney for the town of Wingate and Union County, N.C.

PAUL EUGENE PRICE JR. ('64), Aug. 20, 2017, Wintson-Salem. He was county attorney for Forsyth County from 1971-1997. Price was a member of the Tanglewood Park Board of Trustees, Forsyth/Stokes Area Mental Health Authority, Horizons Residential Care Authority, and the Nature Science Center Board of Forsyth County.

FRANCES HELMS MONDAY ('65), May 7, 2017, Martinsville, Va. She and her husband, **GRADY ('64)**, formed the law firm Monday & Monday in Martinsville, which served the public for almost four decades. Monday is survived by her husband, a son, and a grandson.

HENRI RONALD MAZZOLI ('65), Dec. 30, 2017, Greensboro, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Mazzoli served as an assistant district attorney for Guilford County before running his own law office for more than 40 years. He was an avid sailor, earned his U.S. Coast Guard captain's license and spent weekends and summers sailing the North Carolina coast with his family. He enjoyed spending time at his second home in Panama and studying history.

WILLIAM LINDSEY STAFFORD JR. ('65), Nov. 30, 2017, Salisbury, N.C. He had his own law practice. In the 1970s

and '80s he taught business classes and was the lead instructor in the business department at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Later, he became in-house counsel for Isenhour Brick & Tile Co. and represented Mustang Enterprises. In 2015, he was recognized by the North Carolina State Bar Association for 50 years of service. He was a certified EMT and helped organize one of the early first-responder units at the volunteer Churchland Fire Department. He and his wife, Sue, were members of the Concord (N.C.) Area Model Railroad Club and volunteers at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

THOMAS WATSON

GARRARD ('66), Jan. 10, 2018, Punta Gorda, Fla. He practiced law for 52 years and opened his solo practice in Punta Gorda in 1974, where he remained until retirement in 2017. He previously served as president of the Charlotte County Bar Association, Chair of the 20th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee and 30-year member of the board of directors for the Florida International Air Show.

JAMES RADCLIFFE

MELVIN ('66), Oct. 31, 2017, Elizabethtown, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He practiced law in Elizabethtown from 1969-92.

JOSEPH WILLIAM MOSS

('66), Jan. 31, 2018, Greensboro, N.C. He was a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and member of the North Carolina Bar Association, where he served as chair of the Young Lawyers Division. Moss was also a member of the Greensboro Jaycees and served as president of the Greensboro Sports Council. He was preceded in death by his

parents and two brothers. Moss is survived by three children, including **JOSEPH JR. ('93)**, and nine grandchildren.

JAMES MICHAEL

RANDLEMAN ('66), Aug. 5, 2017, Salisbury, N.C. He served in the FBI, practiced law, and taught at several North Carolina colleges. Randleman's favorite job was working the wheat harvest from Texas to Canada during the summers of his college years. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia; two daughters; three stepdaughters; his mother; three siblings, including **RICHARD ('62)**; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

FERD LEARY DAVIS JR.

('67), July 20, 2017, Wendell, N.C. He was a U.S. National Guard and Army veteran. Davis was founding dean of Campbell University's and Elon University's law schools. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

ALTON YATES LENNON

('68), Oct. 26, 2017, Wilmington, N.C. He practiced law for many years with the law firm of Stevens, McGhee, Morgan, Lennon. He was preceded in death by his parents, **ALTON ASA LENNON ('29)** and Karine. Lennon is survived by his wife, Lynda, one sister, three daughters, two stepchildren, and nine grandchildren.

BROXIE JAY NELSON ('68)

March 6, 2018, Raleigh, N.C. He was a veteran of the N.C. National Guard, retiring as a colonel and commanding officer, and had a long legal career. He was an avid reader who loved history and reading books on the Civil War and World War II. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.



ALLAN BRUCE HEAD

('69), Feb. 17, 2018, Raleigh, N.C. He was the longtime executive director of the North Carolina Bar Association. He is survived by his wife, Patti Reed Head, three children, eight grandchildren, and his brother.

NORMAN LEE SLOAN ('72)

Feb. 18, 2018, Clemmons, N.C. He began his practice of law with the state of North Carolina, serving as assistant attorney general. He later practiced law in Winston-Salem.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS

PARSONS ('75), Sept. 24, 2017, Clinton, N.C. He was the senior resident Superior Court judge in District 4A including Sampson, Duplin, and Jones counties. Parsons was a practicing attorney for 37 years and was named to the Best Lawyers in America, Legal Elite, and Top 100 Criminal Lawyers. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Sampson Community College and a former commissioner on the North Carolina Wildlife Commission.

GERALD WISS WILSON

('75), Sept. 2, 2017, Boone, N.C. He served as the Mitchell County attorney before serving as assistant district attorney and later

as district attorney for the 24th Judicial District. He served the people of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, and Yancey counties for 32 years before retiring in 2014.

ALLEN HOLT GWYN ('76), Sept. 18, 2017, Greensboro, N.C. He was a civic leader and nationally renowned construction lawyer, arbitrator, and mediator. In 1999, Gwyn co-founded the construction law firm of Conner Gwyn and Schenck, with offices in Greensboro and Raleigh. He was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of North Carolina, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Gwyn was also a North Carolina Superior Court certified mediator and charter member of the North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators. He was a Renaissance man with many interests and talents, including traveling, reading, sailing, music, and art.

PETER JOSEPH SARDA ('76), March 17, 2018, Raleigh, N.C. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was an Air Force instructor pilot. Sarda practiced law in Raleigh for more than 40 years and taught business law courses at N.C. State University and Duke University. In his free time he continued flying and volunteered with Angel Flight.

JOSEPH FRANCIS MCNULTY JR. ('79), July 30, 2017, Greensboro, N.C. He was a journalist for the Greensboro Daily News and won numerous journalism awards. McNulty served as articles editor for the Wake Forest Law Review. He was an attorney in Guilford County for 34 years before retiring in 2013.

DANIEL ANTHONY MONACO ('81), Aug. 2, 2017, Voorhees, N.J. He earned his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University

of Pennsylvania. Monaco was a patent attorney and partner at Drinker, Biddle and Reath. He previously was a partner at Seidel, Gonda, Lavorgna and Monaco.

ROBERT THOMAS WHITTAKER ('81), Dec. 23, 2017, Midland, Mich. He practiced law in Midland with his father and later established a private practice. Whittaker was an avid reader, had a passion for fantasy football, and loved watching old movies. His daughters were the light of his life.

JAMES FREDRICK WOOD III ('81), Jan. 2, 2018, Cornelius, N.C. He practiced law in Charlotte for many years and became a partner with Baucom, Claytor, Benton, Morgan, & Wood. He came very close to his "bucket list" goal of trying cases in all 100 North Carolina counties. Wood enjoyed hunting, fishing, and cooking with his brother-in-law, but the joy of being married to his wife, Wendi, and raising her daughter, Taylor, was evident every time he talked about them.

BOBBY EUGENE HILL JR. ('82), March 10, 2018, Lexington, N.C. He was formerly of Atlanta and worked as a corporate lawyer at Kimberly-Clark for 20 years.

JAMES TYLEE WILSON ('84), June 21, 2017, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He was a U.S. Army and Army Reserve veteran. Wilson graduated from Lafayette College in 1953 with a degree in government. He was president and CEO of RJR Foods, later RJR Nabisco, retiring in 1986. He established the J. Tylee Wilson Chair in Business Ethics at Wake Forest. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, three children and seven grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

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

JOHN DESMOND SHINE JR. ('85), Sept. 3, 2017, Augusta, Ga.

GEORGE MARTIN HUNTER ('86), June 7, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. He was a bankruptcy attorney for 30 years and an accomplished pianist. Hunter received the Mecklenburg County Bar's Lawyer Referral Service Award in 2007.

RANDOLPH JAMES HILL ('87), Dec. 3, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. He graduated from Notre Dame University as Army ROTC. He was a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps from 1987-93. While working as an attorney in Raleigh, he enjoyed his free time playing golf and following Notre Dame football, the Carolina Hurricanes, and the New York Yankees.

MICHAEL GREGORY FERGUSON ('88), April 16, 2018, Randleman, N.C. He was an attorney and entrepreneur, and enjoyed playing golf.

FAYE DALTON IVEY ('90), April 23, 2018, Greensboro, N.C. She was a registered nurse at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital for 15 years and taught nursing at Guilford Technical Community College. She also practiced law as an estate attorney. She and her husband, Dennis, loved to travel all over the United States.

DOUGLAS MICHAEL STROUT ('90), Feb. 17, 2018, Jacksonville, N.C. He practiced law in Jacksonville for the last 28 years. He was devoted to his children and never missed a game or tournament, and enjoyed spending time on his boat with family and friends.

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



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