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Guest Lecturer: Dean Kenneth Starr Wednesday, October 22, 2008
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Kenneth W. Starr
Dean of Pepperdine University School of Law and former Federal Judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals

Kenneth W. Starr is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean and Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California. He is also Of Counsel to the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, where he was a partner from 1993 to 2004, specializing in appellate work, antitrust, federal courts, federal jurisdiction and constitutional law. He was formerly a partner with the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP.


Dean Starr previously taught Constitutional Law as an adjunct professor at New York University School of Law. He was also a distinguished visiting professor at George Mason University School of Law in Fairfax, Virginia and Chapman Law School in Orange, California. He published First Among Equals: The Supreme Court in American Life, in 2002. The book, which was written to explain key decisions by the Justices of the Supreme Court to the American people, is now in paperback. It is described by United States Circuit Judge David B. Sentelle as “eminently readable and informative...not just the best treatment to date of the Court after Warren, it is likely to have that distinction for a long, long time.”

Having received his B.A. from George Washington University in 1968 and his M.A. from Brown University in 1969, Judge Starr graduated from Duke Law School with a J.D. degree in 1973. He was Note and Comment Editor of the Duke Law Journal and graduated Order of the Coif. He is admitted to practice in California, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Starr has numerous professional affiliations, including having served as president of the Institute of Judicial Administration in New York and the Council for Court Excellence in Washington, D.C. Other Boards on which he serves or has served include Advocates International, American Law Institute, American Association of Law Schools, American Judicature Society, Supreme Court Historical Society, American Inns of Court Foundation, Institute for United States Studies, American University, Shenandoah University, and the American Bar Association Journal Board of Editors.

He has received a multitude of honors and awards including the J. Reuben Clark Law Society 2005 Distinguished Service Award, the 2004 Capital Book Award, the Jefferson Cup award from the FBI, the Edmund Randolph Award for Outstanding Service in the Department of Justice, and the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service.

Judge Starr was born on July 21, 1946, in Vernon, Texas, and raised in San Antonio. He and his wife Alice have three children and two grandchildren. They lived in McLean, Virginia from 1978 to 2004, when they moved to Malibu, California. He has volunteered many hours teaching in the inner city and assisting disadvantaged students in Washington, D.C. with summer internships, after school programs, and financial help for attending college.

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Root Edmonson '76 is one of three N.C. State Bar Members noted as “Key Leaders” in their recent Bar Journal. Edmonson was in private practice as a partner in the Raleigh Firm of Jernigan & Edmonson. He joined the State Bar in 1979 as a trial attorney on the disciplinary staff and is currently deputy counsel. He has represented the State Bar’s Client Security Fund and in 2006-2008 served as President of the National Client Protection Organization. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar. Tom Lunsford commented: "Root is the longest serving member of the State Bar staff. His great strengths are his superb judgment and his generous spirit. I think he is everything a prosecutor ought to be because of his innate sense of fairness. Root is a great human being and has a special talent for defusing volatile situations, especially in courtrooms. As the State Bar’s representative, he has on many occasions, by the sheer force of his magnanimous personality gotten lawyers and judges to put aside anger and frustration in order that justice might be calmly and professionally administered. I can’t think of anyone who’s done more than Root to enhance the image of the State Bar.”

Stephen T. Gheen '84, Chief Deputy Commissioner with the NC Industrial Commission, was named Judge of the Year by the NC Advocates for Justice (formerly the Academy of Trial Lawyers). This is the first time the award has been given to someone other than a Superior Court or District Court Judge.

Ola M. Lewis, '90 is a Senior Resident Superior Court Judge in Brunswick County. She will be presiding over the first night drug treatment court program, in Southeastern NC. It is a therapeutic court with intensive monitoring for felony offenders. The program began July 17, 2008.

Alice S. Glover, '94 is a recipient of the 2008 Pro Bono Impact Award from Business Leader of the Triangle. She is an immigration law attorney in Chapel Hill and is teaching immigration law at NCCU and at UNC.

Jimmonique R.S. Rodgers, '96 is Director of the Appellate Division at the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council in Atlanta, GA. The GPDSC is the statewide public defender system.

Dr. Mehdi Ganjeizadeh ’00 has joined Butzel Long as a senior attorney based in the firm’s Ann Arbor office.

Tina N. Herbert ’00 of McAngus Goudelock and Courie, LLC was selected as a member of Leadership South Carolina Class of 2009, the state’s oldest and most respected leadership development program.
Tabatha Phillips Holliday, ’02 is running for District Court Judge-Guilford County 18th Judicial District.

R. Brian Cloninger ’06 has joined the firm of D. Randall Cloninger, his father, and is celebrating his second anniversary of practicing law.

William S. Eubanks II, ’07 recently completed his Environmental Law LL.M., summa cum laude, at Vermont Law School’s nationally top-ranked LL.M. program. Eubanks is now an Associate Attorney with the Washington, D.C. public interest law firm of Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal where he represents clients in a variety of environmental litigation matters. Among other tasks, Eubanks is currently writing a brief to the United States Supreme Court regarding the devastating impacts of military sonar use on marine mammals such as whales and dolphins. His brief can be viewed online at: http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/pdfs/07-08/07-1239_RespondentAmCu8ConservationOrgs.pdf.

Lori Warlick ’07 has accepted a new position as a Trial Attorney, Appellate, for the USDOJ – Civil Division’s Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL) in Washington, DC.

Larry Brown ’08 is one of the newest additions to the Alamance County District Attorney’s office. Brown was sworn in to the position Sept. 9. He is filling the opening left by Amy Knauff, who left the office in May to become a magistrate. For additional information click here http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/emery_17630_article.html/brown_law.html%3EClick

Samuel F. Thomas III ’08 is an associate at the Law Office of Darryl G. Davidson, Sr.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Bruce Hulse ’75, October 1, 2008, Goldsboro, NC.

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