Legal Eagle Alumni Board Elects New President

Sheila Chavis ‘00 is the new President of the Alumni Association Board. Ms. Chavis replaces Tonya Ford ‘99, whose term as President expired this fall. Ms. Ford will remain active on the board.

The board also confirmed four new board members at their November 7th quarterly board meeting. The new members are Larry Brown ‘08, Scott Casey ‘94, Thomasine Gore ‘98, and Anita Lester ‘94.

The goal of the board under Attorney Chavis’ leadership is to assist with fundraising, providing career support, helping to increase bar passage rate, and to keep the alumni engaged in the overall growth and development of the NCCU School of Law.
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“The NCCU Foundation Scholarship has meant everything for me. It helped me to pay for my housing and food expenses, thus allowing me to focus on my coursework. As a result, I made the Dean’s List. I am truly thankful for the generosity of the NCCU School of Law Alums.”

Sharif A. Deveaux 3L

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THE ALUMNI GIVING PARTICIPATION RATE GOAL (APR)

*FISCAL YEAR 2009 -2010 IS 15% = 420 ALUMNI
APR RATE TO DATE IS 4% = 132 ALUMNI
NUMBER OF ALUMNI NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL = 288

*JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010
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ALUMNI NEWS

Garrett D. Page ‘81 was elected Judge to the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on November 3, 2009. He will take the bench on January 4, 2010 for a 10-year term. Garrett said he is looking forward to making a difference. He is only the second African-American to ever be elected Judge in a county that was founded in 1784.

Christine J. Driessen ‘83 has been lecturing internationally, for the past 10 years, on the topic of The Power of Christian Prayer to Heal with a special focus on Africa, medical schools and youth groups.

Ann Toney ‘83 is a Criminal Defense Lawyer practicing in the areas of Cannabis, Dispensary, MMJ and Primary Caregiver Law. Click here

Heidi Stewart ‘95 was elected President of the 28th Judicial District Bar (which encompasses Buncombe County, North Carolina) in June, 2009. Her private practice is in the areas of Family Matters, including Divorce, Collaborative Law, Mediation and Elder Law issues.

Steven P. Richards ‘96 is a Consumer Bankruptcy Law Specialist, practicing in Wilmington, North Carolina.
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Helen Parsonage ‘06 was recently elected President of the Forsyth County, North Carolina Criminal Defense Trial Lawyers Association for the upcoming year (2010).

Harold J. Eustache, Sr. ‘07 wrote an article in the November / December issue of the Maryland Bar Journal entitled, Technology Changing Health Care Landscape.

Beverly R. Spencer ‘09 is currently practicing in the areas of Family Law, Civil, Juvenile and Criminal Law with Dotson Associates in Greensboro, North Carolina.

~IN MEMORIAM~


Donald J. Murphy ‘76, Greensboro, NC, November 20, 2009.
Fred Whitfield, president and chief operating officer of Bobcats Sports & Entertainment, was the featured speaker at a Lunch and Learn for North Carolina Central University School of Law students on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Mr. Whitfield is a 1988 graduate of the NCCU School of Law where he also served as president of the Student Bar Association. Whitfield is one of only three African-Americans who hold the position of team president across the spectrum of major professional sports. He oversees all operations for the Charlotte Bobcats, Time Warner Cable Arena, and the Bobcats Youth Foundation.

Prior to his visit, Raymond C. Pierce, dean of the NCCU School of Law, commented that, “We are honored to have Fred Whitfield return to his law school to speak with our students. He is the consummate business leader and a great role model for our students in how to apply their law degree beyond what is typically thought of as the role of an attorney.”

Prior to joining the Bobcats, Whitfield served as director of business and legal affairs for the Jordan Brand. From 2000-2003, Whitfield served as director of player personnel and assistant legal counsel for the Washington Wizards.

For the past 25 years, Whitfield has hosted the Achievements Unlimited Basketball School in Greensboro, serving more than 8,000 children from across the region to a week-long camp that focuses on fundamental basketball skills, the importance of academics, and the need to take a strong stance against substance abuse, through demonstrations and lectures from high profile NBA, NFL, and ACC athletes. He matriculated at Campbell University where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees.

NCM Capital, and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society of the NCCU School of Law sponsored the Lunch and Learn with Mr. Whitfield.
North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton was the guest speaker at the NCCU School of Law on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Lt. Governor Dalton addressed the student members of the law school’s Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) during a noon-time luncheon.

Dalton received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and developed a successful private law practice and spent 12 years in the State Senate before being elected Lieutenant Governor in 2008.

By virtue of office, Dalton presides over the Senate and sits on both the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges. Dalton has been a long-time advocate of improving public schools and preparing students to compete in the global economy. He chairs the Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Commission, which aims to align the curricula of early college high schools more closely with the workforce needs of the economic development regions and enhance Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education (STEM) in the public schools.

He also has championed efforts to preserve jobs by making capital more readily available to small business.
Reception At The NC Bar Association

The Annual NCCU School of Law Dean’s Reception for the Class of 2009 was held on Wednesday, October 28 in the lobby of North Carolina Bar Association in Cary, North Carolina. The event celebrates the most recent graduates of the Law School.
A ladies only Mix & Mingle was held on the patio of the Spartacus Restaurant in Durham on Thursday, October 1st to kick-off (literally), the Honorable A. Leon Stanback, Jr. Scholarship Fund Campaign.

The fundraising event was hosted by Pamela Stanback Glean ‘80, Judge Stanback’s sister and his wife, Michelle Stanback. The invitation requested ladies to wear animal print attire and give a donation toward the scholarship fund and naming of the Legal Clinic Conference Room in honor of Judge Stanback. The ladies complied and looked stunning. The program for the evening included a contest that determined who had on the fanciest high heels. It was a treat to see all these high styled ladies come together to show their support for this very worthy cause.

Judge Stanback has recently retired after 20 years on the Superior Court Bench of North Carolina. To make a secure on-line donation to the A. Leon Stanback, Jr. Scholarship please click here.