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A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Constituents,

A new academic year finds our Law School very active and strong in our ability to provide a high quality program of legal education for our students. Our large application pool continues to allow us to have greater selectivity in enrolling capable and eager students of the law. Our faculty development remains impressive, supported by our ability to provide research assistants to faculty for the production of scholarship. We also are able to support faculty travel to attend conferences and present papers, keeping our faculty engaged in the constantly evolving world of the legal academy. Academic support for our students is well staffed, as is our career placement office. A focus on student academic achievement, preparation for success on the state bar exam and job placement are priority matters at our Law School, and we are constantly having to secure the resources needed to fund our collective Law School operation.

Our Law School is also able to compliment our program of legal education with an impressive flow of specialty programming through our clinic, student services and career services. This specialty programming includes student travel to participate in national law school student activities and exceptional members of the profession being brought in to meet with students and faculty at our Law School. These activities are funded in large part through grants and gifts to the Law School, highlighting the importance of our Law School development operations.

I am proud of our Law School’s Development Office’s demonstrated ability to procure and manage resources in support of our program of legal education. Maintaining this ability will be critical as state and national economic conditions continue to present financial challenges.

For all of you who contributed financially and with your time and talent to make this a record setting year for fundraising, you have my sincere gratitude. In addition, please join me in thanking our outstanding development team for this very successful fundraising effort.

Warm Regards,

Raymond C. Pierce

Raymond C. Pierce, Dean and Professor of Law
FACULTY SPECIAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Pamela Newell, Professor
Presented at a Continuing Legal Education Program on the topic “The Nuts and Bolts of Appellate Practice in North Carolina.”

James Beckwith, Professor
Presented on teaching and technology at Rutgers Law School at the 2010 Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) annual meeting.

Susan Hauser, Professor
has been named to the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Professor Hauser was appointed by the Honorable Randy D. Doub, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District. She will assist in developing and refining the local rules for the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Professor Hauser will serve on this committee along with NCCU School of Law alum, Attorney Lenita Webb.

Pamela Stanback Glean, Assistant Dean
Accepted into the 2010 UNC BRIDGES Academic Leadership for Women Program. She will join 35 other women from varied higher education institutions across North Carolina to participate in sessions that encourage and prepare participants to become leaders in the academy. The theme for this year’s program is “The Personal and Professional Journey of Transformational Leadership.” Nominated by Dean Raymond Pierce, Glean will interact with academic leaders who model the kind of transformational leadership that is important to the future of higher education in our state and in the nation.
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Dean’s Reception Held 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, 2009, in the lobby of North Carolina Bar Association in Cary, North Carolina. The event celebrates the most recent graduates of the Law School.

Farewells

On Tuesday, April 20, 2010, the NCCU School of Law Clinical Legal Education Program and the NCCU Trial Advocacy Board sponsored a farewell breakfast for Professor Tom Ringer. The event was attended by students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Ringer is a former Clinic Director and interim Dean of the Law School. He is credited with helping the school gain national recognition by winning numerous student trial competitions across the country during his tenure as trial team coach.

At noon, on Thursday, May 27, 2010, in the Great Hall, faculty, students, and staff members bid adieu to Mrs. Iris W. Gilchrist at a luncheon held in her honor. The retirement luncheon program was a heartwarming tribute to Mrs. Gilchrist and her thirty-three years of service to the Law School. Known by many as “the First Lady of the Law School”.

Professor Thomas M. Ringer
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2009–2010

Guest Speaker: Fred Whitfield
President and Chief Operating Officer, Bobcats Sports & Entertainment

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, where he managed endorsements and sports marketing strategy and execution for the elite division of Nike. Jordan Brand’s clients include some of the top athletes in professional sports like Ray Allen, Carmelo Anthony, Richard Hamilton, Derek Jeter, Joe Johnson, Chris Paul and Dwyane Wade.

From 2000-2003, Whitfield served as director of player personnel and assistant legal counsel for the Washington Wizards. While there, he was responsible for the team’s salary cap administration and managing contractual issues. He is widely credited with turning around the team’s troubled salary cap situation, enabling that franchise to rebuild through trades and free agency.

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.

Guest Speaker: Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
Lieutenant Governor, State of North Carolina

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 noontime 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.

Guest Speaker: Thomas Perez

Justice Department’s Civil Rights Chief

On Monday, February 1, 2010, Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez spoke to students and faculty about the merits of public service in the federal government. Mr. Thomas E. Perez is the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice.

The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division is the institution within the federal government responsible for enforcing federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, disability, religion, and national origin. The Division was established on December 9, 1987.

Mr. Perez has spent his entire career in public service. He began his law career as a law clerk for Judge Zita Weinshienk of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado from 1987 to 1989.

From 1989 until 2001, Mr. Perez spent 12 years in federal public service. He spent the bulk of his federal public service at the United States Department of Justice. He was a federal prosecutor for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. In so doing, he prosecuted and supervised the prosecution of some of the Department’s most high profile civil rights cases, including a hate crime case in Texas involving a gang of white supremacists who went on a deadly, racially motivated crime spree directed at African Americans. He later served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under Attorney General Janet Reno. Among other responsibilities, Mr. Perez chaired the interagency Worker Exploitation Task Force, which oversaw a variety of initiatives designed to protect vulnerable workers.

From 1995 until 1998, Mr. Perez served as Special Counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy, and was Senator Kennedy’s principal adviser on civil rights, criminal justice and constitutional issues. For the final two years of the Clinton administration, Perez served as the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Born in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Perez received an A.B. in international relations and political science from Brown University in 1983, a J.D. cum laude in 1987 from Harvard Law School and a Master of Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government also in 1987.

Guest Speakers: Congressmen Etheridge & Butterfield

Congressmen, State of North Carolina

On Friday, February 5, 2010, the Law School partnered with the North Carolina Bar Association for a Tax Conference CLE. The featured speakers for the CLE were U.S. Congressmen Bob Etheridge and G.K. Butterfield ‘74.
Leading Law Schools in Technology

The law school has distinguished itself as a Top 20 leader in classroom technology among law schools. The School of Law is committed to promoting and supporting the use of new and emerging technologies. This year, the School of Law launched two major initiatives: synchronous distance learning classrooms and the Student Laptop Initiative. Two synchronous distance learning classrooms were set up, each with two HD plasma screens that can each display 16 different users for a maximum of 32 inputs with synchronous interactions. In this way, 32 total-students may be combined to interact with the classrooms simultaneously from remote sites. The Student Laptop Initiative provides a loaner laptop to each first-year law student to check out for the entire academic year. Lojacks for location and accident insurance are maintained on each laptop.

The faculty has embraced the use of technology within the School of Law. Seventy-five percent of full time faculty have school laptops or tablets, and the remaining; 25% use desktop computers; 94% use the technology in the classroom; 64% of all professors (100% of professors who teach first year courses) allow their students to use ExamSoft, a computer-based essay software for exams; 75% use PowerPoint presentation software; 15% are using Clickers (a remote audience response system); and 94% are using PANOPTO to record their classroom presentations for playback via the web.

The School of Law can simulcast live events occurring in one of its 12 high tech smart rooms to as many rooms as needed throughout the school for students, faculty, and staff to view. NC Distinctions was taught this year through live synchronous interaction between four classrooms. Embedded student microphones and classroom cameras were enabled from the control room to make the simulcast seamless. There were 49 simulcast sessions for this past academic year.

Recordings of classes and events continue to increase annually. This year, there have been 1,243 classes and events recorded, compared to 465 events recorded last year, which is a 167.31% increase from the previous year. These 1,243 sessions totaled 1,509 hours of recording time, with 1,507 of these hours using the School of Law’s new classroom PANOPTO capturing solution.

Student Professional Development

On September 12, 2009, the NCCU School of Law, in partnership with Macy’s and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, hosted a “Dress for Success” workshop featuring NCCU School of Law models.

Library Expands & Improves Services

A modern and current law library is indispensable in a well-appointed law school. New library staffing and reorganization have been a priority this year. The Law Library welcomed its new director, Lauren M. Col...
lins, formerly Head of Reference Services at Duke’s Goodson Law Library. Professor Collins’ first goal was to fill existing vacancies and, in some cases, reclassify management positions. Nichelle J. Perry, formerly with the Katherine Everett Law Library at UNC-Chapel Hill, was hired as Assistant Law Library Director, and Karen Hunter was promoted to Associate Law Librarian for Technical & Access Services.

The law library progressed toward its goal of having a reference staff comprised of dual-degreed lawyer-librarians by adding a Reference & Faculty Services Librarian. The new librarian will develop a program to hire law students to assist faculty with short-term research needs, giving selected students a means of honing their research skills, while supporting the Law School’s goal of increasing faculty scholarship. Additionally, a fully staffed reference department will increase the librarians’ ability to teach advanced level research courses. The first of these, Research Methods in Administrative Law, will be taught in the fall by the Library Director.

U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals Hears Oral Arguments In Law School’s Moot Court Room

On April 8, 2010, a three-member panel of the Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in three cases in the Moot Court Room. Judge Allyson Duncan, Judge Andre Davis and Chief Judge William Traxler questioned attorneys for the petitioners and respondents before a packed audience of students and faculty. At the conclusion of the arguments, the judges spoke with students and provided responses to a variety of questions regarding the court. Afterward, a luncheon was held for the judges and their clerks with students and faculty in the Law School’s Great Hall. Chief Judge Traxler commented on the importance of keeping courts close to law schools for the benefit of the legal profession.

The visit was particularly special for Judge Allyson Duncan. Judge Duncan is a former member of the faculty of the law school and her mother, Anne McKay Duncan, served as Director of the Law Library for 20 years. McKay Duncan’s beautiful portrait hangs prominently in the entrance to the law library. This was the second time in four years that the Fourth Circuit court has heard arguments before students in the Law School’s Moot Court Room.

This event was made possible by the generous support of: K&L Gates, Lawyers Mutual, The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, and The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development.

2010 Commencement

The academic year was capped by our commencement ceremony where 177 juris doctorates were awarded, and those assembled were addressed by the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, former Governor of Virginia.

L. Douglas Wilder’s career in public service spans 40 years and is noted for several historic milestones.
Mr. Wilder became the first African-American to be elected governor in the U.S., leading the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1990 to 1994. As governor, he was commended for his sound fiscal management and balancing the state budget during difficult economic times. Financial World magazine ranked Virginia as the best managed state in the U.S. for two consecutive years under his Administration. He served as lieutenant governor from 1986 to 1990.

As a state senator representing Richmond from 1969 to 1985, Mr. Wilder became the first African-American state senator in Virginia since Reconstruction.

New Bern Alumni Reception Raises $10,000 for Law School Annual Fund

On Friday, April 23, 2010, Dean Raymond C. Pierce and members of the Development Office traveled to New Bern, North Carolina for the annual School of Law Alumni Reception. Members of the Development Office who attended the reception included Delores James, the Director of Development, Sharon Alston, Alumni Relations Manager, and Iris Gilchrist, Donor Relations Manager.

Alumni in attendance included Judges James Martin ’75, Peter Mack ’93, Scott Thomas ’92, John Harmon ’85, Geoffrey Adair ’93, Clement Brown ’81, Bernard Hollowell ’73, Chekesha Hukins ’97, Kim Jennings George ’82, W. David McFadyen ’79, Robert Raynor ’81, Libria Stephens ’07 and Matthew Johnson ’09. Others in attendance included: Reverend Joseph George, Mrs. Jenny Martin, Mr. Trey Duffus, Mr. Johnnie Sampson and Mrs. Ethel Sampson.

This year, Attorney and Mrs. Marcus Chesnutt hosted the reception in their beautiful lakefront home. The Chesnutts are the parents of recent Law School graduate Parker Chesnutt ’10. Marcus Chesnutt is a partner in the law firm of Chesnutt, Clemmons, Peacock & Long.

Lumberton

On December 12, 2009, Lumberton area alumni came together at their annual holiday fund raising reception.

Raleigh Durham Alumni Reception held at the Governors Mansion

On April 13, 2010, the Raleigh alumni held their annual alumni reception at the stately North Carolina Governor’s Mansion in downtown Raleigh. We would like to acknowledge Leonard Jernigan ’76 for his continuing generous support of this annual event.

Alumni Gather at the Annual North Carolina Bar Association Meeting

On June 25th NCCU School of Law held a reception at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association held in Wilmington, North Carolina.

4th Annual Spring Symposium at the North Carolina Biotech Center

On Friday, March, 19, 2010, the BPLR and BPLI hosted the 4th Annual Spring Symposium at the North Carolina Biotech Center. The 2010 symposium theme was: Hot Topics and Developments in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law. The keynote address was delivered by David Cade, Acting General Counsel of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Cade presented “Challenges for HHS in Health Reform, Food and Drug Safety and Stem Cell Research.” BPLI submitted a grant to the National Institute of Health for research in Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of the Human Genomic Project.

NCCU Law Students Visit the United States Supreme Court With Help From Alumni & Friends Donor Funds

Professors April Dawson and Craig Kabatchnick took 18 law students to the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Professor Kabatchnick, who knows the Clerk of the Court, General William Suter, arranged reserved seating for the group. There was an air of anticipation as they were escorted into the Courtroom. One of the students even mentioned that he felt like he was a child at Disney World. Before the cases began, new members of the Supreme Court Bar, of which Professor Dawson is a member, were sworn in.

The cases the students watched were very interesting. Granite Rock Co. v. Int’l Brotherhood of Teamsters involved a claim of tortious interference with a contract, in which an employer sued a union for violating a “No-Strike” clause, and Mac’s Shell Service...
v. Shell Oil Product involved a breach of contract claim between a gas station franchisee and its supplier franchisor. The law students received a practical education by watching how the attorneys responded to the vigorous questioning by the Justices. After observing the arguments, the group had lunch in the Supreme Court cafeteria.

After lunch, they were escorted to the Attorney’s Lounge to meet and talk with General Suter, the Clerk of the Court. He gave students an overview of the procedures of the Supreme Court and allowed questions from the students. Following the session with General Suter, a representative from the Curator’s office escorted the group back to the courtroom and discussed the protocols and traditions of the Court, as well as the historical and allegorical references in the architecture.

The NCCU law students and professors were given VIP treatment from the very beginning and felt very privileged to have participated in such a prestigious and honorable event. One message that resonated with all of the students was from General Suter, who said that there are three things that make a good appellant attorney - Preparation, Preparation, and Preparation. He also said that it does not matter where you went to law school or what your class rank is. “What matters,” General Suter stressed, “is what’s in your head and in your heart. That’s what makes the attorney.”

With Alumni Support, Student Attends Anti-Counterfeiting and Brand Protection Conference in New York City

This past January, 3L Crystal Griffin was able to enhance her law school experience and more importantly deepen her understanding of fashion law, an area of law she intends to focus on after law school, by attending the Anti-Counterfeiting and Brand Protection Conference in the big apple. Ms. Griffin was recently asked to share her thoughts regarding her experience at the Conference:

“In order to develop my professional networking circle and further investigate current issues in fashion law, I recently attended the Anti-Counterfeiting and Brand Protection Conference in New York City sponsored by the International Quality and Productivity Center. The conference was held from January 25-27, 2010 at the Millennium Broadway Hotel. At the conference, I realized the huge burden counterfeiters place on brand owners and the U.S. government. It became clear that the key to anti-counterfeiting measures is to stay one step ahead of the counterfeiting industry. Consumers have a wide array of choices, and counterfeiting can easily be seen as a brand specific problem. Therefore, consumers are prone to go a couple of shelves down and choose the same item from another brand if they believe their favorite line of products is not genuine.

The Anti-Counterfeiting and Brand Protection Conference definitely opened my eyes to the importance of intellectual property attorneys, trade registrations, and the protection of intellectual property rights. I believe the best method that can be used is education. If the public is aware that counterfeiters exist and realize there will be detrimental repercussions from purchasing potentially counterfeit goods, there will be no consumer base to sell those goods.”

Donors Make Law Camp Scholarships Possible for Community Youths

By Page Potter Director of Pro Bono Program

During the week of June 28, 2010, the Law School welcomed the 38 teens and tweens attending the 17th annual session of the Legal Eagle Law Camp. While the majority of the 12 to 16 year olds were from Durham, some came from as far away as Charlotte, Greensboro, and Savannah, Georgia to attend the Camp. Throughout the week, each team of 6 to 7 Law Campers worked with their law student counselor to prepare for a mock trial on Friday. Campers had fun and learned about law and the legal profession through a variety of other activities, including a visit to the Durham County Detention Facility and the Durham Courthouse where they met Durham District Attorney Tracey Kline ’89.

Law school faculty, staff, and administrators helped to introduce the Campers to different aspects of the law. Professor Deria Hayes shared tips on cross-examination techniques, and Professor Mike Wallace shared tips on effective

Law Student Overseas Travel Made Possible by Donor Funds

The second Summer Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica was held in May and June 2010. Recently approved by the ABA, ten students traveled with Prof. Kimberly Cogdell to earn six credit hours studying Comparative Bioethics and Policy. This summer, Prof. Pamela Glean also taught Mediation and Prof. Susan Hauser taught Comparative Limited Liability Companies during the Study Abroad Program.

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closing arguments. David Lancaster of the IT staff played a key role in an eyewitness identification activity. Nichelle Perry, assisted by Jillian Williams and Charlene Raiford, organized a scavenger hunt and tour of the Law Library. Professor Fred Williams led a panel discussion by the Law Camp counselors on pathways to a legal career.

In “Meet a Lawyer” sessions, the Law Campers interviewed Stephanie Barbee Williams, Assistant Dean for Admissions; Phil Guzman, Career Services Director of Public Service; and Benn Brewington ’06 about their qualifications and legal experience. Bowling and “jeopardy” style quiz games lightened the week and gave campers an opportunity to earn points in week long team competition.

The high point of the week came Friday as prosecution and defense teams faced off in a mock trial of a high school student charged with possession of marijuana (found in the inner pocket of a backpack which she had only recently purchased at a yard sale). Judges Wendy Scott, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Phil Guzman, and Professor David Green presided as campers, dressed in their most professional attire, questioned witnesses and made their arguments before an audience of family and friends.

Individual awards were presented to the Best Attorney and Best Witness in each of the trials. The winners of the week-long team competition received Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Writing Specialist Kelly Burgess ’06 directed day-to-day camp activities, assisted by Pro Bono Director Page Potter. Without doubt the most important ingredient in a fun and successful camp was the hard work, energy and enthusiasm of the law student counselors: 3Ls—Tara Anne Canada and Zshakira Carthens, and 2Ls—Kendra Davis, Dee Paison, James Fleischer, Salim McDowell, and Anthony Woods.

The Street Law Diversity Pipeline fund provided scholarships for three Law Campers and a generous donation from Professor Green provided scholarships for two campers, nominated by the Boys & Girls Club.

The NCCU School of Law completed a record breaking fundraising fiscal year 2009-2010 for alumni giving. The goal for alumni giving was 420 gifts and/or 15% participation. By June 30, 2010, a record 464 alumni gifts had been received for a 17% participation rate. The combination of direct mail, alumni receptions, and a very successful solicitation campaign helped meet the goal.

Record Setting Giving to NCCU School of Law

By Delores James, Director of Development

Donors don’t give to institutions. They invest in ideas and people in whom they believe.
- G.T. Smith

This is one of my favorite quotes, and it speaks to the reason that I am humbled and proud to be associated with the NCCU School of Law. I can say without reservation that the alumni, faculty/staff, friends, students, as well as the corporate and foundation community have demonstrated a strong belief in the NCCU School of Law through financial gifts and volunteer support of the Law School.

In just four years, in the midst of a national economic downturn and massive job losses (including more than 20,000 in the legal profession), the NCCU School of Law has seen tremendous growth in alumni giving as well as faculty and staff support. This has come at a time when many institutions of higher education have experienced sharp declines in giving.

Alumni giving has increased by 142% from 7% in 2006/2007 (225 donors) to 17% in 2009/2010 (464 donors). Our graduates have responded to the opportunity to invest in future Legal Eagles by providing bar stipends, scholarships, emergency loans, and support for student and faculty activities. In addition, many alumni have assisted our students by serving as mentors and participating in professional development activities.

In spite of state budget cuts, which resulted in no salary increases for the past two years, our amazing faculty and staff also increased their giving to the Law School. While teaching and insuring that the business of the Law School is conducted properly, the faculty and staff have reached new heights of giving with an increase of 193% from 19 donors to 48 donors.

The stellar fundraising results achieved by the alumni and the faculty and staff prove that we do indeed invest in people and ideas in which we believe. The mission of the NCCU School of Law is well served by the generosity of spirit that defines its existence—people giving to people.
Alumnus Leaves Generous Bequest of $152,052 to the NCCU School of Law

Judge Clifton E. Johnson ’67 made provision in his estate planning for the School of Law to receive a gift that totaled $152,052 to be used for the Judge Clifton E. Johnson Law School Endowment Scholarship Fund. Judge Johnson died at age 67 in Charlotte North Carolina.

In 1969, Judge Johnson made history, becoming the first African American hired as an Assistant State Prosecutor for the State of North Carolina since the 19th century. He subsequently became the first African-American District Court Judge of Mecklenburg County in 1969. Judge Johnson was North Carolina’s first African-American Chief District Court Judge in 1974 and the first African-American Resident Superior Court Judge for North Carolina in 1977. In 1978, he was one of two African-Americans elected to a statewide office in North Carolina. He was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 1982. He rose to the rank of Senior Associate Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals before retiring at the end of 1996. While on the Appellate Court, Judge Johnson served as the state’s first African-American Chairman of the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission. In May 2008, he again became part of the state’s judiciary as a Recall Judge for the Court of Appeals and as an Emergency Superior Court Judge.

The NCCU School of Law Celebrates its 70th Anniversary

The Alumni Reunion Weekend began Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, with a welcome reception and dance at the Doubletree Hotel. Our Alumni enjoyed an evening reconnecting and reuniting with former classmates. Saturday was filled with one exciting activity after another including tours of the Law School, a golf tournament, a picnic, an Alumni Association meeting and an elegant awards dinner. Alumni who took the tour were amazed at how much the Turner Law Building had been changed by the 2005 addition. While the tour was taking place, other alumni took the opportunity to tee off at the Willie E. Gary Golf Tournament, or attend a “Back to School with Your Professors” seminar featuring Professors Cheryl Amana and Thomas Ringer. Later in the afternoon, alumni gathered under a covered picnic area to enjoy a down-home cookout at the Alumni Family Picnic held in Piney Woods Park. Saturday’s grand finale featured a gala dinner and awards ceremony.
**2009–2010 Fiscal Year Scholarship Funding**

Scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2009-2010 reflect the Law School’s state, private and federally funded scholarships. A total of 414 NCCU School of Law students received $1,701,201 worth of scholarship awards.

**2009–2010 Fiscal Year Private Contributions Detail**

Alumni giving was at an all time high at the close of fiscal year 2009-2010. A record setting 464 Legal Eagles (17 percent) contributed $271,960. This participation rate surpassed the fiscal year goal of 15 percent, and is the highest participation rate in the history of the NCCU School of Law. Private donations provide funding for numerous student and faculty enrichment programs, including, but are not limited to; scholarships, bar stipends, special events, and emergency loans.
In fiscal year 2009-2010 the NCCU School of Law received a total of $14,029,335 for operations from state funding, Title III funding, and private donations. The School of Law incurred a 10% permanent budget reduction. The graph illustrates the three sources of funding.
The Annual Fund is the unrestricted operating fund for the Law School. These funds are essential for many special events and meetings. Contributions to the Annual Fund support student professionalism dinners, graduation, emergency loans and travel stipends for students and other student activities. In addition, the funds support faculty activities, fundraising, and alumni publications like the 70th Anniversary Magazine “So Far” and “Of Counsel”.

This year the NCCU Foundation Board imposed a 5% management fee on all non gift deposits and a $5 per check fee on all agency accounts.

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