Message from Larry Brown, Alumni Association President

Your North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association Board (AAB) is working hard to give back to our alma mater in support of our school and today’s students. We invite you to join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2013. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Janice Mills Conference Room at the law school. All alumni are welcome to attend and participate.

On behalf of the AAB, the administration, staff, and students of NCCU Law, thank you to the more than 100 alumni who have participated in an alumni or law school activity this academic year. We appreciate your gifts of time and talent for alumni receptions, orientation events, and assistance with our trial teams, to name just a few activities. Our goal is to have 672 alumni contributions this year – to date 249 have donated. Our school is stronger because of your loyalty and commitment.

Of note, the Second Annual Alumni Internship Event was a great success due to the hard work of the Career Services Team of Emma Kinyanjui, Mrs. Stephanie Troy Williams, and dedicated alumni. As a result, several students were awarded internships for Spring and Summer 2013. Career Services set up the event and it afforded alumni of NCCU Law the opportunity to come back and interview OUR STUDENTS and offer OUR STUDENTS internships and growth opportunities. This is a GREAT WAY TO REACH BACK AND GIVE BACK. The Career Services Department’s efforts to find easier ways for the alumni to interact with students, especially for internships and employment opportunities, inspired “How to Book for Simplicity,” which was created with the help of the AAB to help alumni contact students through Simplicity. If any alumni would like to offer a position or internship to our students, all you have to do is contact Career Services and the staff will make it easy for you to come to conduct your interviews. Whether you would like to conduct the interviews in your office, at the school, over the internet, or over the phone, Career Services is prepared to make your experience a pleasant one.

In closing, we thank you for your continued support of our alma mater and students. Please continue to invest your time and finances in our law school. If you have not made a donation this year, it is not too late. Legal Eagles are meant to soar above the rest, but our students can only do so with your continued support. Thank you again on behalf of the entire AAB for doing your part to make NCCU School of Law an institution dedicated to enhancing the lives of our students by celebrating our school’s past and embracing its amazing future.

Sincerely,

Larry Brown, Jr. ’08
President, Alumni Association Board
NCCU School of Law to Launch Foreclosure Clinic

With a grant of $800,000 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, North Carolina Central University School of Law will transform its Foreclosure Prevention Project into a new Foreclosure Clinic.

Since the beginning of the housing crisis in 2008, NCCU’s Foreclosure Prevention Project has provided training to volunteers — law students and private attorneys — in the identification of predatory lending practices. These volunteers counseled potential homebuyers and assisted those trapped in predatory contracts with the process of mortgage adjustment to prevent foreclosure.

Demand quickly outpaced the capacity of a volunteer force, particularly with the expansion of the Law School’s outreach efforts through TALIAS — NCCU’s telepresence classroom linked to 27 high-definition videoconferencing locations across the state.

“We had to suspend our foreclosure project,” said Atty. Pamela Glean, Assistant Dean for Clinical Programs. “Our volunteer attorney was simply overwhelmed.”

Glean appealed to the North Carolina Department of Justice (DOJ) for funding to support a fulltime director and financial counselor, as well as contract attorneys to represent homeowners in trials and appeals in their local jurisdictions.

The funds flowing from the DOJ through the Housing Finance Agency represent a portion of the multistate settlement with five major banks that engaged in fraudulent foreclosures and unethical practices in their mortgage lending. Legal Aid of North Carolina and the UNC School of Law also received funding. NCCU School of Law intends to collaborate with these partners to ensure that all necessary services are provided efficiently and effectively to our residents.

NCCU Law School Dean Phyllis Craig-Taylor said, “NCCU Law recently ranked fourth in the nation in the provision of clinical opportunities to our students. We’re proud of our unflinching commitment to work on pressing social justice issues that face our communities, including the loss of property.”

Save the Date! 2013 Law Review Symposium

The 2013 Law Review Symposium, “From the Ground Up: The Evolution of Environmental Justice in North Carolina,” will be Friday, April 12, 2013, at the law school.

Registration information will be distributed soon. Any questions can be referred to centrallawreview.symposium@gmail.com.

1st Annual Legal Eagle Commencement Reunion

Walk down memory lane and reconnect with classmates Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11, 2013! This year’s reunion will celebrate the classes of 1948 through 1973. Enjoy great food and fellowship when you return to NCCU School of Law during Commencement 2013. A letter and flyer regarding the event are appended as the final two pages of the newsletter.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Career Services Office (CSO) Job Opportunities

The CSO is often asked, “Where can I find jobs listings other than Symplicity ([NCCU Law’s web-based recruiting system and job bank used for the On Campus Interview (OCI) process and job/resume solicitations)]?” It’s a simple question, without a simple answer. Only about 5 to 25% of all job openings are posted or advertised. Therefore, the vast majority of job leads and employment result from “word of mouth” and referrals from people you know. Therefore, contacting people you know, i.e., people in your network, will be the most effective way to find leads for jobs or employment. However, there are many web sites designed to help you find employment listings – some more reputable than others. While there are literally hundreds of sites, here are a few that you may want to check out in between tapping into your network.

http://www.usajobs.gov
http://www.pslawnet.org

Also, check out some of our latest postings in Symplicity.

Cox & Watts, a small law firm in Brunswick County, North Carolina, is looking for an associate attorney to begin immediately. Cox and Watts attorneys practice in Brunswick and Columbus counties. Prior criminal defense experience is preferred. Law school clinical or internship experience in criminal law will be considered.

You may submit your resume and cover letter to:

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North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc. (NCPLS) is seeking a post-conviction litigation attorney. Responsibilities include evaluating, and if necessary, litigating claims relating to the constitutionality of inmates’ convictions and sentences. Three years of experience in criminal defense is preferred. Some knowledge of immigration law is a plus. SC law license required. Salary DOE, Excellent fringe benefits, including generous annual leave. NCPLS is an equal opportunity employer. See Symplicity for more details.

Employment Needed: A fellow alumna is looking to transition into the pharmaceutical industry. If anyone has a contact they are willing to share, please contact Emma Kinyanjui in the CSO office at ekinyanjui@nccu.edu or (919) 530-6002.

Contact Emma Kinyanjui, Esq., Director of Legal Recruitment, if you would like to receive a weekly email that includes job listings from across the country.

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STAY CONNECTED

REGISTER TODAY! Legal Eagle Connection

The Legal Eagle Alumni Connection is a newly added feature of the NCCU School of Law website. When you become a registered member of the Legal Eagle Alumni Connection, you will have access to the Alumni Directory and so much more information about your law school.

Here are some features of the Legal Eagle Connection:

1. Access to the Online Alumni Directory: You will be able to search for alumni via the online directory to help you stay connected;
2. Update your personal and business contact information;
3. View your giving history record through access to our Raiser’s Edge Database; and
4. Access the Alumni Calendar

You can update your information anytime, anywhere. All updates, donations, and alumni activity is automatically captured and noted in the Raiser’s Edge Alumni and Donor Database. More than 200 alumni have already registered and you can too. Create your profile today to become a registered user in the community by clicking on the link below and selecting the “New User Registration” option.
Delegate Frank S. Turner ’73 will become the vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Delegates in Howard County, MD. Turner has served as chair of the House of Delegates’ Finance Resources Subcommittee since 2007.

Judge Edward M. Anderson, Sr. ’76, of the Washington, GA Municipal Court, was honored by his undergraduate alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University, with induction into its Army ROTC Hall of Fame on October 27, 2012. A 1968 Distinguished Military Graduate of A&T, he completed nearly 21 years of active duty, which included 19 months of service in Vietnam. There, he was decorated for heroism while serving as a platoon leader in combat. After Vietnam, he attended and graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law, passed the South Carolina bar exam, and spent the remainder of his time on active duty practicing law in the Army Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Pauline Hankins ’94 was elected as District Court Judge for the 13th Judicial District of North Carolina in the November election. She was sworn on January 2, 2013, at the Brunswick County Courthouse. Hankins has 18 years of progressive legal experience, served as an Arbitrator Judge for 13 years, was awarded the 2011 N.C. Governor’s Award for Volunteer Service, and serves as President of the Brunswick County Bar Association.

Rick Fleming ’01 was elected to the Board of Directors for the National Organization of Social Security Representatives as the new 4th Circuit representative.

Emily Dickens ’02 accepted a position as Assistant Vice President of Federal Relations for the University of North Carolina System. Dickens served as the Director of Government and Community Affairs for the Chancellor’s Office at Fayetteville State University prior to accepting the Assistant Vice President position.


Germaine Austin ’12 was recently chosen as a Young Lawyer Leader for the 50th Anniversary of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The publication, Moving America Toward Justice, features Austin on the cover.

Gale Murray Adams ’84 was elected as Superior Court Judge for the 12th Judicial District of North Carolina in the November election. She was sworn in on January 4, 2013, at the Cumberland County Courthouse. Murray served as a federal public defender for nearly two decades and ran unopposed in the November election. She will replace Hon. Gregory Weeks, who recently retired. A full article on the swearing in ceremony can be viewed on the Fayetteville Observer’s web-site.

Lawrence Wittenberg ’84 was reappointed as a representative of the Past Presidents Council for the National Organization of Social Security Representatives. Wittenberg was first elected from the 4th Circuit in 1999 and served on the Board of Directors as treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president.
ALUMNI RECEPITIONS

Alumni Holiday Fundraiser
Maceo Sloan ’79 chaired an alumni fundraising committee with the goal of raising $100,000 in alumni contributions by December 31, 2012. A reception was held in support of this effort on December 6 at the University Club in Durham, N.C. Committee members included Atiba Adams ’96, Ralph Frasier, Jr. ’94, Rep. Mickey Michaux, Jr. ’64, Thomasine Moore ’74, James E. Rogers ’87, William T. Wilson, Jr. ’76, Lowell Siler ’79, Thomas Cuffie ’78, Frances Dyer ’76, Jason Groves ’96, Kevin Duckworth ’85, Charles Blackmon ’88, Alvin Darden ’77, and Hon. Leroy Johnson ’57.

Elizabeth City Alumni Reception
The Elizabeth City Alumni Reception, hosted by G. Wendell Spivey ’76 and Hon. J. Carlton Cole ’87, was held at Montero’s Restaurant on October 2, 2012.

Fayetteville Alumni Reception
The Fayetteville Alumni Reception, hosted by Glenn Adams ’84 and Mike Williford ’83, was held at Adams Burge & Boughman on October 3, 2012.

Redmon ’87 and Hon. Sommer Murphy ’08, was held at the 1331 Lounge & Bar at the JW Marriott on November 9, 2012.

Atlanta Alumni Reception
The Atlanta Alumni Reception, hosted by Sen. Leroy Johnson ’57, was held at his home on November 15, 2012.

Lumberton Alumni Reception
The Lumberton Alumni Reception Luncheon, hosted by Arnold Locklear ’73, was held at Adelio’s Restaurant on December 6, 2012.

UPCOMING ALUMNI RECEPITIONS

Richmond Alumni Reception Luncheon
Friday, April 19, 2013
12 p.m.
Tobacco Company Restaurant
1201 East Cary St., Richmond, VA
Host: Tonnie Villines ’88

Stay tuned for details on the following Alumni Receptions being planned for Raleigh, Greensboro, New Bern, Asheville, Charlotte, and Sanford, NC.

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Dear Fellow NCCU Law Alumnus,

It is time to catch up with old friends and recollect fond memories of North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Be sure to Save the Dates, May 10 and May 11 and join the classes of 1948-1973 for our First Annual Legal Eagle Commencement Reunion Celebration.

The celebrations will commence on Friday, May 10, 2013 with a Reunion Awards Celebration Dinner at the Law School. This will be your chance to reunite with your classmates and professors, and tour the law school. On Saturday, May 11, all attending the reunion will be recognized during the class of 2013 Commencement including the opportunity to march in with the graduating class. A jazz brunch will follow the commencement ceremony.

Please watch your mail and check the NCCU Law website for registration information and reunion details.

We look forward to seeing you at the NCCU School of Law for our First Annual Legal Eagle Commencement Reunion Celebration Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, 2013.

For more information please call Carissa Burroughs at (919) 530-6427 or carissa.burroughs@nccu.edu.

In Truth and Service,

[Signatures]

Judge Sammie Chess, Jr. ’56, Judge A. Leon Stanback, Jr. ’63, Judge Beryl Sansom Gilmore ’70
SAVE THE DATE!
FIRST ANNUAL LEGAL EAGLE
COMMENCEMENT REUNION

Celebrating the Classes of 1948-1973
Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11, 2013

Walk down memory lane and reconnect with classmates.

Enjoy great food and fellowship when the classes of 1948 through 1973 return to NCCU School of Law during Commencement 2013.

TENTATIVE AGENDA
Friday, May 10: Reunion Awards Celebration Dinner
Great Hall, NCCU School of Law

Saturday, May 11: Commencement
King’s Park International Church, Durham, NC
*Recognition of Reunion Class Members

Saturday, May 11: Jazz Brunch
Hilton Garden Inn, Durham, NC

Watch your mail for Registration Information

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