

# LAW BRIEF



## DEAN J. RICH LEONARD NAMED FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST SCHOLAR, AMONG BEST BANKRUPTCY LAWYERS

Dean J. Rich Leonard has been awarded the prestigious designation of a Fulbright Specialist Scholar for a three-year period. On the heels of a long and storied career on the bench, Leonard officially began serving as dean of Campbell Law School on July 15, 2013. A former United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the seven years he has served as dean makes him the longest-tenured law school dean among North Carolina's six law schools. His recognition as a Fulbright Specialist Scholar is the culmination of his extensive legal and academic experience.

"I was delighted to learn that I have been selected as a Fulbright Specialist Scholar and will be added to the roster whenever the U.S. State Department lifts the suspension of the Fulbright program (due to the COVID-19 pandemic)," Leonard explained. "Unlike the regular Fulbright program that requires you to teach abroad for a semester or year, the Specialists are a small group that responds to specific requests for short-term consultations from academic and other institutions, for stints from two to six weeks. Once on the roster, you stay for three years. I am hopeful I can find some projects that will let me involve law students and perhaps even take some with me."

Dean Leonard also has been named to the 2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers list. Of the 500 lawyers, eight are North Carolinians — five lawyers and three academics. Leonard is the only dean included on the list.





Following is an excerpt I wrote for the most recent North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) Magazine:

"Candidly, the past six months have been the most difficult of my professional life. The nation is polarized, the pandemic is relentless, and systemic racism is rightfully coming under attack.

"In mid-March, I oversaw moving an in-seat curriculum with a fabulous teaching faculty, who had little use for distance education, onto a virtual platform in 72 hours. Graduation was cancelled, which I replaced with 75 individual ceremonies, one student and family at a time. The Floyd murder generated peaceful protests that went violent. My innocent statement that our gorgeous law school was not damaged in the riots led to

bitter complaints that I cared more about a building than Black lives. When I did issue my statement, alumni accused me of being an apologist for looters.

"Whether the North Carolina bar exam could be given safely was a guerilla war. I took the view that it could. Many of my students are only truly in the job market when they have a law license, and are completely out of energy and resources by late July. I did not see that things would get better if we just postponed it. However, a loud and vehement minority of my students and faculty disagreed, and they made themselves heard. Luckily, it was given without incident and our pass rate was the highest since 2012.

"I do not believe virtual instruction substitutes for in-seat teaching, particularly in the first year. We spent all summer, under the leadership of Deans Zeke Bridges and Dan Tilly, meticulously planning how to return to an in-person environment, but with options in every class for virtual attendance. It required leasing additional classroom space at the Episcopal Church next door to reduce the load on our building and adhering to spacing and room capacity requirements. My faculty have learned to teach in masks behind plexiglass shields, instructing simultaneously students in person and others virtually using multiple monitors. The podium looks more like the cockpit of a jet than a teaching platform."

I am happy to report at this writing, it has largely worked. My terrific dean of students, Evin Grant, has used our mandatory notification rules and daily health checks to move students between in-seat and virtual platforms as quarantining and contact tracing required. Our number of active cases over the semester has been minimal and we are on course to safely leave the building following first-year exams and return in mid-January. But, much like the novel coronavirus itself, every day presents a set of new challenges.

Each day also brings new opportunities for the law school, including a most generous gift from Bob and Pat Barker. The Barkers' donation — in addition to a number of others — will allow our Blanchard Community Law Clinic to expand its expunction services under the new Second Chance Act beyond the Triangle and into rural Eastern North Carolina, where the need is even greater.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support during this most unusual of years. I wish you and your family the happiest and healthiest of holidays.

Take good care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Rich Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

J. Rich Leonard

***"Each day presents a new set of challenges ... and also brings new opportunities for the law school."***



## CAMPBELL LAW'S TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM CONTINUES TO LEAD WITH PURPOSE

Campbell Law School's trial advocacy program has once again been recognized in the 2020 Winter issue of preLaw magazine. And it's no wonder. Campbell Law's historically strong competitive advocacy program continues to reap numerous awards. "Advocacy is our hallmark, and I am delighted to have our accomplishments recognized," said Dean J. Rich Leonard.



Campbell Law advocates have brought home back-to-back national championships from the third annual Hofstra Medical-Legal Mock Trial Competition. This year's competition was held virtually Nov. 6-8, 2020. The competition was hosted by the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. Campbell Law was the only North Carolina law school invited to this year's competition. Third-year students Kelsey Myers and Joshua Steedly and second-year students Michael Vitale, Holly Rabil and Samantha Wyatt represented Campbell Law, and the team was coached by Casey Peadar '17, who also coached last year's winning team. Myers was also recognized as the Outstanding Advocate.



Campbell Law School advocates Tom Harvey '21 and Michael Logan '21 earned the title of co-champions in the virtual 2020 American Bar Association (ABA) Regional Negotiations Competition hosted by the University of Georgia. The team was coached by Assistant Dean of Student Life and Pro Bono Opportunities Evin Grant '16. The judges in the final round praised Harvey and Logan, saying they "had good interplay and teamwork, were excellent listeners, were dynamic, and exhibited what it meant to be a lawyer," Grant said. "They were amazing during the entire competition. They have tremendous skill and talent which made them easy to coach." As a result of their win, Harvey and Logan will compete in the ABA Negotiations Competition's National Finals in February 2021.



The Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law will host the Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition (ICCC) April 6-10, 2021, at Swansea University in Wales. According to organizers, this will be the first time Wales has hosted the event since 2005. Following the cancellation of the 2020 competition due to Covid-19, both the 2020 Competition and the 2021 Competition will take place within the week. The topic will focus on Human Rights. Tatiana Terry '19 and Katie (Webb) Miller '19, who won the ICCC in Dublin, Ireland, were coached by Professors Melissa Essary and Jon Powell. The winning duo have been invited to travel to Wales to hand over the trophy to the 2020-21 champions.

## BLANCHARD COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC PROVIDES SECOND CHANCES THANKS TO GENEROUS GIFT



Bob and Pat Barker believe in giving folks a second chance. And the couple is not just giving lip service. They are putting their money where their mouths are, specifically through a generous donation to Campbell Law School. The Barkers have given Campbell Law School \$200,000 to expand the work of the Blanchard Community Law Clinic, Dean J. Rich Leonard announced.

“Thanks in large part to this generous donation from Bob and Pat Barker, Campbell Law’s Blanchard Community Law Clinic will be able to hire additional attorneys to work with our Clinic Director Ashley Campbell allowing triple the number of our law students to assist with the growing number of expunction requests made possible by the Second Chance Act,” Leonard explained. “In

addition, the funding allows us to go mobile with our clinic services and expand our reach to help those in rural areas of Eastern North Carolina. Our goal is to create a model for others to similarly help rural areas throughout the state.”

The Barkers work directly with nonprofits and governmental entities to encourage best practices in proven, cost-effective approaches to reducing recidivism. “Our mission is to develop and support programs that help incarcerated individuals successfully reenter society and stay out for life,” Bob Barker says. “Campbell’s Community Law Clinic does exactly that. And now, thanks to the Second Chance Act, they can expand their efforts to help those who can’t always afford to help themselves get their criminal records expunged so that they can get a job or rent an apartment.”

The Barkers have also given Campbell University an additional \$1 million to support its overall mission.

“Bob and Pat Barker have been instrumental in the transformation of the Campbell University campus,” said then Campbell President Dr. Jerry Wallace when the couple received honorary degrees from Campbell University in 2012. “Their commitment and generosity to Campbell will leave a lasting impression on the lives of our students, faculty and staff.”

The Barkers’ gift to the law school adds to the coffers established this summer with a significant donation from Carolina Correctional Services, a former nonprofit, as well as the crowdfunding effort led by the clinic just after the Second Chance Act (SB 562) was signed into law in June. The N.C. Justice Center has also donated the services of an additional attorney to help in the effort, according to Leonard.

*“Thanks to Bob and Pat Barker, our Community Law Clinic can hire additional attorneys to assist with the growing number of requests from the Second Chance Act,”*

**Dean Leonard**

All told, thanks to the Barkers' generous donation among many others, more than \$250,000 has been raised since June to support the clinic's expanded efforts regarding the Second Chance Act, which aims to reduce unemployment barriers for individuals who have a criminal record of non-violent misdemeanors or dropped charges. "The Blanchard Community Law Clinic helps citizens move forward in their life after incarceration or involvement with the criminal justice system by providing free legal services to low-income individuals, commonly helping with expunction efforts," Campbell said. "In response to COVID-19, the Clinic also saw a necessary avenue for those outside of urban areas, by going mobile to allow for more reach to help those with less access to resources to help those in rural areas, specifically in Eastern North Carolina."

Studies have shown that employers have a dim view of job applicants with criminal backgrounds, even when those backgrounds include minor non-violent offenses — e.g. possession of a small amount of marijuana or bouncing a check at the grocery store — or even charges that were dismissed.

A survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management in 2012 indicated that employers perform criminal record background checks for nearly 70 percent of all job applicants. And 73 percent of the employers surveyed said a non-violent misdemeanor conviction was "very influential" or "somewhat influential" in the employer's decision to hire the applicant. Even in cases where charges were dismissed — which indicates the applicant was never judged to be guilty of any offense — employers found the charge alone to be influential in the hiring decision at least 30 percent of the time.

The result? People who have been previously involved with the criminal justice system have a difficult time finding a job, renting an apartment plus getting loans for school or to start a business. The Second Chance Act aims to change that.

Under the new law, certain misdemeanor and felony charges that are dismissed or found "not guilty" after December 2021 will automatically be expunged (a.k.a. removed) from a person's criminal record. Additionally, multiple non-violent misdemeanor convictions can be expunged after seven years of good behavior. The Second Chance Act also closes a loophole left from the successful "Raise the Age" efforts several years ago — juveniles convicted as adults under the former law will now be able to expunge misdemeanor and low-level felony convictions that occurred when those individuals were 16 or 17 years old.

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## ADVOCATES EARN SIXTH INVITE TO TOP GUN

Campbell Law advocates competed virtually in the annual Tournament of Champions (TOC) hosted by Baylor Law School on Nov. 5-7. The team, made up of third-year students Daniel Nelson, Macy Stutts and Summer Combs, and second-year students Brienne Habit and Carrie Duhon, went 4-0 in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the Final Four along with Harvard, Berkeley and UCLA law schools.

The team was coached by Tatiana Terry '19, who was assisted by Dean of Academic Affairs Dan Tilly, former director of the advocacy program. Thanks to their performance in the TOC, Campbell Law advocates have been invited to the 2021 Top Gun Championship for the sixth time. "While the team did not advance to the final round, the success of the student advocates earned Campbell Law an automatic invitation to Top Gun, an invitation-only mock trial tournament where the best advocates from the nation's Top 16 trial advocacy schools compete head-to-head in the winner-take-all tournament," said Professor Tony Ghiotto, director of the advocacy program.

## CAMPBELL LAW, WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY OFFER ACCELERATED DUAL DEGREE



Campbell Law School and William Peace University have partnered to create an accelerated dual degree option for students seeking to earn undergraduate and juris doctor degrees. Under the 3+3 accelerated dual degree program, William Peace University (WPU) students can earn an undergraduate degree and a juris doctor from Campbell Law in six years rather than seven, saving both time and money.

A student enrolled in the 3+3 program will spend three years at WPU, completing general education requirements and the coursework for their major. In their fourth year, the student will begin study at Campbell Law, and the credits earned during that year will complete their undergraduate degree while counting towards the law degree. Students can continue to live on campus at WPU during this fourth year.

There are a wide variety of majors including BA in Criminal Justice and the BA in Political Science and BA in Pre-Law offered at WPU that students could enroll in to participate in the 3+3 program. “This is a unique pathway for the top William Peace University students to focus on law school early in their collegiate careers,” said Dean J. Rich Leonard.

*“This is a unique pathway for the top WPU students to focus on law school early,”*

**Dean Leonard**

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## INNOVATE CAPITAL BUSINESS LAW CLINIC ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS

Campbell Law’s Innovate Capital Business Law Clinic is looking for a few good start-up businesses to receive free legal services to kick off the new year and the spring semester.

The Clinic’s Co-Directors Benji Jones and Jim Verdonik will utilize their decades of experience working with start-ups to supervise up to eight third-year Campbell Law School students. The Clinic is located in Raleigh Founded’s warehouse district location, formally known as HQ Raleigh.

“We are looking for about a dozen start-up businesses,” said Jones, Clinic co-founder and co-director. “The value of the free services they receive may range from several thousand dollars to more than \$10,000.”

Interested applicants should complete an online questionnaire as soon as possible, as selections will be made throughout December. Questions regarding the Clinic should be directed to Jones at [bjones@campbell.edu](mailto:bjones@campbell.edu).

## DEAN TO HELP LEAD ABA LEGAL EDUCATION POLICE PRACTICES CONSORTIUM

Dean J. Rich Leonard is leading deans from more than 50 U.S. law schools to examine and address legal issues in policing and public safety. The American Bar Association (ABA) has announced the formation of a Legal Education Police Practices Consortium to contribute to this national effort that will include conduct, oversight and the evolving nature of police work. Leonard is one of only 10 law school deans who will lead on the Consortium's advisory committee.



Campbell Law is the only North Carolina law school to join the Consortium at this time. “I was one of about six law school leaders who came up with the idea for the Consortium,” Leonard explained. “We were all trying to do our own thing and realized when we started talking that we could have a much more significant impact if the law schools would work together to address this systemic issue.”

The advisory committee deans come from diverse backgrounds who represent a broad array of law schools in terms of geography, school types (private and public) and size.

The Consortium plans to leverage the ABA's expertise in developing model police practices and that of interested ABA-accredited law schools to collaborate on projects to develop and implement better police practices throughout the United States. To date, 52 law schools have already agreed to participate in the Consortium for the next five years.

Drawing on the geographic diversity of the ABA, the participating law schools and their networks, the Consortium will advance the widespread adoption of model police practices and initiate other projects designed to support effective policing, promote racial equity in the criminal justice system and eliminate tactics that are racially motivated or have a disparate impact based on race.

“The ABA has the ability to bring together diverse groups to address these problems and the duty to act to help bring racial equality to our criminal justice system,” ABA President Patricia Lee Refo said. “The consortium will engage law students and legal experts from around the country in studying and forming solutions to help improve policing practices in our communities.”

### CONNECT WITH US!

Our alumni serve a vital role within the Campbell Law community, and are frequently called upon to assist with volunteer opportunities, recruiting, assisting with mock interviews, informing us of market opportunities, hosting events or partnering with a student organization. If you are interested in connecting, please contact Assistant Dean of External Relations Megan West Sherron at (919) 865-5875 or [sherron@campbell.edu](mailto:sherron@campbell.edu).

## A DIFFERENT GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

While Campbell Law officially conferred 136 Juris Doctor degrees on May 19, 2020, Dean J. Rich Leonard wanted to do something special to celebrate the members of the graduating class of 2020 since their commencement ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Dean held 75 individual hooding celebrations over the summer and provided individual photo sessions and hooding videos with family and friends of the participating graduates.



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*ceremonies*

celebrating 2020 graduates





## CAMPBELL LAW RANKS 4TH NATIONALLY IN OVERPERFORMANCE ON BAR EXAM

### 2020 GRADUATES EARN HIGHEST N.C. BAR PASSAGE RATE SINCE 2012

The National Jurist magazine has released a new study ranking Campbell Law School fourth in the nation for overperformance on the bar exam. The results are based on a five-year study of bar exam results from 2015-19 conducted by former founding Dean Jeffery Kinsler of Belmont University College of Law. “The study concludes that Campbell Law ranks fourth among 200 law schools in overperformance on the bar exam, when comparing the entering credentials of students with the bar results obtained,” Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard said. “I expect we would have done even better if our 93 percent from this summer had been included.” Leonard told the magazine that one of the secrets to Campbell Law’s success is it takes a multi-pronged approach to preparing students for the bar exam. Unlike some law schools, two-thirds of a student’s curriculum at Campbell Law is made up of required courses in substantive areas that are tested on the bar exam.

“We are a school that is laser-focused on bar passage,” Leonard told the National Jurist. “That’s why I was not terribly surprised by our high rank on this study. We do a great job teaching our students, and we usually match or exceed the bar passage outcomes of the University of North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest, whose students often have much higher LSAT scores than ours. We are very proud of our record.”

Campbell Law saw its highest overall pass rate — 93.1 percent — on the July 2020 North Carolina Bar Exam since 2012. This year, 108 of the 116 exam takers from Campbell Law passed, including all repeat takers. “Our 93.1 percent overall pass rate is the highest during my tenure as dean,” said Leonard. “We had the largest group of bar exam takers of any North Carolina school this year. I am so proud of our graduates who stayed focused despite the hardest time imaginable to prepare for the bar exam.” Regarding first-time testers, 104 Campbell Law graduates passed out of 112 for a first-time pass rate of 92.86 percent. All four of Campbell Law’s repeat testers passed — giving Campbell Law the distinction of being the only law school in the state to have a 100-percent pass rate for its repeaters.



## SUPPORT CAMPBELL LAW

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Contribute online at our secure site: [law.campbell.edu/give](https://law.campbell.edu/give). For more information about giving opportunities and donations that directly support students, contact Dean J. Rich Leonard at [leonardjr@campbell.edu](mailto:leonardjr@campbell.edu).

## 2ND ANNUAL CAMPBELL LAW BIKE RIDE

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Campbell Law's second annual bike ride whether as a rider, a sponsor or as a volunteer! More than 100 riders turned out for the in-person ride featuring 10-mile and 50-mile routes and even more joined virtually to support the law school's five clinics. Mark your calendar now for next year's ride scheduled for Oct. 9, 2021!



**Reagan Warren****Callie Davis****Kristen Longmire**

## PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

Dean J. Rich Leonard has named the three newest Wallace Fellows tapped to work alongside the institution's faculty and staff during the 2020-2021 academic year. **Reagan Warren, Callie Davis** and **Kristen Longmire** — all 2020 Campbell Law graduates — were selected by an internal panel of law school faculty and staff.

**Tuneen Chisolm** was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor by the Campbell University Board of Trustees on Oct. 21.

**Dan Tilly** began serving as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs effective July 1. Tilly, who was named the 2019 recipient of the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award, left private practice in Texas to join the Campbell Law faculty in 2011 as an Assistant Professor and the Director of Advocacy.

**Anthony "Tony" Ghiotto** began serving as the Director of Advocacy effective July 1. Ghiotto, who joined the Campbell Law School faculty in fall 2017, teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Administrative Law and Trial Advocacy.

**U. Zeke Bridges III '03** began serving the institution as Vice Dean effective July 1. Bridges, who has served as Assistant Dean of Administration since January 2014, joined the law school administration as the Director of Mentorship in January 2013.

**Evin L. Grant '16** was promoted to Assistant Dean of Students effective July 1. Grant joined the law school as Director of Student Life & Pro Bono Opportunities in July 2018.

**Morgan C. Cutright** was promoted to Assistant Dean of Admissions effective July 1. Cutright has served as Director of Admissions since July 2019 and Assistant Director of Admissions since September 2016.

**Niya Fonville** was promoted to Director of Externships effective July 1. Fonville, who joined Campbell Law School in 2018 as Associate Director of the Career and Professional Development Center, will also serve as an adjunct faculty member in her new role.

Professor **Raluca Papadima** has been recognized by The Romanian Academy for the best law publication in 2018. The book, titled "European and Comparative Corporate and Business Law," is written in French.

Professor **Greg Wallace** co-authored several chapters in the casebook "Firearms Law and the Second Amendment: Regulation, Rights, and Policy," which is used in several law school classes.

CLASS OF

1979

**Judge John Marsh Tyson** presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.

CLASS OF

1981

We are saddened to share the passing of **Frederick R. Wagner**.

CLASS OF

1982

We are saddened to share the passing of **Joseph "Joe" Linsey Tart**.

CLASS OF

1983

We are saddened to share the passing of **George L. Collins**.

CLASS OF

1984

**Davis Horne** of Smith Anderson has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

1985

**Buxton "Buck" Copeland** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

**John Martin** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

1988

**Pete Shedor** has merged his real estate practice into Mann, McGibney and Jordan PLLC.

CLASS OF

1989

**Mary McHugh Webb** has been selected for five years for Insurance Litigation inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021 and her practice area of Personal Injury Litigation Defendants.

CLASS OF

1990

**Melissa Owens Lassiter** is the chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Administrative Law Section for 2020-2021.

**Robin Terry** is the recipient of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP's inaugural 2020 Distinguished Leader in Diversity and Inclusion Award. She has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

1991

**Angela Beeker** was promoted to City Attorney of Hendersonville, N.C.

**Paul Gessner** has joined Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP's Raleigh office as Of Counsel.

CLASS OF

1992

**John M. Nunnally** Selected for Best Lawyers in America 2021 edition for his practice areas of Commercial Litigation, Construction Law and Construction Litigation.

CLASS OF

1993

**Anna Osterhout** of Smith Anderson has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

1994

**Chris Olsen** assisted the Duke Wrongful Convictions Clinic as pro bono counsel with the exoneration of Ronnie Long, who was wrongfully incarcerated for 44 years.

CLASS OF

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1997

**Colleen Shea** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021 and named “Lawyer of the Year” for Medical Malpractice Law.

CLASS OF

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1998

**Todd Jones** is a founding partner of Anderson Jones PLLC, which was voted by the Triangle Business Journal as third best small company to work for in 2020.

CLASS OF

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1999

**Marshall Wall** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021 and was recently honored with the 2020 Leaders in the Law Awards from North Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

**Michael Graham** has merged his law and business consulting practices to create D’Alberto & Graham, Attorneys & Advisors in Columbia, S.C.

**Gilbert File** is now a partner at Hatch, Little & Bunn LLP.

We are saddened to share the passing of **Kristian D. Robertson**.

CLASS OF

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2000

We are saddened to share the passing of **Melanie Wade Goodwin**.

CLASS OF

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2001

**Stacy “Four” Eggers IV** is the newest member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

CLASS OF

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2002

**Julianne B. Rothert** has joined the Triangle Smart Divorce firm in Cary, N.C.

CLASS OF

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2003

**Stephanie Gaston Poley** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

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2005

**Jennifer Morris Jones** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2021.

CLASS OF

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2006

**John B. “Bo” Walker** has been named to the Best Lawyers in America 2021 list for Personal Injury Litigation Defendants.

**Grayson Russell**, in-house counsel for York Standard and CEO of Standard Title, has launched York Standard Asset Management Co., a joint venture to provide services for the handling of distressed commercial real estate.

CLASS OF

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2007

**Edward E. Coleman** has been named to the Best Lawyers in America 2021 list for Insurance Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation Defendants.

CLASS OF

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2010

**Andrew Brendle** has announced a new firm, Soni Brendle LLC.

**Whitfield Gibson** has joined CandleScience as In-House Counsel.

CLASS OF

2011

CLASS OF

**Paula Etheridge Murray** was named among the Best Lawyers 2021 “Ones to Watch” for Real Estate.

2012

**John Hardin** of Manning Fulton & Skinner was named among the Top 10 lobbyists in North Carolina.

**Jessica Vickers** with Manning Fulton and Skinner law firm was recognized among the Triad Business Journal’s 2020 40 Under 40.

CLASS OF

2013

**Eleanor Gilroy** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP was named among the Best Lawyers 2021 “Ones to Watch.”

**Charles Hicks** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP was named among the Best Lawyers 2021 “Ones to Watch.”

CLASS OF

2014

**J. Anton Davis** has published a new book titled, “Love is: A former magistrate’s poetic reflections on love and marriage in a county courthouse.”

**Katelyn Babson** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP was named among the Best Lawyers “Ones to Watch.”

**Marshall H. Ellis** recently joined the Law Firm of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland LLP.

**Ches McDowell** of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton was named among the Top 10 lobbyists in North Carolina.

CLASS OF

2015

**Kimberly N. Dixon** selected for the 2021 inaugural edition of Best Lawyers in America “Ones to Watch” for Personal Injury Litigation Defendants.

**Katie Jefferson** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP was named among the Best Lawyers 2021 “Ones to Watch.”

**Ashley Coghill** has joined Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP’s Wilmington office as an associate attorney.

CLASS OF

2016

CLASS OF

**Seth Barefoot** is now the primary Fuels Compliance Attorney for Marathon Petroleum at their world headquarters in Findlay, Ohio.

2017

**Will Reaves** is now a trial lawyer at Wayne Hardee Law’s new office in Greenville, N.C.

**Jacob Morse** has joined the Miller Law Group with Stacy Miller ’94.

**Audrey Snyder** and **Gabriel Snyder** have been named by the National Trial Lawyers as “Top 40 under 40” attorneys in North Carolina.

CLASS OF

2019

**Grant Simpkins** has joined the Raleigh, N.C., firm of Nichols, Choi & Lee and has been named to the City of Raleigh (COR) Museum’s Executive Board.

**Will Gray** was named as one of the “40 Under 40” in Wealth Management by American Bankers Association.

CLASS OF

2020

**Bryson C. Mosteller** is now an associate attorney at Patrick, Harper & Dixon in the firm’s Hickory office.

# WAYS TO GIVE



## BAR SUPPORT PROGRAM

Provides modest stipends to graduates sitting for the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).



## BLANCHARD COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC

Since 2016, this clinic has served clients by removing obstacles that block access to jobs, housing and other benefits. We are making the clinic mobile throughout Eastern N.C. with a new Second Chance Act emphasis that will hopefully create a model for others.



## AWARD-WINNING ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Ranked 15th in the nation by U.S. News, experience pays off with our growing participation in competitive trial advocacy, moot court and negotiation teams.



## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

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