



Message from  
Dean J. Rich Leonard

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February bar exam, the lowest anyone can recall. Although Campbell Law and UNC were about 30 percentage points higher, other schools slipped to a level never seen before. The North Carolina Bar Exam is no longer just a rite of passage, but a frightful experience for our students. We are tackling it head on.

In addition to the commercial courses our students will take, our fabulous director of academic support and bar success, Sha Hinds-Glick, will again offer her internal essay course. Sha and her adjunct graders turn around 500 essays a week with extensive comments.

We are just completing a new course, Applied Legal Analysis (team-taught by the faculty here as an overload for everyone) that has focused on the seven topics tested on the MBE, the multiple choice portion of the bar exam. Our students' scores on the regular quizzes have risen from the

And finally, I will ask your help. Recalling that I was completely broke and almost starved the summer I took the bar exam, I am putting together a financial support program for our students. The Student Bar Association has saved and contributed an initial \$15K and I will soon ask alumni and friends to match that. Stay tuned for details.

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Campbell Law advocacy program  
named 21st-best by U.S. News



U.S. News & World Report has high praise for Campbell Law School's advocacy program, tapping it as tied for 21st-best in the country. The ranking marks Campbell Law's first appearance on the U.S. News list for trial advocacy programs.

The announcement comes on the heels of Campbell Law student advocates finishing as national runners up at the 2017 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge, a highly respected competition that the law school has won in two of the past four years.

Not only is Campbell Law the lone North Carolina law school on the list, it's the only law school located in the mid-South region.

"Advocacy is our hallmark, and I am delighted to have our accomplishments finally recognized," said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard.

Campbell Law has a long and proud tradition of training lawyers to be persuasive advocates for their respective clients. Standing behind

the commitment to advocacy teaching is the premise that every lawyer will advocate for something in her or his role as an attorney-counselor.

Advocacy training begins in the first year at Campbell Law and continues throughout each of the three successive semesters in which students are enrolled. Advocacy training continues in the second and third years with required offerings in Evidence and Trial Advocacy, and an array of upper-level electives tailored to civil, criminal, and alternative dispute practices.

Every Campbell Law student receives experiential lawyering training. All students are required to learn the doctrinal law governing the admissibility of evidence in the courtroom by taking Evidence in either their third or fourth semester. Campbell Law's required Trial Advocacy course is divided into large lecture and small performance sections. Students learn legal concepts and practice theories collectively before dividing into small group sections within our class courtrooms for performing individual trial components. The course is constructed to more closely reflect current litigation and the rigors of legal practice. While not all students will practice in a litigation environment, every effort is made to ensure that students develop the skills necessary to become successful practitioners.

Outside of the classroom, Campbell Law's historically strong competitive advocacy program has particularly blossomed in recent years. Since 2012 Campbell Law student advocates have collected three national championships, five national runners up, seven national semifinalists, four regional championships and 12 national individual best advocate awards.

Aside from competitive success, the G. Eugene Boyce Center of Advocacy was established in Sept. 2015 with an \$8+ million dollar gift. The center comprises three competitive courtrooms, conference rooms and a suite of adjoining offices. More than \$450,000 in start-of-the-art technology upgrades has been recently added to the center.

## CLASS OF 1981

Gary H. Clemmons was named to 2017 Best Lawyers in America, Top Lawyers/Business North Carolina (Personal Injury) and N.C. Super Lawyers, and is also a 2017 Honoree Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys in Martindale-Hubbell.

Elaine Marshall received the 2017 Women of Achievement Award from Meredith College.

## CLASS OF 1985

David Nanney was named to 2017 N.C. Super Lawyers.

Bobbie Newman Redding received the 2016 Dr. George L. Maddox Award from the Division of Aging & Adult Services in the N.C. Department of Health & Human Services.

## CLASS OF 1997

Brian Ricci was named to 2017 N.C. Super Lawyers.

Colleen Shea received an AV Rating through Martindale-Hubbell.



## CLASS OF 2003

Jennifer Welch received an AV Rating through Martindale-Hubbell.

## CLASS OF 2005

Meredith Hinton was named to 2017 N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars.



Jennifer Morris Jones received an AV Rating through Martindale-Hubbell.

## CLASS OF 2006

Hunter Eddins-Gentel joined the Ricci Law Firm and was named a board certified specialist in Workers' Compensation Law.

## CLASS OF 2008

Meredith Cross was named a 2017 N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star and is a board certified specialist in Family Law.

## CLASS OF 2010

Brian S. Humphrey was named to the 2017 Texas Rising Stars list.



## CLASS OF 2015

Caitlin Goforth has joined Jackson Lewis P.C.

## 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.

All Campbell Law alumni are also welcome to utilize our Career & Professional Development Center services, including career advising, employment search, and reciprocity.

If you are interested in connecting with the law school and serving our students, please contact Campbell Law's Assistant Dean of External Relations Megan Sherron at 919.865.5875 or by email at [sherron@campbell.edu](mailto:sherron@campbell.edu).

## Thank You!

Thank you to the following firms for sponsoring Campbell Law advocacy teams throughout the Spring 2017 semester:

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## N.C. Attorney General Stein to give commencement address



North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein will deliver the commencement address at Campbell Law School's 39th annual hooding and graduation ceremony on Friday, May 12. The celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Memorial Auditorium at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh.

In prior years Stein has served as an adjunct faculty member at Campbell Law, teaching courses in Election law, Consumer Protection and State Legislative Policymaking.

"I'm honored to address Campbell's newest law school graduates," said Attorney General Stein. "We will always need bright, energetic, public-spirited attorneys to protect our citizens and the rule of law. I look forward to celebrating this important milestone with these graduates as we talk about the future of law and our judicial system."

Stein serves as the state's 50th attorney general, having taken office on Jan. 1 of this year. He previously served in the North Carolina Senate for seven years representing District 16 in Wake County. As a state senator he worked alongside his colleagues to enhance protections for victims of domestic violence, expand the state's DNA database, strengthen DWI laws, stimulate economic growth and improve public education.

"As a law school, having North Carolina's top lawyer as our commencement speaker is particularly appropriate," said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard. "And it is even more the case with Josh, who has had a very successful career here as an adjunct professor."

## Dean Leonard lends name to letter sent to congressional leaders

Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard is one of more than 160 law school deans urging congressional leaders to continue support of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). A nonprofit corporation funded by Congress, the LSC promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high quality civil legal assistance to financial challenged Americans.



The letter, sent on March 23 and signed by 166 law school deans, was mailed to the Chairs of the U.S. House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, Science, & Related Agencies.

"Public service and access to justice have long been hallmarks of Campbell Law, as well as my own personal career," said Leonard. "The reality is acquiring legal representation is an insurmountable task for many honest, hardworking Americans. This was never the intent. I stand with my colleagues in urging for strong support of the Legal Services Corporation now more than ever."

The letter touts funding for the LSC as a wise public investment, nothing that civil legal services can aid children in leaving foster care, reduce unjust foreclosures and evictions and help end cycles of domestic violence. The contributing law school deans represent a wide assortment of public and private institutions of all sizes throughout the country.

## Soles family gift endows Janette Soles Nelson Public Service Scholarship

With a generous gift, the Soles family of nearby Greensboro, North Carolina has cemented the memory of Janette Soles Nelson, a 1992 Campbell Law graduate, and her deep commitment to public service. The gift renames and endows a recently created full-tuition award now named the Janette Soles Nelson Public Service Scholarship.

In keeping with Campbell Law's mission to educate highly competent, deeply compassionate lawyers who see the practice of law as a calling to serve others, the Janette Soles Nelson Public Service Scholarship will be annually awarded to one exceptionally-qualified applicant with plans to practice law in service to the public. The Scholar will be selected based upon commitment to public service, academic excellence, and leadership potential. Campbell Law views public service broadly. In the legal profession, it may encompass legal or policy positions in, for example, government, a non-profit organization, community development, or law firms whose primary mission is serving the public interest. This scholarship renews automatically in each of the three years the Scholar attends Campbell Law, so long as the Scholar remains in good academic standing. This scholarship requires a separate application.

"It gives us great satisfaction to memorialize my sister in such a meaningful and appropriate manner," said Bill Soles, brother of Janette Soles Nelson. "The Janette Soles Nelson Public Service Scholarship perfectly marries her love for North Carolina, helping others and public service. We are blessed to be a part of this permanent legacy and the exceptional students who will be selected to pursue their law degree at Campbell Law."

Nelson served for 20 years with distinction as an assistant attorney general in North Carolina. Her primary assignment was serving a lengthy tenure as counsel for Dorothea Dix Hospital. She was a member of the City Club of Raleigh and the Rotary Club of North Raleigh. Nelson completed her undergraduate studies at Guilford College, where she played intramural sports and sang in the college choir, prior to attending Campbell Law.

## Judge Rader receives Iredell Award from Phi Alpha Delta

The Honorable Robert B. Rader was presented with the James Iredell Award on March 30 by Campbell Law School's Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) law fraternity. Judge Rader, who serves as the Chief District Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District, is a 1985 Campbell Law graduate.

Judge Rader was appointed to this post in November 2007 by former North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Sara Parker. Judge Rader has served as a District Court Judge for more than 22 years having originally been appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. in 1994. Judge Rader was re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Judge Rader received his undergraduate degree from NC State University prior to attending Campbell Law where he served as Chief Justice of the Honor Court.



## Students thank donors at annual scholarship luncheon



Campbell Law School hosted its annual luncheon for scholarship donors on April 5. More than 90 donors, alumni, students, faculty and staff members attended the event, including numerous distinguished Campbell Law alumni and former faculty members.

The annual event is an important one for the law school, providing an opportunity for scholarship donors and recipients to interact. The luncheon also serves as a platform for fellowship, as well as celebrating the hard work of law students throughout the academic year and the foresight of Campbell Law donors.

Third-year students Gabriel Snyder and Keir Morton-Manley spoke to the importance of their scholarships and law school benefactors, elaborating on the substantial benefit that scholarships have afforded them in pursuing a law degree. Snyder is the Blanton A. & Mamie Elizabeth Hunter Hartness Scholar, while Morton-Manley is the Minnie Deans Lamm Scholar.

## Morse named best advocate, Campbell Law places second at South Texas Challenge

Third-year Campbell Law student Jacob Morse was named best advocate for the second time in as many years as Campbell Law placed second overall at the 2017 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge, March 30-April 2, in Houston, Texas. Morse and fellow third-year students Casey Peaden and Gray Smith put Campbell Law in the championship round for the third time in three years, and the fourth time in five years.

Both Morse and Peaden have ushered Campbell Law to the championship round in each of the last two years.

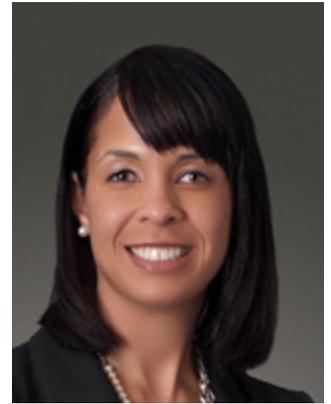
A three time event champion, Campbell Law took the title back to Raleigh in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

This year's competition involved a damages case in which liability had already been directed by the court. In the only competition of its kind in the country, student trial advocates were required to focus their case on the damages associated with medical researchers who extracted stem cells from a minor child without consent for use in their own research which resulted in a lucrative drug patent. Campbell Law tried the case on both sides throughout seven trials in four days. The team defeated law school competitors from Faulkner, the University of Pennsylvania, Michigan State, Stetson, St. Mary's and Georgia State before losing on split ballots to the University of Georgia.

Hosted by South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas, the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge is one of the preeminent mock trial competitions in the country. As the largest invitational trial competition in America, the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge hosts teams from across the nation. Most competing schools opt to send their very best advocates, many of whom competed at other national competitions this spring.

## Webb named director of student life & pro bono opportunities

Monica Webb will join the law school as director of student life & pro bono opportunities effective May 1. Webb has served as counsel at McGuire-Woods LLP in Raleigh since September 2008, and currently stands as president of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (NCAWA).



"Monica rose to the top of an incredibly deep applicant pool," said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard. "I have no doubt that her experience and passion for pro bono causes, as well as her connections in the legal community and commitment to justice, will faithfully and successfully benefit our students."

As director of student life & pro bono opportunities, Webb will administratively oversee more than 20 institutional student groups, as well as Campbell Law's robust and ever growing pro bono portfolio.

"I look forward to joining Campbell Law, working with the robust student organizations there, and developing and managing pro bono opportunities that allow students to give back to the community by serving those in need of critical legal services," said Webb.

At McGuireWoods, Webb has represented commercial entities in a variety of business litigation, labor and employment and appellate matters. She also represented health care organizations in litigation and regulatory matters. A member of the firm's appeals & issues group, Webb has represented clients in numerous appeals before state and federal appellate courts.

In November 2014, Webb received a Women of Justice award from North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly. She was also named a super lawyer by North Carolina Super Lawyers in 2016 and a rising star by the same publication in 2014-15.

Webb's roots in the community run deep. In addition to her role with the NCAWA she is a member of Legal Aid of North Carolina's state-wide board of directors and serves as treasurer for the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. She also volunteers as a pro bono attorney with Legal Aid's The Child's Advocate program.

Webb holds an undergraduate degree in biology and a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Upon earning her master's she was the associate director for program services with the March of Dimes Foundation. She later earned her juris doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then served as a law clerk for former Supreme Court of North Carolina Chief Justice Sarah Parker for two years.



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