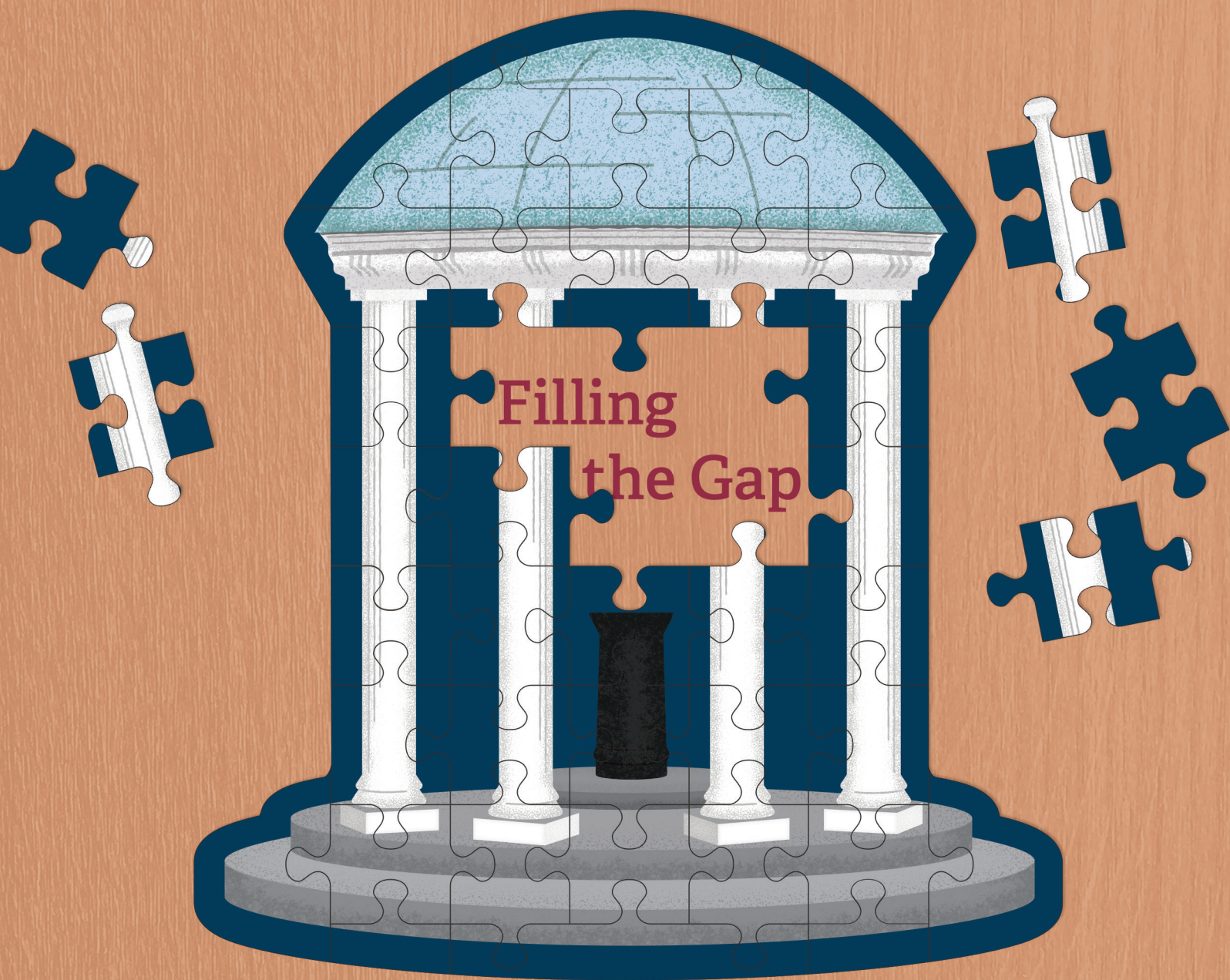


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## DEAN'S MESSAGE



MARTIN H. BRINKLEY '92

When we started the spring semester back in January, we had no idea we wouldn't finish classes and exams in Van Hecke-Wettach Hall.

We had no idea that the days before spring break would be the last time students would fill the halls; that faculty would learn a new way of teaching virtually overnight; and that staff would learn how to support our students and teachers from afar.

There was no way to predict how COVID-19 would affect our school, the nation or the world.

We've had to dig deep to balance University policies, our own needs, and ABA accreditation requirements. We've had to be particularly sensitive to the challenges and hardships many of our students have endured.

We have had to make tough decisions regarding grading policies for the spring semester. Our students are understandably concerned about their futures, with summer and long-term employment plans suddenly uncertain. Our decisions have been made with input from students, faculty, staff and leadership from the University.

In light of the time constraints we have faced, and knowing that our decisions would not be ideal for everyone, we have come together with kindness and compassion. More than anything else, we have acknowledged our common humanity. In my letter to the community about the pass/fail grading decision, I tried to describe this.

The response has been inspiring. Classes went forward online; students and faculty connected as never before; and a spirit of mutual respect and concern brought us closer. We are happy our law school moved up seven spots to No. 27 in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2021 edition of "American's Best Graduate Schools" – a jump of 18 places over the past two years, the greatest movement of any of the top 100 schools. Carolina Law is one of the top 10 ranked public university law schools.

Rankings are just one measure of our success. We know that you all understand the importance of a public university education in the world's noblest profession. We hope you will join with us in making it possible for generations to come.

This issue of *Carolina Law* magazine focuses on experiential learning. Our commitments in this area set us apart. They embolden our efforts to adapt to the COVID-19 environment. Our Institute for Innovation and other clinical programs, as well as our externship and pro bono programs, remain nimble and responsive in a challenging time.

We don't know how long Carolina Law will have to operate under these new conditions. But I promise you that we will move ahead with the same dedication and commitment this great school has shown for 175 years. Stay with us and believe in us as we forge a bright future.

Yours sincerely,

Martin H. Brinkley '92  
Dean and Arch T. Allen Distinguished Professor of Law

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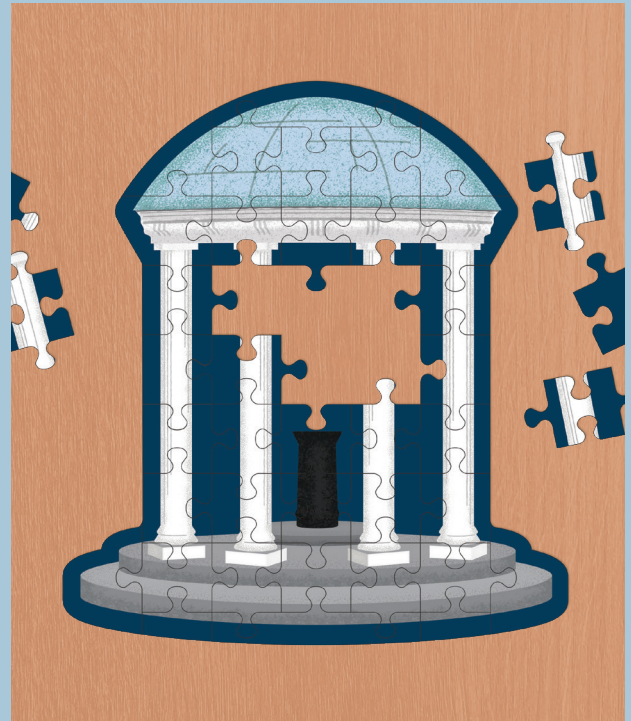
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UNC School of Law moved up seven spots to No. 27 out of 194 law schools ranked in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2021 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," released on March 17.

Of the public university law schools listed in the top 50 schools as ranked by *U.S. News*, UNC School of Law is in the top 10.

In specialty areas rankings, the law school's Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy (RRWA) program, now in its ninth year as a full-year, six-credit program, ranks No. 7 in legal writing, up 11 spots since the 2018 rankings.

Carolina Law also ranked strongly in seven specialty areas, making first time appearances in four areas\*.

- Legal Writing, tied for 7th (up one point)
- Contracts-Commercial Law, tied for 18th\*
- Health Care Law, tied for 22nd (up five points)
- Criminal Law, tied for 22nd\*
- Constitutional Law, tied for 25th\*
- Tax Law, tied for 26th
- Business-Corporate Law, tied for 26th\*

"Coming on top of last year's 11 spot rankings rise, this year's increase is largely attributable to Carolina Law's excellent bar passage rates and outstanding employment numbers. We at Carolina Law are dedicated to ensuring that students are well prepared for the bar and have employment lined up before graduation," says Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92. "Our faculty and staff's devotion to the success of our students is second to none. I'm grateful for the financial support of North Carolina's taxpayers, the leadership of UNC-Chapel Hill, and our generous donors. Everyone working together to sustain a

preeminent public university law school will make UNC-Chapel Hill a stronger university across the board."

According to *U.S. News*, Carolina Law held steady in reputation among law school peers and among lawyers and judges.

"Our reputational assessments have consistently named Carolina Law as one of the nation's top 20-25 law schools," says Brinkley. "This year, that consistent judgment is reflected in our overall ranking. We are pleased that the two are in alignment. This solidifies Carolina Law's status as one of the great public law schools in the country."

In other rankings news, Law.com named Carolina Law as one of the top 20 law schools with the highest bar pass rates in 2019. Carolina Law's first-time bar pass rate of 92.5% propelled the school to rise to the top of the list of the 203 ABA-sanctioned law schools.

*The National Law Journal* also recently ranked the top "50 Go-To Law Schools" according to the percentage of the schools' 2019 graduates who took associate jobs at the largest 100 firms in the country. Carolina Law moved up three spots to be ranked No. 28. Among 2019 grads, 17% went to large firms, which is up from 15% in 2018.

"Rankings are important to the school because they are important to people we care about – our alumni and prospective students," says Andy Hessick, professor of law and associate dean for strategy. "A ranking in the 20s adds incredible value to all Carolina Law degrees. It helps us recruit top-performing students and faculty to strengthen our school and what we have to offer. As we move forward, we will continue to identify areas where we can improve." 🌱



## Pro Bono Students Serve Western NC Over Winter Break

After exams ended last December, 20 students in the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program got up early and piled into cars for a road trip to western North Carolina. The goal? Gaining new legal skills while volunteering to help residents draft wills, finalize divorces and expunge records.

At their destination, students trained with attorneys from Legal Aid of North Carolina in Sylva and visited the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office, meeting with Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke '05, Chief Judge Thomas Cochran '86, and Tribal Court Prosecutor Cody White '15. The group held a Wills and Advanced Directives Clinic at a senior center in Cherokee and Divorce and Expungement Clinics in Bryson City and Robbinsville.

See how alumni can participate in the Pro Bono Program at [go.unc.edu/pbpalumni](https://go.unc.edu/pbpalumni). 



RIGHT: Sam Spalding 3L, right, assists a client, while Hunter Huffman 3L and Adam Renkiewicz 3L work in Cherokee. BELOW: The group visits the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Court



## School Welcomes 5 New Employees

UNC School of Law welcomes five new staff members in the departments of admissions, advancement, career development, and clinical programs. The new employees are:


**Oliver Colbert**  
admissions counselor

**Joseph Laizure**  
staff attorney/legal  
assistant, Clinical Programs

**Spencer Kent Miller**  
career development office  
coordinator

**Amelia Rubino**  
business services coordinator,  
Office of Advancement

**Emily Spangenberg**  
bilingual program  
assistant, Clinical Programs

**Samantha Owen**, who joined the law school in 2018 as a member of the Faculty Administrative Support team, is now project manager for the school's Prosecutors and Politics Project. **Jennifer De La Rosa**, who served as office coordinator for the Career Development Office since 2016, is now the UNC Center for Banking and Finance's director of business operations. 





Phillip Harris '09, who has attended nearly every Festival since 2011, enjoys meeting up with colleagues and classmates and learning about new areas of the law

## Festival of Legal Learning Celebrates 30 Years

The Festival of Legal Learning at UNC School of Law offers an enjoyable, affordable and convenient way for attorneys to meet CLE requirements. Celebrating its 30th year this past February, Festival has evolved into a conference with 120 individual sessions on topics ranging from ethics and professional responsibility to panels on current topics such as the #MeToo movement, public monuments, and social media content moderation.

Created by the late Donald Clifford, a member of the Carolina Law faculty for 40 years, Festival was developed to raise money for the law school library. Former dean Judith Wegner, who succeeded Clifford as Festival director, referred to the event's original incarnation—which offered about 50 sessions—as an "academic bake sale."

"Festival offers fascinating lectures given by the terrific Carolina Law faculty," says Mary-Rose Papandrea, Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who currently directs Festival.

Carolina Law faculty are joined by experts from across the state to teach a wide-range of legal topics that enable attorneys to fulfill all of their CLE requirements in a day and a half at a reasonable price.

"What's unique about Festival is that attendees can craft their own individualized schedule," says conference planner Jacqueline Ward, Carolina Law's director of continuing legal education and special events.

## Career Development Office Programming for Students and Alumni



This semester, the CDO organized more than 20 events for law students and invited more than a dozen alumni back to campus to share their career experiences.

### Attorney-in-Residence Careers in IP Law

David Roadcap '13 talks to students about his career path, life as an IP attorney, and Sterne Kessler's summer associate program.



### JAG Day

Volunteers from 5 branches of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, pictured here with April Giancola, director of public interest advising, and Professor John Brooker '03, visited with students about serving their country as a military lawyer.



That flexibility appeals to Phillip Harris '09, who has attended nearly every Festival since 2011. Harris, a senior associate at the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, likens Festival to a delicious meal.

"It covers your meat and potatoes; in every class, I have learned something that has benefited me in my daily legal career," he says. "And then there is dessert: some of the interesting areas that you don't practice in but you get to learn about." For Harris, the meat and potatoes has included sessions on consumer financial protection and condemnation, while dessert has featured CRISPR gene editing and Esports, "I'm glad to be able to learn how the law is developing areas like this which aren't in my wheelhouse," he says.

Festival enables Harris to "meet up with colleagues, Carolina Law faculty and alumni—including folks in my class—and people I have practiced with and against. It lets me spend time outside the courtroom with folks I enjoy."

Papandrea says she regularly hears raves from Festival attendees about the high quality of the sessions. "This is no

surprise. The Carolina Law faculty teach at Festival, and they are incredible teachers," she says.

While not all Festival attendees are UNC alumni, many are. "Carolina Law alums get to come back to UNC to see their former professors and classmates," says Papandrea. "The professors always make time to talk to conference attendees before and after the sessions. For the faculty, seeing former students is a big part of why teaching at Festival is so rewarding."

Festival isn't limited to lawyers practicing in North Carolina. CLE credit is available to all attendees, says Ward, noting that participants come from across the country.

Papandrea's enthusiasm about Festival is palpable. "Going to Festival is like going back to law school, but without the exams," she says. "It is intellectually stimulating and invigorating." 🦋

— Michele Lynn

Jacqueline Ward, Carolina Law's director of continuing legal education and special events, helps an attendee look up the location of his next session at the 2020 Festival.



KATHERINE KERSHAW



### A Conversation with the NC Department of Justice

Attorneys who work in different sections of the NC Attorney General's Office speak about their experiences serving the state and what it's like to intern at the NC DOJ for the summer. Moderated by Special Deputy Attorney General Robert T. Broughton, right, the panel included, from left: Lareena Phillips '07, Special Deputy Attorney General, Asher Spiller '13, Assistant Attorney General, Stacey A. Phipps, Assistant Attorney General, and Rana M. Badwan, Assistant Attorney General.



### Public Interest Retreat

Students, alumni and attorneys gathered for the annual Public Interest Retreat at UNC. Speakers included Durham County District Attorney Satana Deberry (pictured in front row, on left).



## Congress Calls Gerhardt to Testify as Impeachment Expert

When Carolina Law's Michael Gerhardt testified with three other law professors before the House Judiciary Committee in President Donald Trump's impeachment proceedings, the experience was both familiar and novel.

Familiar, because he testified (as a witness called by both sides) during President Bill Clinton's impeachment proceedings in 1998. New, because the atmosphere at the Trump hearing in December 2019 was more intensely partisan.

Each time, Gerhardt, Burton Craige Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, was invited to appear before Congress because of his expertise as a leading law scholar whose research focus is constitutional conflicts between presidents and Congress.

"I was there to help educate the Judiciary Committee and anybody watching about the law of impeachment," Gerhardt says. "The most immediate thing asked of witnesses was to apply the law to the facts."

In applying constitutional law to the facts, Gerhardt said in his opening statement that President Trump committed the impeachable offenses of bribery, abuse of power and obstructing Congress and justice. He said the Constitution reinforces the principle that no one, including the president, is above the law and that, "If Congress fails to impeach here, then the impeachment process has lost all meaning, and, along with that, our Constitution's carefully crafted safeguards against the establishment of a king on American soil."

While Gerhardt's testimony was thorough and polished, as it was the more than twenty times he has appeared before Congress, the Trump hearing generated different behavior in the members of the committee, as well as in the people watching and listening to the hearing.

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MICHAEL GERHARDT

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"Though we all thought partisanship permeated the Clinton hearings, it was far worse in the Trump proceedings. Twenty years ago, everyone wanted to know the facts and the law, but in the Trump hearings his defenders simply attacked the messengers and largely ignored the law," says Gerhardt, an impeachment analyst for CNN during both the Trump and Clinton impeachment inquiries. "The Internet was in its infancy in 1998, but in 2019 social media was omnipresent in the hearings. It completely reshaped everything that was happening."

To prepare for the Trump proceeding, Gerhardt relied partly on his testimony and research for a House Judiciary Committee hearing in July 2019 on constitutional options to address presidential misconduct, at which he was a witness. That research included reviewing the Mueller Report and other public documents about President Trump's conduct and additional information about presidential misconduct.

Gerhardt's stellar research has been recognized beyond Congress.

The Order of the Coif named Gerhardt its Distinguished Visitor for 2020, an honor given to just one law professor annually for outstanding scholarship. In 2015, he became the first legal scholar the Library of Congress asked to serve as the principal adviser in revising the official United States Constitution Annotated.



Testifying before Congress and pursuing scholarship enrich Gerhardt's teaching, and he strikes a balance. "Whatever I do outside the classroom is meant to be helpful to students inside the classroom," Gerhardt says. "It better informs my understanding of what I teach. I gain a much better sense of events and institutions from participating in real-world events."

In his class on Congress and the president, he discussed his impressions of the Trump impeachment proceedings.

One takeaway "is the importance of preparation. Knowing the law and facts is crucial for a lawyer. Second, congressional hearings differ from judicial ones in many ways, and we go over these differences in class. Lawyers must perform differently in these different settings," Gerhardt says. "A third factor is that the lawyering in constitutional crises has to be assessed both politically and legally. Arguments that are constitutionally sound may be politically ineffective, and arguments that are politically effective may be constitutionally weak or unsound may involve statements or actions in violation of ethical rules."

How the president's acquittal by Congress may affect future presidents isn't known yet.

"Parts of our Constitution are being tested," Gerhardt says. "These hearings showed the ineffectiveness of impeachment as a check on presidential misconduct. They showed that as long as a president's party held almost entirely together in the House or Senate, it could prevent his ouster and tag the opposing side as the one being partisan."

Whatever the outcomes, Gerhardt's role in the impeachment inquiry was significant. "It was an honor being asked and gratifying being part of a very important conversation," he says. "As law professors...it's important for us to be able to share any expertise we have with our government," our colleagues, our students, the nation, and future generations who study constitutional events like President Trump's impeachment. 📌

— Jessica Clarke



STEVE KUM



## Eichner's Book Focuses on How to Restore the Family American Dream



As the mother of three children, Maxine Eichner, Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Law, has personal experience in facing the challenges that American families face in juggling work and parenting.

That knowledge has inspired not only Eichner's focus on family law but her most recent book, *The Free-Market Family: How the Market Crushed the American Dream (and How It Can Be Restored)* (Oxford University Press, 2020). In it, Eichner writes that American families are at a breaking point because of policy makers' misguided belief that the free market alone best supports families.

"I have long been interested in the way we in the U.S. think about the relationship between government and families," says Eichner. "But I really started thinking about the impact of our free market system on families in 2008, when the Great Recession and the Occupy Wall Street movement occurred amid growing levels of economic inequality and insecurity."

Eichner's book is rich with data and individual stories illustrating that American families are in jeopardy today, with more unstable families than any other wealthy democracy. "Society rises or falls based on the well-being of our families," says

Eichner. "Yet in the United States, when we think about rights, we think about liberty and equality but don't think about the texture of our lives and how important relationships are within those lives."

Eichner, who earned her PhD in political theory from UNC in 2006, says her book aims to expand the American conversation about the role of government in supporting family wellbeing, social bonds, and the importance of nurturing and caretaking.

She believes that addressing these challenges isn't the hard part. "There are commonsense and proven family policies that most other wealthy democracies now have: a monthly child benefit check; up to a year of paid parental leave for a new baby; universal high-quality preschool; laws that help parents limit their work hours; and, regulations that limit the economic insecurity and inequality that are undermining family stability," she says.

Eichner wants political leaders and community members to recognize that the difficulties U.S. families are having are not an inevitable product of market forces, globalization or industrialization. "This is a political failure on the part of our policy makers who haven't created policies that would help families thrive," she says.

Interviews with families throughout the country put a human face on these issues. "One example I found particularly moving is the story of a poor mother in Charlotte who had her first child while in high school," says Eichner. She notes that in many other wealthy countries, the mom would have been able to raise her child above the poverty line, as well as to have free high-quality daycare and pre-K.

"Instead, she raised her son in deep poverty, in situations that were chaotic and in which he suffered abuse," says Eichner. "She was only able to intermittently provide him with high-quality daycare and only after her son was put into foster care during a period of time in which they were homeless despite her best efforts and willingness to work." Eichner says that the child suffered significant trauma.




"When I interviewed the mom, her son had just been sentenced, before he turned 21, to nine years for armed robbery," she says. "We can't know how he would have turned out in another country but his chances to lead a more productive life would have been far greater in any other developed country because of the support his family would have received."

Eichner, who notes that family policies impact people at all ends of the economic spectrum, cites a young lawyer in Durham who was able to take only a couple of months of leave after the birth of her child.

"She spiraled down into such severe post-partum depression (PPD) that her husband realized his wife wasn't making sense and needed to be institutionalized," says Eichner. "It's not that people in other countries don't suffer PPD. The problem is that in the U.S. system, PPD is made significantly

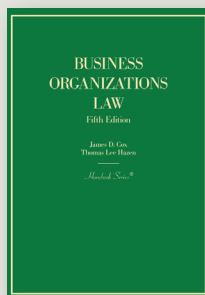
worse by the absence of social supports and the expectation that mothers will go back to work shortly after giving birth."

In her book, Eichner advocates what she calls "pro-family policies" adopted by other wealthy countries where the government actively seeks to ensure families get what they need to raise their children, including high minimum wage laws and public programs such as high-quality daycare.

"The term 'American Dream' used to stand for the idea that everyone could develop to their fullest stature and lead a rich, thriving life," says Eichner. "For this to happen, we need a society in which children and families flourish." Eichner's book provides the blueprint to achieve this. 

— Michele Lynn

## OTHER FACULTY BOOKS



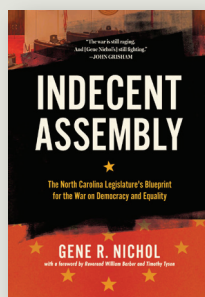
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STEVE EXUM

## Top-Ranked Legal Writing Program Teaches Bar Success and Client Advocacy

Carolina Law clinical associate professor Sara Warf '06 has to persuade some 1L students who already have writing skills that the Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy (RRWA) courses she teaches are essential to their legal education.

But students soon agree. When they're working the summer after their first year, "I get emails that say, 'I use your class every day.' That's always gratifying," Warf notes.

Although other law classes are "deeply fundamental to being a lawyer," Warf says, "ours is very hands-on, coming at it from a client's point of view...The faculty is very invested in having students actually practice in a low-stakes environment without clients, and with lots of support and opportunity to reflect and to ask questions."

Students in the required two-semester RRWA program learn how to do basic legal research, write memos and briefs, and practice advocating to a court for clients in simulated projects. Some students, such as those doing pro bono work, use the skills they gain while they're still 1Ls.

"It's key, especially when you're starting law, to get the hang of researching, finding the law and synthesizing the law... You have to get good at presenting it in a way that's useful for someone else," Warf says. "That's just general lawyering regardless of what students end up doing."

According to Craig Smith, assistant dean for the Writing and Learning Resources Center, many alumni say that what they practiced in the RRWA program "is what they now do all the time. This program really complements what they're learning in other classes."

The RRWA program, in its ninth year, is highly regarded nationally. Carolina Law was ranked No. 7 in the legal writing specialty areas category of *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools" 2021 edition. The is an increase of 11 spots from three years ago.

Smith attributes the program's success to several factors, including innovative, collaborative professors who pursue detailed course goals and give students frequent feedback. "It's a proven way to teach students how to work as lawyers," Smith says. "It's what they have to be able to do to pass the bar exam and get the jobs they want."

The RRWA program's relevance is reflected in the North Carolina bar exam, which in 2019 added a performance test. "It's almost exactly what we have students doing in the program," Smith says.

Also key to RRWA is a sound structure with a consistent assessment process and uniform expectations for all students. "That's very unusual anywhere," Smith says. "We make sure students are performing, so everybody's got to get over the same bar...That takes an amazing amount of cooperation among professors."

The cooperative spirit underpins the RRWA program as it supports student success and produces alumni who excel as lawyers. "We have a fantastic faculty committed to a systematic, programmatic way of doing things that makes all students and faculty in on this together and accountable," Smith says. "That's really progressive." 🦋

— Jessica Clarke

## CENTER FOR BANKING AND FINANCE UPDATES



JENNIFER DE LA ROSA

### Perspectives from the Past

In early spring semester, adjunct Professor Eric Spitler '85 hosted "Fireside Chats" with Diane Ellis (pictured above), director of the Division of Insurance & Research, FDIC, and Marty Gruenberg, director of the FDIC & former FDIC chair, to talk with students about current risks in the financial system and regulation since the 2008 crisis. When the pandemic hit, the center hosted a Zoom panel for Carolina Law students preparing to enter the work force. Eight attorneys discussed the effect of COVID-19 on the legal field and shared lessons from job hunting in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis.



ROBERT CAMPBELL

### New Faces


The Center for Banking and Finance welcomed Jennifer De La Rosa as director of business operations in January. De La Rosa supports the center's 20+ annual programs, oversees sponsorship and works closely with director Lissa Broome.

### Quarantertainment from the Center

We know you're stuck at home, looking for good movies and books (or journals?). Here are our flick picks. The center hosted corporate- and financial-themed movie and pizza nights for banking law students, screening *The Big Short* (2015), *Too Big to Fail* (2012) and *Working Girl* (1988).

Volume 24 of the *North Carolina Banking Institute Journal* was published in March. Read it at [scholarship.law.unc.edu/ncbi](http://scholarship.law.unc.edu/ncbi).

### Center for Banking and Finance Upcoming Events

Financial Services Compliance Boot Camp  
October 27-28 



## Prosecutors and Politics Project: National Study of Prosecutor Elections

How much of a choice do voters have about who will make important decisions in their communities? Professor Carissa Byrne Hessick and Carolina Law students in the Prosecutors and Politics Project released a report in January on their national study of elected prosecutors.

Forty-five of the 50 states elect local prosecutors, who wield significant power in the criminal justice system. Their decisions about what charges to bring and what plea bargains to offer are essentially unreviewable in the courts. Instead, the system relies on voters to hold prosecutors accountable. Local elections provide a check on the power that prosecutors wield—at least in theory. But how does that check operate in practice?

The Prosecutors and Politics Project, with generous support from the Vital Projects Fund and the Charles Koch Foundation, conducted a nationwide study of prosecutor elections. The first of its kind, the study gathered data from every jurisdiction that elects local prosecutors. An analysis of the data shows that voters are rarely given a choice between candidates. It also shows that the likelihood of having such a choice varies significantly across states, and it also appears to depend on the population within a particular district and whether an incumbent is running in the election.

Read the report for North Carolina and other states at [go.unc.edu/An72J](https://go.unc.edu/An72J). 




STEVE EXUM

## Center for Civil Rights: Planning Boards Inclusion Report




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After local elected bodies, such as boards of county commissioners and municipal boards, planning boards are often the most influential bodies in any given local jurisdiction. A report released in January by the UNC Center for Civil Rights studied county planning boards for 85 of the 100 counties in North Carolina and found that board member selection and powers vary from county to county, and demographics of boards often don't reflect those of their county. The findings reveal that there are no two county planning boards that are the same regarding their powers and duties. In most counties, people of color and women are significantly underrepresented on planning boards, relative to their respective proportions of each county's population. The report was authored by **Allen Buansi '15**, PepsiCo Foundation Civil Rights Fellow at the center. Read the full report at [go.unc.edu/a5G6H](https://go.unc.edu/a5G6H). 

## N.C. Poverty Research Fund: Hunger in High Point Report

High Point is not what comes to mind when thinking about the hungriest metropolitan area in the United States, but research by **Heather Hunt '02**, Professor Gene Nichol and Carolina Law students shows many seniors and children in the Triad city struggle with food insecurity and hunger, and the community is working on a concerted anti-hunger effort.

Authors interviewed individuals and visited food pantry organizations fighting the hardship of hunger. Read their report published in December, "Surviving Through Together: Hunger, Poverty and Persistence in High Point, North Carolina," at [go.unc.edu/Zc28C](https://go.unc.edu/Zc28C). 



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## A Message from the Law Alumni Association

I hope that this note finds you and your family safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. Hopefully, this greeting from the Law Alumni Association (LAA) and the information enclosed will bring you a smile.

Our Law Alumni Association leadership and board have been hard at work to build an active association. We would welcome your involvement in the LAA and our activities. For example, you can volunteer to serve on one of the LAA committees: Alumni Engagement Committee, Community Outreach Committee and Advancement Committee.

Getting involved is easy, rewarding and fun:

- **GO** to alumni events whether they're Regional Alumni Club events, annual events at the law school or new programs being created to bring our alumni expertise to students.
- **INVEST** in the future of our great profession by giving annually to the school in a way that is meaningful to you.
- **VOLUNTEER** to get involved in LAA.
- **ENGAGE** with the students. Alumni have the opportunity to be a part of LAA-sponsored events, participating with the Career Development Office with Career Night, mock interviews and on-campus interviews. There are opportunities to work closely with students through the Pro Bono Program, externship program and the clinics. The faculty also love to have alumni speak to their classes.


We need you. We are proud of you. We want you to stay connected to our great law school, other alumni, faculty and our students. With the recent *U.S. News & World Report* ranking just released, Carolina Law is moving in the right direction, having jumped 18 spots in the last two years. We have always known the value of a Carolina Law degree and now others are taking notice.

One of our alumni has been in the news lately. Longtime Professor Richard E. Myers II '98 was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate to fill the longest-running vacancy in the federal judiciary, on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. His presence at the law school is greatly missed.

Other alumni are also getting involved with the school on many levels. Nearly three-quarters of the attorneys who volunteer with the law school's Pro Bono Program are alumni. In the externship program, there are currently 22 former externs that now supervise externs and this doesn't include the numerous judicial clerks who were former externs. Over the past academic year, Carolina Law has had 41 alumni serving as adjunct professors and in the fall, the school will

welcome Beth Grimes '99, Todd Roessler '01, Tracy Calder '84, John Owen '96, Ford Eubanks '17, and Sara McIntyre '14 as new adjuncts.

Please consider lending your help, expertise and guidance to the Law Alumni Association to ensure we remain competitive with other law schools.

If you would like to get more involved in the LAA or with the law school, please send me an email at [kpopp@sidley.com](mailto:kpopp@sidley.com) or contact Carrie Clifford (director of alumni and donor relations) at [carrie.clifford@unc.edu](mailto:carrie.clifford@unc.edu). 



**KAREN POPP '85**  
PRESIDENT, UNC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
PARTNER AND GLOBAL CO-LEADER OF WHITE COLLAR AND COMPLIANCE GROUP,  
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## UNC School of Law Announces Annual Alumni Association Awards

*Four recognized for their significant contributions to the legal field.*



The UNC School of Law Alumni Association recognizes three exceptional graduates and one exemplary faculty member with leadership awards. The awards recognize members of the UNC School of Law community who embody the law school's mission to serve the legal profession; the people and institutions of North Carolina; the nation; and the world with ethics and dedication to the cause of justice. The award recipients are: **Doris R. Bray '66** receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, **The Honorable Robert "Bob" C. Hunter '69** receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, **Brooks F. Jaffa '12** receiving the Outstanding Recent Graduate Award, and **Deborah R. Gerhardt** receiving the Professor S. Elizabeth Gibson Award for Faculty Excellence. 📄

*As of press time, the awards presentation has been postponed due to event restrictions related to COVID-19. Visit [law.unc.edu/alumni/events](http://law.unc.edu/alumni/events) for updates.*

## Phyllis Pickett '82, N.C. General Assembly Lawyer



What's the best way to work for more than a hundred bosses? For Phyllis Pickett '82 it's not a theoretical question. It requires "good legal and communication skills, being able to get along with people from all walks of life — and survival skills," she says.

Pickett has an integral role with the 170-member North Carolina General Assembly as a principal staff attorney in the legislative drafting division.

Since 1995, she has been immersed in the state appropriations process as a staff coordinator for legal matters affecting the state budget. Pickett heads a team of lawyers on the nonpartisan central staff who interface with fiscal analysts and executive branch officials to craft budget provisions. She works closely with the chairs of the House appropriations committees who develop annually the spending bills that fund all aspects of State government.

Pickett also drafts other legislation, focusing on areas as diverse as labor law, evidence and information technology. "I need to understand the whole range of legal issues surrounding topics I'm working on," she says. Pickett says that she appreciates the challenge.

Pickett's integrity and legal skills are highly regarded in Wake County and beyond.

Pickett received the 2019 Joseph Branch Professionalism Award from the Wake County Bar Association — its highest honor

— which cited her impressive law career, bar involvement and community leadership. For decades, she has served on committees of the Wake County and Tenth Judicial District bars and held leadership positions with the North Carolina Bar Association and American Bar Association.

Pickett credits Carolina Law with her career success. "I wouldn't be where I am today without it. Carolina Law gave me a solid legal foundation," Pickett says, "including networking and other opportunities that have been augmented by the fact that I went to Carolina Law," she says.

"I'm amazed by how much it costs to go to law school now," says Pickett, a 1979 UNC-Chapel Hill graduate and James M. Johnson Scholar there. She has contributed to a Carolina Law scholarship established by the Class of '82 and notes, "I support everything UNC can do to make education affordable."

After 29 years at the General Assembly, of which some of her law school friends have been members, Pickett is energized by the new ideas newly elected legislators bring forward. She enjoys working with the law as it evolves. "My job is different every day. I learn something new all the time," she says. "There's a range of individuals who have been an inspiration. Every year has been more enriching."

She's proud to be involved with bills that improve people's lives. "What's rewarding is the sum total of legislation that I've worked on that has had positive impacts on North Carolinians. I get to do that over and over," she says. "That's my biggest accomplishment, being part of making change that helps people." 📄

— Jessica Clarke

## The Wolfpack and the Tar Heels: *A Long and Rich Partnership*

College sports make for fun rivalries—particularly here in the Triangle. But when you look past the gridiron or the court, you'll see that a deep-seated relationship between Carolina Law and North Carolina State University has been integral to North Carolina's success. The longstanding connection between two powerhouse schools has produced some of the state's greatest leaders. New collaborations are poised to raise the impact of the relationship to even greater heights.

The quality of undergraduate education at NC State is well-known. Firms and companies want to hire lawyers with a variety of backgrounds, including the STEM fields for which NC State is famed. This makes it natural for Carolina Law to recruit at NC State. Each year, Carolina Law hosts visits from NC State's undergraduate pre-law society. Members of Carolina Law's admissions team routinely attend NC State's NC Law School Showcase each fall. In fact, NC State is the second highest feeder school for Carolina Law, trailing only UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduates looking to become double Tar Heels.

Carolina Law's involvement with NC State goes beyond recruiting students. The schools partner in ways that benefit students, communities and the economy of the state.

With the 2019 launch of Carolina Law's Institute for Innovation, which houses the Community Development Law Clinic, Startup NC Law Clinic and Intellectual Property Clinic, law students get hands-on training in providing early stage legal counsel for new for-profit and nonprofit ventures throughout North Carolina. The Institute serves business and social enterprise entrepreneurs at NC State through a partnership with NC State's Poole College of Management. The cover story on page 23 provides additional information about the Institute and other experiential opportunities at Carolina Law.

The combination of a NC State undergraduate degree and a Carolina Law degree has produced a long list of distinguished and notable alumni, such as William B. Aycock '48, William C.

Friday '48, J. Phil Carlton '63, James B. Hunt '64, Burley B. Mitchell Jr. '69 and Clifton B. Knight Jr. '74. Each has left an indelible mark.

Aycock graduated from NC State with a degree in education, earned a master's degree in history from UNC, and then attended Carolina Law upon his return from serving in the U.S. Army during WWII. He graduated first in his class and was editor-in-chief of the *North Carolina Law Review*. Aycock joined the Carolina Law faculty immediately after graduation, the only person ever invited to do so. He served as the Chancellor of UNC-CH from 1957 to 1964, leading the university through the controversy over the Speaker Ban Law and hiring the legendary Dean Smith as UNC's men's basketball coach. Aycock was a beloved William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law from 1948 to 1985, teaching courses in property, antitrust law and federal jurisdiction and winning the McCall Teaching Award a record six times.

Friday received a bachelor's degree in textile manufacturing from NC State in 1941, was president of the NC State student body, and earned his law degree from Carolina Law in 1948 after serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He spent the majority of his professional life in higher education and became the first president of the University of North Carolina System, a position he held from 1956 to 1986. After retirement, he served as executive director of the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust and hosted the public television talk show *North Carolina People* from 1971-2012. A nationally renowned university president, Friday was the founding co-chairman of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Carlton graduated from NC State in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in economics. While still in college, he was as an assistant campaign manager in the successful gubernatorial campaign of Carolina Law alumnus Terry Sanford '48. He received his law degree in 1963. Carlton served as a North Carolina district court judge from 1968 to 1977, when Governor Jim Hunt appointed him as the first Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Crime Control. In 1977, Hunt appointed him to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He was then elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court and served as an associate justice until 1983, when he became a partner at Poyner Spruill.

Hunt received a bachelor's degree in agricultural education and a master's degree in agricultural economics from NC State, where he served as student body president. He graduated from Carolina Law in 1964 after serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal. Hunt served as lieutenant governor of North Carolina from 1973 to 1977 during the gubernatorial term of another Carolina Law grad, James Holshouser '60. He then served four historic terms



Raj Narayan\*, Associate Director, Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology and Science, NC State; Clifton B. Knight '74,\* General Counsel, Bookspan LLP; Lewis Sheats\*, Assistant Vice Provost, Entrepreneurship, NC State; Frank Buckless, Stephan B. Zelnak Jr. Dean of the Poole College of Management, NC State; Martin H. Brinkley '92, UNC School of Law Dean and Arch T. Allen Distinguished Professor of Law. \*Institute for Innovation Board of Advisers member



as the governor of North Carolina from 1977 to 1985 and then again from 1993 to 2001, becoming the longest serving governor in state history. As governor, Hunt focused on early childhood development and the improvement of quality of teaching. His Smart Start program received the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mitchell served in the U.S. Navy for four years before graduating from NC State in 1966 and Carolina Law in 1969. He served first as an assistant attorney general of North Carolina then as the elected district attorney of Wake County between 1969 and 1977. He went on to serve as a judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 1977 to 1979. He was named by Governor Hunt to be Carlton's successor as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control. Mitchell served as an associate justice and the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court between 1982 and 1999. Mitchell wrote 484 decisions for the state's highest court, including the landmark Leandro case declaring the constitutional right of all children to a "sound basic education."

Knight earned bachelor's degrees in economics (1969) and sociology (1970) from NC State and his law degree from Carolina Law in 1974. He went on to earn his MBA from New York University in 1986. He serves as executive vice president for legal and business affairs and chief ethics and compliance officer at Bookspan LLC in New York. Greatly involved at both UNC and NC State, Knight created the Clifton B. Knight Jr. Scholarship at Carolina Law and the Clifton Brooks Knight Jr. and Raya Keis Knight Scholarship Fund at NC State's Poole College of Management. He serves on the Board of Advisers of the UNC Law Institute for Innovation.

The symbiotic relationship between NC State and Carolina Law is as strong as ever—continuing to produce lawyer-leaders who follow in the esteemed footsteps of alumni like Aycok, Friday, Carlton, Hunt, Mitchell and Knight. The following four more recent graduates have used their training at NC State and Carolina Law to make a difference in North Carolina and beyond.



**Ashle Page 3L**  
*NC State ('17) bachelor of science in chemical engineering and bachelor of science in polymer and color chemistry, UNC School of Law ('20)*

Ashle Page's passion for public policy and science found a home at both UNC School of Law and NC State. Page plans to pursue a career that combines her experience in technology and law.

A summa cum laude graduate of NC State, Page sees commonalities in her undergraduate and graduate schools. "The

opportunities for practical learning have allowed me to gain a sense of community and to have an impact on others," says Page.

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*"A focus on experiential skills at NC State led me to a number of internships, including NASA, the Engineering Entrepreneurs Program, and as an editor for research journals, which built a foundation for other practical opportunities at Carolina Law, including pro bono, an externship with SAS Institute, and serving as an editor for the NC Journal of Law and Technology."*

-ASHLE PAGE 3L

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A student entrepreneur who developed a medical device with classmates as an undergrad, Page notes the "strong sense of innovation present at both institutions." She says that NC State supported her entrepreneurial endeavors while Carolina Law is allowing her to give back and to invest in future startups and small businesses through the Institute for Innovation's Intellectual Property Clinic.

"At both universities, I have had the opportunity to engage in problem solving within large research institutions that have diverse experiences and local and global impact," she says. "That focus on active scholarship connects both universities and ultimately cultivates student leadership and innovation."



**Wilson White '06**  
*director of government affairs and public policy at Google*  
*NC State ('03) bachelor of science in computer engineering, UNC School of Law ('06)*

When Wilson White arrived at NC State on a Park Scholarship, his goal was to become a software engineer. In fact, he worked as an engineer at IBM during his last year of college. "My mentor at IBM was a patent lawyer and I became fascinated with the idea of combining my engineering background with the law," says White.

After receiving his law degree, White clerked for a year for a U.S. District Court judge in Maryland. He then spent four years practicing patent litigation at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Atlanta before heading west and joining Google at its California headquarters.

White started on the litigation team at Google before moving to public policy in 2013. He currently leads a global, 25-person team responsible for managing government affairs across Google's core product areas, including Search, Advertising, Android, and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence.

"I love engaging with technology and its impact on society, which is colored by law and policy," says White. "Working at the forefront of those issues globally is a dream job."

He feels fortunate to run a global team. “I get to travel around the world, learn about and engage different cultures and policy frameworks,” he says. “One commonality we share as a global society is the important role technology plays in our daily lives.”

“UNC and State both have such a big impact on technology and the law, given the many alumni that are spread around the country and the world,” he says. “I like that both are public universities with a strong ethos rooted in giving back.”

“Even though I work at a very big company, I approach my work with a Carolina Law and NCSU ethos,” he says. “Whatever role I have is used to make the world around me a little bit better.”



### **Ray Starling '02**

*general counsel of the NC Chamber and president of the NC Chamber Legal Institute  
NC State ('99) bachelor of science in agricultural and extension education, UNC School of Law ('02)*

Growing up on his family's farm in Sampson County, Ray Starling planned to be a high school agriculture teacher. “My life was changed by my ag teachers and I was very interested in playing that role for other students,” he says.

During his agriculture studies at NC State, Starling took a year off to serve as a national FFA (Future Farmers of America) officer. “That experience—being involved with ag and ag policy at a national level—helped me realize we need great people in the classroom, but we also need good advocates in the policy world and at the counsel table.” That propelled Starling to enroll in Carolina Law.

“I'm that rare example of that kid who wrote in his law school application essay why he wanted to go to law school and is actually doing it,” laughs Starling.

In his current role at the NC Chamber, Starling says he is able to “meld and weld all of my experiences and interests” by combining his exposure to law, politics, agriculture and business. After graduating from UNC, Starling clerked for a year for NC Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin '88 before joining the Raleigh office of Hunton and Williams.

He went on to become general counsel, first for the NC State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and then for Thom Tillis when he served as speaker of the North Carolina House. When Tillis became a U.S. Senator, Starling followed him to Washington, D.C., serving first as general counsel and senior policy advisor and then the chief of staff.

“Fourteen months later, I became the ag advisor to the president and eventually the chief of staff at USDA,” says Starling. “The common denominator in all of these positions is the ag law piece.”

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*“Law school, combined with my farming background and agricultural education, gave me the foundation to do exactly what I wanted to do: influence the ag economy through the law and policy. I don't think I would have gotten to do that if I hadn't gone to NC State undergrad and to Carolina for law school; I am so very grateful to these two flagship universities.”*

RAY STARLING '02

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### **Giovonni Wade '08**

*director of diversity initiatives in the UNC School of Law Career Development Office  
NC State ('05) bachelor of arts in psychology and English, UNC School of Law ('08)*

After graduating from UNC School of Law, Giovonni Wade spent the majority of her six years in the legal field practicing education law at Schwartz and Shaw in downtown Raleigh before making the switch to working in higher education.

“Growing up, my mother taught me that education was the key to unlocking opportunities in life,” she says. “My parents were high school graduates and my grandparents didn't graduate at all.” Now Wade spends her days helping Carolina Law students with their job and internship searches, with a special focus on ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds are aware of employment and career development opportunities.

Wade says that her undergraduate and graduate educations perfectly prepared her for her work. “Both institutions emphasized the importance of using your talents and skills to help others,” she says. And her degree in psychology reinforced her lifelong interest in people. “We all have back stories that everyone doesn't see,” says Wade. “I love getting to know my students and their stories which helps me to better support them.”

“I feel privileged to play a role in helping our students secure life-changing opportunities. Serving as even a small piece of the puzzle in their lives is very fulfilling,” says Wade. “They have everything they need to succeed, but we all need somebody who believes in and sees something in us. We don't get where we are in life on our own.”

Wade returned to UNC after first serving as director and later assistant dean for the Office of Career and Professional Development at North Carolina Central University School of Law. “My current role presented a wonderful opportunity to come back home,” she says. “UNC saw something in me and provided me with a valuable legal education. Now I'm giving back.” 🙌



## WILLIAM HORN BATTLE DINNER



## WITT PROFESSIONALISM ROUNDTABLE



## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC



## STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON





## BLUEGRASS & BBQ



## WILLIAM HORN BATTLE DINNER

- A. Emily and Ozzie Ayscue '60 share a special moment during the William Horn Battle Dinner, which takes place each year in Chapel Hill and honors leadership donors.
- B. Charles Plambeck '86, Gus Puryear '93, and Walter Fisher '86.
- C. William D. "Bill" Spry Jr. '72 and wife, Penny, with Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92. Spry was one of the three Carolina Law donors who was honored during this annual celebration.

## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

- A. Team Huseby (Brad Wichard, Ryan Oxedine, Jim Barnes, and Ron Price) pose behind its sponsorship sign. Huseby was the title sponsor this past fall for the annual Golf Classic, which benefits Carolina Law scholarships.
- B. Deirdre Gordon and Kelly Mann from the Office of Advancement with Team Eagle at Finley Golf Course. Members of Team Eagle included Ken Eagle '74, Robin Rose, Tony Withers, and Robbie Oldham.
- C. Matt Van Hoy '15, Bradley Rooney, Brian Williams, and Hank Van Hoy '74 take a moment during a day on the golf course to have some fun.
- D. Teammates David Kirby '77 and William Plyler '82 celebrate after hearing the news that Team Kirby won the golf tournament.

## WITT PROFESSIONALISM ROUNDTABLE

- A. Moderators Courtney Thomas and Professor Carissa Hessick answer questions during the Witt Professionalism Roundtable, which brought together students, alumni and friends for an evening of discussion.
- B. Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92 and Law Alumni Association President Karen Popp '85 share their thoughts during the open discussion portion.
- C. Estelle Bol 3L responds with her thoughts on the professionalism problem.

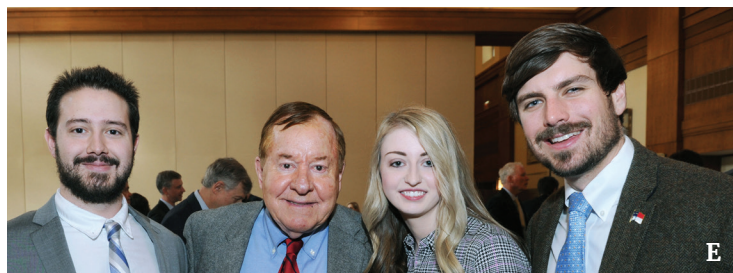
## BLUEGRASS & BBQ

- A. David Moore '69 and his wife, Agnes, enjoying the live music.
- B. Professor Kathleen Thomas and her husband, Courtney, make the annual Bluegrass and BBQ a family affair every fall in Chapel Hill.
- C. Football fans enjoyed having a tailgate with Hersey's BBQ and bluegrass music at the law school prior to kickoff of Tar Heel vs. Clemson Tigers.
- D. Robert Levin '86, Valerie Bateman '86, Robert "Rob" Jessup '85, and their guests show their excitement during the BBQ festivities.
- E. Student volunteers Maya Weinstein 3L, Sam Spalding 3L, Will Thomas 3L and Madison Scott 2L.
- F. Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92 pauses for a quick smile before heading over to Kenan Memorial Stadium for the football game.

## STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

- A. Sue Plambeck, Charles Plambeck '86, Jennifer Puryear '95, Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92, and Richard Farley '87 gather together during the annual Stewardship Luncheon this past January at The Carolina Club.
- B. Savian Gray-Sommerville 3L shares a conversation with Bo Rodenbough '80.
- C. Richard "Rick" Magee '83 and Lisa Tucker 3L. This event is a great way for alumni and friends of Carolina Law to spend time with current law students who benefit from their generosity.
- D. Keynote speaker Oliver Halle '74 shared why he continues to give and the impact his giving has had on him personally throughout the years.
- E. Thomas "Tom" Kenan with Jeffrey M. Holmes 1L, Megan Coates 1L and Shane "Ridge" Mazingo 1L.
- F. Greg Everett, Aaron Dalton 3L, Rachel Geissler 3L and Professor Luke Everett '08. The Everett Family has continued to support the law school in many ways throughout its history.

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# Learning by Experience

## JOIN US IN

***For All Kind: the Campaign for Carolina.***

31,000+ hours dedicated to pro bono work. 100+ cases handled by in-house clinics every year. 125 externship sites with public defenders, corporations, federal courts, non-profits and more.

That's what Carolina Law students give to the community.

\$75 million.

That's what Carolina Law is raising in the University's most ambitious campaign ever.

Join us and help the law school continue to provide exceptional value and drive experiential learning opportunities — clinics, pro bono programs, externships and dynamic practice courses — that immerse students in the law.

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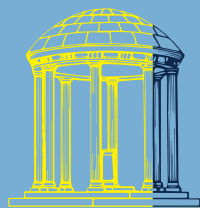
## *A Campaign Update*

### WHAT IS THE CAMPAIGN FOR CAROLINA? \$4.25B IN 5 YEARS

On Oct. 6, 2017, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill launched its most ambitious fundraising campaign ever — For All Kind: the Campaign for Carolina — with a goal to raise \$4.25 billion by Dec. 31, 2022.

### WHAT IS CAROLINA LAW'S GOAL IN THE CAMPAIGN? \$75 MILLION

The law school's goal is to raise \$75 million to secure the future for the state's flagship law school. With the help of alumni and friends of the law school during the Campaign for Carolina, we are improving our rankings, attracting the best and brightest students who want and deserve to come to Chapel Hill, recruiting faculty of national reputation, and sustaining and expanding the educational programs that make our graduates practice ready.



### WHERE DO WE STAND?

**75% - \$56.2 MILLION**

Just over halfway through the campaign, gifts of more than \$51 million to the law school are already having an impact at Carolina Law.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

#### NEW FELLOWSHIP

Established the new Judicial Fellowships Program for student summer placements with state trial court judges

#### CLINICS

Launched two new clinics in 2019, with a third new clinic to open in Fall 2020, to provide students with real-world practice experience

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Funded 13 new scholarships for deserving law school students

Grew existing endowed scholarships by over \$2million with new investments

Yielded the equivalent of 24 new in-state scholarships annually through annual giving programs

#### PRO BONO PROGRAM

Established a permanent, endowed source of funding for the Pro Bono Program

## Why I Give



TRAVIS HINMAN '16  
ROBINSON BRADSHAW & HINSON PA  
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

"Carolina Law is where I first learned about the central importance of becoming and remaining a lawyer leader—someone who uses the skills Carolina Law taught me to serve my clients and my community. In particular, Carolina Law developed in me a commitment to providing pro bono service. My first experience with pro bono work was at an expunction clinic during Fall Break of my 1L year. During that clinic, I saw how law students and lawyers can leverage their unique skillsets and knowledge of the law to change lives and systems for the better. Because Carolina Law engrained in me the importance of pro bono service, I have continued to provide pro bono representation to clients ranging from the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem, indigent criminal defendants, non-profit organizations, and tenants facing eviction in various state and federal courts. **I give to Carolina Law because of all it gave to me, and so that others will have the opportunity to learn the skills they need to change their communities and their clients' lives for the better.**"

### WHAT WE NEED? YOUR SUPPORT

Join your fellow 4,900 alumni who have already stepped up with gifts to the law school during the Campaign for Carolina. Partner with us to increase the competitiveness of the school and develop lawyer-leaders who will serve North Carolina and beyond, and in so doing, secure the foundation that will lead to a brighter future for Carolina Law.

For more information about the Campaign for Carolina and how you can be a part of securing the future of Carolina Law, visit [campaign.unc.edu/school-of-law](http://campaign.unc.edu/school-of-law) OR Contact Deirdre Gordon, associate dean for advancement, [deirdre.gordon@unc.edu](mailto:deirdre.gordon@unc.edu), 919-445-0168.

**For all that is now, For all that is new, For all that is next, For All Kind.**



## Tracy Schaefer Calder '84: Giving, Volunteering and Teaching



Tracy Schaefer Calder '84 financed her law school education with loans and summer jobs. Although she worried about her rising debt burden and ability to repay it, the low cost of tuition at the time – even for an out-of-state student like her – enabled Calder to easily pay her loans within the first few years after graduating. By then she had already recognized the dividends of her UNC degree and Carolina Law ties.

Law school connections helped Calder throughout her career. First in private practice in New York City and later when she transitioned to an in-house role in financial services, connections she made with Carolina Law alumni and classmates were essential nodes in her growing professional network. Over the years, she has given back to Carolina Law by establishing a fund that will soon cover a full scholarship for an in-state student. Calder, of Charlotte, retired this spring as managing director and chief risk officer at LPL Financial.

“As a first-generation college graduate who grew up on Long Island, my path to Carolina Law was more serendipitous than for many of my classmates, but I regard it as one of the best decisions I ever made. It has had a tremendous impact on my life.”

Calder began giving to Carolina Law soon after graduating. She and her husband, Joe, increased their support steadily over the years but as their own children approached college, they realized the degree to which the cost of a legal education had skyrocketed during her career.

“That makes it harder for people to enter the legal profession and pursue their dream. We wanted to do more, and began thinking about setting up a scholarship fund that would pay out a small amount each year, and benefit many students over a long period of time,” she says. “As I neared retirement, we decided we could make the greatest impact if we were able to give a student full tuition assistance each year. So that’s the goal we set.”


The thank you notes she has received from scholarship recipients over the years paint a picture of a family that has indeed made an impact on those students. For some, these scholarships have enabled them to pursue a public-interest summer clerkship; for others it is just one of several levers to reduce the financial burden of law school. “When you see the tangible impact the money has on students, it really makes you feel like this is worth doing,” she says.

The scholarship Calder established is part of the Chancellors Scholars program of funds that provide additional opportunities to students.

Philanthropy isn’t the only way Calder has remained connected to Carolina Law. She serves on the UNC Law Foundation Board of Directors and is an adviser to UNC’s Center for Banking and Finance. Together with Professor Lissa Broome, she was a founding chair of the UNC Compliance Boot Camp, a bi-annual training program in Charlotte for law students and mid-level legal and compliance professionals. And in the fall, she’ll teach a course on financial services compliance as an adjunct professor.

Through involvement with the Law Foundation, Calder has learned that “Our percentage of giving is significantly lower than at other well-respected public law schools, which has a direct impact on the availability of scholarship funds. We know that we lose top students each year to peer law schools who are better able to meet students’ financial needs,” she says.

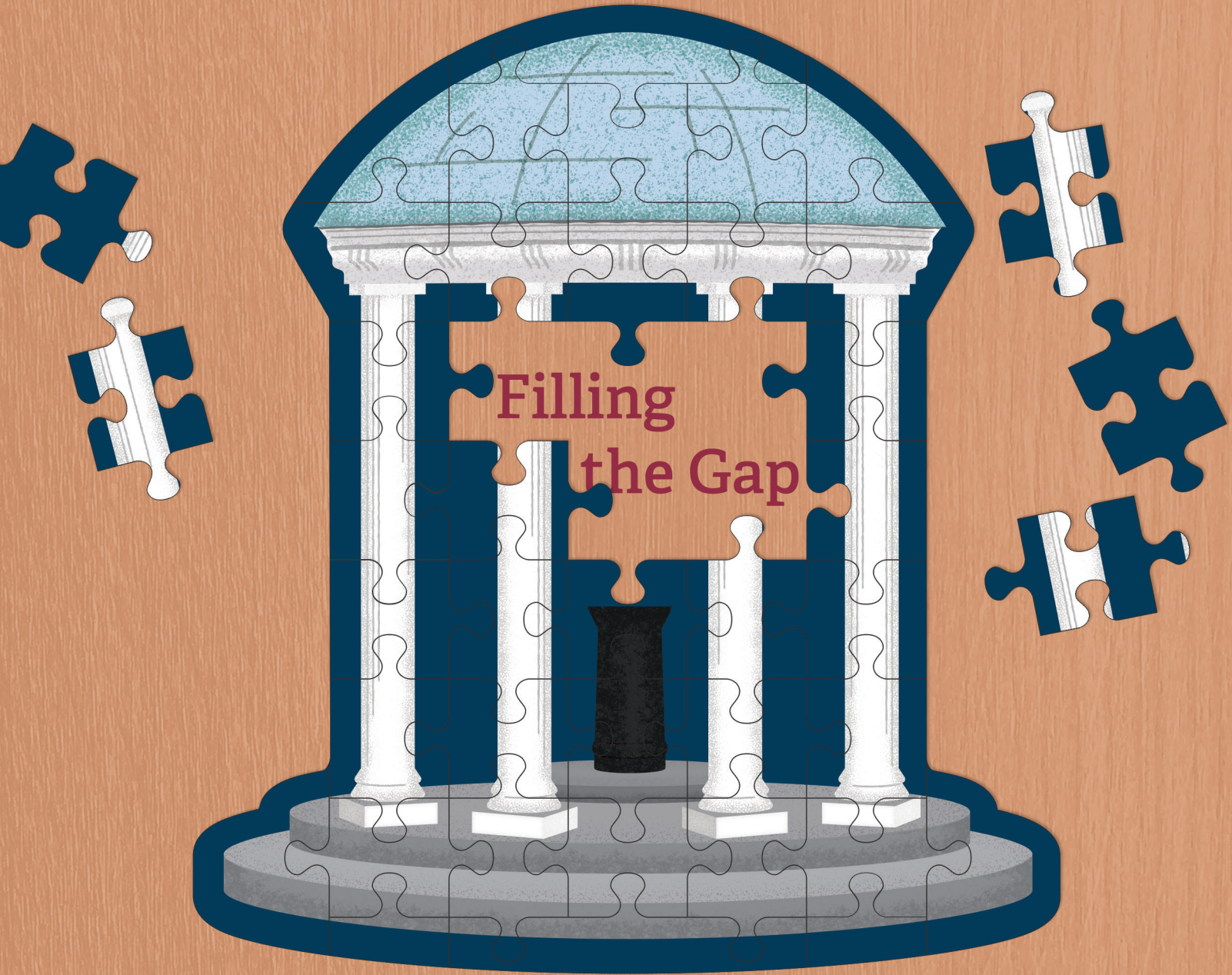
That reinforces her commitment to financial support.

“I encourage alumni to look at the great things UNC has done for North Carolina, but more importantly, the impact Carolina Law has had on our own lives and careers. For me, this is just giving back.” 

— Jessica Clarke



# Practice What We Teach



## Between the Classroom and Practice

In a one-flight-up floor space with wraparound windows that overlook both Peace and Justice Plaza and the grassy lawn of McCorkle Place, Carolina Law's Institute for Innovation hung out its shingle.

*By Nancy E. Oates*



The law school's latest experiential learning hub bundles the Community Development Law Clinic for nonprofits with the Intellectual Property Law Clinic and adds a brand-new entrepreneurship law clinic — the Startup NC Law Clinic — serving for-profit enterprises.

At the ribbon-cutting in January, clients mingled with state legislators, UNC-Chapel Hill trustees, law school alumni and current students along with Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz, Provost Bob Blouin, and Dean Martin H. Brinkley '92.



Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz, Kylie Norman 3L, Rachel Ann Stephens 3L and Dean Martin Brinkley '92 cut the ribbon at the Institute for Innovation launch in January.

The relaxed conversations that evening belied the intense bustle of activity that typically fills in the small offices and large conference rooms during the day, when 3Ls meet with clients and faculty advisers to strategize plans to ensure the success of good ideas becoming businesses.

"The Institute is a one-stop shop for for-profit and nonprofit entrepreneurs," said Tom Kelley, who directs the new Institute as well as the Community Development Clinic.

The 3Ls, who receive course credit for their semester of work at one of the three clinics in the Institute, emerge as practice-ready lawyers. They take the lead from the moment clients walk through the door, digging deep to gather facts, building relationships and counseling entrepreneurs on how the law can help them move forward.

"Clients come in, they want to fix a problem in society," Kelley said. "Maybe their solution straddles the line between a charitable and a commercial entity. But the law is not set up to straddle the line. So the situation is rich with complicated legal issues for our students to resolve."

In addition to mastering the substantive law around entrepreneurship, students figure out the approach they'll take with clients and how to be effective and have a satisfying career as a lawyer. In the classroom, they learn legal doctrine. In the clinic, they apply it to real people, learning the "soft skills" that make a lawyer effective.



"Students learn how to frame knowledge in layman's terms," said Zaneta Robinson, clinical associate professor and director of the Intellectual Property Law Clinic. "They're not speaking to clients who understand the law the way a judge does."

Entrepreneurship has become increasingly important to North Carolina's economy, which for generations relied on tobacco, textiles and furniture. The state is now transitioning into a hub of technology businesses that range from apps to pharmaceuticals to gaming, as well as entertainment and service industries. Startups come to the Institute for Innovation to get free legal help in selecting and forming their entity, assessing risk and protecting their intellectual property.

Kelley launched the Community Development Law Clinic 18 years ago in response to the hunger students had for experience in transactional law. But demand overwhelmed his clinic, and he had to turn away dozens of students every semester.

"At the time, all our clinical learning opportunities were focused on litigation," Kelley said. "Then Dean Brinkley, who came out of a transactional and business law background, showed up. He immediately saw that transactional experience had to be more of a priority, and he made it happen."

The law school secured a large grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust and recurring funds from the N.C. General Assembly to organize and operate the Institute. Robinson, who had served as an adjunct professor, brought her Intellectual Property Law Clinic to the mix, and Professor Marjorie White was hired to create and run Startup NC.

Each clinic takes on eight students per semester, said White, who directed a similar entrepreneurship law clinic at Brooklyn Law School for five years. "Each clinic delivers thousands of hours of free legal services," she said. "The three institute clinics will provide experiential training to a total of 48 students per year."

"That's a lot of firepower coming out of the Institute."

A few years ago, the American Bar Association passed a requirement that students take experiential learning courses during their law school career. But Carolina Law has long been aggressive about providing experiential learning opportunities, said Erika Wilson, director of Clinical Programs.

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**"That's a lot of firepower coming out of the Institute."**

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In addition to the three at the Institute for Innovation, Carolina Law runs clinics in Civil Legal Assistance; Consumer Financial Transactions; Domestic and Sexual Violence; Immigration; Military and Veterans Law; and Youth Justice. The newest clinic, Critical



Race Lawyering and Civil Rights, launching this coming fall, will be the only law clinic in the country that merges critical theory with the application of practical civil rights law.

The clinics function as a cohesive law firm within the law school, Wilson said.

"I'm excited about the gravity of the work we do. In the Immigration Clinic, we're successfully filing asylum petitions. We're staving off evictions in our Civil Assistance Clinic. We're addressing consumer student debt in our Consumer Financial Transactions Clinic. In the Youth Justice Clinic, we are helping to halt the school-to-prison pipeline for children of color."

Clinics enable students to learn how to do what a lawyer does in a less-pressured setting than a law firm, where students no longer have the luxury of learning on the job.

"Clinics allow students to be thoughtful, reflective and understand why they're doing what they're doing," Wilson said. "We represent clients in the clinic with the same care and enthusiasm as lawyers do in real world settings. They're getting zealous advocacy and the opportunity to obtain justice they wouldn't otherwise come close to getting without the assistance of the students."

Each clinic has its own full-time faculty supervisor. "Some of the leading scholars in the country are supervising our clinics," Wilson said.

Despite the current situation with COVID-19, Carolina Law clinics are pivoting the way they work with clients. They are finding new challenges with internet access and communication they didn't have when dealing with clients face-to-face. Students are also recognizing they may be the client's only contact for other resources related to COVID-19.

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Students in the Immigration Clinic are finding they need to be knowledgeable in areas outside immigration law to provide resources for health care options, rights regarding sick leave and unemployment insurance.

The Community Development Clinic is using Zoom to counsel clients and walk them through their business documents remotely. Some students are putting together a list of resources to assist North Carolina nonprofits in navigating the newly passed federal stimulus package.

Students in the Youth Justice Clinic are connecting clients and their families with community-based resources while cases have been continued due to the Chief Justice's orders.



Professor Erika Wilson, director of Clinical Programs, speaks to students during an open house. Wilson teaches the Critical Race Lawyering Civil Rights Clinic.



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The Civil Legal Assistance Clinic is advising clients who are in jeopardy of losing their homes due to the impact of the pandemic and assisting with recovering income for those who have lost work due to businesses closing.

In addition to participating in a clinic, students have the opportunity to hone their legal skills and network directly in the field with practicing lawyers and judges through the Externship Program. In this academic program, students work on site in a variety of practice areas where students apply classroom learning to ongoing legal matters. Students extern in judges' chambers at the N.C. Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Business Court, Superior Court and Office of Administrative Hearings, as well as at the federal level with U.S. District Court judges and magistrates and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Other student externs prosecute cases with district attorneys' offices or defend cases with public defenders; work with in-house counsel on corporate issues including securities matters, transactions, contracts, M&A, privacy, international transactions, and trademark; tackle legal issues with state and federal agencies and non-profits in areas as diverse as civil rights, patent, and IP cases, health care, tax and banking law, labor and employment, environmental and education law. These experiences not only help students develop their lawyering skills, but also provide the crucial opportunity to make connections with attorneys and judges who continue to serve as mentors to students after graduation.

This year the Externship Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary at the law school. The program started with 30 students externing with a small variety of sites and now works with over 130 partner sites and 160 students during the fall, spring and summer semesters. "A number of our current site supervisors actually went through





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Professor Maria Savasta-Kennedy directs the Externship Program, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

the Externship Program as students at Carolina Law. We currently have 22 former externs who supervise our students on a regular basis, and this does not include the numerous judicial clerks who were our former externs – we have come full circle!” said Maria Savasta-Kennedy, the director of the Externship Program and its initial creator. Together with two other faculty supervisors, Janine Zanin and Rina Lyubkin, as well as Program Coordinator Melissa Wood-Saltzman, Savasta-Kennedy serves as a faculty supervisor for the students, helping them to critically examine their learning goals and strategies, and to develop lawyering skills (research, writing, oral and written advocacy, problem solving, etc.) as well as the “soft skills” used in the everyday practice of law (seeking and receiving feedback; networking; team building, public speaking, etc.)

Externships give students the opportunity to “try on” a particular area of legal practice. “They see the practice from the ground up,” said Savasta-Kennedy. “Here’s how a district attorney, a corporate lawyer, a civil rights attorney, spends their day – this is what it’s like to practice law in this particular setting.” And Carolina Law externs are in demand, Savasta-Kennedy said. “Our students arrive knowing why they’re there and ready to hit the ground running,” she said. Moreover, “They’re whip smart, team players and public-service-minded.”

As COVID-19 caused a lot of spring externships to shift remotely, the work continues.

“Hometown Strong, the governor’s rural development initiative, is tasked with making state government more effective for rural communities by breaking down silos within state government and leveraging partnerships and resources. As we transitioned to teleworking, I not only learned how we would use technology in the Hometown Strong office, but how each of the state’s cabinet agencies transitioned to remote work and the ways they have innovated around challenges posed by our current crisis,” said Lily Faulconer 2L, who participated in the externship program in the spring semester. “In the past few weeks, I have conducted policy research on telemedicine and broadband infrastructure. Though

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## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CLINIC

A woman who ran a restaurant had a good idea she wanted to take to the next level. She couldn't immediately make time to drive to Chapel Hill for an in-person consult with the school's Intellectual Property Law Clinic, so Rachel Ann Stephens, a 3L, set up a Zoom interview. The woman logged on from the restaurant, but the clanging pots and other noise from the kitchen proved distracting. She moved to a quieter place — a supply closet — to continue the session.

"That's the kind of people we serve," Stephens said, "people so dedicated to the success of their business that they would do a Zoom call from a broom closet."

The IP clinic's clients aren't necessarily indigent, Stephens said. They often just lack financial backers, particularly those with an idea for a startup or students wanting to run a business while still living in their dorms. Protecting business names, content or works of art can get complicated and expensive.

IP clients come from throughout North Carolina because the clinic is listed as a resource on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website, said clinic director Zaneta Robinson. The IP clinic is certified by the USPTO, which allows students to practice trademark law before the office prior to passing the bar exam. The clinic does not file patent applications but will alert clients to any intellectual property that could potentially be protected.

Much of the work the IP law students do involves educating clients about the extent to which they own or can use intellectual property, whether it's a business name, photo, slogan or logo.

"For example, if someone has an idea for a mobile app, we'd advise them on what IP rights they might have, whether they have code, a process or a logo that could be protected," Robinson said.

Stephens has heard plenty of stories about businesses using or attempting to protect their intellectual property incorrectly. As a native North Carolinian, she takes pride in her state and wants to foster its success.

"A lot of people we serve in the IP clinic live in North Carolina and want to stay here and make North Carolina better," she said. "They have pride in North Carolina. The ability to advance their interests is super-important to me."



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Carolina Law boasts 10 robust clinics.

**"That's the kind of people we serve: people so dedicated to the success of their business that they would do a Zoom call from a broom closet."**



these are unprecedented times for our state, I am grateful for the opportunity to apply the skills I have developed as a law student in a way that will produce valuable information for our leaders and meaningful solutions for our rural communities.”

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In addition to the part-time externship available to students through the academic year and summer school, several years ago Carolina Law launched its successful Semester in Practice Externship Program. That program sends up to a dozen students to Washington, D.C., New York and Atlanta during the fall semester of their 3L year. Some of the site opportunities available to students include the Securities and Exchange Commission, FilmNation, EnPro, the U.S. Department of Justice, Atrium Health Care and the Centers for Disease Control. The law school is currently developing international externship opportunities.

Outside of clinics and externships, students gain practical experience through pro bono work in a volunteer program directed by Allison Standard Constance ’09. During orientation, students have their first opportunity to work on a pro bono project. Last fall, students made follow-up phone calls to clients of a disaster legal services project to glean updates on the status of their cases. The Pro Bono Program also offers lunch-hour pro bono tasks, answering questions submitted by the public to the N.C. Bar Foundation’s website, or sorting through court records to see who might qualify to have their driver’s license restored after it was suspended due to unpaid fines.

Other pro bono projects require a greater time commitment and can range from meeting with clients to researching on a computer at odd hours at home. Over spring break, the program sent students to Charlotte for a few days to work on eviction cases, and to Morganton, Hickory and Lenoir to draft wills.

“We try to make clear that pro bono work is for everyone, regardless of your anticipated career path,” Constance said. “When you have special skills as a licensed attorney, it’s important to use them for good.”

The past three graduating classes have had 100 percent participation in pro bono projects. During their three years at Carolina, students in the class of 2020 have contributed more than 15,000 hours of pro bono work.

The breadth of experiences the students have to choose from sets Carolina Law’s Pro Bono Program apart. That’s also true for the students working at one of the clinics in the Institute for Innovation.

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## FILLING THE GAPS

### MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW CLINIC



Megan Bishop '18 with Allison Standard Constance '09, director of pro bono initiatives.

**“I had never considered military law as aligning with my interest, but I could definitely get on board with making sure people had the resources this country promises its veterans.”**

*\*Name has been changed to protect privacy.*

Alex\*, a Marine Corps veteran, endured a traumatic experience while deployed on the Balkan Peninsula more than 20 years ago. He never talked about it; the collateral damage showed up only in a positive drug test while he was still serving. That black mark on his record became a magnet for trouble — his superiors wrote him up for tattoos and body piercings and disrespecting an officer — which led to a court martial and his bad conduct discharge.

Nowadays, the military screens all soldiers before and after deployment to pick up on indications of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder before the behaviors escalate. But Alex struggled on his own for years without access to any benefits from the military to help him repair his life.

Megan Bishop '18 met him when he sought help from UNC School of Law's Military and Veterans Law Clinic, formed in 2016 to offer students experience in administrative law. The discharge upgrades and access to VA benefits that the clinic took on appealed to her interest in public interest law and disability rights.

“I had never considered military law as aligning with my interest,” she said. “But I could definitely get on board with making sure people had the resources this country promises its veterans.”

As a lawyer, Bishop spoke the same language as those who would be reviewing the application. She was able to refer to the regulations and Department of Defense guidance the board uses to make its decision. The clinic gave her an opportunity to practice developing relationships with clients.

“I not only had to think about how we were going to build a case,” she said, “but how to get him to open up to me, a stranger and a student, to talk about a traumatic experience he had not talked about for 20 years.”

The military did not render a decision before she graduated. Fortunately, the law firm that hired her allowed her to keep working on the case for her pro bono commitment encouraged by Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Because cases in the Military and Veterans Law Clinic deal with federal law, even students who move out of state can continue to help their clients.

Finally, 18 months after Bishop had filed the application, the military granted Alex an upgrade to General (under honorable conditions).

More important than winning the judgment, Bishop said, was the door it opened for her client, who was able to get treatment to deal with PTSD.



UNC Board of Trustees member R. Gene Davis Jr. '97 and Professor Marjorie White at the Institute for Innovation launch.



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"The hallmark of Startup NC is the breadth of our client base," director Marjorie White said. "We represent the latest apps in health care or transportation, and other technology companies, as well as brick-and-mortar businesses. We've represented an e-commerce crafts and textiles business, a startup providing nutritious frozen meals in low-income communities, and a new consulting business for adults with developmental disabilities."

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, Startup NC took on, via Zoom, its first clients operating out of the incubator at UNC-Pembroke's Thomas Entrepreneurship Hub. Pembroke, the tribal seat of the Lumbee Indian tribe, is in rural Robeson County, the poorest county in the state by certain economic measures.

"Our students will be helping these clients with core business law advice," White said. "You can sense the outsized impact each new small business has the potential to bring to the community, not just in providing its services but hopefully in expanding and creating jobs."

Students put in 128 hours of client work a semester, attend a weekly seminar and write up client deliverables. Nothing is routine or cookie-cutter, White said.

"Whether students will go to a small or large firm, an in-house position or solo practice in a rural area after they graduate, the clinic provides a foundation of skills in the transactional business law area," White said. "It builds their confidence. They can hit the ground running."

Kylie Norman 3L has committed to working in a transactional law firm after graduation. Her work at Startup NC has polished her skills and opened her eyes to the big ideas clients bring to the clinic raw. She and her colleagues figure out what the client needs to do to get a business up and running.

"That was most fun — problem-spotting," Norman said. "We look for opportunities they didn't realize they had." 🛠️



## SBA PRESIDENT MAYA WEINSTEIN'S FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

My 3L year was my favorite year. I externed with the UNC System Office of Legal Affairs and worked with local nonprofits through the Community Development Law Clinic (housed out of the spiffy new Institute for Innovation on Franklin Street).

Until you're standing in front of your externship supervisor explaining a complex legal issue, you don't realize the extent of what you've learned in the classroom. It's not until a client is sitting before you seeking guidance that you recognize your ability to synthesize vast amounts of information in a split second. The experiential learning opportunities at Carolina Law taught me how to apply my education to practice, exercise diligence in decision-making, counsel individuals with difficult questions, and quite significantly, to trust in myself and my lawyering abilities.

As alumni of the University of North Carolina School of Law, we've all sat through doctrinal courses like Constitutional Law, Contracts, and Torts. Whether in hard copy case reporters or online at Westlaw or LexisNexis, we've pored over opinions that changed history and the dissents that made us second-guess the mainstream view. And, lest you forget, we've all cowered from cold calls. However, I credit the opportunities outside of the halls of Van Hecke-Wettach for providing me with the final pieces of the puzzle to leaving Carolina Law as a zealous, competent attorney.

I'm grateful for the practical experience I've gained through the externship and clinic programs. Not only do these programs benefit us as students, but they allow us to support the legal needs of the state of North Carolina at large. My peers in the clinical program help survivors of domestic violence get protective orders, represent low-income former servicemembers before military administrative boards, and assist entrepreneurs with the acquisition and management of intellectual property rights. Through externships, they work in the Attorney General's office, assist district attorneys and public defenders in court, and even try their hands at in-house corporate counsel work. I don't even have enough room left in this column to properly explain the ways the Pro Bono Program merges education and public service, but I'll sum it by sharing that the Class of 2020 logged over 15,000 hours of service and 100% of the class participated.

Thanks to experiential learning, Carolina Law students can give back while growing as legal advocates. And that, my fellow Heels, is the Carolina Law advantage.



Student Bar Association President Maya Weinstein 3L speaks in the law library during University Research Week.

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**"I'm grateful for the practical experience I've gained through the externship and clinic programs."**



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### 1974

**Michael H. Godwin**, partner at Schell Bray PLLC in Greensboro, N.C., was named the Best Lawyers 2020 Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in the Triad.

**Stuart T. Williams**, of counsel at Henson Efron in Minneapolis, was elected president of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy for 2020 and was appointed as chair of the Policy and Planning Committee for the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice for 2020.

### 1977

**Richard Boyette**, partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for professional liability defense.

**William G. "Bill" Pappas**, partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C., received the North Carolina Bar Association's inaugural Alfred L. Purrington III Memorial Public Service Award.

### 1979

**M. Keith Kapp**, partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for business litigation.

### 1981

**Mary B. Denison**, USPTO commissioner for trademarks, was recognized by Managing Intellectual Property magazine as one of the "50 Most Influential People in IP 2019."

**Holmes P. Harden**, partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for bankruptcy business.

**Steven H. Sholk**, director at Gibbons P.C. in Newark, N.J., published an article, "A Guide to Election Year Activities of Section 501(c) (3) Organizations," for Practising Law Institute as part of its 2019 Course Handbook for the seminar, Tax Strategies For Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations & Restructurings.

### 1984

**H. Lee Evans Jr.**, of counsel at Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 edition of The *Best Lawyers in America* for medical malpractice law-defendants and health care litigation.

**Cathy M. Rudisill**, partner at Nelson Mullins in Raleigh, N.C., was appointed to the City of Raleigh Board of Adjustment for a two year term.

### 1985

**Thomas Johnson Jr.**, partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for real estate/zoning: land use.

**Elizabeth G. Lindsey**, shareholder at Davis, Matthews and Quigley, P.C. in Atlanta, is president-elect of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and will become president in November 2020.

### 1986

**Patricia L. Brown**, executive vice-president and chief legal officer for SAS Institute in Cary, N.C., was appointed to the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology and Innovation by Governor Roy Cooper.

**Elizabeth D. Scott**, partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in North Carolina" list in the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for business litigation.

### 1987

**Stephanie Autry**, partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for eminent domain.

**Byron B. Kirkland**, of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, N.C., was named the firm's new managing partner.

**C. Thomas Steele Jr.**, partner at Pittman & Steele, PLLC in Burlington, N.C., was recognized by the NC State Bar Board of Legal Specialization for holding his Real Property Law Residential, Business, Commercial and Industrial Transactions specialist designation for 25 years.

### 1991

**Dorothy Bass Burch**, partner at Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* for real estate and corporate law.

**Sandra Mitterling Schilder**, of Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* for insurance litigation.

## 1992

**Jacob R. Parrott III**, of Parker Poe in Raleigh, N.C., provided pro bono counsel to the Presbytery of New Hope on a large affordable housing development for senior citizens in downtown Raleigh.

## 1993

**Brett J. Denton**, was promoted to executive vice president and chief legal officer at Atrium Health in Charlotte, N.C.

## 1994

**Marjorie J. Brown**, of Elder Law & Estate Planning Solutions of the Piedmont in Concord, N.C., became a certified specialist in elder law.

## 1995

**David K. Liggett**, managing partner of Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* for insurance and corporate law.

**C. Kyle Musgrove**, partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte N.C., joined the firm's Life Sciences Industry Team.

**Camden R. Webb**, partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for criminal defense: white collar.

## 1997

**Susan T. Fountain** became a shareholder at Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C.

## 1998

**Amy Flanary-Smith**, special counsel at Parker Poe in Columbia, S.C., was selected to participate in the Riley Institute at Furman's 13th class of Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI).

## 2000

**Robert C. Roupe**, criminal defense lawyer in Jacksonville, N.C., became a board certified specialist in criminal law.

## 2002

**Christopher C. "Chris" Lam**, managing partner at Bradley in Charlotte, was named as one of Charlotte's 2020 "Most Admired CEOs" by the *Charlotte Business Journal*.

**Christopher C. "Chris" Lam**, managing partner at Bradley in Charlotte, N.C., was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the North Carolina Humanities Council Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

**Robert C. Van Arnem**, partner with Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for intellectual property.

## 2003

**Ashley Huffstetler Campbell**, of Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh, N.C., was named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation and real estate litigation.

**Katherine E. Fisher**, of the Van Winkle Law Firm in Asheville, N.C., became a board certified specialist in family law.

## 2004

**James R. Forrest**, founder and CEO of Forrest Firm, was recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

**C. Allen York**, of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, N.C., was named to *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" 2020 list for real estate.

## 2005

**David R. Kinman** joined Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. as a shareholder in Birmingham, Ala.

## 2006

**Melody Jolly**, partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Wilmington, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* list for professional liability defense.

**Jim Melo**, of Tin Fulton Walker & Owen in Raleigh, N.C., became a board certified specialist in criminal law.

## 2007

**Sean C. Honeywill** joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP as an associate in Atlanta.

## 2008

**Martin M. "Marty" Rosenbluth**, associate at Polanco Law, P.C. in Lumpkin, Ga., was mentioned in a *TIME* magazine article, "In This Georgia Town, Immigration Detainees Outnumber Residents," in which Rosenbluth emphasized the critical importance of having an attorney physically present for detainees.



## 2009

**Wyatt Kendall**, of Morris, Manning & Martin in Atlanta, Ga., was elected to become a partner in the Environmental, Infrastructure and Land Use Practice groups.

**Jennifer R. Segnere**, of Johnson & Groninger PLLC in Durham, N.C., became a board certified specialist in workers' compensation law.

## 2010

**Joon Hwang** was promoted to shareholder at Littler Mendelson P.C. in Tysons Corner, Va.

**Che B. Mock**, partner and co-founder of ESQ Agency in Nashville, Tenn., was recognized by the *Nashville Business Journal* as a "40 Under 40" award winner for 2020.

## 2011

**Rachel M. Blunk**, managing partner of Forrest Firm in Greensboro and Charlotte, N.C., was recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Katelynn O. Bradley** joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as a shareholder in Washington, D.C.

**Zachary R. "Zach" Dussault**, of Kushner & Kushner, P.C. in Charlotte, N.C., spoke on a panel about the fundamentals of H1B visas at an event for the American Immigration Lawyers Association - Carolina's chapter in Wilmington, N.C.

## 2012

**Christine M. Burnside**, of Deuterman Law Group in Greensboro, N.C., became a Board Certified Specialist in social security disability law.

**Mignon A. Lunsford** became a partner at Burr & Forman LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

**Devin J. Schoonmaker** joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP as an associate in Atlanta.

## 2013

**Christopher J. Heaney**, of North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services in Raleigh, N.C., became a certified specialist for criminal law.

**Brett C. Holladay**, of Miller Bowles Law in Charlotte, N.C., became a board certified specialist in family law.

## 2014

**Deborah A. "Debbie" McDermott**, of Kennon Craver, PLLC in Durham, N.C., became a board certified specialist in estate planning and probate law.

**Virginia M. Wooten**, of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, N.C., was named to the 2020 North Carolina "Rising Stars" list for civil litigation defense.

## 2016

**Nana Asante-Smith**, of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP in Raleigh, N.C., was appointed to the North Carolina State Judicial Council.

**J. Patrick Redmon** joined Beck Redden LLP as an associate in Houston, Texas.

## 2018

**Wayne K. Maiorano**, of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, N.C., was named to *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" 2020 list for construction.

## 2019

**Jordan L. Bernstein** joined Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP as an associate in Charlotte, N.C.

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## 2020-21 Recruiting Opportunities

After much consideration, and many conversations with employers and other schools, the Career Development Office has decided to move our Fall On-Campus Interviews to the spring. This move will allow students to have another semester of graded courses when being considered by employers and give employers more time to assess their hiring needs.

We are still finalizing the dates and details, and will communicate them with you as soon as possible.

In regards to off-campus interview programs that typically take place over the summer, we are monitoring any changes and will keep you informed of their timelines as soon as we know more.

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### Last Day of Class:

Professor Don Hornstein celebrated the last day of class this semester with his students via Zoom by baking them a cake.



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