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REPORT

THE LAW SCHOOL

I. ENROLLMENT

Opening enrollment in the fall of 2001 was 311 plus one visitor. Enrollment for the class of 2004, the entering class, was 113. These came from 672 applicants, approximately one-half of whom faculty members interviewed as admissions prospects. Sixty applicants attended the Performance Based Admissions Program; approximately half of these received offers of admission to the entering class.

Spring semester enrollment was 303. Ninety-four students graduated during the 2001-2002 academic year - five in December, and eighty-nine in May.

II. FACULTY

In addition to their teaching duties, our faculty members serve the legal profession and the public in numerous ways. Some examples follow:

Professor Tom Anderson has served on the board of directors of the North Carolina Legal Assistance Foundation, on the Litigation CLE Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association, and as a volunteer for the Food Bank of North Carolina. He wrote the civil procedure section for the BarBri bar review course and will teach the civil procedure portion of the course. He served as the school's national trial team coach and taught in the week-long trial advocacy program at the Emory University School of Law in May.

Associate Professor Anthony Baker published an article in the *Duquesne Law Review* entitled "So Extraordinary, So Unprecedented an Authority": A Conceptual Reconsideration of the Singular Doctrine of Judicial Review." He is the chair of the newly established Joint Children in Families and Juvenile Justice Mediation Task Force (discussed hereinafter).

Associate Professor Richard Bowser participated in a panel discussion on civil liberties sponsored by the Phi Alpha Delta chapter at

the University of North Carolina School of Law. He continues to serve as faculty advisor to the *Campbell Law Review* and as the coach of the school's client counseling teams.

Professor Alan Button made a presentation on the topic "Privacy Damage Claims and Constitutional Defenses" to a North Carolina Bar Association CLE program. He is an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers and the faculty advisor to the school's team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (discussed hereinafter). He taught a new intersession course on international arbitration. With his wife Mary, he hosts and advises the school's chapter of the Christian Legal Society. He participates in the Wake County Roundtable on Race, and during the past year he was admitted by comity to the North Carolina Bar.

Professor Lynn Buzzard is the founding and continuing editor of the *Religious Freedom Reporter*. He has been on sabbatical leave during the spring semester serving as the initial Dean at a new law school at Handong University in Korea.

Professor Jean Cary received the Dean's Excellence in Research Award for her contributions as co-author of the book, *Legal Counseling and Negotiating: A Practical Approach* (LexisNexis, 2001). She also received The Honorable Prentice H. Marshall award from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy for her outstanding teaching for that organization.

In his first year as a full-time faculty member following six years as Associate Dean for External Relations and Assistant Professor of Law, Associate Professor Johnny Chriscoe authored the 2001 supplement to *Howell's Shuford North Carolina Practice*. He serves, with the Dean, as a law school representative on the University's Curriculum Committee, and as chair of the school's History Committee.

Professor Margaret Person Currin continues to serve as the academic Associate Dean, to teach administrative representation and legislative representation, and to coordinate the school's externship program. She is serving this year as Vice-President of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys.

Professor (and Founding Dean) Leary Davis served as a director of Bar CARES of North Carolina, Inc., the Raleigh Business and Technology Center, and the Howard Memorial Christian Education Fund, Inc. He is president and director of the National Institute to Enhance Leadership and Law Practice and a member of the North Carolina Bar Association Committee on Lawyer Effectiveness and Quality of Life. He planned and facilitated a summer 2001 psychological-types workshop for Campbell law and divinity school faculty; facilitated the

Campbell Community Survey feedback for the Town of Holly Springs; served as a faculty member for the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism's workshop for summer and junior associates of the Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice law firm; and directed a joint venture with the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism to survey the North Carolina legal profession to update and expand the 1991 North Carolina Bar Association Quality of Life Survey. At a May 1st ceremony at the North Carolina Bar Center in Cary, the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation established a Justice Fund in his honor.

Assistant Professor Catherine Ross Dunham, a 1996 *cum laude* graduate of the school, became the Director of Legal Research and Writing.

Professor (and former Dean) Patrick Hetrick was the 2001 recipient of Phi Alpha Delta's James Iredell Award. The *Campbell Law Review* published his article "Legislative Kudzu and The New Millennium: An Opportunity for Reflection and Reform." He was the principal author of the *North Carolina Real Estate Manual* (2002-2003 edition) and co-author of the 2001 Supplement to *Webster's Real Estate Law in North Carolina*. He wrote manuscripts for, and spoke at, numerous CLE programs sponsored by North Carolina Bar Association sections, the law school, and the North Carolina Land Title Association. He addressed the annual meeting of the 25th Judicial District Bar Association (Lenoir, N.C.) on the topic "Leadership of the Bar in a Time of National Crisis."

Professor Hetrick chaired the law school's *ad hoc* self-study committee for re-accreditation purposes and served as a member of the American Bar Association's site evaluation teams for the following law schools: Southern University, University of Buffalo, and Western State. He chairs the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and is a member of the Real Property Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. He is the faculty advisor to the Campbell chapter of Phi Alpha Delta.

Professor Charles Lewis serves as a member and vice-chair of the North Carolina General Statutes Commission. He is the faculty advisor for Omicron Delta Kappa.

In addition to his regular courses in the areas of taxation, business planning, and law and accounting, Professor Robert Loftis taught the Business Associations course to the second-year class in the fall semester. Practitioners in the tax and business areas continue to benefit from his experience and expertise.

Professor Richard Lord continues to serve as the revising editor of *Williston on Contracts*. He is a member of the American Law Institute's Consulting Group on Article Two of the Uniform Commercial Code and was on the American Bar Association Site Evaluation Team for the Western State University Law School. He served as an arbitrator in several cases for the Better Business Bureau. He is the faculty advisor for Delta Theta Phi and for the Moot Court Board and the Moot Court Association. During the spring semester he was on leave serving as a visiting professor at the Rutgers University - Camden School of Law.

Professor James McLaughlin has chaired the Trusts Drafting Committee of the North Carolina General Statutes Commission. He was the co-author of the 2001 Supplement to *Webster's Real Estate Law in North Carolina* and the revising editor of *Wiggins on Wills and Administration of Estates in North Carolina*.

Professor Stanley McQuade published an article in the *Campbell Law Review* entitled "The Eggshell Skull Rule and Related Problems in Recovery for Mental Harm in the Law of Torts." He taught seminars on learning to read medical records and assisted Professor Hetrick in producing an electronic textbook on property law. All subjects he teaches are now supported by interactive computer-generated tutorials on the Campbell Law School web page. Professor McQuade prepared a CD-Rom interactive computer-assisted method of teaching the reading of medical records, and a handbook, which have been approved by the Curriculum Committee of the North Carolina Community Colleges for a course in the paralegal program.

Professor Richard Rodgers, who leaves the faculty at the conclusion of the 2001-2002 academic year, has served on the New Practice Support Committee of the American Bar Association General Practice and Solo Law Firm Section. He has been a director of the Coats Area Chamber of Commerce and has sponsored/mentored the Class of 2001 participants in the Start Your Own Law Firm (SYOLF) Program. He is the author of the Epilogue to the book, *Flying Solo: A Survival Guide for the Solo Lawyer* (Jeffrey R. Simmons, ed., third edition).

Associate Professor Gregory Wallace contributed two op-ed pieces to the *Raleigh News and Observer*. He served as faculty advisor to the moot court teams and the moot court boards. He is nearing completion of a dissertation leading to the awarding of the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Degree at the University of Virginia.

Professor Willis Whichard continues to serve both as Dean and a member of the faculty. During the past year he has been a member of the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina State Bar and a vice-president and member of the board of governors of the North Carolina Bar

Association. Last summer he was awarded membership in the American Law Institute. His biography of U.S. Supreme Court Justice James Iredell made the American Library Association's Outstanding Academic Title list for the year.

Assistant Professor Alan Woodlief continues to serve as Associate Dean for Admissions. In addition, he taught UCC II in summer school and Remedies in the spring. With Dean Whichard, he taught/facilitated an Introduction to Law course for the undergraduate pre-law majors. He is the revising author of two treatises, *North Carolina Law of Damages* and *North Carolina Appellate Advocacy*, both published by Harrison Publishers. He serves as a Research Associate for the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute of Government, working with the Criminal Law Subcommittee of the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions; as a member of the North Carolina State Bar's Publications Committee; and as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association's Appellate Rules Study Committee.

Professor William Woodruff served as a member of the Board of Advisors of the Center for Military Readiness and provided a manuscript for a Legal Issues in Oncology seminar. He was the faculty advisor to the *Campbell Law Observer* and coach for the Tournament of Champions Trial Team and the American Trial Lawyers Association Trial Teams. He performed yeoman service for the law school by chairing the Curriculum Committee and leading a thorough review of the law school curriculum in preparation for the American Bar Association re-accreditation visit. He also served on the law school's *ad hoc* Academic Stature Committee and the University's Internal Review Board.

In addition to the foregoing, most faculty members served their churches, other Christian-service organizations, and their communities in ways too numerous to detail fully in these pages.

III. FACULTY HIRES

The law school hired one new faculty member during the 2001-2002 academic year. Amy Flanary-Smith will join us effective July 1, 2002, as Assistant Professor in the Legal Research and Writing program. Ms. Flanary-Smith is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and of its School of Law. She clerked for Justice Willis P. Whichard on the North Carolina Supreme Court and Judge John B. Lewis, Jr., on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. She comes to the law school from an associate position in the Raleigh office of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, L.L.P.

The Legal Research and Writing Program was revised from a two-semester to a three-semester endeavor effective this academic year. While we awaited the arrival of Ms. Flanary-Smith, Olivia Weeks of the Law Library staff assisted with the program in the fall semester 2001, and Nicholas Herman, a Chapel Hill lawyer, assisted in the spring semester 2002.

IV. CURRICULUM

The Curriculum Committee conducted a thorough review of the school's course of study as a part of the self-study leading to the re-accreditation visit. The major alteration this effort produced is that, beginning with the Class of 2004, students will have the option of taking courses in their second and third years leading to certification, upon graduation, in an Advocacy Track or a Business Track. Students not opting for either track will continue to pursue the traditional curriculum.

V. LAW LIBRARY

In the fiscal year ending May 31, 2002, the Law Library added 4,322 print volumes and 1,189 microform volumes to the collection. This included 440 new titles. These additions bring the Library holdings to 180,712 volume equivalents, representing 21,521 titles. The Library's educational focus was demonstrated by numerous workshops, given by Associate Librarian Olivia Weeks, for paralegal classes, University undergraduate and graduate classes, the pre-law class, and a law school seminar needing specialized research instruction.

The Web-based on-line catalog contains entries for titles added to the collection since 1995, and more than half of the older titles. That catalog can be accessed from the Law Library home page: <http://webster.campbell.edu/culawlib.htm>.

VI. SUMMER SCHOOL

During the summer of 2001, fifty-one students were enrolled in the following courses: UCC II (Woodlief), Federal Income Tax (Loftis), Wills and Trusts (McLaughlin), and Constitutional Law: First Amendment (Wallace). Sixty applicants attended the Performance Based Admissions Program, and approximately half of those were offered admission to the fall entering class.

VII. STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association had a very active year. Its officers were: Neya Warren, President; Grant Almond, Vice-President; Julie Hampton, Secretary; and Misty Coble, Treasurer.

Each class also elects representatives. They were as follows:

- 3Ls Julianne Booth
Matt Nestor
Linda Reid Oldham
Todd Whitlow
Christy Wilhelm
Brian Williams
- 2Ls Mike Brown
Shawn Christenbury
Ginny Jenkins
Robbie Parker
Ashby Ray
Allison Siler
Lynn Wilson
- 1Ls Melissa Johnson
Meredith Kasper
B.J. McAvoy
Jenny Sarvis
Chip Slate
Clifton Smith

The following students served as members of the Honor Court:

- Chief Justice: David Sullivan
Attorney General: Rachel Blevins
Deputy Attorney General: Mike Epperly
Co-Defense Counsel: Toby Hampson, Hannah Styron
3L Justices: Kim Baxley, Angela Haas
2L Justices: Ashley Darden, Steven Long
1L Justices: Meader Harriss, Bo Thompson

The following are some of the SBA activities for the year: compiled and published a booklet on student contact information; sponsored a cookout for students in the Performance Based Admissions Program; participated in the orientation of first-year students through presentations by the SBA President and the Honor Court and through a luncheon held during the orientation week; worked with the academic Associate Dean, through student representatives, to review each semes-

ter's class schedule for conflicts or scheduling problems; established a committee to revise the Honor Code; facilitated the 1L elections; allocated student funds to a variety of organizations and purposes; established and maintained a master calendar of student events; posted "good luck" signs when our moot court and trial teams participated in competitions; matched 2Ls and 3Ls with 1Ls for mentoring purposes; sponsored "Conversations with the Dean," sessions at which Dean Whichard hears, and responds to, student questions and concerns; arranged bar-application fingerprinting sessions for 3Ls; sponsored a Halloween party and a Barrister's Ball; assisted Boy Scouts in obtaining their Legal Merit Badges via a seminar about law and the legal system; worked with the Christian Legal Society in collecting funds for the school's housekeepers; secured from McDonald's break-room coffee for all law students; sold Campbell Law apparel; sent flowers and cards upon the passing of relatives of members of the law school family; organized the law school portion of the University yearbook; updated the 1L, 2L, and 3L bulletin boards on a regular basis; gave presentations to middle schoolers about attending law school; handled SBA and Honor Court elections; sponsored the annual Law Day Awards Banquet; prepared and printed graduation announcements; and sponsored the graduation picnic.

The SBA President, Neya Warren, gave welcoming remarks at the 25th annual law school convocation, at which North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake was the speaker. She and the Honor Court Chief Justice, David Sullivan, served by appointment of the Dean as *ex officio* members of the Committee on the Law School Community (discussed hereinafter). President Warren also served as the SBA's representative on the University Parking Committee, and she spoke to prospective students, and responded to their questions, at the school's Admissions Open House on January 5, 2002.

Tragic events elsewhere prompted action by the SBA leaders. The organization sponsored a Candlelight Vigil for America as a healing mechanism for the law school in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. SBA Vice-President Grant Almond made welcoming remarks, followed by comments from Dean Whichard, Professors Baker and Button, and SBA representatives Linda Oldham, Ashby Ray, and Chip Slate. Julie Waller's sister Ashley sang the National Anthem; and Sal Mercogliano, husband of 2001 graduate Kathy Mercogliano, spoke for the Buies Creek Fire Department. All present joined in singing "God Bless America," SBA President Neya Warren gave closing remarks, and Christian Legal Society President David Cowan offered the closing prayer.

The SBA also held a blood drive on February 12, 2002, stimulated in part by the events of September 11th. Over 50 law students joined some professors and administrators in donating blood.

The tragic shooting deaths of the Dean, a faculty member, and a student at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, prompted an SBA-sponsored fund drive for contributions to the Thomas Blackwell Scholarship Fund, established in memory of the professor who was killed.

In 1999 the Student Bar Association sponsored a Campbell Day of Caring, in which students and faculty assisted Hurricane Floyd victims in Eastern North Carolina. This year classes were postponed over a two-day period to enable students and faculty to assist the North Carolina Food Banks in Raleigh and Durham.

The absence of the traditional "Start Your Own Law Firm" seminar from the curriculum this year prompted the SBA to sponsor a SYOLF seminar on April 4, 2002, conducted by former students in the program who have started their own law firm.

The final new SBA program for the year was fall and spring service fairs, started by 3L representative Linda Reid Oldham, in which companies from across North Carolina came to the law school to advertise their products to students and faculty for a day. In exchange for this opportunity, each company donated scholarship funds or meals to the law school.

As can readily be seen from the above, it has been a very active year for the SBA.

VIII. ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

A reunion to honor the classes of 1981 and 1991 was held at the Marriott RTP in the Research Triangle Park on April 20, 2002. Dean Whichard presided, and founding Dean Leary Davis made remarks. North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and her husband, William Holdford, closed out the dancing that followed the dinner.

Alumni gatherings were held at the annual meetings last summer of both the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and the North Carolina Bar Association. Similar events are scheduled for the summer of 2002.

The school is in the process of revamping its formal alumni association activities. Any alumni interested in assuming leadership roles in this endeavor are encouraged to contact the alumni relations office at 910-893-1784.

IX. BAR EXAMINATION RESULTS

The summer of 2001 again found Campbell graduates leading the passage rate on the North Carolina bar examination, though tied this time with Wake Forest, with a passage rate of 90%. The average overall passage rate for the five North Carolina law schools was 81%. Among first-time takers, Campbell had a 93% passage rate, while the average for first-time takers from the five North Carolina law schools was 87%. The overall passage rate, including both North Carolina and out-of-state law school graduates, was 82% for first-time takers and 75% overall. On the February 2002 bar examination we fell to a 60% passage rate, with six of ten passing.

Our record on the bar exams of other states continues to be good. Recent reports from graduates taking the exams of Arizona, California, Maryland, New Jersey, and South Carolina establish that all of them passed.

X. RE-ACCREDITATION

The U.S. Department of Education has established the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar as the official accrediting agency for American law schools. Every American law school must undergo an accreditation process every seven years. This was our year.

Considerable work was done on our building in preparation for the ABA inspection. The faculty spent many months engaged in a self-study leading to a visit by a Site Evaluation Team which transpired November 4-7, 2001. The report of the Site Evaluation Team concluded that "the law school is in good shape." As this is written, we have a March 2003 date for reporting back to the Section on certain items.

XI. VIS COMPETITION

For the second year, Campbell entered a student team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria. The following students composed the team: Lucinda Clements, Stephanie Gaston, Ed Geddings, and Tamara Shields. They were very ably coached by Professor Alan Button.

One hundred eight teams from thirty-six countries on five continents competed. Our team placed 26th, for a top one-fourth finish. It also received honorable mention for best respondents' brief. Only one other American law school, Loyola of Chicago, both placed in the top fourth overall and received an award for its written product. These students deserve our thanks and commendation for making our

school both better known and more favorably known at the international level.

XII. COMMITTEE ON THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

On July 11, 2001, the Dean appointed a new committee - with faculty, student, and staff representation - called the Committee on the Law School Community. The members are: Professor Cary, chair; Professor Baker; Professor Bowser; Professor Lewis; Professor Wallace; Neya Warren, SBA President, *ex officio*; David Sullivan, Honor Court Chief Justice, *ex officio*; Veronica Stewart; and Olivia Weeks. The Dean stated the committee's purpose and manner of functioning as follows:

We are a community here. Fortunately, we are small enough to have genuine community. We are large enough, however, that achieving genuine community can at times be difficult and inevitably there are both problems and opportunities that affect the life of the community as a whole.

This committee will process select matters affecting the law school community as a whole. It should provide members of the law school family who have communal concerns with a forum in which to articulate them. The matters that come before it could be negative in connotation, such as alleged discriminatory treatment, or they could be altogether positive, dealing with opportunities to enhance the life of the place for all of us. They may relate to how we respond as a community to tragic circumstances affecting a member or members of the community.

While ultimate decision-making authority continues to rest in the administration and/or the faculty, a process of this nature should narrow the task for the ultimate decision-maker(s) by producing proposed solutions or at least well-defined optional approaches.

Members of the law school community may present matters for the committee's consideration through Professor Cary, the chair, or through the Dean or Associate Dean.

Each member of the committee has expressed support for the concept and a willingness to serve, for which I am grateful. We have a very good community here. Hopefully, the process this committee provides will serve to make it an even better one.

The committee was quite active in the fall semester as the school prepared for the re-accreditation process. It prepared the draft, for faculty adoption, of the section on student life in the Self-Study that is a prerequisite to the re-accreditation visit.

The work of the committee has indeed served to make a good community a better one. Fortunately, there have been no crises for it to process; it will continue to serve the school on an as-needed basis.

XIII. JOINT CHILDREN IN FAMILIES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE MEDIATION TASK FORCE

On December 4, 2001, a working group met at the law school to discuss the need for a mediation program of restorative justice to work with juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent and those who have committed crimes but not yet been charged. The group also considered the need for mediation of legal problems of children in families. Convened jointly by Dean Whichard and Edward H. McCormick, Chief District Court Judge for the 11th Judicial District, the group's efforts evolved into the establishment, by order of Judge McCormick entered on February 20, 2002, of a Joint Children in Families and Juvenile Justice Mediation Task Force. The purpose, as expressed in the order, is "to coordinate the establishment of a mediation project for The Law School that can meet some or all of the mediation needs of juvenile justice and children in families in The District."

By subsequent order of Judge McCormick entered April 10, 2002, the following were designated as members of the Task Force: Anthony Baker, chair; Thomas Anderson, K. Edward Greene, Debra Brown, and Jean Cary (all appointed by Dean Whichard); and Ed Taylor, Pat Cameron, Lin Thomas, and Jon Powell (all appointed by Judge McCormick). It is anticipated that the Task Force will commence its work soon.

XIV. PLACEMENT

Ninety-four percent of the members of the Class of 2001 had found employment opportunities within nine months of their graduation. As this is written, 67% of the members of the Class of 2002 are placed. Given the challenging job market resulting from the economic downturn, this is an impressive figure. Our Career Services Office, under the leadership of Brandon Wright, Associate Dean for External Relations, has been substantially reorganized and is doing an excellent job.

XV. GIFTS

Law alumni contributed \$138,209.47 to Campbell University during the year to date. Overall gifts to the law school from all sources were \$168,555.38.

XVI. HONORS AND AWARDS

One student, Leah Cameron Lashley, graduated *summa cum laude*; another, Jennifer Carol Irby, graduated *magna cum laude*. The following graduated *cum laude*: Kimberly Anne Baxley, Julianne Hardee Booth, Matthew Charles Faucette, Horton Edward Geddings, Jr., Tobias Samuel Hampson, Andrew Miller Jackson, Tiffany Dawn Jeffords, Paul Carson McCoy, James Taylor Newman, Jr., John Michael Ricci, Matthew Brian Smith, Lauren Vaughn, Frank Todd Whitlow, and Christy Elizabeth Wilhelm.

Linda Reid Oldham received the Howard Christian Citizenship Award, given to the student whose citizenship and leadership exemplify the Christian character and aspirations of the law school. Leah Lashley received the West Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award for having the highest cumulative grade point-average over a three-year period. Jennifer Irby received the West Third-Year Academic Achievement Award for having the highest grade-point average in the third year. The Deans' Outstanding Improvement Award went to Taylor Laumann. Toby Hampson and Crystal Mezzullo shared the Fred O. Dennis Award for the student(s) whose work in various competitions or other areas best represents the School of Law to the community, the profession, and the public. Neya Warren received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award, which is based on academic achievement, motivation, and potential to contribute to the advancement of women in the legal profession. The Lake Constitutional Law Award for demonstrated excellence in the area of constitutional law was presented to the following:

First Place: Christy Wilhelm

Second Place (tie between two briefs): (1) Misti Boles, Wyles Johnson, Linda Oldham (2) Misti Boles, David Sullivan, Paige White

The Order of Barristers, which recognizes outstanding performance in the art of advocacy, inducted the following graduating students: Kim Baxley, Eileen Bornstein, Matt Faucette, Fiona Ginter, Angela Haas, Toby Hampson, Crystal Mezzullo, Linda Oldham, Hannah Styron, and David Sullivan.

The Safran Moot Court Awards went to Misti Boles and Linda Oldham. Misti Boles received the Calhoun Advocacy Award. North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Awards went to Crystal Graham, Kelly Hazelwood, Taylor Laumann, and Elizabeth Weeks. Crystal Mezzullo received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award. Todd Whitlow and Jason Coats received BB&T Estate Planning Awards.⁷

The Order of Old Kivett, which recognizes exemplary representation in advocacy competitions while maintaining the highest ethical

standards, awarded membership to the following: Rachel Blevins, Misti Boles, Julianne Booth, Hal Broadfoot, Mark Carlson, Jim Ferguson, Ed Geddings, Wyles Johnson, Lee Marler, Cyndi Miller, Amy Nuttall, Chip Rodgers, Sam Rumph, Neya Warren, Paige White, Christy Wilhelm, and Brian Williams.

XVII. TRAGEDY

No matter how hard we work and how well we do, the news is never all good. On May 10, 2002, Brandy R. Martin, a member of the Class of 2003, died, a victim of domestic violence. Numerous students, faculty, and staff attended her funeral in Fayetteville following graduation on May 13th. We will all cherish memories of Brandy as a pleasant friend who contributed significantly to the life of this community of learning.

XVIII. DEDICATION

It is our hope and prayer that this school may continue to develop and improve its capacity to prepare graduates who are both competent and ethical for entry into the legal profession in its many facets. It remains our objective to instill a servant mentality along with the requisite legal learning as we prepare our graduates for both private and public tasks. We leave the year past with gratitude to God and to all who have helped us with what together we have accomplished. We look to the future with renewed commitment and hope.

Willis P. Whichard, Dean