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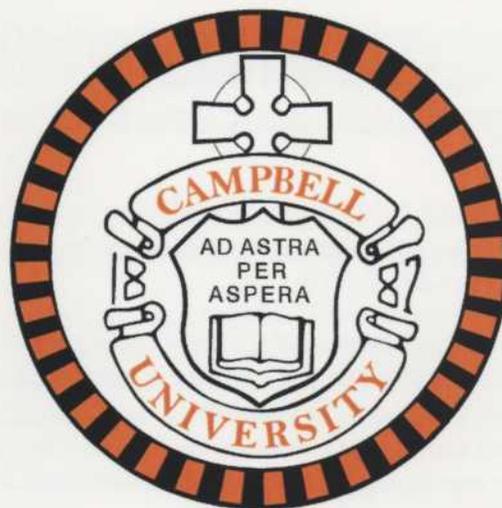
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Thirty-Seventh Convocation

Campbell University
Norman Adrian Wiggins
School of Law



Tuesday, August 13, 2013
Three o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church
99 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603



J. Rich Leonard
Dean of Campbell University Law School

J. Rich Leonard, former United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, assumed the role of dean at Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law on July 15, 2013. Dean Leonard serves as Campbell Law's fifth dean, following Dean Melissa Essary (2006-12) and Interim Dean B. Keith Faulkner (2012-13).

A native of Davidson County, Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar. He earned a master's degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1973, and then earned a law degree from Yale Law School in 1976.

He has served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina since 1992 acting as Chief Judge from 1999 through 2006. Prior to that time, he was a United States Magistrate Judge (1981-92) and Clerk of Court of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (1979-92). For more than a decade Leonard also acted as a consultant to the U.S. Department of State, working with judiciaries in many developing countries, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa.

Leonard's professional associations include appointments to the Board of Governors for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2008-11); Fellow at the American College of Bankruptcy (2005–present); and leadership roles with the Wake County Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Association, among other legal organizations.

His judicial work and expertise have earned him both state and national recognition. In 2011, the American Bar Association awarded Leonard with the Robert B. Yegge Award for Outstanding Contribution to Judicial Administration. He is the 1992 recipient of the Director's Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Federal Judiciary. In 2011, he was selected as the editor-in-chief of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal.

Leonard has also been active in the classroom. He has worked as an adjunct professor for North Carolina Central University School of Law (1985-86; 1995-98); UNC School of Law (1994-95); and, most recently, Campbell Law (2009-13). In 2012, Campbell Law's Delta Theta Phi Fraternity presented Leonard with the Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence.

Dean Leonard is married to Dr. Whitney Jenkins Cain, an associate professor of psychology at William Peace University. He is the proud father of three sons and two daughters.

Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law

Investiture

Dr. Jerry M. Wallace, *President*
Presiding

PREFLUDE & PROCESSIONAL	Dr. Daniel W. Hester <i>Organist</i>
INVOCATION	Dr. M. Dwaine Greene <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS	Mr. Timothy R. Zinnecker <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Professor of Law</i>
GREETINGS TO THE DEAN:	
FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Mr. Benjamin N. Thompson <i>Chairman</i>
FROM THE UNIVERSITY	Dr. Ronald W. Maddox <i>Vice President of Health Programs</i> <i>Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences</i>
FROM THE LAW SCHOOL BOARD OF VISITORS	Mr. Terrence M. Bagley <i>Chairman</i>
FROM THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION	Mr. Wes Saunders <i>President</i>
FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION	Mr. Roger W. Smith, Sr. <i>Former ABA House of Delegates</i>
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION	The Honorable Wanda G. Bryant <i>N.C. Court of Appeals</i> <i>Vice President, NCBA</i>
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR	Mr. M. Keith Kapp <i>President</i>
FROM THE WAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	Mr. Thomas H. Davis, Jr. <i>President</i>
FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA	The Honorable Sarah E. Parker <i>Chief Justice</i>
FROM THE FEDERAL BENCH	The Honorable Allyson K. Duncan <i>U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC:	Dr. Phillip J. Morrow <i>Pianist</i>
	Mrs. Susan L. Morrow <i>Vocalist</i>
INSTALLATION OF THE DEAN	
PRESIDENT'S CHARGE	Dr. Jerry M. Wallace
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INSTALLATION ADDRESS	Dean J. Rich Leonard
BENEDICTION	The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Sawyer <i>The Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
RECESSIONAL & POSTLUDE	Dr. Daniel W. Hester

* The audience is asked to rise and remain standing during this portion of the program.

Litany of Installation and Commitment

Leader: There are different gifts. But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving. But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways. Within our common profession, some members are chosen for different tasks. As you assume the Deanship of the School of Law, do you commit yourself, by word and deed, to continued exemplary service to the legal profession, to legal education, and to the broader public which they exist to serve?

Dean: With God's help, and that of those with whom I work, I do.

All: We commit to pray for you, to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. We also commit to assist you, for nothing that we do, no matter how great, can be accomplished alone.

Students: We commit to appreciating those who diligently labor among us and have charge over us and give us instruction. We commit to holding them in high esteem because of their work.

Faculty: We commit to speaking the truth and to maintaining the highest ideals of the legal profession.

Students: We commit to conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of students of the law, being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Leader: Jesus defined true greatness when he said, "The greatest of all is the servant of all." Today, in this Convocation, we reaffirm the mission of the School of Law which is serving others. In the tradition of service established long ago by Jesus and followed by our graduates throughout this state and nation, do you commit yourself to such service?

Students and Faculty: With God's help, we do.

Leader: As you confront challenges in your field of practice, do you commit yourself to helping individuals?

Students and Faculty: We promise to accept and serve others as we ourselves have been accepted and to do so with sensitivity and courage.

Leader: It is from God that we have learned what goodness and justice are.

Students, Faculty, and Members of the Bar: Help us to help others to settle their disputes and differences in peace and friendship rather than to pursue them in bitterness and contention. Make us not only experts in the law, but also wise counselors to those who come to us for help and for advice.

The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Campbell University

The Campbell University School of Law was founded in 1976. The vision for the law school was to develop a different program, and one with limited enrollment so as to increase student opportunities for interaction with faculty and professional development. The school was designed to attract outstanding legal educators and enthusiastic law students, and to serve as a model for American legal education.

This goal of developing a unique school of law became a reality as a consequence of hard work, patience, and outstanding leadership. For more than three decades, the law school has continuously demonstrated a commitment to prepare its graduates to serve their communities with legal skill and ethical and intellectual leadership, living up to the noblest tradition of the counselor.

The School of Law is a highly demanding, purposely small, intensely personal community of faculty and students whose aim, guided by transcendent values, is to develop lawyers who possess moral conviction, social compassion, and professional competence and who view the practice of law as a calling to serve others and to create a more just society. The delivery of this distinctive legal education is achieved by incorporating guiding principles aimed at supporting the School of Law's vision. The academic program is rigorous and demanding, holding students to the highest expectations in thinking, preparation, and application. To produce thoughtful, talented lawyers, our doctrinal offerings are balanced with comprehensive practicing skills training. The faculty is a community of scholars profoundly committed to students and teaching. The School of Law strives to produce competent, compassionate lawyers who view the practice of law as a calling to serve others. Sharing in Campbell University's purpose and mission, the School of Law seeks to educate students from a Christian perspective in a caring community where everyone is treated with kindness, civility, and respect and free and open discussion of ideas is encouraged.

On this special day, when lawyers, faculty members, and future lawyers gather to reflect on the meaning of being a member of a learned profession, we express a profound sense of appreciation to all those who helped build this law school and to all those who now are charged with providing this unique law school with new opportunities for greater service and accomplishments.