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Geraldine Owens Spates, Law Class of 1992

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START YOUR OWN LAW FIRM

SYOLF. If you don’t know what that means, you might try asking one of the seventeen 1995 graduates who have just taken advantage of the program. SYOLF, which stands for “Start Your Own Law Firm,” is a brainchild of Professor Richard T. Rodgers and it has been giving Campbell lawyers a boost for the past four years.

The program is a voluntary (i.e., no credit) course offered each Spring Semester to any third year students who are interested. It’s appealing for students like Russell Smith and Laura Watts, who are planning to begin a practice in New Bern upon graduation. “I think it’s important to hear from folks who have actually started their own firms and who are making it work,” says Smith. “They have the best perspective about what it’s really like.” It’s also a safety net for third year students who hadn’t planned to go solo but who haven’t yet landed the right job. “I want to be able to practice as soon as I pass the bar, whether alone or with an established firm,” said third year student Bob Shade.

According to Professor Rodgers, the premise behind the program is twofold: First, it is consistent with Campbell’s position that its graduates are “ready-to-go” lawyers. Second, it supports the Campbell goal to send lawyers where they are needed, and not just to established firms that are already serving the community.

During its short life, the program has already garnered significant corporate support. 1995 graduates received the following:

1. LOIS (Fayetteville, Arkansas) issued a copy of all N.C. law on two disks; that included appellate caselaw, statutes, and the N.C. Administrative Code.

2. Lawyer’s Co-Op gave disks with N.C. law coverage and a CD-ROM of Strong’s N.C. Index.

3. Microsoft Corporation furnished a complete copy of Office Professional to SYOLF grads.

4. Centura Bank has developed a “start-up package” for SYOLF grads that includes favorable rates for loans, credit cards, checking account services, etc.

SYOLF classes are held each week and most are conducted by recent Campbell graduates who have started their own practice and are thriving. Having just completed a 200+ page book on the topic, Professor Rodgers spends a couple of classes discussing a malpractice hazard: establishing and managing trust accounts. Steve Plummer of Centura Bank spoke on February 13, 1996 to detail a banker’s approach to a new lawyer’s loan application. Other classes include visits from Campbell grads who share their ideas on marketing, finding clients, and creating a professional image.

The function of the SYOLF program is to build students’ confidence in starting a practice and to provide them with some of the business skills that they’ll need to pull it off. It seems to be working. According to Professor Rodgers, all of the Campbell Lawyers who have begun their own practices have survived that risky first year of practice. “The success of this program encourages North Carolina parents to send their children to Campbell Law School and it encourages North Carolina Lawyers to hire our graduates,” said Professor Rodgers. “The success of our graduates also renews my confidence in the capability of all of our law students.”
SUPREME COURT TRIP

Twelve attorneys (10 Campbell grads) were presented to the Supreme Court on December 11, 1995 by Dean Patrick K. Hetrick, who served as the Movant before the Court. Overall, there were approximately 100 attorneys sworn in that day before the Court. The ceremony was very inspiring and left everyone with a great sense of pride in our judicial system.

A reception on Sunday evening, December 10 was held at the Hyatt Regency, Capitol Hill. Dean Patrick K. Hetrick, along with wife Bernadette were on hand to greet the people who attended the fun evening, which was hosted by the Law School. Alumni/ae who reside in the D.C. area attended, as well as a few Capitol Hill dignitaries, invited guests of the inductees and members of the Law School Alumni Department.

New Campbell Law inductees were: Marion Jeanne Browning-Baker, L’92; John Tyler Burns, L’83; Johnny C. Chriscoe, L’90; Marcelina K. Crisco, L’92; Michael Alan Green, L’91; Charles C. Henderson, L’87; William Tyrone Sawyer, L’88; Reba Sloan Smith, L’91; Sherra Robinson Smith, L’89; Frank W. Wishart, Jr., L’92. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

MEET THE NEW FACULTY

E. Gregory Wallace

E. Gregory Wallace, formerly a visiting assistant professor at the University of Arkansas -Little Rock School of Law, is now an assistant professor at Campbell. Professor Wallace is teaching Contracts to the first year class, and elective courses Land Use and the Environment, and Constitutional Litigation.

Professor Wallace received his B.A. from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He conducted his graduate study at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He went on to earn his Masters degree, with honors, at the Dallas Theological Seminary. Professor Wallace attended law school at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, where he graduated with high honors, and received an LL.M. at the University of Virginia. Wallace is currently a candidate for the S.J.D. degree at the University of Virginia.

A former minister, professor Wallace has special expertise with First Amendment issues of Religious speech and has a number of published articles on the subject. Before becoming a professor, Wallace worked in private practice for two years and was a law clerk to the Honorable Susan Webber Wright, United States District Judge, in the Eastern District of Arkansas for two years.

Professor Wallace is married to attorney Stephanie Bartels Wallace, whom he met in law school. They have one daughter, Hannah, who is one and a half. Professor Wallace enjoys spending time with his family, reading, bicycling, basketball, hiking and snow skiing.

Alan Dale Woodlief, Jr.

Alan Dale Woodlief, Jr., a 1994 Campbell Law School graduate, has returned to the fold to teach Legal Methods, the first year research and writing course. He is pleased to be back at Campbell and is enjoying his role on the faculty.

Before enrolling at Campbell’s Law School, Professor Woodlief received his B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduating from Campbell Law School in 1994, Woodlief worked as a research assistant for the Honorable Justice Henry E. Frye, on the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Professor Woodlief is married to Wendy Woodlief, and the two reside in Fuquay-Varina. Woodlief is an avid tennis player, and when not at the Law School, he’s likely on the tennis court or the golf course.
TRIAL TEAMS COMPETE IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

On February 8th and 9th, two of Campbell’s Trial Advocacy teams travelled to Oxford, Mississippi, to compete in the regional competition of the National Trial Competition. This year’s competition was hosted by the University of Mississippi. Competing were Mary Elizabeth Ward Bowen, Jessica Suzanne Cook, V. Stuart Couch, Arthur A. Donadio, Jack E. McLamb, III, and Ashlie Dean Parrish, all students in the Class of 1996. The teams were coached by Professor Thomas P. Anderson, who was assisted by Professor Robert A. Jenkins and Associate Dean Johnny C. Chriscoe, Jr. (L’90).

Both Campbell teams defeated two opposing teams to advance to the final eight of the twenty-two original teams, representing eleven law schools.

Each trial was conducted before a three-judge panel consisting of members of the Mississippi Bar. The judges would individually score each part of the trial, and the total points awarded by a particular judge would determine his or her vote for the winner of the competition. The Campbell teams received the unanimous vote of each panel in each of their first four trials.

Campbell defeated teams from the University of North Carolina, University of Tennessee, University of Mississippi and Arkansas-Little Rock to advance to the final eight teams. Teams from the University of Memphis and Wake Forest University narrowly defeated Campbell.

“I am extremely proud of the work done by this year’s trial team members,” said Anderson. “We have a very competitive region which is evidenced by the close final rounds.”
Again this year the Intramural ABA Client Counseling Competition was a great success. The competition began on Monday evening with 44 teams (88 students - all of whom were 1Ls) participating. After that evening, the field was cut to a quarterfinal round on Wednesday, a Semifinal round on Thursday and the Final round on Friday evening.

In the finals were the teams of Susan Newell and Sandra Shofran, both from Raleigh and of Calvin Chandler from Sumter, South Carolina and Carson Saunders from Emporia, Virginia. When the scores were totaled, Susan and Sandra were the Intramural Champions for 1996.

Because of a scheduling difficulty, the team of second-year students, who were to compete in the regional competition, could not do so. Therefore, Susan and Sandra were the pinch-hit team at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Although they were eliminated after the preliminary rounds, Susan and Sandra performed very commendably among those teams, most of whom were made up of second and/or third-year students.

Our thanks goes to all of you who assisted as judges and extra special thanks goes to 2L student, Lisa Turner, the ABA-Law Student Representative, who served as the Competition Administrator, handling all the details of putting the competition together and pulling it off.
CAMPBELL TRIAL TEAMS REACH REGION FINALS

Eighteen trial teams representing eleven law schools in the mid-Atlantic region met in Norfolk, VA, March 1-3 for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America annual student trial advocacy competition. The competition format provides for the two top teams to represent the region in the national competition in Florida the end of March.

Campbell, the winner of the region competition the last two years and a finalist in the National competition last year, again proved the quality and consistency of its trial advocacy program. Over three days of competition both of the Campbell teams reached the finals. While several other schools fielded two teams, only Campbell, Georgetown, and the University of Baltimore were able to advance both of their teams into the semifinal rounds. The Campbell team of Catherine Ross, Bill Beesch, Emma Stallings, and Chris Kennedy defeated Georgetown to win Campbell's trip to the finals for the third straight year. Meanwhile, Laura Lizak, Jeremy McKirmy, Lisa Rivers, and Joe Osman defeated Baltimore to make Campbell the only school to place both teams in the final round.

"Placing both teams in the finals is no small feat," commented Professor William Woodruff, the Campbell coach. "We're very proud of our students and the work they put in getting ready for this competition. Obviously, we would have liked to repeat as region champions, but at this level the competition is like Olympic ice-skating. Sometimes the judges like your style and sometimes they like the other team's style," Woodruff added.

"Our consistency in reaching the finals with both teams twice in the last three years says a great deal for our program," said Campbell Acting Dean Jim McLaughlin.

"Campbell's main purpose in entering these competitions is to enhance the educational experience of our students and to provide additional, more intense, trial advocacy training. We accomplish that every time we compete. We think we have one of the very best trial advocacy programs in the country and our consistent success in these competitions proves it," McLaughlin added.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONFERENCE

Campbell University Norman A. Wiggins School of Law Church - State Resource Center is co-sponsoring a summer project with the Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity in London.

Two or perhaps three full-time students will be selected to work on this summer project.

The institute is the premiere western agency that monitors legal and political developments in predominantly Muslim states effecting minority religious communities.

They are non-denominational, but are well-related to major Christian denominations, relief and development agencies and mission organizations, as well as national church leaders.

The students will provide direct research and drafting for a resource manual on religious liberty law as it relates to predominantly Muslim countries.

This will involve identifying relevant constitutional clauses, international conventions and treaties, etc.

The target audiences for this resource manual are lawyers, national church leaders and national government officials. Additionally, other portions of the resource manual will be drafted by council members familiar with specific countries and problems.

The majority of the project will be researched and constructed here at Campbell University and will also entail participation in a several day London consultation from July 12 - 14, which will involve international lawyers, national Christian leaders from Muslim countries and organizational representatives.
WOMEN-IN LAW HOST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEMINAR

Four local experts appeared in Wiggins Hall on February 12 when Campbell’s Women In Law hosted a Domestic Violence Seminar. Speaking to a packed classroom, the experts stressed the importance of being conscious of domestic violence, a problem that pervades the practice of law.

Karen Jackson, who has served 21 years as the director of S.A.F.E. of Harnett County (Sexual Assault Family Emergency), detailed the services her organization offers to victims of domestic violence. She also defined what is known as the cycle of domestic violence. The cycle includes a tension building phase, where a couple is arguing, an explosive phase, where the assault or violence actually occurs, and a honeymoon phase, where the violent partner is apologetic and tries to smooth things out. Ms. Jackson warned that as an abusive relationship progresses, the phases in the cycle become shorter until there is no honeymoon phase at all.

Appearing on behalf of the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Executive Director Kathryn Hodges gave students a glimpse at the sheer number of victims of domestic violence. According to Ms. Hodges, over 40,000 women and children were served by domestic violence programs in North Carolina in 1995. Citing one statistic that North Carolina magistrates handle over 200,000 domestic violence cases per year, Ms. Hodges said that the numbers of domestic violence problems that don’t ever make it to a magistrate must be astounding.

Len Mueller (L’85), certified family law specialist and partner with DeMent, Askew, Gammon, Mueller & DeMent, spoke of her experience with domestic violence in her family law practice. Ms. Mueller stressed the importance of keeping clients’ safety a lawyer’s top priority. “Domestic violence is a real problem,” said Ms. Mueller. “It will touch [your practice].”

Finally Detective Bernice Smith, an officer with the Harnett County Sheriff’s Department, spoke about the procedure for answering domestic calls. Because of the intense emotions involved, the sheriff’s department always sends two officers to answer domestic calls.

Our thanks to all of the experts for making time to come to Campbell and to discuss this important issue.

LEARY DAVIS CONDUCTS PROGRAM FOR LAW FIRM RETREAT

The Law Firm of Clawson & Staubes, LLC participated in the Campbell (not named after the school) Organizational Survey at the Annual Law Firm Retreat at Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort in Litchfield Beach, SC. Founding Dean and Professor of Law Leary Davis and the Davis Consulting Group led their program for two of the three days. The retreat was held January 12-14, 1996.

L to R: Ron Jones, ’88; Sam Clawson, ’80; Leary and Joy Davis; and Jim Atkins, ’84.

Thanks to all of you who made the 1996 Law School Phone-a-thon a success!!
James R. Bailey is recovering from cancer surgery, and has returned to work at the N.C. Department of Correction, Purchasing and Services, 1000 Mountford Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27603; (919)733-7237.

John M. Tyson has been appointed to a NC Legislative Research Committee that will study Property Issues, by Senator Marc Basnight, Preside Pro Tempore of North Carolina Senate. This Committee will study a variety of property issues including condemnation, annexation, extraterritorial jurisdiction and private property rights. John currently serves as Chairman of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board and was elected to the Cumberland Soil & Water District in 1992, he also serves as Chairman of that board.

Barbara Hollingsworth recently received one of just four national ABA Family Law Section Pro Bono CLE scholarships awarded to attend the ABA Family Law Section Fall meeting in Beaver Creek, CO. Barbara was nominated by the Cabarrus County volunteer lawyer coordinator at the Concord Office of Legal Services of Southern Piedmont.

Pamela Weaver Best has been named Interim County Attorney for Pitt County.

John Winn writes that he and his wife, Anne had their first child, a son named Joseph William (Class of 2020) born on Thanksgiving Day. John announces that he is in his third and last year as a professor at the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s School in Charlottesville, VA.

Lisa Morris Duncan was invited to St. Louis, Missouri by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations to assist with the drafting of a national competency exam for paralegals, the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE). Administration of the exam should begin in 1996. Lisa has also been asked by West Publishing Co. to write two study guides to accompany two of their estate and probate administration textbooks. The works are entitled - WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PARALEGAL AND WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PARALEGAL-THE ESSENTIALS.

William B. Trice and his wife are the new proud parents of a daughter, Kinsleigh Elizabeth, born on October 3, 1995. William is employed by the firm of Murchison, Taylor, Kendrick, Gibson & Davenport in Wilmington, NC.

Bobby L. Bollinger has been elected President of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina, Inc. “United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina, Inc. is a non-profit health care services organization with 25 locations around North Carolina which seeks to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and others disabilities,” according to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of NC.

W. Hackney High, Jr. and his wife, Martha are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Molly Castleton who was born on April 7, 1995 and weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz. He also announces the opening of his new Outer Banks Office at 1500 S. Croatan Hwy., PO Box 670, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Hack’s main office for the practice of General Law is still located at 102 E. Queen Street, PO Box 92, Edenton, NC 27932.

Paul J. Raisig was a special guest at the War Correspondents Remembrance and Reunion (R&R) held in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 1995. The R&R was co-hosted by Walter Cronkite and Peter Arnett and was attended by war correspondents from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Attendees and participants included Andy Rooney, Bernard Kalb, Horst Fass, David Halberstam, among others. Approximately 500 people attended the event which commenced at Arlington Cemetery with a dedication to those war correspon-
dents who had been killed in war. The Vietnam War, by far, took more lives of correspondents, 86, than any other American War. Not a war correspondent, Paul served two combat tours in Vietnam during his Army career before becoming a lawyer. During his Vietnam tour in the early years of the war, Paul came to know a number of then young correspondents, including Pulitzer Prize winners Neil Sheehan and David Halberstam. He would take them with him on his helicopter combat assaults into enemy territory so they could report, first hand, on the war. Unfortunately, their reporting frequently was discounted by Washington and making of a quagmire in Southeast Asia had begun.

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Nina Fields Jackson and husband, Keith, are the proud parents of daughter, Rachel Lisbeth, born December 6, 1995, weighing 8 lbs. 11oz.

Dawn Peters finished her tour in the Navy and was awarded the Naval Commendation Medal. She is now an associate at Breeden, MacMillan & Green, 1700 First Virginia Tower, 555 Main St., Norfolk, VA 23510. She is also President-Elect of the Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach.

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Kimberly Talbert Myers announces her marriage to Robert Wayne Myers on November 4, 1995. Robert is an electrical engineer with Telemetry Data Systems at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Patuxent, Maryland. They reside nearby on Hickory Creek at 105 Hickory Lane, Hollywood, MD. 20636. Kimberly also announces the opening of a new office building which will become the firm’s central office. The address is: Kimberly Talbert Myers, Esquire, Chapman & Bowling, P.A., PO Box 610, 112 LaGrange Ave., La Plata, MD 20646; (301)870-5535.

Sandra Prelipp has become a shareholder with White & Johnson, P.C. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her work address is 1715 First Avenue S.E., PO Box 607, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406.

Julie M. Zuber is an associate with the firm of Riecker, Van Dam, Looby & Barker, P.C., 414 Townsend Street, PO Box 632, Midland, MI 48640.

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James R. Caviness has opened his own law practice at 715 North Madison Street, Courthouse Square, Whiteville, NC 28472; (910)641-0090.

Thomas D. McNamara and wife Joanne welcomed Keegan Patrick into the world in July of 1995. Keegan weighed 9 lbs., 11 ozs and joins brother Hunter (8) and his sister Caitlin (5). They reside at 104 Myrtle Place, Jacksonville, NC 28540; (910)938-6927.

Captain Sam Morris and wife Deborah are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, MacKenzie Claire, born August 16, 1995. Sam is currently serving as the Installation Labor Law Counselor for the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. Sam previously served at Fort Riley as an Administrative Law Attorney and Legal Assistance Attorney for one year each. The ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP) recently recognized Sam for his leading efforts in the field of Preventive Law by presenting him with the 1995 ABA Legal Assistance Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented annually by the ABA to one deserving military attorney selected from nominations received by all four branches of military service. You can reach Sam at (913)239-2217(w)/(913)238-1918(h).

Steve Watkins and Michael Zetts held their first CLE seminar on “Computerizing the Law Firm in North Carolina: How and Where to Start” on February 23. We join with Professor Rodgers in hoping that their seminar was a great success.

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Amy Campbell and Michael Petty (L'95) were married on October 14, 1995 in Raleigh. Their home address is 1202 Banbury Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607.
Class Actions

Don McCorquodale is employed by the NC Retail Merchants Association, PO Box 176001, Raleigh, NC 27619; (919)787-9520.

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Brian Blankenship, is currently serving as a Lt. J.G. in the United States Naval JAG Corp and currently stationed in Pensacola, Florida. His new address is Tanglewood Apts., 4470 Old Spanish Trail #98, Pensacola, Fl. 32504; (904)435-4861

Susan Brightman has successfully passed the Iowa Bar Examination.

Holly Miller and Michael Groce were married on October 14, 1995. Holly works for the Law Office of Warren E. Kasper, 3626 Clemmons Road in Clemmons, NC 27012. Her home address is 3934 Westridge Meadow Circle, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Michael Petty and Amy Campbell (L'94) were married on October 14, 1995 in Raleigh. Their home address is 1202 Banbury Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607.

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