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"I use my Campbell education every day."
Elaine Marshall
North Carolina Secretary of State
IN MEMORIAM

DR. ROBERT E. LEE

OCTOBER 9, 1906 - AUGUST 21, 1997
On Saturday, August 23, 1997, we gathered in Vogler's Funeral Home Chapel on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem for the final graduation of Dr. Robert E. Lee, one of the outstanding professors of law of the Wake Forest Law School and one of the finest legal educators of recent times. Among those who came together were former students, former colleagues both at Wake Forest and at Campbell where Dr. Lee taught upon his retirement from Wake Forest; and friends from Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and from across the State. It was truly a day of graduation and celebration of a life well lived.

Millie and I arose early and drove over to Winston-Salem for this final salute to my former teacher, colleague both at Wake Forest and Campbell and our longtime friend. Vogler’s Chapel is located just a short distance off the campus of Wake Forest. Inasmuch as the campus chapel was undergoing renovation, the Vogler Chapel seemed an appropriate place to meet for this farewell to our friend.

Arriving at the Chapel early, we had the good fortune of visiting with the Lee children - Bob, Chuck, and Betty and their children. Bob and Chuck were students at the Wake Forest Law School when I taught there. Having been a student at the Law School and later a professor when they were growing up, we began to talk about what they had been doing since we were last together. And, of course, we swapped a few favorite stories about their famous father and beautiful mother, Louise, who died only a short time ago.

Also present were Horace (Dagwood) Kormegay and his friend, Zachariah Hampton Howerton (Hamp). "Dagwood" preceded me in both the college and law school. While in college, he served as President of the Student Government and later went on to serve in Congress. He probably knows about as many good Wake Forest stories as my former esteemed student, Willis (Doc) Murphrey. Having known Dr. Lee as both student and colleague, I can verify that this was a gathering that Dr. Lee would have enjoyed.
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At precisely 11:00 a.m., we moved into the Chapel and Edgar Christman, one of Doctor Lee’s former students, and now Campus Minister at Wake Forest, regaled family and friends with stories about his days in Dr. Lee’s classes. Ed is an excellent speaker and a great storyteller and on that day he was at his peak.

After some beautiful hymns, which Dr. Lee probably had selected, Dr. Richard Groves, Pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church on campus, and Dr. Lee’s pastor read some of Dr. Lee’s favorite passages of Scripture. I do not know how long Dr. Graves had known Dr. Lee, but he put death into proper perspective by assuring us that this life is a preparation for the life hereafter. I liked that. Others did also.

At the conclusion of Dr. Graves’ remarks and the music, Professor James E. Sizemore, Professor of Law (Retired) at Wake Forest and a former student of Dr. Lee’s delivered the Eulogy. Jim Sizemore, like Dr. Lee, is another "Wake Forest Law School Great." He is a demanding, but excellent teacher and a truly outstanding speaker. (He is also a superb performer of Country Music). I highly commend his Eulogy for your reading.

As I listened to Professor Sizemore’s Eulogy, I began to think of my long friendship with Dr. Lee. Our first meeting was in the now J. Clyde Turner Chapel of the D. Rich Building on the Campbell campus. On that day, Dr. Lee spoke on the “Majesty of the Law.” And, yes, among the things he told us was the "Law Is A Jealous Mistress." I can testify to all that he was "right on target."

At the conclusion of his remarks, I went to the stage, thanked him for his remarks and asked that I might visit with him for a few minutes. He assured me he would be happy to see me. As soon as he finished greeting faculty and students, he turned and in that solemn voice for which he was famous, he asked what he could do for me. After having heard his eloquent remarks on "The Majesty of the Law," and the difficulties of legal education, I wasn’t sure I wanted him to do anything for me.

But I was there, transcript in hand, and I said, "I will soon complete my studies at Campbell, and I would like to transfer directly to the Wake Forest Law School."

I handed Dr. Lee the transcript of my grades which tended to show what can happen when one gives up athletics, spends four years in the Marine Corps and gets focused on his career goals. Dr. Lee took the transcript, studied it for a few minutes (it seemed like an eternity) and turned to me and warmly congratulated me on my transcript and my service with the Marines. I didn’t know then that he was a veteran of World War II and had a warm spot in his heart for anyone who had served his country.

Thinking I had crossed the hurdle, I was surprised when he told me I would have to complete two more years (junior and senior) of college before I would be eligible to apply for law school. I said "goodbye" and left. I was disappointed and went to discuss what had happened with the late Dr. A. R. Burkot, then Dean of the College. He said, "Dr. Lee is right! You will make a serious mistake if you shortcut your undergraduate education!"

I wrote to Dr. Lee, thanked him for his time and told him that I would be applying in about two years. Later on, Dr. Lee and I discussed that meeting and his, Dr. Burkot’s and our decision. As I look back on it now, I know that both men were right. There is no shortcut to a good education!"

In 1967, I was preparing to leave Wake Forest for Campbell. Before leaving, I went by to tell Dr. Lee goodbye. As we visited, I inquired as to whether he would be interested in coming to Campbell to teach a course in history in which he could teach about Blackbeard and other North Carolina stories. I never realized at that time that later on, Campbell would have a law school. He assured me that if he could, he would be happy to teach at Campbell.

Later, Dr. Lee, the late Dr. I. Beverly Lake and Dr. Hugh William Divine would join our law faculty as adjunct professors; Dean Carroll W. Weathers would come each year and deliver the Convocation
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Address to the First-Year Law Class. Dr. and Mrs. Lee moved into one of the faculty apartments where they became very popular with both faculty and students. Together, this group of legal scholars made an invaluable contribution to our fledgling law school.

As Millie and I journeyed home from the Service for my former teacher, colleague and our friend, I was reminded of one of my favorite poems entitled "The Miracle of Friendship."

There is a miracle called friendship
That dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens or how
it gets its start...
But the happiness it brings you
Always gives a special lift,
And you realize that friendship
Is God's most precious gift.

Author Unknown

And as the poet says
"...yesterday is but a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision.
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope."

Happiness and hope were in abundance last Saturday at the graduation service of Dr. Robert E. Lee, who loved the Law and honored it throughout all his professional career.

Robert E. Lee and his beloved Louise spent his 49th and 50th years of law school teaching at Campbell. Those were also the third and fourth years of the school's existence, the 1978-79 and 1979-80 academic years. Because of the American Bar Association's accreditation requirements, they were also the most important years in the school's history. Dr. Lee's contributions to our attainment of full ABA approval were substantial, and I will always be grateful to him for the years he spent with us.

As perhaps only the first three classes to attend Campbell recall, our charter class was admitted in 1976, and we had our first ABA accreditation visit in the fall of 1977, the earliest date allowed by the ABA. We received a favorable report from our inspection team, but one that expressed concern about the ability of a small Baptist college in rural North Carolina to generate sufficient resources to maintain a school of the quality we planned. The Accreditation Committee of the ABA's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar focused on that concern and recommended to the Section's Council that we, and other schools applying for
provisional approval, not be granted approval at that time. Before the Council met in December of 1977 to consider the Committee's recommendation, Campbell's trustees and administration took steps to address concerns of the Accreditation Committee, and Dr. Wiggins and I filed a response to the inspection report detailing those actions. We did not receive the Council's recommendation for provisional approval in 1977, despite those assurances. Having come to the deanship from practice, I was incensed that a group of lawyers, academic or otherwise, would disregard the written assurances of two lawyers, Campbell's president and dean. The lawyering culture from which I came was one in which lawyers did what they said they would do, and other lawyers believed them. My frustration was compounded by the fact that the Council had recommended the provisional approval of two New York schools, Hofstra and Pace, that had also opened their doors in 1976, and of Whittier in Los Angeles, which had opened earlier. New York and Los Angeles were represented on the Council; North Carolina was not. My impulse was to contest the recommendation of the Council before the ABA House of Delegates, but it quickly became apparent that our finite energies would be best spent proving the validity of our assurances before our third year.

One of the best ways we could do that was to hire Dr. Lee, who had reached mandatory retirement age at Wake Forest. We were also fortunate to hire his former colleague, Dr. I. Beverly Lake, who was retiring as a Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The previous year we had taken advantage of Stetson's mandatory retirement policy to hire David Dickson, and the year before that Jack Broderick, mandatorily retired from Notre Dame, had been our first full-time faculty hire. This super-experienced quartet helped us attract Charlie Friend, who had been Richmond's top law professor; a young faculty member from Marquette named Pat Hetrick; Carolyn Ingram, who now practices law in Kenansville with her husband, from Cumberland; and two experienced practicing lawyers, Charlie Lewis and Bob Loftis. In our fourth semester, in the spring of 1978, we were able to point to a third-year full-time faculty of these new members, Broderick, Dickson, Ed Wiggins, K. C. Sorvari, Bob Jenkins, Stanley McQuade, and Bill Martin. That fact, progress on the renovation of Kivett Hall, and the assurances of our trustees as to the availability of future resources convinced The North Carolina State Bar to fully approve the School in the spring of 1978, before we had completed our second year. This approval meant our graduates would be able to take the North Carolina bar examination in the unlikely event we were not to gain ABA approval the following year. Even if we had not been as deserving overall as we were, I believe that it would have been difficult for the State Bar to refuse recognition of a school on whose faculty were found Dr. Lee, Dr. Lake and Dr. Wiggins, so highly regarded were they in North Carolina.

The school prospered as we had said it would. That fall the ABA recommended our provisional approval. The following summer our charter class began a Campbell tradition of astounding the public with performance on the North Carolina bar examination, and 100% of graduates taking out-of-state bar examinations passed them. We gained full ABA approval in 1981, in the minimum two years after achievement of provisional approval, before Hofstra, Pace, and Whittier, and before other schools that had gained provisional approval still earlier than they.

It seems fitting that those two years were the two years that Dr. Lee was with us. It is as if the unusual recognition of achievement by the ABA was a testament not only to the quality of the School of Law, but to the quality of Dr. Lee's half-century of scholarship and teaching. Teaching 50 years was a goal of his. Mandatory retirement being what it was at the time, he might have been the only full-time law teacher in the nation to make such a mark when he made it, and we recognized his feat at a banquet with a plaque as appropriate as we could compose. We regretted that we could not convince him to teach a 51st year, but the Wake Forest connection did not end then, because Dr. Lee had helped us attract Dr. Hugh Divine from...
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Winston-Salem upon his retirement in the fall of 1979.

One of the glorious aspects of working with our senior colleagues was the comfort all felt around them, because of the comfort they felt with other people. They were men who had nothing to prove. They were not concerned with gaining prestige from the schools with which they were associated. Rather, they gave prestige to the schools at which they taught. They simply enjoyed teaching and the intellectual and social discourse of a law school, and they found meaning in the work of establishing this new and different law school. We are fortunate that they chose to invest some of the richest years of their lives in that work.

As I was writing this recollection, Joy asked me how Campbell's students had received Dr. Lee in his 49th and 50th years of law teaching. I replied, "Just as students had received him during his first 48 years, with fear and trepidation, and with gratitude that they were being taught by a legend, and would have something to talk about the rest of their legal careers." I knew, because I had been one of those students at Wake Forest, as had Ed Wiggins and as had my father. It was wonderful being a colleague of, and dean for, persons who had taught me law. It was also wonderful for generations of Dr. Lee's students at Wake Forest, particularly those who were on the old campus, to have him in the eastern part of the state. They visited him regularly, and would regale each other with stories of his classroom not unlike the tales they told of basic military training. Dr. Lee cherished their visits and all of his contacts with the bar. And he loved to exhibit his craft to them. During his last year at Campbell, I accompanied him to a meeting of the Wake County Bar Association, where he was to be the featured speaker. A huge crowd had come to hear him. An item of business was so extended that he did not rise to speak until fifteen minutes after he was scheduled to begin. A twinkle in his eye, he informed his audience that they were about to observe a pro in action. He delivered on his promise, ending a seamless presentation precisely when scheduled, though I knew he had prepared remarks for the full time allotted him.

About other matters he could be quite taciturn. It was only after I had become a lawyer that I learned that Dr. Lee's connection with my family would ultimately span most of this century. He, Raymond Mallard, the first Chief Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and my uncle Eric Davis, who was killed in the Philippines shortly after the United States' entry into World War II, had been roommates as Wake Forest law students. It was a great pleasure to see Dr. Lee and Louise frequently after they left Campbell. We would see them not only at bar association meetings, but also at North Carolina Baptist Retirement Homes' Brookridge apartments in Winston-Salem, where they ultimately made their home. Joy was a Baptist Retirement Homes Trustee, and we visited with the Lees in connection with her meetings. They remained interested in Campbell and in the careers of our lawyers and faculty and in their families.

Robert E. Lee, our Robert E. Lee, was an historic figure. We are blessed that such an important part of his history coincided with such an important part of ours.
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IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT E. LEE
BY
PATRICK K. HETRICK
DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

In late June, 1978, I arrived in Buies Creek and what was then known as the Campbell College School of Law. I was one thousand miles away from my home town of Milwaukee. I had left a city with a population of over one million in the generally frigid North to live in an unincorporated college town of several thousand in the generally hot and humid South. I transitioned well from my 45-minute commute on hectic I-43 in Wisconsin to a pleasant two-mile/three-minute commute to the law school in Buies Creek, where there was no recognizable rush hour, unless two pickup trucks and a school bus ahead of you count for serious traffic.

I had a positive but distorted image of the rural South gleaned in large part from novels and Hollywood, and I aspired to locate an aging but restorable mansion with a large wrap-around porch for living quarters. It would of necessity be surrounded by century-old oak trees with flowing strands of Spanish moss resting on their branches.

Failing to find a mansion appropriate for restoration in the immediate vicinity, we built a new home in beautiful Keith Hills Country Club. No stately oaks or Spanish moss on our lot. Indeed, the only things reminiscent of "Gone With The Wind" were my lost golf balls.

One of the first Sundays after we relocated here, we sojourned to the nearby Bentonville Battlefield for the annual battle reenactment. Our Buies Creek hosts drove in their car with, of course, North Carolina license plates; we followed in our car still sporting Wisconsin tags. All parking lots near the battlefield were packed with cars, except one. That one had a sign designating it as "Federal Parking," and only a few cars were parked in there. I pulled into the "Federal" lot and parked; our hosts drove several blocks away rather than sully their family tradition by parking with the Yankees, and I don't mean the world champions.

All in all, I wasn't really getting my money's worth out of this move from North to South until I showed up at my law school office one day and a short, dignified, elderly gentleman occupying the adjacent office was introduced to me. He was Dr. Robert E. Lee. With a quiet, hoarse sounding, gentle North Carolina accent, Dr. Lee asked me the number one ice breaking question in the South: "Where you from?" When I replied "Wisconsin," he immediately tilted his head sideways, squinted and followed up his first inquiry with, "Your folks farmers?" (Actually, he pronounced it "fahmas.") When I explained that my father operated a meat market in Milwaukee, he seemed to be processing that response, trying to evaluate where a meat market owner fit into his categories of people from the North.

But the best was yet to come in this initial encounter. I explained with some degree of enthusiasm -- way too much as it turned out -- that I had just served on a faculty committee at my former place of employment in Milwaukee, Marquette University, with none other than Ulysses S. Grant III. What were the odds, I asked, of working with Ulysses S. Grant in the North and now Robert E.
Lee in the South? Lee frowned, hesitated a moment and then inquired in a low and suspicious voice, "Is he any kin?" I responded in the negative. Ulysses the third, I explained, was not related in any way to General and then President Grant. Lee did not need to be reminded about who the original was, and I am not able to print the complete details of the exchange that followed.

Dr. Robert E. Lee had been enticed out of retirement to active duty on Campbell's law faculty by President Norman Adrian Wiggins and Founding Dean F. Leary Davis. His contributions to legal education at Campbell would include providing the new law school at Campbell and its faculty and students with a sense of the dignity, tradition and wisdom that is so much a part of the legal profession and legal education. Lee also brought with him from his Wake Forest law school days an old-fashioned insistence on the highest standards of preparation and professionalism in class. Lee pushed his students. His class was not the "cookies and milk" hour so popular in legal education today. He was not out to win a popularity contest, he was there to insist on nothing less than excellence in class. If a student had not mastered Lee's Family Law course at the end of the semester, he or she suffered the consequences. No gentleman's or gentlewoman's C-.

I know what it was like to be a student in Dr. Lee's class because he taught the personal property portion of my Property I class. As I sat in the audience while he taught, it was not hard to take on the persona of a first-year law student. I began to worry that Dr. Lee would forget I was the professor and call on me to recite.

Long before the effective date of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the leadership at Campbell University had the wisdom to tap the energies and talents of retired and, yes, elderly faculty members from other law schools. The list of these senior faculty members who identified with the new law school venture is impressive:

- Dr. Robert E. Lee, with substantial experience as law professor and dean at Wake Forest University, and with advanced law degrees from Duke and Columbia.

- Dr. I. Beverly Lake Sr., with a law degree from Harvard and advanced law degrees from Columbia. Former Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and law professor at Wake Forest University.

- Dr. David L. Dickson, with a law degree from Harvard and substantial experience as a practicing lawyer and law professor at Stetson University.

- Professor Richard L. Braun, law degree and advanced law degree from Georgetown, founding dean of the Dayton Law School, and a distinguished career in teaching at a number of law schools.

- Dr. Hugh Divine, another Wake Forest law faculty member who came Campbell's way for several academic years. Dr. Divine's law degree is from Emory; he has two advanced law degrees from Michigan.
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• Dr. John J. Broderick, who came to Campbell after a distinguished career as assistant dean and professor of law at Notre Dame. Dr. Broderick earned his law degree at Washington and Lee University and engaged in advanced legal studies at New York University.

• Professor E. Allen Schipp, who came to the law school after substantial experience in banking, insurance and trust law and with a law degree from the University of Maryland.

In a society that worships youth, the wealth of the older generation is too often squandered. As the above impressive list of senior faculty members demonstrates, this has not been the case at Campbell.

Years after Dr. Lee left Campbell and retired for keeps, Bernadette and I joined him and Mrs. Lee at the annual North Carolina Bar Association meeting in Asheville. We sat together at two banquets, mingled with each other at the receptions, and had a delightful time. As if to reassure me that all was well between us, Lee returned to and elaborated briefly upon his observation from our first meeting at Campbell of over a decade past: "Most people from Wisconsin are farmers," he reminded me with the slightest of smiles, "just like around here."

We only know in limited detail what Heaven is like and are incapable of comprehending the majesty and grandeur of that location, but I can picture Dr. Lee up there approaching the first angel in sight, squinting at the angel's wings, and asking the irresistible and obligatory opening question: "Where you from?"

EULOGY FOR DR. ROBERT E. LEE
BY JAMES E. SIZEMORE,
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW

The main facts in the life of Robert E. Lee are probably well known to most of those present, because you are members of his family, or colleagues of the law school or other university colleagues, former students, or friends. I will mention a few of them.

He received his Bachelor's and his law degree from Wake Forest. He received an MA degree from Columbia University and a Masters degree and Doctor's degree in law from Duke University. He also did graduate work at New York University and at the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to coming to Wake Forest, he had taught for seventeen years at Temple University in Philadelphia. He came to Wake Forest in 1946. He had just completed a year of teaching in the United States Army University in Shrieveham, England. He also taught for a short period of time at Campbell University Law School.

He came to Wake Forest as a new dean at a time when there was an influx of veterans returning to school after World War II. The School of Law was
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located on the second floor of the old Heck-Williams Library, a building of civil war vintage. The facilities were totally inadequate. Even so, he managed to run a good law school and faculty and students looked forward to the promise of better facilities when the school moved to Winston-Salem and the new campus.

He was a prolific writer of law books. Among these, he was best known as the author of multivolume treatise of North Carolina Family Law. He also wrote many articles in legal periodicals and contributed to encyclopedias.

His best known non-legal book was entitled Black Beard the Pirate: A Reappraisal of His Life and Times. It is a documented biography of the North Carolina picturesque colonial pirate. Copies of this book are always found in book shops and gift shops at the North Carolina beaches, as well as in bookstores nationally.

Dr. Lee served on many state commissions and state committees. He also served a term as Vice-President of the North Carolina Bar Association and a term as President of the Forsyth County Bar Association.

He was a member of several university fraternities including Phi Alpha Delta. As dean, he encouraged both Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi and was proud of the fact that Wake Forest was one of the few law schools where both fraternities had their own building, with living quarters and chapter rooms on both the old campus and in the early years of the new campus.

When I started to law school in the spring of 1959, the "reign of terror" had reached its zenith. My first encounter with Dr. Lee was in my interview just prior to starting law school. He asked me if I was married. I said "yes." He asked "Do you have children?" I said "yes." He said, "It is well that your wife has something to occupy her time because she will not see much of you in the future."

That remark was prophetic of his oft-stated principle that the law is a jealous mistress.

What did the "reign of terror" mean? It meant that he did not suffer unpreparedness lightly. It meant that if you came to his class unprepared and you were called on, you would die a thousand deaths during his cross-examination.

He was preparing us for the stern judges and obnoxious lawyers that we would face in the courtroom.

Although most of us at that time were seasoned World War II veterans, we trembled in the knees when called on by him.

His classes were always instructive and sometimes entertaining. His classes were filled with stories and anecdotes. One of my favorites is the story he told that as a young man, he was preparing to leave home for Wake Forest. His mother asked him to bring his Bible to her and she extracted a promise from him that he would read from it everyday. When he returned home for the Christmas holidays, he told his mother that his financial resources were inadequate and that he often lacked a few cents for this thing or that. His mother then inquired if he had read his scriptures every day. "Yes," he assured her. She sent him for his bible and told him to turn to his favorite scripture. When he opened to the page, he was confronted by the ten-dollar bill that she had neatly folded there months before.

Most law teachers teach by what is called the Socratic method. Dr. Lee developed his own method. He developed the hypothetical method to a work of art. He would put a hypothetical set of facts and then ask questions based on those facts. The students soon learned the names of the Lee family because they were frequent subjects of his hypothetical questions. His beloved wife Louise often "abandoned" him in the family law course. His son Bob "converted" (without permission) his father's automobile in the course in personal property. His then minor son Chuck and his minor daughter Betty frequently "disaffirmed" their contracts, because they were too young to enter into
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a contract. His horse Nellie was the most maligned animal in the state of North Carolina.

Law school alumni of the 1920's and the 1930's often spoke of "the great triumvirate," Gully, the founder of the law school, Professor Timberlake who taught in the law school for 50 years, and Professor White.

But those of us of a later time speak of another great triumvirate, Dr. I. Beverly Lake, Dr. Robert E. Lee and Dean Carroll W. Weathers, three men with diverse teaching methods who made the law live for us.

I think that his favorite flower was the rose. I was leaving one morning last year to go visit him. My wife had a dozen beautiful roses. She said, "Why don't you take a rose to Dr. Lee? He loves them so." I took the rose to him and held it close to his nose and told him to smell it. He did so, and then he smiled.

But I wondered if he was thinking, "That is a nice rose, but it is not as sweet as the roses in my garden."

At the close of the funeral of his wife Louise, they rolled him out of Davis Chapel in a wheel chair. He looked around him at the grounds and the magnolias and then he gazed at the chapel. He turned to my wife and said, "Isn't this a beautiful place?" It was a rhetorical question - but another reminder of his love for Wake Forest.

You and I live in a day when the divorce rate is 50% of marriages, a day when faith in one's God and love of the church is not as strong as in our parents' days; a day when there is too much disloyalty and downright fraud in the business world.

But today we say goodbye to a man who was faithful to his Lord and supported his church; loyal and devoted in his role as husband and father, and loyal to his alma mater.

As a student, he was my dean and my teacher. As a teacher, he was my colleague. And just as important, he was always my friend.

A man is never dead as long as one has memory of him. Dr. Lee will live a long time in the memory of his love and devotion by his family and in the memory of his students and friends through his teaching and writings. So, goodbye, old friend - and yes, we will remember.
In November, 1975, I attended the annual law school hiring conference, where I met the new dean of a soon-to-be-started law school in North Carolina. Two years later, at Leary Davis’ invitation, my wife and I visited Buies Creek and Campbell College School of Law for the first time. Campbell had just completed its first year of operation and Leary explained to me his and Dr. Wiggins’ vision for what would become the best small law school in the country. He spoke about his plan to assemble a high quality, diverse faculty to serve as educational and professional role models for an outstanding and committed student body. He talked about how Campbell was and would remain small and personal, dedicated to the development of lawyers who were interested in the law as a service profession, and not merely as a vehicle for personal gain. He shared with me the mission statement of the law school and its statement of character and goals, which emphasized both the educational and religious missions of the school of law: that Campbell would be demanding and innovative, would coalesce the practical and theoretical aspects of the law; that it would train lawyers who would be competent to practice anywhere, but seek especially to place graduates in non-urban areas of North Carolina and the Southeast, educating general practitioners rather than specialists; that it would serve as an educational and economic model for law schools of the future—one on the cutting edge of technology, training lawyers in a market environment where the demand for legal education was declining; that it would be a mainstream, inclusive Christian law school whose character would reflect the Judeo-Christian tradition, rather than a narrow, exclusive, sectarian Christian school; and that it would be people-oriented, focusing on the worth of the individual, and unafraid to delve into difficult moral, ethical and religious questions. We talked about whether non-Christian faculty and students would be welcomed as fully supportive and integral members of such an institution, and agreed that as defined, most people with a faith-based moral perspective would be comfortable with the mission and could be vital supporters of such an institution. The goals and character of the school, and its mission, though grounded in a traditional religion, were compatible—indeed, identical—with those of most secular law schools populated by Jewish and Christian faculty and students (and in all probability, would be compatible with those of law schools populated by adherents to other ethical monotheistic faiths). I was impressed that a small Baptist school in rural North Carolina had such ambitions, and, despite my agreement with the school’s goals, character and mission, I was also more than a little skeptical about whether Campbell could pull it off.

During the next several years, Leary and I saw one another periodically and would share a morning run or an evening meal and catch up on each other’s lives. In March, 1982, circumstances made it possible for me to move to Campbell, and I returned to Buies Creek to meet with the faculty Leary had assembled. Pat Hetrick met me outside the guest house each morning at around 5:30 to run; during our first run he asked whether I was serious about moving to Campbell—his exact words were: “Are you really thinking about coming here, or are you just down here to humor Leary?”—I told him
honestly that, while I was still skeptical, I was intrigued by what was happening here and was seriously considering moving here. (I found out later that if I hadn’t answered the question right, I’d have lost a running partner; after I moved here, I called Pat to see if he wanted to run the following morning; he told me that he had only agreed to run with me early in the morning as a recruiting tool and that now that I’d been recruited, we could run together in the afternoon!) Pat and I discussed the law school at length: what the faculty did that made the school different, how the students were special, how the school’s program was unique, and why and how he believed the school would succeed. It was clear to me that Leary had found a committed kindred spirit in Pat, and some of my skepticism began to fade; and so it went with each faculty member I met—Charlie Lewis, Jack Broderick, Bob Loftis, K.C. Sorvari, Dick Braun, Bob Jenkins, Stanley McQuade—to a person, they were committed to the ideals which had led to the founding of the law school and were dedicated to seeing it fulfill its goals.

During my visit, I also met at length with Dr. Wiggins, who for the first time shared with me his view of the law school’s mission and character as well as his expectations of faculty. His vision of the future of the law school mirrored almost exactly Leary’s, and was identical with Leary’s as far as the religious and educational mission, character and goals were concerned. (I recall thinking how remarkable it was that the President of a college and the Dean of its law school could see eye-to-eye on so many vital issues and could share so fully a vision of their law school—I had previously served in the office of the ABA in charge of accrediting law schools, and I had seen firsthand that the relationship between President and Dean was at best cordial and businesslike and at worst adversarial—but in retrospect, it should not have surprised me at all. After all, if Campbell was or is anything, it’s the shared vision of Ed Wiggins and Leary Davis.) After my meeting with Dr. Wiggins, my skepticism about Campbell had faded almost entirely.

Leary knew that I had some concerns about living in the rural South, most of them surrounding the secular and religious education of my three children. I had heard that the public, rural southern schools left something to be desired, and I knew that the only synagogues for their religious education would be in Raleigh or Fayetteville. In preparation for my visit, Leary had made arrangements for me to meet with the principal of the Buies Creek School and with the religious director at a temple in Raleigh. He and I traveled up to Raleigh to visit the temple; on the way back, my concerns resurfaced when we passed through Angier, which was at the time the headquarters of the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, whose presence was dramatically depicted by a billboard featuring a bucking horse with a robed night rider astride it. I asked Leary whether we would likely encounter much prejudice or bigotry, and he assured me that we probably would, but that it would be from outside the Campbell community.

That night, Leary and I went back to his home. My visit had given me a pretty good idea of where the law school was and where it wanted to be, but I wanted to learn more specifics, both about the school’s mission and goals and about how I might fit into the school’s plans. We discussed at length the religious mission of the law school and how religion did, should and would affect the school’s future, its faculty and its students. I learned a great deal about the Baptist faith that evening, including much about its non-creedal roots and what Leary calls “the priesthood of the believer.” I also learned that the “religious and educational mission of the school” would likely mean different things to different people, but that at its core it meant at least two things: that the law school would, first and foremost, be a first-rate educational institution dedicated to educating and training lawyers in an environment where people of all backgrounds and religious faiths would be welcomed and would be treated with respect as they learned about and developed within their chosen profession; and that students and faculty would always push themselves to learn more about the law, consistently and openly revisiting fundamental questions of law and its
relationship to religion, ethics and morality. Unlike at other law schools, where these difficult questions are typically avoided or discussed in hushed tones among small groups within the faculty or student bodies, at Campbell, they would be in the forefront, and would be openly, honestly and continually considered, in an atmosphere that encouraged the search for and development of the connections between our shared legal, cultural and religious traditions.

That expression of the law school’s mission made Campbell especially attractive to me; the refusal of the school to view itself in narrow sectarian terms enabled me to support fully its mission and goals and resulted in my appointment as Associate Dean for five years and as Acting Dean following Leary’s decision to step down. The wisdom of that mission and focus quickly proved itself: Campbell ceased to be a school of last resort and became the first choice of applicants whose LSAT scores and undergraduate records enabled them to be admitted nearly anywhere; its students demonstrated theoretical knowledge and practical skills equal to that of students at the finest schools in the country, routinely placing in interscholastic competitions; its graduates competed favorably with the graduates of other top schools for the most desirable clerkships and associate positions in North Carolina and the Southeast; they passed the bar in North Carolina and elsewhere in record numbers, and distinguished themselves in their careers, becoming well respected lawyers, judges, public servants and leaders in their communities; and it attracted new faculty who along with the original faculty became widely known as experts in their respective fields in North Carolina and throughout the United States.

And success bred success: it enabled Dr. Wiggins, Pat Hetrick and Willis Brown to raise the funds necessary to build a first-class physical facility that rivals that of any school in the country.

Those unfamiliar with the past twenty years of Campbell’s history often assume that the law school’s success is a function of happenstance and good timing. They look at the existing structure and, without an appreciation for how it was built, make suggestions that would change its essential character. I believe, however, that the school’s remarkable progress is directly attributable to the planning that went into its formation and to the foundation established by the development of its original mission and statement of goals and character. While part of that mission includes the need to constantly reevaluate and question where we are and how we want to move into the future, those of us who have been part of the school for much of its history are unalterably opposed to any changes that would make Campbell an inherently different institution. Thus, we have bridled at suggestions that would funnel Campbell into the mold of most secular law schools, duplicating their programs and ridding the school of its unique religiously based mission. But we have been equally averse to suggested changes that would cause the law school to become narrowly sectarian in its outlook. When we have discussed these issues in our ongoing dialogue, we have invariably reached a consensus that reaffirms our traditional mission, making appropriate adjustments in light of our successes and failures and our institutional experiences. When we have neglected our fundamental commitment to growth through dialogue, however, we have stagnated or, worse, drifted to one or the other extreme. Sensing that drift, I decided to take a leave of absence last year; I wanted to give the school an opportunity to reevaluate, in my absence, whether the traditional mission of the law school would continue to guide its growth during the next twenty years as it had during the past twenty. I’m pleased that that reevaluation has resulted in a reaffirmation of the original mission.

During the 1996-1997 academic year, I served as a visiting professor at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in Ft. Worth (actually, the school was located temporarily in Irving, Texas, but has now moved to its permanent home in Ft. Worth). Texas Wesleyan is about two and a half times as large as Campbell, and is a relatively new school, at about the same place in its development now as Campbell was when I first arrived here. It is a solid school with unlimited potential. I welcomed the
opportunity to be a part of its development, and seriously considered remaining at Texas Wesleyan when the dean and faculty there offered me a full-time permanent position. As I told Pat when I left, although Campbell is home, and I very much wanted to return, I would sooner leave Campbell than see the school depart from its original mission. In January, while my wife (who did not find Texas very appealing, especially since our three children were still in North Carolina) and I were deliberating whether to stay in Texas or return to North Carolina, I received a letter from Pat, which set the foundation for my return to Campbell. Copies of excerpts from the letter were also sent to University administrators, and it so well expresses what the law school is that I thought I would close by sharing portions with you as alumni. Pat wrote in part:

"I obviously do not have all of the answers to the religious mission issue. Frankly, I do not pretend to. Since I am presently the dean, my opinion is of some significance. In addition, I recently discussed this matter with both Dr. Wiggins and Dr. Wallace. The position set forth in this letter is consistent with the views they expressed to me.

"Put simply, the religious mission can be summarized as follows:

The original mission, as stated in the original faculty handbook, has never been officially amended and continues to be 'the mission.'

- Consistent with that mission, the law school will always maintain a Southern Baptist/Judeo-Christian center of gravity in its hiring policies. This policy favors Southern Baptists, but does not exclude role models from other faiths."

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"There are obviously different interpretations of the religious mission of the law school. There is some disaccord among faculty members in their interpretation; that disaccord is unlikely to level out into homogeneity and uniformity at any time in the near future. I believe that the above interpretation is consistent with the wishes of the University's central administration and a majority of the current members of the law faculty. There is a simplicity to it that appeals to me."

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"I believe that we should stress foundational Campbell law professor attributes with any potential faculty member. A law faculty member at Campbell must be qualified and willing:

- To support the entire mission of the law school.
- To be role models – in their personal lives, through their faiths, and in public, professional and university service.
- To make availability to students a very high priority; to be visible and accessible to students at the law school on a full-time basis.
- To actively involve themselves in student activities as coaches and advisors.
- To engage in meaningful research and publication within a reasonable time schedule.
- To set a goal of effective, enthusiastic classroom teaching.
- To require student responsibility through high academic standards both in the classroom and in the examination and grading process.
- To take an active role in the admissions process by performing applicant interviews.
- To assist the deans in alumni and public relations."

I couldn't agree more or have said it better myself. I'm glad to be back at Campbell and look forward to seeing each of you in the near future. Let me know what you think.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Congratulations on a wonderful issue dedicated to a wonderful man, John J. Broderick, "The Chief." For some reason, the introductory sentence to my tribute to Jack was dropped, which gives me the opportunity to request its inclusion here, and in the process to help prove its point:

"Jack Broderick's importance in the history of the School of Law can never be overemphasized."

Thank you.

Leary Davis

HOODING AND GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD

Fine Weather, family and festivity marked the end of law school for the Class of 1997 on May 11 and 12.

The two days of ceremonies started on a reflective note on Sunday morning when Dr. William H. Willimon, Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Worship at Duke University, delivered the commencement sermon to graduating students. Dr. Willimon received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the graduation ceremony.

Sunday afternoon was set aside to honor the 100 members of the Class of 1997, who received their long-awaited doctoral hoods and a host of awards. The Honorable Loren A. Smith, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, spoke at the hooing ceremony. Chief Judge Smith, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at graduation, reminded the graduates of their responsibility as lawyers and urged them to abide by the principle of judicial restraint. In keeping with the joyous nature of the occasion, however, Chief Judge Smith began and ended his speech on a lighthearted note, entertaining the class with such novelties as a groaning gavel and an exploding diploma.

The Honorable and Mrs. Loren A. Smith along with Dean and Mrs. Pat Hetrick

After the ceremony, the students and their families enjoyed a down-home pig picking at the Coats Senior Center.
Charles W. Colson, Chairman of the Board of Prison Fellowship, received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the graduation ceremony and was the keynote speaker. Mr. Colson, who served as Special Counsel to President Richard Nixon, urged the Class of 1997 to uphold traditional values and to fight against the moral decay of society.

The Hooding Ceremony brought happiness to:

Greg T. Haymore

Sharon L. Newsome

and Kim E. Taylor

Following Mr. Colson’s speech, the law students adjourned to Taylor Bott Rogers Hall, where Dean Patrick Hetrick and Dean James B. McLaughlin, Jr., gave them their hard-earned and much-prized diplomas, sending a fresh batch of Campbell lawyers into the legal profession.

Law degree recipients included:

Marcia L. Doubet
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and Edmond Seferi of Tirana, Albania

1997 Graduation Memories

Incoming SBA President, Todd Jones, presents outgoing SBA President, Kim Woodell, with a parting gift.

David T. Courie receives congratulations from uncle, Dr. Norman A. Wiggins, and Dean Patrick K. Hetrick.

James Morrison, Law School Minority Recruitment Consultant, and Dean of Admissions, Tom Lanier
Just published in the 1996 Winter edition of the Hofstra Law Review was Associate Professor Jean M. Cary's article "Rambo Depositions" which calls attention to the growing trend of unacceptable behavior in the deposition process. Professor Cary says that although the article was written out of a deep concern for what she is seeing develop in the profession, she had a great deal of fun writing the article. "As I continued my research, attorneys would send me pages from outrageous depositions with notes saying, 'Look what he tried to pull on me this time.' It was a real education."

Professor Cary's goal was to clarify "Rambo Behavior" through documented examples of obstreperous behavior in the deposition room and to define a point of unity among the bench, bar and academic world that name calling, demeaning gestures, and personal threats are unacceptable in any context in a deposition. Her secondary goal was to reassure inexperienced attorneys that they have accessible remedies when they encounter such behavior in depositions. "Rambo Depositions" gives the new attorney resources which can be used the next time an attorney attempts to intimidate him or her through unacceptable aggressive behavior.

Professor Cary also presented examples of courts disciplining attorneys who use "Rambo Tactics." Judges are not tolerating this type of behavior as evidenced by the sanctioning of "Rambo" lawyers and their clients under F.R.C.P. Rules 27, 30 and 37. Finally, Professor Cary offers suggestions of further remedies to this growing problem such as better reporting to Courts and Bar Disciplinary Committees, more active bar associations, continuing legal education seminars on "How To Control a Rambo Opponent," and better education in our law schools.

FACULTY RECOGNITION

Eight law school faculty members were awarded certificates for their years of service at the Annual Faculty Dinner. They are as follows:

- Professor Karen C. Sorvari
- Dr. J. Stanley McQuade
- Professor Robert A. Jenkins
- Professor Thomas Anderson

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The Honorable Georgia Lee Brown

On September 3, 1997, The Honorable Georgia Lee Brown, Harnett County Clerk of Superior Court, was the guest speaker at the Professionalism Lecture Series sponsored by the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. After holding the positions of clerk-typist, deputy clerk of court and assistant clerk of court, Mrs. Brown became Clerk of Superior Court in 1974. She has been a leader in the North Carolina Clerk’s Association, serving as president of the association from 1992-93 and serving on numerous associational committees.

As a native of Harnett County, Mrs. Brown is also well known as a community and church leader. She was voted Woman of the Year in 1981 by the Business and Professional Women’s Association and serves as a Sunday School teacher at Antioch Baptist Church.

Campbell’s Law School was the first in the nation to add a professional responsibility requirement to the curriculum which is in addition to required courses in ethics and professional responsibility.
All first-year students must take part in the Professionalism Lecture Series, where leaders in the legal profession guide law students in an exploration of the meaning of concepts central to the legal profession: justice, fairness, competence, ethical behavior, and public service. Values addressed in the lecture series also reflect Campbell’s Christian mission and tradition. Past speakers have ranged from Supreme Court Justices, to leaders of the various legal services organizations in the state. Georgia Lee Brown, as a longtime court official, gave Campbell’s students a view of the practical side of legal professionalism.

PRO BONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

James B. Morgan, Jr.

James B. Morgan, Jr., '83 of Wilmington, NC was designated the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the North Carolina Bar Association for his free assistance to victims of domestic violence and in cases of juvenile custody issues. Morgan participates in the Volunteer Lawyers Program at Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear River, concentrating in domestic violence and custody issues.

The case which brought Morgan’s distinguished career to public attention was his representation of Sonya Kinney, a deaf teenager seeking her removal from the custody of her parents and placement and permanent custody within the home of her long time interpreter Joanie Hughes. Sonya had been living in a broken, abusive home with parents who refused to learn sign language. Under North Carolina Law for a non-parent to be allowed status to be awarded custody, there must be neglect or abuse on the part of both parents. “When I started the case, I was convinced it was a bad situation . . . the chances of winning were very slim.” The Department of Social Services had already determined that although mistakes were made, there was no abuse or neglect. “After interviewing Sonya, she told me, through interpretation, her views, and I made up my mind that I was going to pursue it even if the law was not on our side.”

In order to show neglect and abuse, Morgan showed how important it was for Sonya to be able to communicate effectively with her parents. He had Sonya testify about the events of sexual abuse by her stepfather, events which she tried to communicate to her mother who did not and refused to understand sign language. Morgan also presented testimony of Sonya’s father’s drug and alcohol abuse along with his refusal and inability to communicate with sign language. Morgan had to prove that Sonya was in a very dangerous and unbearable situation. Fortunately for Sonya Kinney, the Judge agreed. Judge Holt found both parents negligent and awarded permanent custody to Joanie Hughes.

“I’m so glad that I had the case because I would not give up the experience for anything. I’ll always think when I get a case referral from legal services that it might be an important case.” Morgan also said that if it were not for the Pro Bono Program, there would be a good chance that Hughes and Kinney would not have received any help or legal assistance.

Morgan was also not ready for all of the publicity in the case and was very surprised at the results. The press was tipped off by an Associated Press story
which ran on the second day of the case. For two weeks after the trial, the phones rang constantly with calls from magazines and newspapers, radio, television and motion picture producers. The story of Sonya Kinney’s custody battle has since appeared in Good Housekeeping Magazine, People Magazine, and other local press. Sonya and Joanie have appeared on CBS’s This Morning, Good Morning America, and Inside Edition.

Morgan, Class of 1983, is a winner of the New Hanover County Pro Bono Award. The Addison Hewlett Award of the New Hanover County Bar is on the North Carolina Bar Association’s Voluntary Lawyer Honor Roll. He has received the Distinguished Service Award and the Jaycee of the Year Award from the Wilmington Jaycees. He was also selected by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of five outstanding young North Carolinians for 1996. He is a Habitat for Humanity volunteer and a business consultant for Junior Achievement.

ESSAY AWARD WINNER

Susan Higginbotham

In July 1997, Susan Higginbotham, Class of 1997, was awarded second prize in the 1997 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Award Essay Contest, a national competition sponsored by the American Bar Association’s Section of Family Law.

Participants in the competition were invited to submit an essay on a family-law topic of their own choice. Higginbotham’s essay, "Mom, Do I Have to Go to Church?" The Noncustodial Parent’s Obligation to Carry Out the Custodial Parent’s Religious Plans, criticized court decisions requiring noncustodial parents to take their child to religious services during visitation periods.

Professor Jean Cary read and offered comments on an early draft of the essay, which will be published in the ABA’s Family Law Quarterly in December.

In September 1997, Higginbotham began general law and appellate practices in Sanford and Apex. She operates the Apex office of Bason and Higginbotham, where she is in partnership with William A. Bason, and hopes that her husband, Don Coomes, will join the practice in the next century when he graduates from the North Carolina Central School of Law in 2001.

LAW STUDENT WINS AWARD

Douglas W. Kim of Hickory, North Carolina and a third-year law student, was awarded first place and $500.00 in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) sponsored Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The competition awards law students for research and writing within copyright law. His paper, entitled "How Microsoft Has Removed Copyright Protection from Personal Computer Software," was the product of six years of experience as a computer systems analyst and consultant and his interest in intellectual property law. Douglas will represent Campbell in the national 59th annual ASCAP Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. Douglas has been an intern with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, an intern with Bell, Seltzer, Park & Gibson in Raleigh, North Carolina and a summer associate with Everett, Gaskins, Hancock & Stevens in Raleigh.
Michael L. Weisel has joined the firm of Allen & Pinnix, P.A. He will concentrate his law practice in the domestic and international finance and corporate transactional area—acquisitions, divestitures and mergers, asset based finance and securitization, emerging businesses, joint ventures, securities and commodities finance, fraud, trading and regulation, workouts, reorganizations and asset recovery.

Michael is a former vice president, investment advisor and portfolio manager for Kemper Financial Services. Prior to his affiliation with Kemper, Michael was vice president and investment manager at Wells Fargo Bank in the pension fund advisory group.

Bob Merhige and Teresa Hinson (L’84) were recently married in Denton, Texas. Bob is the Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel of the Virginia Port Authority. Teresa is a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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June S. Ferrel and husband, Ron, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Devan Melinda, born on May 28. June and Ron also have a son, Davis Turner, who is 4 years old.

Charles “Duke” Lineberry has added another Campbell alum, Chad E. Hogston ’96, as an associate to the firm of Lineberry & White, LLP, 3945-A Market Street, Wilmington, NC., 28403; (910)343-3377. Duke is also Chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Education.

Robert Stiehl and his wife, Meredith Player Stiehl (Campbell MBA, 1993) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Kenan Elizabeth. She was born April 23, 1997. After a brief paternity leave, Robert has resumed his duties as District Court Judge in Cumberland County.

Elizabeth Brigham announces that her oldest son, Chris Kilby, age 18, qualified to compete in the Jr. Olympics in a C-1, which is a closed canoe in the white water events.

G. Kemp Liles and his wife of fifteen years, Susan are pleased to announce the adoption of a son, Gregory Scott. Gregory was adopted on March 11th at the tender age of six weeks. Kemp and Susan feel that Gregory knows his parents truly love him because he has not kept them up one single night since he came home in March!

Michael G. Takac has just completed a 2-year stint as a Sr. Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida, handling eminent domain trials throughout the state. Michael has resigned from the Attorney General’s Office to accept an appointment to serve as Ass’t Deputy General Counsel to the Executive Office of the Governor - Lawton Chiles. In addition to being one of the leading trial attorneys for the Florida Attorney General’s office, Michael served as a CLE lecturer on the topic of Ethics & Eminent Domain sponsored by the Florida Bar.
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Harry Dest has accepted the position of Deputy Public Defender in the York County Public Defender’s Office, PO Box 691, York, SC 29745; (803)628-3031.

Benjamin E. LeFever opened up a solo practice in February ‘97 in criminal law; personal injury; traffic violations/DWI; Civil Litigation and uncontested divorces. He is married to Jacqueline Robinson LeFever (sister of Les Robinson, Class of 1985) and they have a 5 ½ year old daughter named Lisa. Benjamin E. LeFever, Attorney at Law, 213 Dick Street, Ste. 205, Fayetteville, NC 28301; 910-485-6344.

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John Marshall is an associate with the firm of White & Allen, P.A., PO Box 3169, Kinston, NC; (919)527-8000.

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Kenneth F. Crow is a District Court Judge in the 3-B District; 302 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

Benita Walker Gibbs is employed by the Wake County District Attorney’s Office. In addition to daughter Morgan, born on 5/1/89, there are also two sons, Jordan born on 2/9/92 and Brandon, born on 7/31/96.

Georgia Nixon is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Elaina Catherine on June 24. Georgia is a partner in the firm of Causey, Howard & Nixon, LLP.

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Steve Blevins and Rich Costanza (L’94) have opened the firm of Blevins & Costanza, 375-F S.E. Broad Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387; (910)692-7121. They will concentrate in the areas of commercial and criminal law.

Rebecca and John (L’95) Britton, along with two year-old daughter, Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of Robert Aaron Britton. He was born on June 7 and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Kimberly Talbert Myers announces the formation of a new law practice: Kimberly Talbert Myers, Professional Association. Her new firm will concentrate in the fields of elder law and estate planning. The new address is Town Creek Professional Center, 22776 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653; Toll free - 1-888-33-MYERS.

Kimberly’s first year in private practice has been very busy. The Maryland State Bar recruited Kimberly to conduct two seminars for its annual "Elder Law Days Program." At a ceremony in July, the Commanding Officer for the new Naval Air Headquarters at Patuxent River, Maryland presented Kimberly with a "Volunteer Recognition Award." She received the award after conducting estate retirement planning classes for officers and flight test personnel at the Navy Family Services Center.

Additionally, Kimberly’s firm sponsors monthly Estate Planning Workshops offered free to the local community. Kimberly is also a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

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Taby and Jeff Cruden recently moved to Raleigh where Jeff is working as an ADA in the District Attorney’s Office and Taby will be working for the firm of Smith Debnam & Hibbert in October.

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Sandra Martin Clark and husband Ken, would like to announce the birth of their son, William Thomas. He was born on June 5, and weighed 9lbs. 5oz. Their daughter Katherine has just turned two.
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Jennifer S. Haynes and Phillip G. Rose ('95) were married on May 24, 1997. Jennifer is a partner with Ruth, Benson, Rose & Bynum in Apex, NC., practicing primarily criminal and domestic law.

Mike Rizzi and Tina Fisher Rizzi, along with John H. Ross (L'96) have opened the new law practice of Rizzi Rizzi & Ross, LLP, 200 West Fourth Street, Greenville, NC 27834; (919)758-2121.

Teresa Sevier Metcalf and husband, Tracy announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Isabella, born on May 2.

Phillip G. Rose and Jennifer S. Haynes ('94) were married on May 24, 1997. Phillip is a partner with Rose & Williams in Raleigh, NC, concentrating in real property law.

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Shannon Hall Bigelow has moved: 1221 S. Congress Avenue, Apt. 731, Austin, TX 78704; 512-447-9380.

Beth W. Bowen opened the Bowen Law Firm in January. Her firm currently is a general practice with a focus towards district court, real estate and estate planning; 1145 Executive Circle, Suite F., Cary, NC 27511; (919)460-1908.

V. Stuart Couch was promoted to the rank of Major on 8/1/97. He graduated with Honors from the Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I. He has served as Chief Trial Counsel at MCAS Cherry Point since October 1996. Stuart and his wife, Kimberly and sons Stuart (6) and Matthew (2) reside in Morehead City, NC.

Tanji Etheridge has become a partner in the firm of Smith, Casper, Smith, Alexander, Etheridge & Etheridge, LLP; 141 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC 27203; (910)625-8104.

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Mary Margaret McEachern is glad to announce that she has just purchased her first home and is presently an associate with the firm of Allen & MacDonald, 217 North 5th Ave., PO Box 241, Wilmington, NC 28402. She has also started writing her first book on "Trying to Christianize the Legal Profession." Mary Margaret will be running the Bermuda Int’l Marathon on January 18, 1998 to raise money for the Leukemia Society. She is also
working to start a pro bono animal legal defense organization.

Gerald (Jeremy) McKinney is pleased to announce his association with the firm of D’Amelio, Forbis & Stegall, LLP. His business address is PO Box 1800, 104 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27402; (910)691-1220. Jeremy’s practice will be in the areas of employment law, civil rights, immigration and naturalization law. Jeremy is also pleased to be working with law school classmate, Pennie Thrower, as well as Miriam Forbis (L’92).

Hart Miles is pleased to announce the opening of his law office: Ste. 500, 16 West Martin Street, PO Box 361, Raleigh, NC 27602; (919)834-8650.

Neil Morris recently transferred to the Harnett Co. District Attorney’s Office to work as an Assistant District Attorney. Neil previously worked at the Onslow Co. DA’s office. His new home address is 206 Quail Hill St., Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526; 919-557-9243.

Nathaniel J. Poovey has become an associate with the firm of Sigmon, Sigmon & Isenhower, PO Box 88, Newton, NC 28658; (704)464-0101.

Brent D. Ratchford opened his own law practice in May. He practices in the areas of criminal, domestic & personal injury, in Gaston, Lincoln & Cleveland Counties. His office address is: 1528 Stallion Way, Gastonia, NC 28056; (910)865-0720.

John H. Ross, along with Mike Rizzi (L’94) and Tina Fisher Rizzi (L’94) have opened the new law practice of Rizzi Rizzi & Ross, LLP, 200 West Fourth Street, Greenville, NC 27835; (919)758-2121.

Wendy Johnson and Sean Keefer were united in marriage on Sunday, August 10 at the home of Professor and Mrs. Richard Rodgers (Willow Pond Farm). The Reverend Greg Wallace, who is also an associate professor of law, performed the ceremony. Wendy will work in Atlanta, GA for The Honorable J. L. Edmondson of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Sean is an associate with the Mason Firm of Mt. Pleasant, SC.
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