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DEAN MELISSA A. ESSARY

The editors and staff of the Campbell Law Review are pleased to welcome Dean Essary to her new position as dean of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University.
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Chief Justice John Marshall, in his well-known speech, "On the Federal Constitution," presented the favorite maxims of democracy as: "A strict observance of justice and public faith and a steady adherence to virtue." Early in our history we came to realize that the teaching of the favorite maxims and the other principles of government is mandatory if they are to be effective.

The School of Law was founded in 1976, with the vision that it would develop a new and different program to teach the maxims of government of which Marshall spoke. The program was designed to offer students opportunities for interaction with faculty and professional development, and in so doing to attract outstanding legal educators, enthusiastic law students, and for the school to serve as a model for legal education. The goal has now become a reality with faculty and students who view the practice of law as a calling to serve others and an opportunity to create a more just society.

To lead us in the next stage of development, we welcome Melissa A. Essary, Esq., as Dean and Professor of Law. Dean Essary assumed her position on July 1, 2006, after a distinguished and outstanding career as a member of the faculty of her alma mater, the Baylor Law School, of Waco, Texas.

Among the many honors she received while teaching at Baylor, was Baylor's "Outstanding Tenured Teacher Award." She has authored numerous articles and, in 1997, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded her the "Outstanding Law Journal Article Award" for a series of articles entitled, "Privacy in the Workplace."

It is a joy to welcome Professor Essary to her new post as Dean of the Law School! We look forward to following and supporting her as she leads us in the education of young people who will follow "[a] strict observance of justice and public faith and a steady adherence to virtue."

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