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Message From The President

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A new year and what a new challenge! As is the case with most new presidents of any organization, the approach of January 1st brought about mixed emotions. For a year, I have had training wheels firmly in place and have learned under the masterful tutelage of Ed Gaskins, Doug Brocker, and Alice Roman. Thankfully, none of those folks are going very far and will still be able to answer my myriad of questions and lend their collective wisdom for the coming year. And now, Christie Cameron will be adding her thoughts and ideas to the mix.

It is an interesting process to become President of the Wake County and Tenth Judicial District Bars. There is an election early in December, then on January 1, you become the President-Elect. For one year, the President-Elect is involved in learning the inner workings of two large organizations which fill different roles for our profession, but ultimately both serve the purpose of providing opportunities for lawyers in Wake County to know one another, learn from one another, and continue to grow as professionals. During that year, you become aware of how incredibly active both organizations are and the ways they touch the lives not only of lawyers, but also of the public.

Upcoming Meetings

LOOKING AHEAD: WCBA Meeting Schedule

January 5	12:30 p.m.	Woman's Club
February 9	12:30 p.m.	Woman's Club
March 2	12:30 p.m.	Woman's Club
April 6	12:30 p.m.	TBA

Please check the *Bar Flyer* to confirm the meeting location.

February

The February meeting of the Wake County Bar Association will take place on Feb. 9, 2010, at the Raleigh Woman's Club. Mark your calendar and plan to join us then!

January Meeting

The January meeting of the Wake County Bar Association will be held on January 5, 2010, at the Woman's Club. Lunch will be served at 12:30 and the meeting will begin promptly at 12:45.

Our speaker for the January meeting will be John R. Wester, the President of the North Carolina Bar Association. Alternately awarded designations as being among the "Best Lawyers" (Woodward/White, Inc.), "Super Lawyers" (*NC Super Lawyers*), "Legal Elite" (*Business North Carolina*), and North Carolina's "Leading Litigation Attorney" (*Benchmark: Litigation*), Mr. Wester has spent his full career at Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte. Mr. Wester is shepherding several programs as the President of the Bar Association including different *pro bono* services projects and the Judicial Independence Committee.

The Woman's Club is located on Woman's Club Drive (off Glenwood Avenue just inside the 1-440 beltline.) Please note that parking is also very limited. No parking is allowed in the surrounding private parking lots. Carpooling is highly recommended.

Thank You Attorneys Title!

Santa Claus came early to the Wake County Bar and Tenth Judicial District Bar offices on December 22. In our last issue of the Bar Flyer, we asked if anyone had used conference room furniture that they would like to contribute to the Bar.

Thanks to Don Merritt, Branch Manager and Title Counsel for the Raleigh Office of Attorneys Title, we now have a furnished conference room. In addition, Attorneys Title also donated some other furniture (desk, chairs, bookcase). When you see Don, remember to thank him and Attorneys Title for their generosity.

Please Note!

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Please note: If materials are received after the deadline, they may be published in a subsequent issue of the Wake Bar Flyer.

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ADDITIONAL DEADLINES

Issue Date	Submission Deadline
March 2010	Feb. 9
April 2010	March 16
May 2010	April 13
June 2010	May 11

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And, you learn that working with, and ostensibly leading, upwards of 4,000 lawyers truly does equate to herding cats – highly intelligent and wonderfully independent cats at that.

So, what does 2010 hold for the lawyers of Wake County? In many ways, this year will present an exceptional chance to become involved and to shape the course of the organizations for at least the next three years, and truly into the future.

How you might ask? Good question. In late-October and early-November, a survey was circulated by e-mail to our members. As with most surveys circulated in that manner, the responses and therefore the results, were statistically insignificant – for those of you who actually took Statistics in college. However, the results did provide a snapshot of what members think about our Bars and as with most surveys, the negative comments were in some ways more instructive than the positive, while the positive were extremely encouraging. It is sort of like the old figure-skating judging system where you throw out the highest and lowest scores and really look at what is in the middle.

This survey was a precursor to a Strategic (Long-Range) Planning process which kicked off with a retreat on November 19, 2009. A committee reflecting a cross-section of both the Tenth Judicial District and the Wake County Bars is at work as you read this, examining closely where we were, where we are, and where we need/want to go. This group has identified five broad goals on which it will focus its initial efforts. The next step will be for five subcommittees to first refine the goals and then to develop Action Plans for each of the goals as a road map for the next three years and beyond. It has been ten years since last we undertook this challenge, so much has changed.

While this committee is engaged in its work, we have tasked the existing committees of both Bars with reviewing and as necessary re-writing their statements of purpose so that we may better define for our membership what tasks and roles are served by each existing committee. The committees will then establish goals for the year and work towards achieving those goals.

The Bylaws Committee has been tasked with reviewing and updating the bylaws of both organizations, developing an updated Mission

Statement for each Bar, and reviewing and/or drafting policies to bring the groups into full compliance with the new 990 Regulations.

If you would like to be involved in shaping the purpose of a committee, establishing its goals, and leading these groups forward, the new year brings an exceptional opportunity for you to sign up for a committee and get involved. The vast majority of the committees are filled with self-nominated volunteers (the Grievance and Fee Dispute Committees operate a bit differently). If you want to become involved, consider this a personal invitation to volunteer yourself onto a committee.

By mid-year, it is hoped that the Board of Directors will have received and reviewed the Mission Statements for the Bars, and the statements of purpose for each committee. By year end, we should have the Strategic Plan in place as a road map for the next three years. The Action Plan components will be tasked out to the appropriate committees for implementation.

In my personal way of viewing this, we are not overhauling anything. Our survey results revealed a high level of satisfaction, but did show us that, as would be expected, there are some areas which need improvement. In the course of the coming year, I hope to use the President's Column not as a bully pulpit, but as a means of inviting our members to consider what it means to be a "professional", how these organizations work to improve professionalism among our members, how the organizations provide services to and for our members, and overall, explore the value of membership in the WCBA, a voluntary organization, and the reasons you should care about and be very proud of your membership in the Tenth Judicial District Bar, our mandatory bar. And most of all, I hope to provide some education about ways you can become involved in one, or both, organizations, why you should want to, and to answer at least to some extent that age old question – "What's in it for me?" - the question most clearly seen in the survey results.


In sitting down to draft this first column, I reflected on columns I have read – not only those written by my predecessors on these pages, but also those written by leaders of other organizations. You see, I am one of those people who actually read and even remember many of these columns.

Message from the President

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So, what makes a column memorable? For me, it may be humor, it may be a poignant remembrance, or it may be a column addressing a controversial topic head on. Most often, it is a column which paints a picture with words.

For those of you who do not know me, I am the daughter of an almost 60-year lawyer who is losing a battle with age. Watching my father's health deteriorate and finding myself no longer able to have those wonderful conversations we used to have about the profession, about the law, and about life, serves to make me appreciate his wisdom all the more. Expect to see many references to life and professional lessons he has taught appear here in the coming year. I love our profession and truly believe it is a profession. If I have any goal for the coming year, it is to help explore and understand what it means to be a lawyer and a professional and the responsibilities we all undertook when we stood before a judge and took our professional oath. I hope you will join me on this journey of exploration and understanding.

Thank you for this opportunity. Thank you for the challenge. Please let me know when you have thoughts, ideas, or challenges for our organizations, because the organizations are "ours." And thanks again and again, to Ed and Doug for their incredible leadership over the past year. I aspire to maintain their standards of excellence. 

Attention Wake County Attorneys:

You may save a life or help improve the quality of someone's life. The Lawyer Support Committee has volunteers trained who are always ready, willing and able to help others. Don't put off asking for help for yourself or encouraging someone else to seek help from BarCARES, your Lawyer Support Committee, a mental health professional, or a minister with your church or synagogue. Even lawyers have problems . . .

Call BarCARES at:

1-800-640-0735
1-877-FYI-BART (statewide)
or
919-929-1227
24 hours a day

or call Alice Roman at the Wake County Bar office, 677-9903, for a confidential referral.

Tip of the month: Friendship, not romance, holds a marriage together. . . . And remember, our BarCARES.

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brian O. Beverly,
*Endowment Scholarship Award and
Oversight Committee Chair*

The WCBA Memorial Scholarship Fund is a means for individuals and firms to make donations in the memory of, or in honor of, WCBA members. The fund is used to provide law school scholarships for Wake County residents. The Endowment Committee maintains a roster of donors and honorees. Memorial gifts and honoraria are acknowledged directly to the families of the deceased or honored member. If you or your firm wish to make a contribution, please contact Alice Roman at 657-1572.

**In Memory of WCBA Members
Who Passed Away in 2009**
David W. Long

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Wake County Specialty Bars**
(several Specialty Bars
list contact names
and meeting dates
in the *Wake Bar Flyer*.)
and

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677-9903

N.C. Supreme Court Library

The North Carolina Supreme Court Library is located on 5th floor, Justice Building, 2 East Morgan Street, Raleigh. To gain access to the facility, attorneys should provide their state bar number and photographic identification to the guard on duty. Employees of attorneys should present a completed visitor authorization form (see Library's Web site for this form) or library card. State employees need only show employee badges to gain access. Normal hours of operation for the facility are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day.....Jan. 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday.....Jan. 18
Good Friday April 2

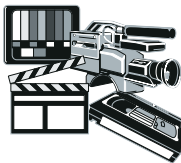
2010 WCBA Luncheon Meetings



Please mark these upcoming dates on your calendar. All meetings will begin at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you at each meeting!

Feb. 9	Woman's Club
March 2	Woman's Club
April 6	TBA
May 4	Mordecai Park
June 1	TBA
July 13	TBA
August	No Meeting
September	No Meeting
Oct. 5	TBA
Nov. 2	TBA
Dec. 7	North Raleigh Hilton 12:15 p.m.

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- ♦ Attorney Performance Evaluations
- ♦ Professional Financial Concerns

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In Wake County, call 1-800-640-0735 or 919-929-1227

Wake County Bar Association Directory/Membership Update Changes

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Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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If any of your "vital statistics" have changed since the latest WCBA Directory was issued, please complete this form and return to: Maria Dover, WCBA Directory Change, P.O. Box 3686, Cary, N.C. 27519-3686 or fax it to her attention at 657-1564.

Please note that any change in your WCBA records will change your NCBA data records.

2009 Presidents' Awards of Excellence Presented

At the December meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Tenth Judicial District Bar and Wake County Bar Association, the 2009 Presidents' Awards of Excellence were presented by Tenth President Doug Brocker and WCBA President Ed Gaskins. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Betty Jo Creed
Thomas H. Davis, Jr.
Joseph W. Eason
B. Keith Faulkner
Reed N. Fountain
Deborah L. Hildebran-Bachofen
Leonard T. Jernigan, Jr.
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Theodore B. Smyth
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Silent Partners Seeks Mentors

The Wake County Bar Association Silent Partners Mentorship Program is currently seeking volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring is a minimal time commitment, but provides a valuable service to new members of the Wake County Bar. Please contact Rebecca Redwine at rebecca@eghs.com, 781-4000 if interested.

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Professionalism Committee

Lori Vitale, Chair
Theodore Smyth, Vice-Chair

The Professionalism Support Initiative (PSI)

The Professionalism Support Initiative (PSI) is a confidential voluntary lawyer and judge assistance program that handles client-lawyer, lawyer-lawyer, and lawyer-judge issues. The purpose of PSI is to contact fellow lawyers who may need some assistance with professionalism, promote professionalism and thereby bolster public confidence in the legal profession. PSI uses local Wake County Bar Association volunteer peers to communicate privately and informally with lawyers and judges who receive significant or repeated complaints that may not rise to the level of ethics or professional responsibility violations. PSI involvement can be requested by filing a statement with the Wake County Bar Association (contact Alice Roman at 657-1572), the NC State Bar, the Judicial Standards Commission, or the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (contact Mel Wright at 890-1455). Volunteers are usually colleagues and respected members of the Wake County Bar who meet confidentially with the lawyer or judge in order to discuss the professionalism issues at hand, mediate situations, or when necessary, make a referral to an appropriate assistance based agency.

Public Service Projects

Public Service Committee
Carrie Barbee, Chair
Michelle Cofield, Vice-Chair

Please consider the following requests for assistance:

The Capital Area Teen Court is an alternative sentencing program for first offender youth who commit a misdemeanor and admit guilt to the charge.

The Teen Court is funded by a grant from the North Carolina General Assembly. Due to budget cuts, however, the Teen Court received \$20,000 less than it needs this fiscal year to run its operations. One way members of the Bar can help is to provide them with office supplies they would otherwise not be able to afford. Amy Hall, the administrator of Teen Court (856-5671), provided the following list:

- standard staples
- folders with pockets on each side with fasteners in the center -paper clips (large and small)
- pens (Sanford Uniball)
- scotch tape refills
- printer paper
- colored/black ink for Dell 948 printer
- Post-it notes
- clear address labels
- colored/black ink for Dell Photo 966 printer (for 2 printers)
- manila folders (3 tab positions)
- Sharpie highlighters
- correction tape/white out tape
- legal pads
- pencils
- liquid paper

We greatly appreciate your help.

Assistance League of the Triangle Area

(ALTA) Thrift Shop (Antiques to Zippers Resale Shop) is located at 1689 North Market Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. (Phone number is 875-8901.)

Shop for household furnishings and much more. Volunteers work to support Operation School Bell, WIN (Women In Need), KID'S PLACE at Wake Med (856-5671) and Scholarships. Many of these programs support family development. The Thrift Store is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00–4:00. (ALTA accepts donated items and will provide receipts for income tax purposes.)

Guardian ad Litem — Volunteers are needed to serve either as (1) guardians ad litem, to investigate and advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in juvenile court, or (2) pro bono appellate attorneys, to either appeal juvenile court decisions or defend against appeals on behalf of the best interests of the children. If you are interested in option one, contact Naeime Livingston at 755-4120 or naeime.n.livingston@nccourts.org. If you are interested in appellate work, please contact Kurt D. Stephenson or kurt.d.stephenson@nccourts.org or visit their Web site at www.nccourts.org/Citizens/GAL/Default.asp.

YMCA Big Brothers Big Sisters — Volunteers are needed to mentor youth ages 8–16 in the Wake County area. Training and ongoing support are provided. Required time is extremely flexible. If interested, contact Ruel Charles or Eva Hobson at 828-1140.

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Other Meetings

Wake Women Attorneys

Please join the Wake Women Attorneys for our regular monthly luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, 12:30-1:30 p.m. The speaker will be announced.

Location: The Cardinal Club, 50 Fayetteville St, Suite 2800 Raleigh, NC 27601-1395. Telephone: (919) 834-8829 Parking is also available in the Alexander Square Parking Deck, located at 120 S. Wilmington Street. Your parking ticket will be validated by the Cardinal Club. Lunch is \$12.00/members; \$15.00/non-members. Please RSVP to Christine Ryan at christine@ryanlawnc.com.

Capital City Lawyers Association

The Capital City Lawyers Association meets the first Thursday of every month. During our meetings, we conduct "Law Experience Seminars" and provide CLE opportunities. Please see a member for additional information or contact Tonya Ford at tlford@tlfordlaw.com. Please visit us at www.thecapitalcitylawyers.org.

Wake County Chapter – Christian Legal Society

The CLS meets on the third Friday of every month at Pam's Farmhouse off Western Blvd. (12:30 p.m.). We have a "keynote speaker" (local attorney, clergy, parachurch organization leader, etc.) who gives an inspiring talk, usually geared towards applying faith to legal practice. To be placed on the CLS monthly e-mail or fax list, call Rik Lovett at 783-9333 or e-mail him at riklovett@mindspring.com.

Solo Women In Law

Women attorneys who practice law solo and are interested in networking are invited to a monthly lunch of SWIL. Lunches are held on the second Thursday of every month, 12:00 p.m., at Bear Rock Café, 7400 Six Forks Rd. (north Raleigh across from Celebration Shopping Center). For information call Jan at 870-1770 or Leslee at 846-6585.

Seasoned Lawyers

Any Wake County Bar member who publicly admits that he or she is 60 years of age is welcome and encouraged to attend. Senior Lawyers meet the third Tuesday of every

month (except June, July and August). Meetings are held at the University Club with lunch at 12:30 followed by a speaker.

For more information, contact George Anderson at 755-1000.

WCBA Breast Cancer Support Group Come Eat Lunch With Friends!

The Breast Cancer Support Group meets on the second Monday of each successive month at 12:15 p.m. at 42nd Street Oyster Bar (508 W. Jones St.). Anyone who is a Wake County Lawyer or family member is welcome to eat with us. We have camaraderie, compassion and confidentiality, and we always have a great lunch. No advance reservation or notice is needed. If possible, let us know by e-mailing cindywittmer@parkerpoe.com.

Wake County Family Lawyers

Attorneys interested in family law issues are invited to meet for dinner and discussion on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact familylawyers@rosen.com or the Rosen Law Firm at 787-6668 ext. 0.

Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers

WCACTL provides regular e-mail bulletins on criminal law issues and legislation, judicial forum opportunities, social events, and CLE for members.

Please join us the second Wednesday of every month for our regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Oxford (located directly across the street from the Wake County Courthouse on Fayetteville Street). All members and those interested in joining are encouraged to attend. Dues are \$35 for the year. For more information contact Dave Ward, President, at 844-9228 or by e-mail at dward@wardlawfirmnc.com for questions, membership, or CLE information.

Collaborative Lawyers

Attorneys interested in or practicing family collaborative law are invited to meet for lunch and discussion on the first Friday of each month. Rotating location. For details contact Randolph (Tré) Morgan, III at 781-1311 or tmorgan@nichollscrampton.com.

Wake County Real Property Lawyers Association

The Wake County Real Property Lawyers Association meets for lunch and brief program on the third Wednesday of each month at the Cardinal Club at noon. Please contact Maureen Miller at mpmler@attorneystitle.com for reservations and further information.

Association Roundtable

Attorneys interested in association and legislative law meet periodically with guest speakers. Meetings are usually held at the Raleigh office of K&L Gates LLP. The meetings begin at 7:15 a.m. and end at 9:00 a.m. approximately. For information about the Roundtable, contact Bill Scoggin at (919) 743-7327 (bill.scoggin@klgates.com) or Andy Ellen at (919) 832-0811 (andy@ncrma.org).

Raleigh-Wake Paralegal Association

The Raleigh-Wake Paralegal Association has its member luncheon/speaker meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Glenwood and 440. For information on becoming a member or upcoming meetings, please go to www.rwpa.net. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact RWPA President Dianne Shackelford at dianne.shackelford@klgates.com or (919) 743-7300.

Editor's Note: If your organization has periodic meetings and you would like to "get the word out" to your fellow attorneys through the Wake Bar Flyer, please mail, fax or e-mail your information to Lucy T. Austin, Bar Flyer Editor, 1205 Haywards Heath Lane, Apex, N.C. 27502-4203, or e-mail ltaustinlegal@gmail.com.

2010 Wake County Bar Business Luncheon Meetings Urban Events at the Woman's Club of Raleigh

The Wake County Bar Luncheons for 2010 will continue as in years past to be held at the Woman's Club on Woman's Club Drive off Glenwood Avenue. The schedule for 2010 is listed below.

As some of you may be aware, Sisters Catering ended its longstanding relationship with the Woman's Club at the conclusion of 2009. Urban Events has taken over responsibility for the operation of special events at the Woman's Club and will be catering the WCBA luncheons.

The Urban Food Group also operates Coquette, Vivace, Frazier's and Porter's. We have met with Urban Events and are excited to report that their proposed menus look to be every bit as good and quite possibly better than what we have had in the past.

The WCBA looks forward to continuing its relationship with the Woman's Club, but as with every aspect of the organization, we invite your thoughts and comments on the luncheons.

2010 Schedule

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April 6	
May 4	(tent. Mordecai Park)
June 1	
July 13	
No meetings in August & September	
October 5	
November 2	
December 7	North Raleigh Hilton

We're Off and Running!

Lawyer Support Committee
Bettie K. Sousa, Chair
Kristy Rice, Vice-Chair

We told you recently of the "re-branding" of the Lawyer Support Committee, which for many years has been honored to tout the BarCARES program, but which has expanded its role to better help our members.

We are excited to report that we have had several volunteers contact us to assist us with our efforts. And, we have undertaken to reach out to several of our members who suffered a death in their family, and to at least one who underwent major surgery.

We continue to need your help to TELL US when you learn of someone who would appreciate knowing that we care. Call Alice Roman at 657-1572 and she'll get in touch with one of our committee members. Thank you for helping us help you.

Interested in Serving on a Committee?

Contact Kathy Ruppert
at the
Wake County
Bar Association
657-1573
or
kruppert@ncbar.org.

Don't Forget

Keep your membership records
up to date
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Call Maria Dover at 659-1441
or e-mail her
at mdover@ncbar.org.

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The N.C. Bar Center is home to the N.C. Bar Association, the NCBA Foundation, the Wake County Bar Association/10th Judicial District Bar and Lawyers Insurance, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lawyers Mutual that will remain at the Bar Center. <http://www.ncbar.org/about/communications/news/2009-news-articles/nc-bar-center-space-available-may-1.aspx>

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Results of Dec. 1, 2009, Election Meeting

President Elect

Christie S. Cameron

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Committees of the Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar

The **Athletics Committee** directs the basketball league, softball league, annual golf tournament and the annual tennis tournament.

- * The **Bar Candidate Interview Committee** is responsible for arranging and conducting bar candidate interviews for the February and July bar examinations.

The **Bar Flyer Committee** oversees the publishing of the monthly *Wake Bar Flyer*.

- ** The **Bench-Bar Committee** serves as a liaison between the Bar and members of our judiciary in Wake County.

The **CLE Committee** coordinates and plans local Bar CLE programs.

The **Directory Committee** oversees the membership online directory.

The **Endowment Scholarship Award and Oversight Committee** oversees the selection of the winners of annual memorial scholarships and the investment of memorial scholarship funds.

- * The **Facilities/Public Records Committee** coordinates the needs of the attorney workspace in the Wake County Courthouse and coordinates the needs of the Wake County Bar office at the Bar Center.
- * The **Fee Dispute Resolution Committee** of the Tenth Judicial District Bar exists to resolve disputes involving fees between lawyers and clients.
- * The **Grievance Committee** investigates complaints against members of the Tenth Judicial District Bar and makes recommendations of whether probable cause exists for finding a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct. **(Must be licensed in NC for 5 years.)**

The **History Committee** collects and organizes records and other items that pertain to the history of the Wake County Bar Association.

- ** The **Lawyers Support Committee** provides assistance to lawyers in need, including promotion of the BarCARES program.
- ** The **Long Range Planning Committee** is charged with looking ahead to propose programs to meet the needs of our membership in the years to come.

The **Membership Services Committee** from time to time surveys the membership and makes recommendations to the Board as to additional services that would benefit its members.

- * The **Memorial Committee** is responsible for a semi-annual program where deceased members of the Bar are memorialized.
- ** The **Professionalism Committee** is charged with exploring ways to promote professionalism among attorneys.

The **Professionalism Award Committee** oversees the selection of the recipient of the Justice Branch Professionalism Award.

The **Public Service Committee** coordinates community projects that Wake County Bar members can participate in as a group.

The **Social Committee**, traditionally one of the most active in the Wake County Bar Association, plans the Holiday Party, Fall Social, Family Picnic, Afterwork Socials, and other social functions throughout the year.

The **Summer Programs Committee** coordinates an annual summer clerk orientation program.

- ** The **Swearing-In Ceremony Committee** coordinates the semi-annual swearing-in ceremonies for new attorneys who have passed the bar exam.
- ** The **Technology Committee** explores available technology that will enable the Bar and the justice system to work more efficiently and effectively for the profession and the public.

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2010 Committees

*This year has again been a year of growth for the Wake County Bar Association and the Tenth Judicial District Bar. With growth comes changes. Our goal is to keep up with the growth and continue to better serve the attorneys and community of Wake County. We need the help that so many of you are prepared to give. Please take a moment and consider your role in the Wake County Bar and the Tenth Judicial District Bar. If you have any interest in serving on any of the following committees, please fill out the survey below, **number in order of preference** and return to:*

2010 Committee Survey
 Wake County Bar Association
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I am willing to serve on the following committee(s)
 (Committee members will be selected later this year. Appointment letters will be mailed shortly thereafter.)

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WCBA Young Lawyers Division Upcoming Activities

YLD Quick Calendar

- Jan. 7, 6:00 p.m.** YLD Social @ The Oxford (319 S. Fayetteville Street)
Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. YLD Board Meeting (at Yates, McLamb & Weyher)
Jan. 26, 4:00 p.m. The Healing Place Seminar (volunteers needed!)
Feb. 4, 6:00 p.m. YLD Social @ The Point (at Five Points)
Feb. 6, TBA Ask-A-Lawyer (Crabtree Valley Mall)
March 4, 6:00 p.m. YLD Social @ TBA
May 3, 5:30 p.m. YLD Board Meeting
June 3, 12:30 p.m. Summer Clerk Orientation Program & YLD Social
Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m. YLD Board Meeting
Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m. YLD Board Meeting & 2011 Elections

10th Annual WCBA-YLD Clothing Drive a Huge Success!

For the tenth straight year, the Annual WCBA-YLD Clothing Drive was a resounding success, resulting in more than 400 large bags of clothes being donated to 13 different need-based charities.

Numerous young lawyers from various law firms and state agencies throughout the Triangle area conducted a clothing drive from November 23rd through December 11th. Each young lawyer collected clothes from his or her office during the two-week period. On Friday December 11th and Saturday, December 12th, a group of very dedicated volunteers met at the collection

site to sort, bag, and deliver the clothes. The YLD collected and sorted a staggering 400+ large bags of clothing and distributed these items to a number of organizations serving the needy in our community, including the following: Haven House, Abigail's Closet, Catholic Parish Outreach, Durham Rescue Mission, First Baptist Church, The Healing Place, Pregnancy Life Care Center, Wake Family Entry, Raleigh Rescue Mission, Helping Hand, Brooks Avenue Church of Christ, Vidas De Esperanza, and Passage Home.

As in prior years, this project was huge success because of the volunteers, law firms, and state agencies that donated their time, energy, and of course, their clothes. In addition, the project would not have been possible without the generous donation of facilities by Crosspointe Church located off Carpenter Fire Station Road in Cary. This project would not have been possible without Crosspointe Church and we are very grateful for their willingness to help such a worthy cause. In addition, we would also like to recognize Grand Rental Station, who gave us a discount on tables and chairs that were used in the sorting process; Bruegger's Bagels, who gave us 2 dozen free bagels; and Dominos Pizza, who gave us a buy one, get one free discount to feed hungry volunteers.

Also, a very special thanks to the following individuals who helped gather, sort and deliver the items on Saturday,

December 12th—this is the toughest part of the project, and we couldn't have done it without you. There was a mountain of clothing to go through and our volunteers did a tremendous job: Tré Morgan, Jeff Bradford, Caroline Koo, Beth Tanner, Drew Hathaway, Adrian Davis, Ben Thompson, Kelly Chambers, Mollie Livingston, Michelle Cunningham, Dana Moody, Darlene

Davis, Kyle Deak, Denise Mullen, Erin Zuiker, Scott Hovey, James Hash, Jessica Cooley, Katie Brewer, Kristin Hampson, Laura Morgan, Sarah Johnson, Sarah Blair, Jennifer Morgan, John Moye, Canon Pence, Fang Qian, Kristy Rice, Robert Desmond, Kate Deiter-Maradei, Theresa Spawn Dew, Trey Allen, Will Cherry, Julie Hampton, Matt Lawless, Justin Truesdale, Katie Lavoie, Victoria Bender, Nick and Max Lopez, Sarah Duffy, Logan Buck, Cara Rose, Dennis Fairbank, Teresa Fairbank, Adam Fairbank, Alexis Fairbank, Hannah Trudeau, Darlene Davis, Kevin Davis, Sam Wyrick, Phyllis Hines, Sherry and Evelyn Murphy.

We hope everyone has a wonderful New Year and look forward to everyone's participation in the 2010 clothing drive!

Healing Place Seminar.

The Poverty Issues Committee is holding a question and answer seminar at The Healing Place of Wake County (1251 Goode Street, Raleigh) **January 26, 2010**, from 4:00 pm–6:00 pm. Attorney volunteers are needed to field questions primarily in the areas of traffic and criminal law, debtor/creditor issues, and family law. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jaime Davis at (919) 832-8488 or JaimeDavis@gailorwallishunt.com.

Ask-A-Lawyer Event

Volunteers are needed to staff the event – consisting of answering questions from across the spectrum of legal issues - at Crabtree Valley Mall February 6, 2010. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Alicia Whitlock (919) 250-2232 or awhitlock@smithdebnamlaw.com.

YLD Socials.

The monthly YLD socials continue to be well-attended and we invite those of you who have not had the chance to come by any of our socials this year. No need to RSVP for these, just come as you are. For more information, contact our 2010 Social Chairs, Adam Olls (aolls@bdixon.com) or Kathleen Putiri (kputiri@hinsonputiri.com)



Thanks to these Clothing Drive Committee Co-Chairs!

Bits 'n' Pieces

Best Lawyers recently named **Dan J. McLamb**, founding partner of Yates, McLamb & Weyher, L.L.P. (YMW), as the Raleigh Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigator of the Year for 2010. McLamb's practice at YMW is focused on the defense of personal injury claims, professional liability defense and the defense of catastrophic injury cases. He represents physicians, hospitals, attorneys, and corporations throughout North Carolina.

Visit the WCBA web site at
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- Read the *Bar Flyer* Online!
 - Confirm Meeting Dates
 - Watch for CLE Programs
 - Look for Sports Events
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Swearing-In Ceremony

The YLD needs your help as new attorneys join the Wake County Bar after passing the February 2010 Bar Exam. If you can make time to help, please contact the committee chair Erin Jochum (Erin.Jochum@smithmoorelaw.com). Thank you very much in advance!

Silent Partners Committee.

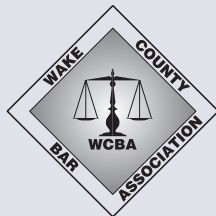
We are looking for volunteers and participants in the Silent Partners Program. The program pairs a new lawyer with an experienced lawyer from the same community who can answer the new lawyer's questions about the practical aspects of practicing law. All of those interested should contact Rebecca Redwine (Rebecca@eghs.com).

2010 Summer Clerk Orientation.

Please ask the attorney or staff member in your office responsible for handling summer clerks/interns to save the afternoon of June 3, 2010 for our annual meeting & social designed to welcome this year's class of summer clerks to Wake County. More information is forthcoming, but if you have questions in the interim, please contact the committee chair, Bo Thompson (bthompson@ymwlaw.com).

Board Meetings & Committee Participation

The 2010 YLD Officers & Committee chairs need the YLD membership's ideas and suggestions. Everyone is invited to participate in our quarterly Board meetings, though an RSVP is requested since meeting space may be limited. If you want to attend a meeting, participate in any of our committees or make suggestions please let our new President, Bo Thompson (e-mail address above), Secretary Stephanie Gaston (sgaston@cshlaw.com) or Treasurer J.T. Crook (jcrook@bdixon.com) know. We look forward to a great 2010 and from all of us, Happy New Year!



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