

Message From The President

Nan E. Hannah



Are civility and professionalism lost concepts? I certainly hope not. Growing up in Greensboro, my view of the legal profession was created by watching lawyers most of you never met and many of you have never heard of – giants of our profession like Bill Adams, Charles T. Hagan, Jr., Jack Kleemeier, and yes, my Dad, Walter Hannah. Add to that clerking for Justice John Webb, and years of attending both the NCBA's Annual Meeting and the ABA Annual Meeting, I find it impossible to list all the role models who epitomized the Atticus Finch style of civility and professionalism. I, thankfully, could make a long, long list of lawyers still practicing today who learned from such mentors and strive to continue the traditions of a profession long governed by civility and honor.

What is "civility"? As I began work on this column, my *Washington and Lee University Alumni Magazine* arrived with a full edition on the topic of civility. In one article, Robert Grey, Past-President of the ABA, is quoted as saying, "Probably the most important aspect of civility is treating people with respect." W&L President Kenneth P. Ruscio, adds, "Civility and honor cannot be explained without reference to, first, being aware of the needs and interests of others;

Upcoming Meetings

LOOKING AHEAD: WCBA Meeting Schedule

March 2	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Club
April 6	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Club
May 4	12:15 p.m.	Mordecai Park (tentative)
June 1	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Club

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

April

The April meeting of the Wake County Bar Association will take place on April 6, 2010, at the Woman's Club. The program features a panel discussion BY FORMER CHIEF JUSTICES AND THE CURRENT CHIEF JUSTICE on the duties of the Office of Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court. Mark your calendar and plan to join us then!

Wake County Bar Association
Tenth Judicial District Bar

Swearing-In Ceremony

April 20, 2010 • 2:00 p.m.
North Carolina Bar Center Auditorium
8000 Weston Parkway
Cary

Details to follow in the
April *Bar Flyer*.

March Meeting

The March meeting of the Wake County Bar Association will be held on March 2, 2010, at the Woman's Club. Lunch will be served at 12:15 and the meeting will begin promptly at 12:45.

Our speaker for the March meeting will be The Honorable John W. Smith, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Judge Smith has been in private practice, an Assistant District Attorney, a District Court Judge (serving as Chief Judge for five years), a Special Superior Court Judge, and has just completed his first full year as Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Judge Smith will share some interesting tales of his first year as Director, and he will share some highlights and hurdles facing the court system over the next several years.

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

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**

Wednesday, March 17

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and, second, to shaping one's actions, not out of a concern for the self but instead out of a concern for others."¹

Recently, I read the book *A Team of Rivals*. This book has been cited by many for its role in shaping the Obama campaign and philosophy. I would recommend it to you for a different reason. This book provides a fascinating view of the roots of our profession in this country. There are numerous stories which can inform a young lawyer's understanding of what civility is and how lawyers can interact at their best (and even at their worst).


In my current position, it has been brought to my attention that there are serious concerns about the level of civility (or lack thereof) seen in the courts in Wake County. The concerns center not only on the interaction between counsel in the courtroom setting, but also those attorneys who abuse the rules and procedures to delay, delay, delay in hopes of eventually achieving a dismissal without any hearing on the merits, or those who practice wearing down an opponent by procedural maneuvering to force a favorable resolution based on the law of economics.

Though it was thankfully not a Wake County situation, the recent guilty pleas and sentencing of lawyers in Johnston County should be a wake up call to us all. Judge Hight noted that he was mystified at what drove these attorneys to these actions. The public, as evidenced by the Press, is equally puzzled. News reports indicate that no money was exchanged, no one particularly profited, *The News & Observer* noted that the clients did not know that they had gotten special treatment.

Could we draw the conclusion from the concerns expressed about the activities in the courts in Wake County, and by the actions of the attorneys in Johnston County, that the root of incivility or lost professionalism is a "win at all cost" mentality? As lawyers, we are taught that our job is to zealously represent our clients. In my education, both formal and through mentors, that axiom has always been tempered by the admonition that such zealous representation must occur within the confines of the Canons of Ethics and the Rules of Professionalism with the goal being to obtain justice. More plainly stated in my Dad's words, lawyers "need to be able to fight like cats and dogs in the courtroom, then go out for a drink

afterwards" – and need to remember that "clients will come and go, but lawyers have to deal with each other for their entire careers."

With that in mind, it is vital that we as lawyers remember that we are seeking justice and a "win" does not necessarily mean that someone walks free or that a financially disadvantaged opponent is worn down to the point where they cannot afford to continue involvement in an action. Racing to the courthouse to obtain a default judgment before an Answer can be filed when you know there is an attorney on the other side may be procedurally permissible, but it is neither civil nor professional – and the next time you need a break from opposing counsel, you can bet counsel will think long and hard before granting mercy.

To inform our membership, the topics of civility and professionalism are always in the forefront of the activities of the WCBA. Our Professionalism Committee has won national awards for its trendsetting programs for our membership. At present, our Bench-Bar Committee and Professionalism Committee are grappling with the civility concerns. The members of the Wake County Bar have always had a reputation for being positive role models of civility and professionalism for lawyers in other parts of the state. This is a reputation which has been hard-won and well-deserved. It is therefore incumbent upon the succeeding generations to protect and build upon this reputation. A reputation is very difficult to rebuild if it is ever lost. 

¹ "Rooted in Respect: W&L and Civility" by Greg Esposito, *The Washington and Lee University Alumni Magazine*, Fall/Winter 2009, Vol. 84, Number 4, page 25.

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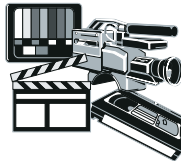
2010 WCBA Luncheon Meetings



Please mark these upcoming dates on your calendar. Buffet lines open at 12:15 p.m.; meeting begins promptly at 12:45 p.m. We hope to see you at each meeting!

March 2	Woman's Club
April 6	TBA
May 4	Mordecai Park (tent.)
June 1	TBA
July 13	TBA
August	No Meeting
September	No Meeting
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Nov. 2	TBA
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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.

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

Tip of the month: When your spouse whispers, "Do you love me?" the correct answer is, "Is the sky blue? Is water wet? Are mountains high? That's how much I love you!" . . . And remember, our BarCARES.

**Need to Reach
Us? Here's How**

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The value of the program is best demonstrated by the number of attorneys who have participated for multiple years. The Public Service Committee would like to thank the following attorneys for their commitment to Lunch with a Lawyer:

Fifteen Year Participants:

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M. Gray Styers, Jr.,
Paul Suhr

Ten Year Participants:

The Honorable Robert C. Hunter,
The Honorable Deborah K. Ross

If you are interested in participating this summer, please contact Paul Suhr at paulsuhr@aol.com.

The Public Service Committee is looking forward to offering some excellent programs and information for attorneys to participate in the community. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to improve Wake County through pro bono and other community volunteer opportunities.

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.

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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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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 mpmiller@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@troutmansanders.com) or Andy Ellen at (919) 832-0811 (andy@ncrma.org).

Wake Women Attorneys

Wake Women Attorneys invite you to attend its March Monthly luncheon on Thursday, March 11, 2010. It will be held at 12:30pm at the Cardinal Club located at 150 Fayetteville St, Suite 2800 Raleigh, NC 27601. Telephone:(919) 834-8829.

Our presenter this month will be Cat Flowers from Cat Eye's Private Investigation.

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 by March 9th.

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 Dayatra Matthews at dmatthews@bdixon.com. Please visit us at www.thecapitalcitylawyers.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.

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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.

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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.



Have you moved or changed law firms? Do you have a new e-mail address? If so, please fill out the change of address form on page 4 and fax it to the WCBA office at 657-1564.

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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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**Tenth Judicial District Bar and Wake County Bar Association Committee

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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
 P.O. Box 3686
 Cary, NC 27519-3686
 Fax (919) 657-1564

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.)

PLEASE NUMBER IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bench-Bar**
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<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities and Public Records*
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Dispute Resolution*†
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 **Tenth Judicial District and Wake County Bar Committee

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Please check the category that applies to you:

- I am a Wake County Bar Association member
- I am a Tenth Judicial District Bar member
- I am both a Wake County Bar Association member and a Tenth Judicial District Bar member

Bits 'n' Pieces

Dan McLamb, founding partner of Yates, McLamb & Weyher, was recently honored by *North Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine, receiving the most points of any attorney in the state on the publication's statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates, and peer evaluation. Founding partner **Barbara "Bonnie" Weyher**, the current NC State Bar president, was included in the Top 50 Women NC Super Lawyers. In total, 10 of the firm's attorneys were recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

WCBA Young Lawyers Division Upcoming Activities

YLD Quick Calendar

March 4, 6:00 p.m. YLD Social @ The Big Easy

April 20, TBA Swearing-In Ceremony (N.C. Bar Center)

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

Sept. 20, TBA Swearing-In Ceremony (Performing Arts Center)

Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m. YLD Board Meeting & 2011 Elections

Ask-A-Lawyer Event

The WCBA-YLD held its annual Ask-a-Lawyer Day event at Crabtree Valley Mall on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Despite the inclement weather, we had a great turnout and provided assistance to 50 people. Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended this event:

Alicia Jurney Whitlock, Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers, L.L.P. (organizer); David Currens; Lisa Kamarchik, Sandlin & Davidian, P.A.; Christina Medlin, Law Office of Christina P. Medlin; Justin Nifong, Olive Law Group, P.L.L.C.; Kathleen Putiri, Hinson Putiri, L.L.P.; Christina McAlpin Taylor, Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers, L.L.P.; Bo Thompson, Yates, McLamb & Weyher, L.L.P.

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. Our next YLD social will be on March 4, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Big Easy. For more information, contact our 2010 Social Chairs, Adam Olls (aolls@bdixon.com) or Kathleen Putiri (kputiri@hinsonputiri.com).

Swearing-In Ceremony

The YLD needs your help as new attorneys join the Wake County Bar after passing the February 2010 Bar Exam. The Swearing-In Ceremony is scheduled for April 20, 2010, at the North Carolina Bar Center, 8000 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC. If you can make time to serve as a sponsor, please contact the committee chair, Erin Jochum (Erin.Jochum@smithmoorelaw.com). Thank you very much in advance!

Silent Partners Program

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. At the moment, we need some volunteers to serve as mentors. Anyone interested should contact Rebecca Redwine (rebecca@eghs.com).

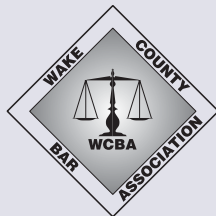
Ed Gaskins Receives Parting Gift



Craig Gurganus presents Ed Gaskins with the giant lobster he created as the gift of the WCBA to Gaskins for serving as president in 2009. It now hangs in his beach house. "Thank you for this gift and for the privilege of letting me serve as your president." – Ed Gaskins

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