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Message From The President

Nan E. Hannah



A Wonderful Life/Amazing Grace

For at least the past five years, each President-Elect of the Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar has asked one critical question before agreeing to allow their name to be placed in nomination. That critical question was posed to Alice Roman and the question was "will you promise to stay put until my term is complete?" I will admit to asking that question. It appears that Christie Cameron failed to secure that pledge, so Alice has found the loophole and pounced through it. Alice has announced that January 1, 2011 will be her last day as Executive Director of the Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar. It is a retirement well earned and opens doors for Alice and her terrific husband, Jack, to retire to their place at the beach and to spend more time with family and friends around the country.

I would love to take a poll of lawyers in Wake County to determine how many have a personal "Alice Roman story." An informal survey indicates to me that she knows everyone and that no one has ever said an unkind word about her.

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Upcoming Meetings

LOOKING AHEAD: WCBA Meeting Schedule

Sept. 10	Family Picnic	Lake Wheeler Park
Oct. 5	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Club
Nov. 2	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Club

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

September

There will not be a meeting of the WCBA in September which features our Family Picnic at Lake Wheeler Park in Raleigh (Sept. 10). On Oct. 5, join us at the Woman's Club for lunch and another Professionalism roundtable discussion.

Professionalism Award Nominations

Sidney S. Eagles, Jr., Chair

REMINDER: Nominations for the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award are being accepted through Sept. 3, 2010. The award, which is to be presented each year to the practicing lawyer (25 or more active years in the practice of law) in Wake County who best exhibits the qualities of professionalism, will be presented at the November WCBA meeting.

If you have a name to submit, please use form on page 5.

Reminder

As in past years, there will be no luncheon meeting of the Wake County Bar Association in September. WCBA members and their families are encouraged to attend the Family Celebration on September 10 at Lake Wheeler Park (NEW SITE!). (See page 15 for additional information and a sign-up form.)



Wake County
Bar Association
Tenth Judicial
District Bar

Swearing-In Ceremony

September 20, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Meymandi Concert Hall
at
Progress Energy Center
for the Performing Arts
Downtown Raleigh

See the article on page 3
for additional information.

Please Note!

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Most will tell stories of Alice's wisdom, her guidance and her sage advice. Many will share times when she could answer a question that no one else could. Vendors will tell you how wonderful she is. Volunteers will marvel at how she pulled a rabbit out of a hat to ensure that an event went off smoothly. And we all know that she has managed the WCBA and Tenth through a phenomenal period of growth with amazing grace.

In the coming months, you will see and hear many more stories about Alice, her history with our Bars and her incredible career. There will be laughter, smiles and tears. I can say this with assurance because my position entailed my receiving this information before anyone else and holding it close for a period of time. I have already shared laughter, smiles and tears with Alice.

There is nothing more fun than joining Alice and Jack for ABA meetings. Everyone in the National Association of Bar Executives seems to know them and if you stay close, you will learn a lot about running a Bar, but also about how the Executive Directors across the country turn to Alice to find out how the WCBA does things.

As you may know, Alice is the number 1 Carolina Hurricanes fan. She took one for the team during the Stanley Cup run in 2006 – literally. A puck dodged the net and instead found Alice's forehead. She was carried from the arena bleeding profusely from a cut which required numerous stitches to close, but she was still cheering for the Canes.

Alice and Jack led two trips to Washington, D.C., for Swearing-in Ceremonies at the United States Supreme Court. She would tell you that the Swearing-in Ceremony Committee led those trips, but noting that I was chair of that committee for both those trips, I assure you that Alice and Jack led the way. The first trip, they went a day early to watch the Canes play the Capitals. The second trip we tried to explore the International Spy Museum, but were mysteriously denied access. Undeterred, Alice and Jack led our merry band of tourists around other sites including a Metro ride.

The one thing I believe every president who has had the pleasure of working with Alice shares is a great appreciation for her ability to remain calm in a crisis, to deal amiably and ably with the unexpected, and to always greet everyone with a warm smile and a big hug.

We have been very blessed to have Alice as our true leader for the past 17 years. She will be greatly missed and will forever be greatly appreciated. I encourage one and all to communicate with Alice over the next few months to let her know how much you appreciate the manner in which she has interacted with you or touched your life. Her tenure with the WCBA and Tenth has truly been "A Wonderful Life" for all of us and has demonstrated her "Amazing Grace." Thanks Alice! 🏏

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Fall 2010 Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Admitted Attorneys

Deborah L. Hildebran-Bachofen, Chair
Christina McAlpin Taylor, Vice Chair
Rob Shields, Sub-Committee Chair

The Swearing-In Ceremony Committee of the Wake County/ Tenth Judicial District Bar is pleased to offer an opportunity to lawyers to be sworn in before the courts of North Carolina in a collegial and welcoming event. On Monday, September 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Meymandi Concert Hall, Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts located on South Street between Salisbury Street and Wilmington Street in downtown Raleigh, the Wake County Bar Association will host its annual Swearing-In Ceremony for those individuals who recently passed the July Bar Exam.

Currently, the Honorable Ripley E. Rand and the Honorable Paul Gessner are scheduled to preside over this ceremonial special session of the Wake County Superior Court, for the purpose of hearing motions to admit these newly licensed lawyers to practice law in North Carolina. We are honored to have the Honorable Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina, as the keynote speaker. We are also pleased that a representative from the NCBA Professionalism Committee will share with us information about the new *Mentoring Program* for all newly admitted attorneys.

Newly licensed attorneys should receive an instructional package from the Wake County/ Tenth Judicial District Bars before the ceremony. The candidates for Swearing-In should select a sponsor and contact **Joan Linton** at **919-677-9903** to register. The candidates should bring **two (2) copies of the oath, license, or letter** from the N.C. State Bar if the license has not been received, and a **valid photo I.D.** New attorneys who can not arrange a sponsor may contact the Wake County Bar Association (919-677-9903) and the Young Lawyers Division **in advance of the ceremony** and they will arrange a sponsor.

Attorneys to be sworn in and their sponsors are asked to arrive in the lobby of the Meymandi Concert Hall no later than 1:00 p.m., to check in prior to the 2:00 p.m. call to order of the Wake County Superior Court.

The membership of the Wake County and Tenth Judicial District Bars are invited to join us for this exciting event.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

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.

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

Labor Day..... Sept. 6
Veteran's Day Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Nov. 25, 26
Christmas..... December 24, 27

Tennis Tournament Oct. 1

The annual Wake County Bar Association Tennis Tournament will be held at the Carolina Country Club on Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners up. Food and refreshments will be awarded to everyone! The entry form is on page 9.



Bridge The Gap

"Bridge the Gap," a program conducted annually by the WCBA Young Lawyers Division, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010, in the Wake County Courthouse. All new attorneys are encouraged to attend.

For details, see page 17.

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!

September	No Meeting
Oct. 5	Woman's Club
Nov. 2	Woman's Club
Dec. 7	North Raleigh Hilton 12:15 p.m.

Social Calendar

Family Celebration

Sept. 10, 2010
 Lake Wheeler Park (New Site!)
 4:00–7:00 p.m.
 (Park closes at 7:00 p.m.)

Fall Members Only Party

Oct. 14, 2010
 Haywood Hall (New Site!)
 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Party

Dec. 3, 2010
 North Raleigh Hilton
 Time TBA

Professionalism Award Nominations

Sidney S. Eagles, Jr., Chair

This year marks the 19th year that the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award is to be presented by the Wake County Bar Association. The strength and significance of the award depends upon the nominations process which remains meaningful only if each of us submits the names of those lawyers whom we know deserve to be considered for this high honor.

Nominations from a broad range of lawyers become particularly important as our bar grows. Please take the time to nominate one of your deserving colleagues.

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Executive Director Search Committee

A search committee, chosen by Christie Cameron as President-Elect of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar, has been formed and tasked with finding a replacement for Alice Roman who announced her retirement at the May Board of Directors meeting.

The Committee will be chaired by Past President Keith Kapp, and it will be comprised of Past Presidents Carlyn Poole, John Siverstein, Judge Paul Ridgeway, and Endowment and Scholarship Committee Chair, Brian Beverly. A job description is available on the NCBA and WCBA Web sites.

The time-table for this committee is as follows:

- Applications received and reviewed:** July, August and early September
- Interviews:** August and September
- Recommendation to Board of Directors:** October 14, 2010

Wake County Bar Association Directory/Membership Update Changes

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Firm: _____

Spouse: _____

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.
 (This form available on WCBA Web site under forms: www.wakecountybar.org)

Joseph Branch Professionalism Award

"It should be remembered that the practice of law is a profession and not a business. Law, like the ministry, medicine and teaching, must be service oriented rather than profit inspired. Integrity is an absolute: any compromise is unacceptable and civility is an essential with adversaries, clients, the Bench and Bar. The lack of civility renders the practitioner non-professional."

With the above in mind, the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award Committee requests nominations for the 2010 Award. Those nominated should have 25 years of active practice in the law.

Nominee's Name: _____

Business Address: _____

General Description of Nominee's Practice: _____

Contributions to the General Practice of Law: _____

Service to Clients: _____

Service to Community: _____

Service to Bar and Relationships with Lawyers: _____

Quality of Legal Product: _____

Reputation Among Peers: _____

Ethical Standards: _____

Role Model for Lawyers and Citizenship: _____

(Please use a separate sheet for additional comments)

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

You may be contacted by a member of the Professionalism Committee. All communications will be kept confidential.

Professionalism Award Nomination
Post Office Box 3686
Cary, North Carolina 27519-3686

Nominations Due by September 3, 2010

Most forms are now available on our Web site www.wakecountybar.org See "Forms" on left side of home page

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. (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.

The RL Mace Universal Design Institute

(www.udinstitute.org), a Triangle-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to education and training in making the built environment accessible to all persons regardless of ability, needs the following:

- LCD projector
- extra computer printer (any make/model)

Tax donation credit available.

If you know of a community need, contact Elaine Whitford, 789-9315, or whitelaine@aol.com.

IRS Workshop for Exempt Organizations

On Wednesday October 20, the IRS will hold a one day workshop on tax issues related to exempt organizations in Raleigh. Hosted by the NCSU Institute for Nonprofits and the Philanthropy Journal program, this interactive workshop will provide a low cost opportunity for exempt organizations to learn about a variety of tax related issues directly from IRS representatives.

There will be a luncheon address by Lois Lerner who is the head of the IRS Exempt Organization Division.

The workshop will offer six (6) hours of CAE and CFRE credits for association executives and fund raising professionals and five (5) hours of CLE for lawyers. Participants may apply for six (6) hours credit toward the Duke Nonprofit Certificate management program. There is an application pending for CPE credits for accountants.

Click here for the Philanthropy Journal registration link (www.philanthropyjournal.org/irsworkshop). Cost is \$35 which includes luncheon address.

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Other Meetings

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 Anna Smith, President, at 834-3790 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 mpmliller@attorneysitle.com for reservations and further information.

Wake Women Attorneys

Wake Women Attorneys invites you to a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at The Cardinal Club (150 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, 834-8829). September's meeting will feature candidates for the district bench in Judicial District 10B.

Lunch is \$13 for members and \$17 for non-members. Parking will be validated for the Alexander Deck (entered on Wilmington Street). Please direct further questions and inquiries to Daire Roebuck at daire@roebucklawpllc.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 Dayatra Matthews at dmatthews@bdixon.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.

Senior 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 787-1152.

WCBA Breast Cancer Support Group Come Eat Lunch With Friends!

The Breast Cancer Support Group meets periodically 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. Call or e-mail Cindy Wittmer (890-4171; or cindywittmer@parkerpoe.com) for information on the next meeting or to get your name on the e-mail list.

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 your information to Lucy T. Austin, Bar Flyer Editor, 3900 Merton Drive, Suite 158, Raleigh, N.C. 27609, or e-mail ltaustinlegal@gmail.com.

WCBA/Tenth Judicial District Bar Offices Are Closed on September 6, Labor Day



ANNUAL WAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TENNIS TOURNAMENT



- WHEN:** Friday, October 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Carolina Country Club, 2500 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina
- PLAYERS:** Tournament will be limited to members of the Wake County Bar Association and law clerks. Men and Women.
- FORMAT:** Doubles Tourney I (Open Division) - Open to all players. Partners will be randomly assigned and regularly changed in Round Robin play involving several rounds. This is the main draw.
- Doubles Tourney II (Championship Division) - Open to intermediate and advanced players. Partners should sign up as a team. Teams will not change in Round Robin play involving several rounds.
- COST:** Entry/Court fee of \$3.00 per person is requested with your entry form. Check should be made payable to "Wake County Bar Association."
- TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up of both divisions. Refreshments and food will be provided for all players and spectators.

Sign up quickly due to limited court space. Please complete and return entry form.



-----DETACH-----

NAME: _____

FIRM: _____

TOURNAMENT: **OPEN** _____ **CHAMPIONSHIP** _____

PARTNER: _____

ENTRY/COURT FEE: \$3.00 per person. Make check payable to "Wake County Bar Association."

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: Tennis Tournament
Wake County Bar Association
PO Box 3686
Cary, NC 27519-3686

Questions? Contact William Plyler at 821-5124

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- Read the *Bar Flyer* Online!
 - Confirm Meeting Dates
 - Watch for CLE Programs
 - Look for Sports Events

Attention Wake County Attorneys:

You may save a life or help improve the quality of someone's life. The Lawyer Support Committee has volunteers 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: Rather than fight or flight, use crisis as a time for growth. . . . And remember, our BarCARES.

The Triangle Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society will host the candidates for North Carolina appellate judicial office in a public forum on September 21 at 7:00. The forum will take place at the Marriott City Center, 500 Fayetteville Street. The Hon. Willis P. Whichard will moderate the forum. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:00. This event is free and open to all.

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

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In Wake County, you can also call 919-929-1227

Interested in Serving on a Committee?

Contact Kathy Ruppert at the Wake County Bar Association

657-1573

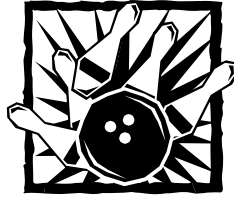
or

kruppert@ncbar.org

Please note Committee Sign-Up Forms are available online under "Forms" on the WCBA Web page.

www.wakecountybar.org

Can you spare a few Tuesday nights? Make a Motion to Strike!



**Join the WCBA Bowling League
At AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes in Raleigh**

**Introducing the Second Season of WCBA Bowling
Bowling Begins Tuesday Nights on September 14th**

League is 10 Weeks Long. Practice Starts at 6:45 p.m.

\$110 per player or \$425 per team for a 10 Week Season

4 bowlers per team, plus alternates

Don't have a team? Sign up and we will place you on a team.

All experience levels welcome, handicaps will be provided.

Registration Fee includes bowling, shoes, end of season party, trophies for the winners!

Contact Toni-Ann Herwig at tah@ymh.com or Michael Rainey at msr@ymh.com for more information.

*****WCBA Bowling Registration Form*****

_____ **Individual (\$110)**

_____ **Team of four (\$425)**

Name _____

Alternates: _____

Telephone: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Make checks payable to Wake County Bar Association, with "Bowling" on memo line and mail your registration form and check by September 1, 2010 to:

Bowling League
Wake County Bar Association
PO Box 3686
Cary, NC 27519-3686

Most forms are now available on our Web site www.wakecountybar.org See "Forms" on left side of home page

Welcome New Members

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Tharrington Smith, LLP

Claudia H. Bingham
Bingham Law, PLLC

Andrea Marcela Bosquez-Porter
Tharrington Smith, LLP

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WCBA Young Lawyers Division Upcoming Activities

YLD 2010 Quick Calendar

Sept. 2 6:00 p.m. YLD Social @ Tir na nÓg

Sept. 20 2:00 p.m. Swearing-In Ceremony
(Meymandi Hall)

Sept. 21 4:00 p.m. The Healing Place of Wake
County

Oct. 7 6:00 p.m. YLD Social @ Napper
Tandy's Irish Pub

Oct. 8 10:00 a.m. Bridge the Gap Program

Nov. 9 4:00 p.m. The Healing Place of Wake
County

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

Silent Partners Program

We are looking for volunteers 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 (rredwine@hendrenmalone.com).

Healing Place Seminar

The Poverty Issues Committee will hold a question and answer seminar at The Healing Place of Wake County (1251 Goode Street, Raleigh) between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on September 21 and November 9. 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 Meredith Cross at MeredithCross@GailorWallisHunt.com.

Fall Swearing-In Ceremony

The YLD needs your help as new attorneys join the Wake County Bar after passing the July 2010 Bar Exam. The Swearing-In Ceremony is scheduled for September 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at Meymandi Hall. We need attorneys to serve as sponsors for the new lawyers. If you can make time to serve as a sponsor, please contact Erin Jochum at Erin.Jochum@smithmoorelaw.com. Thank you very much in advance!

Bridge the Gap

"Bridge the Gap," a program conducted annually by the WCBA Young Lawyers Division, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010, in the Wake County Courthouse. All new attorneys are encouraged to attend.

This is an excellent opportunity for new attorneys to become acquainted with local judges and officials. There will be presentations by various judges and court personnel with an opportunity to ask questions of them afterwards.

All participants should meet in Room 700 of the Wake County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The program is expected to last until 3:00 p.m. All persons interested in attending should contact Patrick Aul at pma@youngmoorelaw.com on or before October 1, 2010.

This year's program is being sponsored by Lawyers Mutual and Huseby Court Reporting.

Nominations Committee

E.D. Gaskins, Jr., Co-Chair

Douglas J. Brocker, Co-Chair

During September, the Nominations Committee will begin to consider nominations for 2012 president of the WCBA and Tenth Judicial District Bar and for ten vacancies on the board of directors for these groups with terms beginning in 2011.

The committee will submit to the membership names of two nominees for each position. Anyone who wishes to run for or nominate someone else to run for the Board of Directors should submit nominations in writing to:

E.D. Gaskins, Jr.
P.O. Box 911
Raleigh, NC 27602-0911

Douglas J. Brocker
5540 Centerview Drive, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27606-3363

A letter of nomination must include biographical information on the nominee for the *Wake Bar Flyer* and must include the signature of the nominee indicating his/her willingness to serve. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2010.

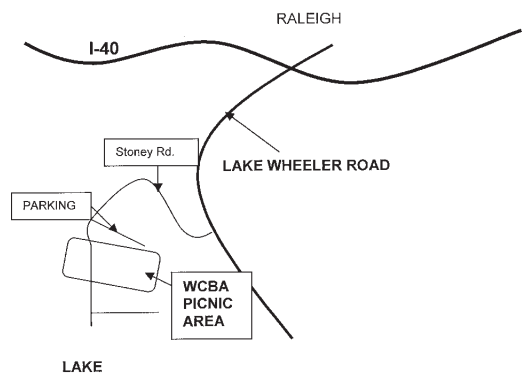
Wake County Bar Association Family Celebration

Lake Wheeler Park
Shelters 8 & 9
September 10, 2010



- 4:00 Clown
Face painting
Caricature artist
Games for children
Other surprises
- 6:00 Barbecue 'n' Fixin's and Hot Dogs
- 7:00 Celebration comes to a close
Note: Park closes at 7:00 p.m. sharp!

There is no charge for Wake County Bar Members and their families.



Lake Wheeler Park – 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC

Directions: Using Interstate 40 in Raleigh as a reference point, take exit 297 [Lake Wheeler Road] and proceed south [away from Raleigh]. Continue on Lake Wheeler Rd. for approximately 4 1/2 miles. The park entrance will be on the right side [Stoney Road]. Follow this road around to a cleared area with shelters on the left, this is where the picnic is. Parking is on your left just before the picnic area, you will walk through the trees to get to the picnic area.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____
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Note: Please copy this form if you are mailing your information to the WCBA.

Response form also available on line by visiting
<http://www.wakecountybar.org/wcbasc/forms/forms.html>

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19,000 to 1: Closing the Gap with the (Free) Assistance of Externs

By Hannah Hall

[Editor's Note: The following guest article illustrates how members of the Wake County Bar Association can use the extern program at Campbell Law School to mentor law students and meet pro-bono goals recently promulgated by the North Carolina State Bar.]

Preface by: E.D. Gaskins, Jr.

The recently installed President of the North Carolina Bar Association, Gene Pridgen, has made mentoring and the delivery of legal services to all, regardless of economic status, priorities in the coming year. We have a unique resource in Wake County that permits us to assist in achieving both of these goals.

Hannah Hall, the author of the article which follows, was a Campbell Law School extern to both Legal Services and to my firm. Hannah's presence permitted us to expand the scope of the firm's pro bono activities, as well as to mentor a law student.

Hopefully, other law firms and law offices in Wake County will take advantage of this unique opportunity in the upcoming year, as Hannah explains.

Their stories will stay with me forever: The woman who became homeless for the first time at age seventy-five when she was evicted from the house she had lived in for the past 30 years; the lady who'd been disabled for more than 20 years but could no longer get a property tax exemption for disability when she relocated across Wake County; the 22-year-old mother of two who lived in an apartment so heavily infested with bedbugs that she lost everything - except a mattress. Teaming up with Everett, Gaskins, Hancock & Stevens, LLP, and Legal Aid of North Carolina, these are just a few of the lives we impacted over the past year through Campbell's pro bono externship program.

Pro bono clients aren't just cases with hours to bill - they are the people who, without free legal assistance, would not otherwise have access to legal resources.

"There is a tremendous unmet need for legal assistance that Legal Aid of North Carolina cannot adequately meet," explains Victor Boone, Senior Managing Attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina.

According to the NC Bar Association, Legal Aid can only provide one staff attorney to serve approximately 19,000 eligible clients. The general population of North Carolina (around 8 million), on the other hand, has available approximately one attorney for every 465 potential clients. Through externships, private firms and law students can work together to close the gap for the many eligible clients who do not have the resources to pay for representation and would otherwise go without.

For those unfamiliar with the program, "an externship is an academic opportunity that supplements the theoretical training of law school classes by providing skills training," states Professor Margaret Currin, Externship Director at Campbell Law School. Currin adds, "[s]tudent externs assist attorneys with the work that they ordinarily do while simultaneously improving their lawyering skills."

Boone believes "[a]n externship gives law students the kind of experience they need before going into private practice. The more expansive the experience a law student receives during law school, the more prepared the student will be as a new practitioner."

Any size firm, even a solo practitioner, can take advantage of the benefits of the externship program; it only requires a law student and connection with one or more pro bono cases.

"Participating in the externship program is a beneficial way for private firms to either grow their pro bono practice or move along the pro bono cases they currently have," states Currin.

For law firms interested in growing their pro bono practice, Legal Aid's Private Attorney Volunteer Coordinators across the state have an overwhelming number of cases that can readily be assigned.

"Cases are assigned on a weekly basis to volunteer lawyers based on their expressed areas of competence and interest in addition to their availability to handle the case at the time a referral is attempted," explains Boone.

Externships are a practical way for law firms to discharge their pro bono duty and mentor a law student at little to no cost. Reflecting on his firm's experience, Ed Gaskins, now managing partner of Everett, Gaskins & Hancock, LLP, explains that working with a student extern allowed his firm "to take on more substantial matters and spend more hours on pro bono work than we otherwise would have done.

"We did not really have the resources to dedicate more hours to pro bono service but the law student gave us an extra resource - and it didn't cost anything," Gaskins said. "We spent the same amount of hours and resources from the law firm's standpoint, but instead of working directly with the client, we were able to provide mentoring to the student who then provided services to the client - and did so more extensively than we likely would have done otherwise. So it's a winner all around."

At the end of my seven month externship, I walked away knowing that I will be a better lawyer and a better person. Through that experience, I learned that being an attorney means a lot more than being a super

Bits 'n' Pieces

Carrie Barbee, an associate attorney in the litigation department of Ragsdale Liggett PLLC, has been named to the Board of Directors at Meals on Wheels of Wake County.

Coats and Bennett is adding a skilled legal and academic professional to the firm's patent preparation and prosecution group. **Letao Qin, Ph.D., J.D.**, holds a doctorate in Astrophysics and has worked with several of the country's leading engineering companies and a prominent intellectual property firm. Her practice area will focus on electrical and communication technologies. She is currently registered to practice before the USPTO and has broad knowledge in technologies ranging from telecommunications to electrical and mechanical engineering, as well as medical devices and laser optics.

Melissa Dewey Brumback, partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC, was appointed as Vice Chair of the 10th Judicial District Grievance Committee on June 23rd, after serving on the committee for two years. The committee is a division of the North Carolina State Bar and is comprised of both lawyers and non-lawyers from across the district. The committee investigates complaints against members and makes recommendations of whether probable cause exists for finding a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct. "It is both an honor and a privilege to be appointed as Vice Chair of this important committee," said Brumback. "I am proud to work to uphold the highest standards in our profession." For more information, visit www.ncbar.gov.

James L. Conner II, Of Counsel, Litigation with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC has been inducted in the North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators. Membership is by invitation only, and limited to certified Superior Court mediators who have proven experience in the resolution of commercial and civil disputes, and who have been recognized for their accomplishments through a peer-nomination and attorney-client review process. Only 90 from over 1200 certified Superior Court mediators have been accepted into this Academy.

Googler, a LexisNexis whiz, or a WestLaw scholar. It takes more than being smart and knowing big words. It takes a heart, patience, and kindness. Thanks to the attorneys who dedicated many hours to mentoring me, I've learned that being a quality attorney also means being a quality person. These are skills that can't be extracted from a textbook. The black letter law finds its meaning in the people - the attorneys, the clients, and the community.

"With student externships, everybody benefits - the community, lawyers, and law students," states Boone.

For those firms that aspire to perform pro bono services but may not have the time to do all of the work themselves, the externship program provides the opportunity to fulfill that commitment to the public. Without pro bono services, eligible clients may be without housing, without benefits, and without help. It's imperative that the private bar commits resources to providing equal access to the legal system.

"We need to make available the legal system to those who otherwise would not have access," states Gaskins; "Externships require minimal involvement and provide a significant benefit to the community, to the students, and to the law firm."

After more than 180 hours of pro bono legal service, the woman who became homeless for the first time at age seventy-five now is armed with the knowledge and resources she needs to settle back into a home; the lady who'd been disabled for more than 20 years now receives a property tax exemption for disability; and the 22-year-old mother of two who lived in the apartment heavily infested with bedbugs now resides in a new (bedbug free) apartment - with more than a mattress. Teaming up with Everett, Gaskins, Hancock & Stevens, LLP and Legal Aid of North Carolina, these are just a few of the lives we impacted over the past year.

To get involved in Campbell's externship program, contact Margaret Currin at (919) 865-4683 or email her at currin@law.campbell.edu. For academic credit, students are required to complete a minimum of seventy hours of pro bono work and may only handle pro bono matters.

Hannah Hall is a third-year law student and the Editor-in-Chief of the Campbell Law Observer. She can be contacted at hehall0311@email.campbell.edu.

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Lunch with a Lawyer Concludes Successful 16th Season A Heartfelt "Thank You" to all Participants!



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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.

*Tenth Judicial District Bar Committee

**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:*

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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.)

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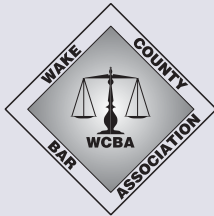
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