Message from the Dean

Elon's greatest strengths are represented by your achievements. Your successes in the profession and in society continue to propel Elon Law forward.

A few of your achievements are noted in this newsletter. Seventeen of you are featured in the law school's 2012 alumni profile series (law.elon.edu/alumni). We celebrate your achievements, we stand in support of you, we rely on you, and we look forward to a lifetime of friendship with you.

Some law school highlights:

- Experiential learning opportunities for students have expanded, with a new Elder Law Clinic, a Washington, DC externship program, and a mock trial program.
- Founding principles of the law school are earning the law school national distinction, with the National Jurist ranking Elon one of “America’s 20 most innovative law schools” in recognition of the preceptor program and ProLaw magazine reporting that Elon has the smallest class sizes in the nation for first-year law students, a direct result of our commitment to engaged learning.
- Our full-time faculty has been enriched, with the addition of Jim Exum, one of North Carolina and the nation's great lawyers, as well as Enrique Arrujo, a media, communications, and internet law scholar and former Washington, DC attorney. Hannah Vaughan, clinical practitioner-in-residence for the Elder Law Clinic, and Keith McCrckird, visiting assistant professor of law. Keith represents our commitment to a strong legal writing and research program as the sixth full-time faculty member teaching in that area.
- The faculty continues to excel in teaching, scholarship, and service, raising the law school’s profile internationally and serving society in several areas.
- The recently enrolled Class of 2015 holds one of the strongest academic profiles in Elon’s history and is comprised of students with strong backgrounds in leadership and service.
- The student-body created a Pro Bono Board last year, deepening the already strong commitment to service that you established as a core dimension of the law school.

We are excited to bring you the first edition of Elon Law’s Alumni News Bulletin. With this newsletter we hope to keep each of you better informed as to what your Alumni Association is doing for you, as well as notify you of happenings with your fellow alumni and changes occurring at the law school.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, congratulations to the Class of 2012 and welcome to the Alumni Association.

It’s been a fairly busy year for your Alumni Association. In 2012 we have hosted events in Washington D.C., Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville, and Greensboro. In 2013 we are hosting our Reunion Weekend March 1-3, 2013 to coincide with WLA’s 5K. We will hold a free CLE for alumni, a wine reception and an Elon Law Alumni Cookbook. We hope to see you in 2013 as we further our event planning as our Alumni base grows.

For the first time in Elon Law’s brief history we held the ‘Drive to 25’; I wanted to send out a sincere ‘Thank You’ to each of you who participated in the ‘Drive to 25’. As a result of Alumni Giving we were able to support Alumni Scholarship for the first time in our brief history. I hope this year’s ‘Drive is just as successful and I thank you again for your participation.

This issue features a letter from Sarah Lucente about this year’s ‘Drive to 25’, an insightful article written by Miriam Heard, a Class Notes section which features your fellow alumni and their latest updates, and an Upcoming Events section.

We hope you find the Alumni News Bulletin both interesting and informative. If you need anything from your Alumni Association feel free to contact us. And on a personal note, I hope you’re well and enjoying every possible success in life and in your career.

Best,
Jason L. Aycoth ’09
President, Elon Law Alumni Association
“Drive to 25” inaugural alumni campaign a success

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hanks to each and every one of you who participated in the first Drive to 25 Alumni Scholarship Giving Campaign during the 2011–12 calendar year. It was a success. We surpassed our goal of 25% alumni participation. Your donations were designated to the Annual Law Scholarship Fund to assist a current Elon Law student.

The Drive to 25 campaign is the alumni giving campaign aimed to develop awareness of student scholarships and the tradition of alumni giving. Our focus is not on the amount given, but the participation of each alumni member. Through word of mouth and social media our Elon Law alumni base came together and exceeded our participation goal of 25 alumni.

The breakdown by graduating class for the Drive to 25 was as follows: 2009 – 33%; 2010 – 29%; 2011 – 17%. Cumulatively, 86 out of 302 alumni gave, resulting in a 28% donation rate. We’re on a roll... It’s helping it grow together.

As of today, I am happy to announce that the majority of the Alumni Council Executive Committee and Board Members have already given for the 2012-13 calendar year. We are off to a great start!

To launch Drive to 25 Campaign, I am asking that you consider making your gift today! We ask that you consider donating at least the amount of your graduation year, however there is no minimum requirement, just a gift that is meaningful to you.

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If you’re thinking, ‘why give?’, I challenge you to ask instead, ‘why not give?’ Even with limited financial resources, every giving level makes a tremendous difference, helping to meet a real need for current law students, building up Elon Law and enhancing the credentials of all alumni.

If you think of giving, remember that you are helping to create a legacy for future generations. Your gift will not only benefit current students, but will also be remembered by future alumni and the Elon Law community.

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Begun my legal career empowered by the “I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar!” chorus of my 1980s upbringing and women’s college education. Sure, I began law school with a family and a decade or more life experience than most of my classmates, but I could still have it all – a meaningful career, a harmonious family life, and a well-appointed home.

Now, three years after law school graduation and two children later, I have more nuanced aspirations. Still, my aspirations have been informed by the icons that I revered during my formative years.

Just to clarify, even though I am a southerner, and an English major to boot, my quintessential legal paragon is not Atticus Finch. Although Mr. Finch inspired many to enter the legal profession, I submit that there is another motivational icon - The Cosby Show’s Clair Hanks Huxtable. For eight years, Ms. Huxtable handled trial prep, a staggering caseload, and mom duties with grace and great hair, and her success set a new bar for my generation.

How many times did Ms. Huxtable ferret out Theo’s and Vanessa’s obfuscations and force a confession in less than thirty minutes, commercial interruptions included?

That’s a skill that will hold any litigator in good stead during a deposition or cross examination.

Clair Hanks Huxtable brought home legal research [before and after becoming a partner] and conducted said research while issue-spotting her teens’ risky behaviors and listening sympathetically to their teens’ concerns.

Lesson: New and needy clients will not stop demanding attention just because a pleading needs to be filed by midnight.

Best of all, Clair Hanks Huxtable never lost sight of her priorities. Her career complemented her life — it did not become her life.

Chris Hanks Huxtable’s real-life lawyering skills changed the paradigm. I am sure that it is in part because of her success that I am not resigned to practicing law in spite of being a mom. Instead, I am convinced that my practice and my clients are better off because I am a mom.

-Miriam Delaney

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Members of the Elon Law Alumni Council, pictured from left to right: Tiffany Atkins L’11 – Secretary, Beth Klein L’12, Damon Duncan L’11, Erin Rega L’12, Meredith Duncan L’10 – Immediate Past President, South Lucente L’10, Megan Connell L’12, Joyce Gaddy L’11, Tammy Frank L’11, Jean Kayton L’10 – President, Michael Dodd L’10, Andrea Hamilton L’10 – President-elect, Andrea Davis L’12, Jason Spitzer L’12 and David Stephens L’11.

Members of the Elon Law Alumni Council not pictured: Megan Silver L’09, Ash Abraham L’10, Danielle Galliford L’10, Melanie Crean L’10, Danny Donovan L’10, Aja Hadij L’10, Steven Lassche L’09, Eric Meredith L’09, Erin O’Connell L’09, Leslie Lyster L’10, Seema Shah L’10, Barton Thompson L’10, Justin Ervin L’10, David Klein L’10, Wil Whiting L’10, Jenny Reuter L’10, Lily Ryder L’10, Bill Aycock L’11, Samantha Giddens L’11, Jim Hovell L’11 and Danny Spitzer L’11.

Alumni Association Events

Coordinated by law school alumni with the Development Office

Reception - Jan. 17, 2013 - Raleigh, NC
Alumni Council Meeting - Feb. 2 - Greensboro, NC
Reception - Feb. 12 - Charlotte, NC
Reunion Weekend - Jan. 17, 2013 - Raleigh, NC
Reception - March 1 - 3 - Greensboro, NC
Reception - April (Date TBA) - Washington, DC
Commencement Weekend - May 24-25 - Elon, NC
Visit law.elon.edu/alumni for event details and watch for email invites from Paperless Post.

Classnotes

Molly Anthony L’09 had a daughter, Eleanor Sullivan Anthony, on April 18, 2012. She and her family live in Winston-Salem, and Molly works at Daly Family Law in Stonewall, NC.


Tiffany D. Atkins L’11 and her husband Lukezu Atkins are expecting their first child.

There are five Elon alumni now working at the North Carolina Court of Appeals: Philip Cornell L’09, Ted Johnson L’09, Ed Gar-rett L’10, James Grant L’12, and Matthew Krueger-Andel L’11 are all making Elon proud in Raleigh.

Melanie Crenshaw L’09 recently got engaged to Paul Hinderliter! They were engaged in Paris on August 25, 2012.

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