

**REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL
TO THE N.C. STATE BAR COUNCIL
JULY 28, 2017**

GRIEVANCES

In 2013, 1,205 grievance files were opened. In 2014, 1,222 grievance files were opened. In 2015, 1,331 grievance files were opened. In 2016, 1,375 grievance files were opened. Since January 1, 720 grievance files have been opened.

ATTORNEY CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The ACAP staff responded to 2,885 phone calls from members of the public and contacted 783 lawyers in an effort to resolve concerns expressed by members of the public. Staff also responded to 652 emails and 457 letters from inmates.

One hundred sixty-six requests for fee dispute resolution were filed during the quarter. One hundred nineteen files were assigned to the two State Bar facilitators. The remaining 47 files were sent to district bar committees.

CASES COMPLETED SINCE APRIL 2017 MEETING

Completed Discipline Cases in the DHC

John I. Averitt – 16 DHC 4 & 16 DHC 4D

It is alleged that Averitt, of Cary, forged a letter purporting to be from the Augusta National Golf Club, falsely represented that his employer had eight tickets to the Masters Golf tournament, and sold the fictitious tickets on Craig's List. Because Averitt alleged that he is disabled, the disciplinary proceeding was stayed and Averitt was transferred to disability inactive status. The DHC entered a consent order concluding that Averitt is disabled and continuing his disability inactive status. This proceeding will remain stayed until Averitt successfully petitions for transfer back to active status.

Lisa M. Dukelow – 16 DHC 8

It is alleged that Dukelow, of Durham, misappropriated entrusted funds, neglected multiple clients, and did not respond to the Grievance Committee. Because she alleged that she is disabled, the disciplinary proceeding was stayed and Dukelow was transferred to disability inactive status. The DHC entered a consent order concluding that Dukelow is disabled and continuing her disability inactive status. This proceeding will remain stayed until Dukelow successfully petitions for transfer back to active status.

Mary March Exum – 16 DHC 18

Exum, of Asheville, misappropriated entrusted funds, improperly solicited professional employment from a potential client, made misleading statements about her legal services, withheld a client's requested file materials to coerce the client to reimburse her for expenses, and disbursed entrusted funds contrary to a perfected lien. She was suspended by the DHC for five years. After serving two years active suspension, Exum will be eligible to petition for a stay of the balance upon showing compliance with numerous conditions.

Robert Weckworth – 16 DHC 22

Weckworth, of Guilford County, communicated with a person known to be represented by counsel and engaged in an improper *ex parte* communication. The DHC announced it will enter an order censuring him.

David H. Harris, Jr. – 16 DHC 30

Harris, of Durham County, engaged in a conflict of interest, failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to allow his client to make an informed decision, pursued a claim that lacked merit, and charged an excessive amount for fees and expenses. The DHC suspended Harris for two years. The suspension is stayed for two years upon Harris' compliance with numerous conditions.

Jerry Braswell – 16 DHC 37

Braswell, of Goldsboro, engaged in sexual relations with a client, did not properly terminate his representation of a second client, and filed a motion on behalf of but failed to take further action on behalf of a third client. The DHC announced that it will impose a five year active suspension.

Craig Asbill – 16 DHC 40

Charlotte lawyer Craig Asbill neglected a client's case, did not properly communicate with the client, and did not respond to and made false statements to the Grievance Committee. He did not attend the hearing. The DHC suspended him for four years. After serving two years, he will be eligible to petition for a stay of the balance upon demonstrating compliance with numerous conditions.

Jeanne Hall – 17 DHC 4

It is alleged that Hall, of Brevard, charged excessive fees, engaged in conflicts of interest, and made dishonest statements to her clients. The DHC entered a consent order concluding that Hall is disabled and continuing her disability inactive status. This proceeding will remain stayed until Hall successfully petitions for transfer back to active status.

William McKeny – 17 DHC 5

McKeny, of Rockwell, did not properly wind-down his practice when he was suspended by the DHC, abandoned his clients, did not withdraw from pending cases, and did not refund unearned fees. He was suspended by the DHC for two years. The suspension is stayed for two years upon his compliance with numerous conditions.

Robert G. Raynor, Jr. – 17 DHC 11

Raynor, of New Bern, was found during successive random audits to have violated trust account rules. The DHC imposed a one year suspension, stayed upon Raynor's compliance with numerous conditions.

Douglas J. Tate – 17 DHC 12

Tate, of Greenville, South Carolina, neglected and did not communicate with numerous clients, mishandled entrusted funds, and did not supervise an assistant who held herself out as an attorney. He was suspended by the DHC for one year. The suspension is stayed for two years upon Tate's compliance with numerous conditions.

Completed Discipline and Disability Proceedings in the Courts

Marvin R. Sparrow of Rutherfordton surrendered his law license and was disbarred by the Wake County Superior Court. Sparrow pled guilty and was convicted of three misdemeanor counts of assault on a female in Buncombe County Superior Court.

Orders of Reciprocal Discipline

An order of reciprocal discipline was issued in the matter of **Brenda Wagner** of Washington D.C., who the D.C. Bar admonished for client neglect, failure to communicate, and failure to attend court hearings.

Transfers to Disability Inactive Status

Elisabeth Murray-Obertein of Hendersonville and **John M. Rich** of Wake Forest were transferred to disability inactive status by the Chair of the Grievance Committee.

Jeanne P. Hall of Brevard, **James I. Averitt** of Cary, and **Lisa M. Dukelow** of Durham were transferred to disability inactive status by the DHC.

Interim Suspensions

No orders of interim suspension were entered this quarter.

Completed Petitions for Reinstatement/Stay - Uncontested

Willie D. Gilbert, II – 03 DHC 16 & 17 BSR 5

Gilbert, of Wilson, was suspended by the DHC for five years in April 2010. The suspension was stayed on Gilbert's compliance with numerous conditions. In March 2014, the DHC concluded that Gilbert violated the conditions of the stay and entered an order lifting the stay and activating the suspension for three years. Gilbert was reinstated by the Secretary.

William Trippe McKeny – 13 DHC 4 & 17 BSR 1

In December 2013, the DHC suspended McKeny, of Salisbury, for three years. McKeny mishandled entrusted funds and engaged in gross trust account mismanagement. The DHC granted his petition for reinstatement upon his acceptance of additional discipline in 17 DHC 5 and upon his arrangement to secure a practice monitor.

Brad Harrison Ferguson – 16 SP 41

In March 2015, Ferguson, of Sylva, was transferred to disability inactive status by the Haywood County Superior Court. He was reinstated to active status by the court.

Jane Dearwester Soboleski – 15 DHC 52B & 15 DHC 52B R

In June 2016, the DHC suspended Soboleski, of Asheville, for three years for failing to reconcile the firm's trust accounts, failing to maintain accurate client ledgers, and failing to properly maintain and disburse entrusted funds. After serving six months active suspension, Soboleski was eligible to apply for a stay of the balance upon showing compliance with numerous conditions. The DHC granted her petition for a stay.

Completed Petitions for Reinstatement/Stay - Contested

No contested petitions for reinstatement were completed this quarter.

Completed Motions to Show Cause

No motions to show cause were completed this quarter.

TROs and Preliminary Injunctions

The OOC obtained preliminary injunctions in Wake County Superior Court prohibiting **Lawrence Wittenberg** of Raleigh, **Joe S. Major, III** of Charlotte, **Charles R. Gurley** of Goldsboro, **H. Trade Elkins** of Hendersonville, **Christopher T. Watkins** of Gastonia, and **Kenneth B. Holmes** of Statesville from handling entrusted funds.

Surrenders to the Council

Christopher Marc O'Neal of Wilmore, Kentucky and **Michael S. Eldredge** of Kingsport, Tennessee have tendered affidavits of surrender and are expected to surrender their licenses to the Council at the July meeting.

PENDING DISCIPLINE AND DISABILITY CASES

Bradley R. Lamb – 07 DHC 28

Lamb, formerly of Pittsboro, was convicted in Florida of promoting the sexual performance of a child, lewd or lascivious exhibition, and solicitation of a child over the Internet, and is currently serving a 15 year prison sentence. The DHC stayed the proceedings until Lamb is released. His release date is currently forecasted for October 2019. He is on interim suspension.

Robert Melville, Jr. – 13 DHC 9

The Chair of the DHC entered an interim suspension of the law license of Lake Waccamaw lawyer Robert Melville. Melville pled guilty in federal court to the felonies of conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud. The complaint has not been filed because Melville was transferred to disability inactive status.

Michael J. Anderson – 15 DHC 47 & 15 DHC 47D

It is alleged that Wilson lawyer Michael Anderson provided fabricated and misleading documents to the State Bar and/or did not correct a misapprehension he caused by such documents, did not keep proper trust account reconciliation records, did not respond to the State Bar, made statements with no substantial purpose other than to embarrass a third person, engaged in undignified or discourteous conduct degrading to a tribunal, and engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. The hearing panel found probable cause to believe Anderson is disabled, stayed the discipline proceeding pending resolution of the disability issue, and repeatedly ordered Anderson to undergo evaluation. Anderson has defied several DHC orders requiring him to undergo evaluation. The DHC stayed the disability case until Anderson complies with its orders to undergo evaluation. Meanwhile, the Wake County Superior Court entered a TRO and a preliminary injunction prohibiting Anderson from practicing law until the discipline and disability cases are concluded.

Amy E. Allred – 16 DHC 2

It is alleged that Allred, of Sherrill's Ford and formerly of Forsyth County, did not comply with a court order requiring her to submit to a psychological evaluation and a substance abuse assessment, filed frivolous lawsuits against numerous judges who played roles in her personal domestic cases, neglected and failed to communicate with clients, and charged clearly excessive fees. The complaint seeks to have Allred evaluated, seeks a determination whether Allred is disabled and, if she is determined not to be disabled, seeks imposition of professional discipline. Hearing was continued upon Allred's motion and was not rescheduled pending her evaluation. The evaluation was completed in January but Allred did not sign a release until mid-March authorizing the psychologist to share the evaluation with the State Bar. Hearing on disability is scheduled for August 30-31.

Joseph Lee Levinson - 16 DHC 11

Levinson, of Benson, pled guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to obtain money in the custody of a bank by false pretenses by, among other devices, fabricating lease agreements to cause lenders to believe his client was purchasing houses as rental property when his client was actually purchasing them as marijuana grow houses for a large scale drug trafficking operation. He is on interim suspension. Hearing has not been scheduled because he is in prison.

Jesse W. Jones – 16 DHC 17

It is alleged that Jones yelled and cursed at opposing counsel and opposing parties and was otherwise disruptive on multiple occasions. Hearing was continued and has not been rescheduled.

Scott S. Dorman – 16 DHC 26

It is alleged that Dorman, of Las Vegas, Nevada, neglected two clients. The DHC entered Dorman's default. Hearing is scheduled for August 24.

Scott Shelton – 17 DHC 1

It is alleged that Shelton, of Hendersonville, violated numerous trust accounting rules. He is enjoined from handling entrusted funds. Hearing was continued and has not been rescheduled.

Brent King – 17 DHC 8

It is alleged that King, of Huntersville, committed the crime of issuing worthless checks and violated multiple trust account rules. Hearing is scheduled for August 18.

Steven Troy Harris – 17 DHC 9

It is alleged that Harris, of Durham, did not inform his clients that his license was administratively suspended, did not withdraw from representation, did not refund unearned fees, provided false status updates to his clients, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, and did not respond to the Grievance Committee. Hearing is scheduled for October 5-6.

Edna R. Walker – 17 DHC 10

It is alleged that Walker, of Rutherfordton, did not file her personal tax returns and did not pay employment taxes. Hearing is scheduled for August 25.

Pedro Eduardo Krompecher – 17 DHC 13

It is alleged that Krompecher, of Raleigh, engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and made false statements to his client and to the State Bar. Hearing is scheduled for October 12.

Johnny S. Gaskins – 17 DHC 14

It is alleged that Gaskins, of Raleigh, did not inform a client of his receipt of settlement proceeds, forged the client's signature on the settlement check, did not deposit the settlement check into a trust account, and embezzled the settlement proceeds. He is enjoined from handling entrusted funds. Hearing is scheduled for November 17.

Clay A. Collier – 17 DHC 15

Collier, of Wilmington, pled guilty to willfully failing to file state individual income tax returns for several years. It is also alleged that, in preparing for a random audit, Collier discovered that on a few occasions more was disbursed from his firm's trust account for a client than was in the trust account for that client and corrected those errors. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Andrew J. Hanley – 17 DHC 16

Hanley, of Wilmington, pled guilty to willfully failing to file state individual income tax returns for several years. It is also alleged that, in preparing for a random audit, Hanley discovered that on a few occasions more was disbursed from his firm's trust account for a client than was in the trust account for that client and corrected those errors. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Frederick J. Owens - 17 DHC 17

It is alleged that Owens, of Wilmington, collected an illegal fee, violated numerous trust accounting rules, and made false statements to the Grievance Committee about his participation in the Trust Account Compliance Program. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Carlos B. Watson – 17 DHC 18

It is alleged that Watson, of Charlotte, violated multiple trust account rules and embezzled entrusted client funds. He is enjoined from handling entrusted funds. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Joseph Forbes – 17 DHC 19

It is alleged that Forbes, of Elizabeth City, did not maintain proper trust account records after a prior random audit revealed identical deficiencies including failures to reconcile, to provide accountings at least annually, to escheat and to promptly pay over entrusted funds. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Michael Parker – 17 DHC 20

It is alleged that Parker, of Mocksville, did not pay over taxes withheld from employee paychecks, did not remit to a client all funds he collected for the client, and took on new legal work while he was administratively suspended. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Julie Parker – 17 DHC 21

It is alleged that Parker, of Mocksville, did not pay over taxes withheld from employee paychecks. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Pending Motions to Show Cause

Robert M. Gallant – 15 DHC 22

In July 2015, the DHC suspended Gallant of Charlotte for two years for failing to timely file federal and state income tax returns from 2007 through 2013. The suspension was stayed for two years. It is alleged that Gallant did not comply with several conditions of the stay. Hearing has not been scheduled.

Pending Petitions for Reinstatement/Stay - Uncontested

Jonathan Silverman – 15 DHC 48 & 17 BSR 7

Silverman, of Sanford, filed a petition to stay the remaining 18 months of his 3-year suspension. Silverman was suspended by the DHC in February 2016 for having sex with a client and engaging in a conflict of interest. The OOC will not file an objection to the petition.

Pending Petitions for Reinstatement/Stay - Contested

Steven B. DeCillis – 12 DHC 25 & 17 BSR 2

In July 2013, the DHC concluded that DeCillis, formerly of Oxford and now of Charlotte, did all of the following simultaneously: sued L.H. in a personal injury case, represented L.H. in three matters that were unrelated to the personal injury case, and engaged in a sexual relationship with L.H. He was suspended for five years. After serving three years, DeCillis was eligible to apply for a stay of the remaining two years upon demonstrating compliance with numerous conditions. Hearing is scheduled for October 18.

Jonathan A. McCollum 10BCS2 & 16BCR3

The DHC recommended denying reinstatement to McCollum, who surrendered his license in October 2010 and was disbarred. McCollum acknowledged that he forged two documents purporting to be judicial orders, made misrepresentations to his clients about those documents, and initially made false statements to the State Bar. His petition for reinstatement will be on the Council's agenda at the July meeting.

TRUST ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Thirty-three lawyers have successfully completed the TACP program since its inception. Peter currently supervises 15 participants. He continues to review random audits to evaluate potential candidates for the program.

AUTHORIZED PRACTICE

The Authorized Practice Committee opened 30 new files this quarter. The committee will address 25 files at its July meeting.

Three proposed prepaid legal services plans submitted applications for registration this quarter. The plans of TIAA and National Plan were registered. The application of Firearm Legal Protection was originally denied registration because it did not qualify. A resubmitted application is currently under review. Three plans submitted amendments for registration. The amendments of US Law Shield and CAI were registered. The amendment of Veritas is currently

under review. The Authorized Practice Committee revoked the registration of Plan Community Estate because it did not submit the required annual renewal form and fee.

The OOC continues to work with the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office dealing with several out-of-state lawyers and law firms that promote debt adjusting and loan modification schemes. With limited exceptions, debt adjusting is illegal in North Carolina. Numerous marketing firms and lawyers engage in this practice.

Following is a list of pending, recently completed, and contemplated AP litigation:

Capital Associated Industries, Inc. v. Roy Cooper in his capacity as Attorney General of the State of North Carolina; Nancy Lorrin Freeman, in her official capacity as District Attorney for the 10th Prosecutorial District of the State of North Carolina; and J. Douglas Henderson, in his official capacity as District Attorney for the 18th Prosecutorial District of the State of North Carolina (US District Court, MDNC). CAI is a trade association. Its members are small and medium-sized businesses. CAI assists its members with personnel management issues. CAI wants to hire lawyers to provide legal advice and legal services to its members. The State Bar's Ethics Committee issued an ethics advisory that doing so would violate North Carolina's statutory prohibitions against the unauthorized practice of law. CAI brought this lawsuit seeking a declaration that N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 84-4 and 84-5 violate the United States and North Carolina constitutions and seeking an injunction prohibiting the original defendants from enforcing the statutes against it. CAI does not seek an award of damages but does seek an award of attorney fees, "disbursements," and costs. The court allowed the State Bar to intervene in the lawsuit. The court denied the original defendants' motions to dismiss and denied CAI's motion for preliminary injunction. All parties have filed motions for summary judgment and briefing is complete. Hearing has not yet been scheduled on the motions for summary judgment. Trial is scheduled for early October. Van Laningham Duncan represents the State Bar.

The Executive Committee authorized the OOC to file a lawsuit seeking injunctive relief against **Thomas D'Arco** d/b/a Infinity Legal Group. D'Arco is a California attorney alleged to provide loan modification services to North Carolina residents. The court entered a consent order of permanent injunction on May 17, 2017.

OTHER OUTSIDE LITIGATION

Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc. v. Disciplinary Hearing Commission (Wake County Superior Court). WRAL-TV filed this lawsuit in January 2015 challenging the DHC's decision not to allow live streaming of the trial in *North Carolina State Bar v. Mumma* and seeking an award of costs and attorney fees. Before a hearing on WRAL's motion for temporary restraining order, the parties reached a resolution of the dispute but the case is still pending. The Attorney General represents the DHC.

Client Security Fund Claims/Subrogation Cases

There are 30 claims on the agenda for the Board's July 27 meeting.

One lawsuit is pending in superior court seeking reimbursement from a disbarred lawyer for payments made by the CSF.

Disbursement Cases

The OOC filed eight motions in Superior Court for permission to disburse funds in disbarred lawyers' trust accounts. The OOC attended eight hearings on motions to disburse, obtained orders directing the disbursement of \$168,536.66 of entrusted funds, and investigated and closed six files that did not require further court motions or orders.

Trusteeships

Trustees were appointed to wind down the practice of deceased lawyer **Alfred P. Carlton, Jr.** of Raleigh and the practice of **Elizabeth Murray-Obertein** of Hendersonville, who is suffering from medical issues that render her unavailable to clients.

The OOC helps all current trustees fulfill their duties and helps members of the public in locating files of deceased, disbarred, disabled, and missing lawyers.

APPEALS

Completed Appeals

No appeals were completed this quarter.

Pending Appeals

NCSB v. Jennifer Foster (14 DHC 7). In September 2016, the DHC suspended Asheville lawyer Jennifer Nicole Foster for two years. The suspension is stayed upon her compliance with numerous conditions. The DHC concluded that Foster engaged in conduct degrading to a tribunal and prejudicial to the administration of justice by using profanity when addressing a magistrate. The State Bar's brief is due August 16. The OOC represents the State Bar.

NCSB v. Christopher Livingston (15 DHC 15). In July 2016, the DHC suspended Bladen County lawyer Christopher Livingston for five years. Livingston will be eligible to petition for a stay of the balance after serving two years active. Among other violations, the DHC found that Livingston engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice by filing frivolous lawsuits against opposing counsel. The Court of Appeals denied Livingston's petition to stay the DHC order pending appeal. Briefing is complete. The court has not indicated whether it will hold oral argument. The OOC represents the State Bar.

NCSB v. Clifton Gray (15 DHC 38). In September of 2016, the DHC suspended Raleigh lawyer Clifton J. Gray, III for five years. He will be eligible to petition for a stay of the last year upon demonstrating compliance with numerous conditions. The DHC concluded that Gray disrupted court proceedings, was held in contempt of court, and was convicted of brandishing a gun at members of the public on a roadway. It is unclear why Gray gave notice of appeal in October and again in December. The State Bar's motion to dismiss the appeal because Gray has not perfected the appeal is pending. The OOC represents the State Bar.

NCSB v. Dawn Ely (16 DHC 1). In August 2016, the DHC suspended Dawn Ely for five years because she offered to provide legal services in North Carolina while her North Carolina license was administratively suspended. After serving two years active, she will be eligible to petition for a stay of the balance upon demonstrating compliance with numerous conditions. The State Bar's brief is due August 1. The OOC represents the State Bar.

Eugene Boyce v. NC State Bar (Wake County Superior Court). Boyce alleges that he filed a grievance against Roy Cooper for conduct that allegedly occurred in 2000 when Cooper was a candidate running against Boyce's son to become Attorney General of North Carolina. He seeks declaratory judgments that (1) the State Bar has a conflict in handling the grievance because the Attorney General represents the State Bar in various lawsuits and (2) the State Bar is obliged by law to refer the grievance to the courts for investigation and disciplinary action and an award of costs. The court dismissed the complaint. Boyce appealed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Oral argument was held on February 7. The State Bar was represented by Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein in the trial court but is represented by the OOC on appeal.

Loushanda Myers v. Krista Bennett, Fern Gunn Simeon, John Silverstein and unnamed "unknown agents of the North Carolina State Bar," et al (US District Court, EDNC). Krista Bennett and Fern Gunn Simeon are State Bar employees. During some or all of the events alleged in the complaint, John Silverstein served as Chair of the Grievance Committee and is presently President Elect of the State Bar. Myers asserts that the State Bar defendants, the North Carolina court system, and numerous Johnston County government officials violated her rights. She does not describe the alleged violation with particularity but it appears to arise out of Myers' arrest by Johnston County law enforcement officials. The court allowed the State Bar defendants' motions to strike and to dismiss. Myers appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Fourth Circuit dismissed that appeal as interlocutory. In January 2016, the trial court dismissed Myers' claims against the remaining defendants. Myers again appealed to the Fourth Circuit. In December 2016, the Fourth Circuit dismissed her appeal. Her petition for *en banc* hearing by the Fourth Circuit was denied in February. The Supreme Court granted Myers an extension of time until July 28 to file a petition for certiorari. The OOC represents the State Bar defendants.

Miscellaneous

Maria presented at the NCBA's Professionalism for New Attorneys CLE program in May.

Jennifer volunteers as a judge for the Capital Area Teen Court diversion program. Jennifer also began a series of monthly litigation clinics for the volunteer teen attorneys who serve as the prosecutors and defense attorneys in the Teen Court program, with the support of several State Bar volunteers.

Mary volunteered at the 10th Judicial District Expunction Clinic.

Peter continues to give trust account presentations across the state to lawyers and administrative professionals. He is a frequent guest lecturer in our law schools and conducts webinars on trust accounting. Peter writes a quarterly trust accounting article in the *Journal* and uses the State Bar Twitter account to notify members of trust account scams that come to the State Bar's attention. Peter is the State Bar's legislative liaison and was heavily involved in the 2017 legislative session which began in January.

Josh continues to teach humanities at Wake Tech Community College. He also teaches legal research and writing at Campbell Law and regularly presents at the NCBA's Professionalism for New Attorneys programs and other CLEs.

Carmen continues to serve as the OOC's liaison to the judiciary. She is Programs Chair of the WCBA Professionalism Committee coordinating the Committee's presentation of educational programs. She is also leading the creative team for this year's WCBA Bar Awards. Carmen serves as a mentor to a 3L student through Campbell Law's Connections Mentoring Program and is Associate Adjunct Professor of professional responsibility at UNC School of Law.

Leonor continues to serve on the NCBA Professionalism Committee and on the 10th JD/WCBA Professionalism Committee, where she is co-chair of the Publications Subcommittee.

Brian continues to serve on the Board of Advisors for the First Amendment Law Review at UNC and as co-chair of the 10th JD/WCBA Memorial Committee. He teaches legal research and writing at Campbell Law and was recently named the Most Outstanding Legal Research and Writing Professor for the 2016-17 school year. He is also a frequent guest lecturer at other law schools. In May, Brian presented a CLE at the Professionalism for New Admittees Program sponsored by the Advocates for Justice. In June, Brian presented a CLE on the disciplinary process to the 23rd Judicial District in Wilkesboro. Brian also supervises the Bar's intern program.

Katherine continues to serve on the NCBA Professionalism Committee.