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***In Remembrance: Judith Welch Wegner (1950-2021)***

Judith Welch Wegner led a remarkable life marked by her many leadership roles—dean of the UNC School of Law (1989-1999), President of the Association of American Law Schools (1995), Chair of the UNC-Chapel Hill Faculty Council (2003-2006), a key co-author of the Carnegie Foundation’s seminal modern study of contemporary legal education, *Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law* (2007), and Chair of the UNC System Faculty Assembly (2008-10)—to name just a few. She passed away at her home on Nantucket, Massachusetts, on December 3, 2021, after a short illness.

Dean Wegner also founded the North Carolina Banking Institute, a continuing legal education program for lawyers serving the banking and finance industries. She created the first Board of Advisors, with Marion A. Cowell, Jr., then General Counsel of First Union Corporation, as its head. Planning began in 1996, and the first Banking Institute was hosted in Chapel Hill in 1997. Volume 1 of the North Carolina Banking Institute journal was distributed at that first Institute. The success of the CLE program and journal spurred the creation of the Center for Banking and Finance in 2000.

Thanks to Dean Wegner for her visionary leadership in creating the Banking Institute to serve the vibrant financial services community, in North Carolina and beyond. Her legacy lives on in these programs and in all she did throughout her career to advance legal education.