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THE HISTORY OF THE UNC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND LAW ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC.

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Alumni of the University of North Carolina School of Law have consistently played a vital role in the growth and development of the institution since the school’s founding in 1845. They have provided guidance, financial resources, and support at every critical moment. Alumni have taught classes, served as mentors to students, advocated on behalf of the school in the North Carolina General Assembly, and provided jobs for new graduates. Like so many of this nation’s finest law schools, UNC has produced a talented and diverse alumni body. The more than 7,000 alumni include governors, legislators, business leaders, public servants, distinguished judges, pillars of the bar, educators, and lawyer-leaders nationwide.

Prior to 1952, alumni of the School of Law were not organized in a formal way. They were still very much a part of the daily fabric of the school. In the first 100 years, alumni were called upon individually or in small, networked groups to help solve problems, raise money, lead seminars, and provide a myriad of other volunteer services. Eventually the evolution of alumni services to the School of Law and the growing needs of the law school dictated that alumni establish a more formal alumni association. This was accomplished in 1952.
The Birth of the UNC Law Alumni Association in 1952

The UNC Law Alumni Association (Law Alumni Association) was founded on September 27, 1952, under the leadership of Dean Henry Brandis. Dean Brandis explained at the beginning of that first planning meeting that he had been directed by several enthusiastic alumni on June 1, 1952, "to appoint a committee with representatives from each judicial district to make recommendations regarding the form and program of an organization of law alumni." Those present for the organizational meeting on September 27, 1952, were J. Kenyon Wilson, Jr., first judicial district; Julian R. Allsbrook, second district; William A. Dees, Jr., fourth district; John B. Lewis and W.W. Speight, fifth district; Marion A. Parrott, sixth district; Howard E. Manning and Joseph C. Moore, seventh district; Henry L. Anderson and Malcolm Seawell, ninth district; Marshall T. Spears, Jr., and D. J. Walker, Jr., tenth district; Charles Vance, Jr., eleventh district; Norman Block and Armistead W. Sapp, twelfth district; E. Osborne Ayscue and Walter Jones, Jr., thirteenth district; James B. Garland, fourteenth district; Luther Hartsell, Jr., and Nelson Woodson, fifteenth district; William Medford, twentieth district; Norwood E. Robinson, twenty-first district; J. Maryon Saunders, Alumni Secretary; Wallace Ashley, President of the Law School Association; John Golding and Hurshell Keener, editors-in-chief of the *North Carolina Law Review*; Lucius Pullen, Chairman of the Law School Association's Speakers Committee; Dean Henry Brandis, Jr., and Professors William B. Aycock and Robert H. Wettach of the law faculty.

At that first gathering of the Association Planning Committee, Dean Brandis proposed several topics for discussion. These topics included corporation versus association status, organization name, officers, method of election, dues, relation to the University of North Carolina General Alumni Association, meetings, publications, programs, and possible fundraising.

At the first full planning meeting of the committee on November 8, 1952, members agreed on language for the certificate of incorporation and for the proposed by-laws of a new association. Members also instructed that the annual payment required for a sustaining

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2. Id.
3. Id.
membership be set at fifty dollars and that "the directors be authorized to permit those on active duty with the armed forces to become or continue as members without payment of dues during the period of active service." The Law Alumni Association's first officers were elected at the November 8 meeting. Elected were Armistead W. Sapp (Greensboro), President; Isaac D. Thorp (Rocky Mount), First Vice President; T.A. Uzzell, Jr., (Asheville), Second Vice President; and William B. Aycock (Chapel Hill), Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Sapp, in accepting the presidency, "expressed a strong belief that the Association could accomplish much of great value for the law school, for legal education, and for the legal profession." He emphasized that it would be necessary for the young association to prove itself and suggested that at the outset that it should strive to walk steadily rather then to take giant strides, given the many goals it already had identified. With that recommendation, the members of the association determined that its initial purpose would be to involve as many alumni in the life of the school as possible and to provide scholarship and other financial assistance to students.

At the close of the November 8, 1952, meeting, Dean Henry Brandis thanked the new alumni representatives on behalf of all faculty and students. He expressed his belief that "this meeting could become one of the most significant events in the 107-year history of the law school."

LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—THE FIRST YEARS

In his report to alumni on the new association's first year of activities, President Armistead W. Sapp outlined its purposes and objectives:

To sustain among the alumni high, ethical principles in the practice of law, and otherwise to benefit the profession; to encourage the continuing development of legal education at The University of North Carolina Law School at The University of North Carolina; to provide for scholarships and grants of financial aid to students by gifts or loans; to

5. Id.
6. Id.
7. Id.
8. Id.
provide prizes for excellence in student endeavors and recognition for alumni for outstanding achievements.

Encouraging the continuing development of legal education at the University is a broad objective which can encompass a large number of worthwhile activities. Among these are: planned and coordinated placement activity; assisting the Law Review through suggestions concerning content, preparation of materials for publication, and expanding its subscription list; advising the faculty on curriculum and teaching methods; providing summer apprenticeship opportunities; assisting the law school Association in planning which will prepare students for effective participation in the legal profession; providing advisors for individual students; suggesting and planning services by the school for alumni; advising on relationships between the school, its students and the organized bar; encouraging fine prospects to attend the University law school; and providing some financial aid for worthwhile activities for which state funds are not available.

In general, the association can serve to promote maximum contacts between and reciprocal interest among faculty, students and alumni and can implement their mutual desire for the best possible legal education at the University.9

In the first year of operation, the Law Alumni Association attracted 200 members, an accomplishment that resulted in receipts of $1,025. From this sum, $300 was appropriated for scholarships, and $300 was allocated to Dean Brandis for general purposes. According to association records, Dean Brandis used this discretionary support to help defray the travel expenses of Lucille Elliott, law librarian, to a meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Los Angeles.

In its second year, under the direction of Mr. T.A. Uzzell, Jr., as President, the Law Alumni Association's membership climbed to 300. Dues and contributions from this group resulted in receipts of approximately $1,500. During the year the Scholarship Committee, headed by Marshall T. Spears, Jr., of Durham, awarded $100 scholarships to each of seven law students. An additional amount of $100 was allocated to a member of the Law School Association to

attend the annual meeting of the American Law Student Association in Chicago. The association also expended $175 to help produce the Spring 1954 issue of the *Tar Heel Barrister*, which was sent to all alumni.

At its November 6, 1954 meeting, the Law Alumni Association passed two resolutions. The first resolution acknowledged the generous contribution of $1,000—the largest gift given through the association up to that time—by Mr. Thomas Ruffin. The second resolution expressed the Association's appreciation to Mr. Norman Block of Greensboro for establishing the "Block Improvement Award," which is awarded annually to the senior who, "having devoted himself sincerely to his law studies during his law school career, has made the most constant improvement in his academic work from the date of his enrollment to the end of his fifth semester." The award and cash prize have been given every year since the spring of 1955.

The third year of the Law Alumni Association ended on October 31, 1955. During the year, membership again increased—this time to over 400 alumni. Receipts from the membership totaled $1,562. More than half of these membership dues and contributions were made available for student scholarships. Eight awards of $100 each were presented that year to worthy students. The Law Alumni Association continued its support of the Law School Association ($150) and the *Tar Heel Barrister* ($330). It also supported travel by the law librarian, Mary W. Oliver, to professional meetings.


THE UNC LAW FOUNDATION IS BORN IN 1959

By 1957 membership contributions topped the $2,000 mark and informal discussions had begun about the need to create a foundation

for Law Alumni Association contributions. By late 1957, the Foundation Committee of the Law Alumni Association, chaired by Armistead Sapp, had made recommendations to the Board of Directors that a foundation be set up within the framework of the existing Law Alumni Association. A special committee was appointed with the authority to draw up a plan “similar to that of the law school of Virginia, or to adapt to the Association’s use of the Education or Business Foundation of U.N.C., or a combination.” Officers who would preside over the founding of the UNC Law Foundation were H.L. Riddle, President; Howard Manning, First Vice President; Francis Fairley, Second Vice President; and Mary W. Oliver, Secretary-Treasurer.

On October 31, 1959, Mr. William A. Dees, Jr., Chairman of the Law Foundation Council, reported that the organizational meeting of the Council had been held October 30, 1959, and that at the meeting by-laws were adopted and guidelines for fundraising were put in place. He presented the recommendations of the Law Foundation Council for expenditure of the trust fund income:

(a) The first $500 of income from the Foundation would be used for scholarships based on need; (b) the next $300 of income per year would be used for small emergency loans until the loan fund reaches $1,500; (c) all income from $801 to $2,000 was to be used for scholarships based on need; and (d) when income is above $2,000 the Council was to re-evaluate its program and make further recommendations.

In addition, the newly formed Law Foundation Council made provisions for raising money for the Foundation:

(a) [I]nclude a space on the dues notice of the Law Alumni Association for contributions to the capital fund and recommend as a basis for contributions, $1.00 per year for each year since graduation; and (b) appointment of a Special Plans Committee to plan a program for bequests and corporate gifts.

Present at the first meeting of the Law Foundation Council were Chairman William A. Dees, Jr., Dean Henry P. Brandis, Howard

13. Id.
Manning, E.K. Powe, H.L. Riddle, Ralph M. Stockton, Jr., Isaac D. Thorp, and T. Albert Uzzell. Also present were Robin Hinson, Assistant Dean, and Mary W. Oliver, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. At its first meeting in 1959, the Law Foundation had assets totaling $572.\textsuperscript{14}

THE LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND LAW FOUNDATION FROM 1960-69

By 1960, the Law Alumni Association had attracted 700 members, up from a membership of 482 in 1959. Contributions neared the $2,000 mark for the first time. The Law Foundation Council closed out its first year with assets totaling $5,000. Income from the endowment, plus distributions from the Association, produced support for law scholarships ($700) and miscellaneous publications and activities ($1,000). Notable gifts in this year included a bequest of $10,000 through the estate of Thomas Ruffin, $100 from the North Carolina Bar Association, and the first recorded gift of $50 or more from a faculty member—$74 from Professor Frank Hanft.

With Association membership reaching 1,000 for the first time, in 1962 the Law Alumni Association undertook its first effort to compile a comprehensive alumni directory. More than 1,500 copies of the book were produced at a cost of $1,100. The books were distributed to all active alumni in late 1963.

Also in 1962, the law school hosted its first Law Alumni Dinner. The event, which formerly had been held only for current Law Review members and alumni, was opened to all alumni of the law school. With input from the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, it was determined that the dinner should be held on a Friday evening prior to a Saturday afternoon home football game. This tradition, started in 1962, is still observed today as Law Alumni Weekend.

On November 26, 1962, Law Foundation Council Chairman William A. Dees, Jr., announced that the Law Foundation would receive the first installment of what would be a $150,000 gift (the largest in law school history at the time) from Mr. Frank Kenan and family. At the time of the announcement, the purpose of the fund (to be known as “The Graham Kenan Fund”) was “to provide income for the payment of a salary supplement to such distinguished members of the law faculty of the University of North Carolina as may be

\textsuperscript{14} \textit{Id.}
designated Graham Kenan Professors of Law by the Trustees of The University of North Carolina upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University at Chapel Hill and the law faculty."\textsuperscript{15}

In 1963 the Law Foundation Council recognized the leadership and work of Dean Henry Brandis with the naming of a special scholarship in his honor. The Henry Brandis Scholarship Fund was initiated in 1964 with annual awards totaling $1,000 for deserving students. Similar scholarships were added a year later to honor former Deans Maurice T. Van Hecke and Robert H. Wettach.

J. Dickson Phillips, Jr., assumed the deanship in 1964 and, with the continued involvement and support of outgoing Dean Brandis, carried on the important work of alumni relations and fundraising. The first mention of an organized fund-raising campaign occurred during Dean Phillips' first year. Though the effort would not be formally launched for four years, in October 1964 the Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation adopted a motion made by Henry Brandis to begin planning for a campaign to raise endowment dollars for the School of Law. In 1965 the endowment received a sizable boost when the Graham Kenan Fund received additional contributions from the Kenan family. These additional gifts increased the book value of the endowed fund to over $160,000. Later gifts from the Kenan family totaled over $75,000 and were earmarked for furnishings and for the Holderness Moot Court program.

By 1967 the Law Foundation Council had assets exceeding the $200,000 level, and plans were formerly adopted to raise money to add to this total. Following a comprehensive survey of alumni and corporate representatives conducted by a private consulting firm, the Law Alumni Association embarked on its first campaign. The $1,000,000 "Second Century Campaign" kicked off in 1968 with Governor Dan K. Moore, a graduate of the law class of 1929, as chairman of the effort.

In 1969 the UNC Law Foundation was incorporated, thereby replacing the Law Foundation Council which had served since 1959. The Board of Directors of the new foundation established a Finance and Investment Committee to be composed of not less than five members. The members were vested with authority to direct the Treasurer or Assistant-Treasurer, or other appropriate officers, to buy, sell, invest and reinvest assets of the corporation and to contract

\textsuperscript{15} Letter from William A. Dees, Jr., Chairman of the UNC Law Foundation Council, to Council Members, Nov. 26, 1962 (on file with the University of North Carolina School of Law).
for investment advice. The Finance and Investment Committee was given two major responsibilities: first, to be the fiduciary custodian for the Law Foundation; and second, to select investment managers and set investment objectives, asset mix, and spending limits in order to fulfill its duty as fiduciary.\textsuperscript{16}

The decade of the 1960s ended with a bang for the Law Alumni Association. Membership in the association had grown to well over 1,000 and the first full year of the Second Century Campaign had yielded $501,000 in gifts and pledges. The Law Foundation boasted assets of $455,000, and the enthusiasm and rates of alumni participation were at record levels.

**THE LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND LAW FOUNDATION FROM 1970-79**

Though the growth in the number of dues-paying members of the Law Alumni Association was slow throughout the 1970s, Law Foundation assets and the number of private gifts to the school grew at a healthy rate. By the end of Dean Phillips's tenure in 1974, the market value of Law Foundation assets totaled $971,124. Major contributions from The Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation, the W. Frank Taylor family of Goldsboro and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, The North Carolina Soft Drink Association, and gifts generated by the Second Century Campaign fueled the dramatic upswing in private support for the school during the early 1970s.

In 1975 the value of Law Foundation assets topped $1,000,000. Members of the Foundation’s Finance and Investment Committee made the recommendation that one professional asset manager be hired to oversee the law school’s account. After careful review, the committee recommended Sterling Capital Management of Charlotte, North Carolina, for that position. The recommendation was later approved by the full board. The relationship between the Law Foundation and Sterling Capital Management would last for almost twenty years. The value of the endowment would receive another boost in 1977 when the law school received a $250,000 distribution as part of the dissolution of The Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation.

To handle increased workloads created by growing alumni activities, Dean Robert Byrd received approval from the Association to hire a half-time Director of Alumni Relations in 1977. The new

\textsuperscript{16} Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the UNC Law Foundation, Inc., Nov. 14, 1969 (on file with the University of North Carolina School of Law).
Director would serve as editor of a new alumni newsletter and assist in the coordination and promotion of alumni activities. Cathy Schweitzer was hired to fill the new position in March 1977. The first issue of *The Alumni Newsletter* was produced in April 1977. Its successor, *The Alumni News*, is now produced quarterly and is sent to more than 10,000 alumni, friends, and parents.

By the end of the decade, the Law Alumni Association was producing over $32,000 per year in support for law school scholarships, moot court, faculty travel, alumni communications, and a special Dean’s Discretionary Fund. In addition, the law school continued its outreach to alumni through newsletters, alumni events, and volunteer opportunities.

THE LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND LAW FOUNDATION FROM 1980-89

Assets of the Law Foundation grew steadily and rapidly during the 1980s. In an effort to provide for more flexible management of the Law Foundation and Law Alumni Association funds, the two corporations underwent a de facto merger in which the officers and directors of the Law Alumni Association became members of the Law Foundation and elected themselves directors of the Law Foundation. In another move to facilitate fund management, the new by-laws adopted in November 1980 called for a fiscal year running parallel to that of the state—July 1 to June 30.

In the early 1980s, total assets grew from $1.8 million to $3.3 million, primarily as a result of the sale of previously unvalued Flagler stock which was obtained during the dissolution of The Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation. Dues collected in 1980 totaled $44,722 from 995 members. Later that year the Law Alumni Association voted to drop the dues requirements for membership and adopted a measure that provided greater emphasis on attracting charitable contributions.

In 1984 Dean Ken Broun asked the Law Alumni Association/Law Foundation for permission to use its funds to hire a full-time fund raiser for the law school. Dean Broun pointed out at the April 19, 1984, meeting of the Association that the growing needs for funds necessitated the attention and expertise of an experienced fund raiser. During the budget approval process in 1984, Dean

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17. Minutes of the Meeting of the UNC Law Foundation/Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, April 19, 1984 (on file with the University of North Carolina School of Law).
Broun asked the Board to approve that year's budget with the understanding that if funds became available, he would like the flexibility to hire someone to fill this new position. That flexibility was granted and in May 1985 Beverly Cutter Modlin joined the School of Law as Assistant Dean for Development, the school's first full-time fund raiser.

As Law Foundation assets climbed to $3,746,521 in 1985, the Law Foundation adopted a formal payout procedure that set aside four to seven percent of the value of foundation assets for use each year. Payments were made on July 1 of each year based on a December 31 evaluation of assets the prior year. Notable gifts in late 1984 and 1985 which added to the Law Foundation totals included the addition of the John Cansler Lecture Fund, which provided an annual supplement for a trial advocacy adjunct professor, and the Ted Leonard Scholarship Fund.

The Law Alumni Association continued to increase activities and programs for its membership throughout the 1980s. In 1985 the Association began providing certificates and welcome brochures to recent law school graduates. In 1986 a new alumni admissions program was initiated. This pilot program employed the use of alumni in contacting accepted applicants with the hope that such enthusiastic intervention of UNC graduates might entice some of the more highly rated students to matriculate. In 1987 the School of Law initiated Law Family Day, a day for parents, spouses, children, and friends of law students to learn about law school life. All of these new programs and activities continue in some form in the 1990s.

Fundraising also thrived in the later 1980s. By 1987 Assistant Dean Beverly Cutter was reporting more than a three-fold increase in total giving to the law school. The school successfully completed a challenge grant program to secure a distribution of $383,083 from the Morehead Foundation. The Chancellors Scholars Program was created to replace Morehead scholarships that had been discontinued the previous year. The law school also made tremendous headway in a special fundraising appeal to establish a $500,000 Distinguished Professorship in honor of Governor Dan K. Moore, who died in 1986.

By the end of Dean Ken Broun's tenure in 1987, Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation gifts were providing fifty-two percent of scholarship funds for students, ninety-seven percent of the funds for Moot Court, International Law Journal and Law Review, one hundred percent of funds for special activities for orientation and graduation, and twenty-seven percent of Career Development funds.
Total giving to the School of Law in 1987 reached a new high of $635,329.

Planning for the Bicentennial Campaign for Carolina, which had started under Dean Ken Broun, continued in 1988 under Acting Dean Ronald Link. With the help of Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation officials, faculty, and staff, the law school developed a list of campaign objectives and needs that totaled $13 million. Final decisions on a campaign goal for the School of Law were postponed until Dean Judith Welch Wegner assumed her position in July of 1989. Assistant Dean Beverly Cutter Modlin departed to become Vice Chancellor for Development at UNC-Asheville and I joined the law school staff in the fall of 1989. By the end of the 1980s, the Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation had attracted private gift support totaling over $600,000 per year.

**The Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation from 1990-95**

After completing the campaign planning process with the Law Alumni Association in 1989-90, the school of law officially launched an $8 million capital campaign on October 12, 1991. At the time of the kickoff, the school and alumni volunteers had already raised $3.5 million toward the goal. Included in this total was a pledge of $1.2 million from Reef C. Ivey II for faculty and student support, a gift of $100,000 from Charles Aycock Poe for the Chancellors Scholars Program, a generous bequest of over $345,000 from the estate of Thornton Brooks (a longtime friend and alumni volunteer of the school), and a distinguished professorship totaling $500,000 in honor of Arch T. Allen, a 1933 graduate of the law school.

Law Alumni Association district representatives played a significant role in increasing the visibility of the campaign by arranging more than thirty alumni meetings and dinners over the course of Dean Wegner's first fifteen months in office. Following the retirement of Cathy Schweitzer in 1989, planning and preparation for these and other alumni activities was conducted by Mary R. Edgerton, who assumed the new position of Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving in early 1990. Ms. Edgerton and the Law Alumni Association printed a new alumni directory, which was made available in late 1990.

By the end of 1991 and early 1992, the law school and the Law Alumni Association/Law Foundation had received over $2.4 million in additional gifts and pledges that prompted campaign volunteers and the law school administration to increase the law school’s Bicentennial
Campaign goal to $9 million. Major gifts included a $1.4 million Charitable Remainder Unitrust from Ruth Harrison Uzzell to create “The Honorable George Randolph and Ruth Harrison Uzzell Fellowship Fund”; a $182,000 Charitable Remainder Unitrust from George and Page Bradham of Charlotte; a gift annuity of $30,000 from Mr. John Mullican of Pennsylvania; a pledge of $20,000 from the Duke Power Legal Department; a pledge of $50,000 from The First Union Foundation; and a pledge of $50,000 from Marion A. Cowell, Jr., of Charlotte.

Also in 1991, the Law Alumni Association appointed Marion A. Cowell, Jr., a 1964 graduate of the law school, to head up the $1.25 million campaign for the UNC Law Library. At the end of its first year of fundraising, Mr. Cowell’s alumni committee had helped raise over $150,000 toward its goal. Successful fundraising for the law library programs had pushed Law Foundation assets to an enviable $7,201,107 as of June 30, 1991. In an effort to maximize returns on the investments of the Foundation, Wellington Management Company of Atlanta was retained in early 1992 to manage the school’s endowment.

By the end of the fiscal year 1992-93, more than 6,000 gifts had been received in support of the law school campaign for a total of $7.7 million. The law library effort had increased its total to almost $300,000 and the extent of alumni participation in the Annual Fund had surpassed thirty-three percent. In addition to working on the campaign, Law Alumni Association district representatives had taken on special projects related to alumni awards, alumni relations and admissions, small law firm recruiting initiatives, and public relations. As a result of increased volunteer involvement, over 2,500 of the law school’s 6,200 alumni had participated in at least one alumni activity or program since the start of 1990. Margaret C. Myers assumed the position of Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving in early 1993.

Several special gifts helped push the School of Law over the $9 million mark in 1993. In a fitting tribute to one of this institution’s most distinguished alumni, the School of Law renamed its law library for Kathrine Robinson Everett, a 1920 graduate of the law school. The renaming recognized both her accomplishments and her major bequest to the law school in 1992, valued at more than $2 million. The gift, which is the largest in law school history, will be used for faculty support, student scholarships, and the law library. Other notable gifts and pledges pushed the law school’s Bicentennial Campaign over its $9 million goal and prompted the school to, yet
again, raise the goal, this time to $12 million. These gifts included a pledge of $100,000 in honor of John H. Anderson, Jr., '30, from the law firm of Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan; a pledge of $250,000 from William E. "Dub" Graham, Jr., '56, for the law library endowment; a gift of $250,000 for a term professorship from Miss Louise Ward; a pledge of $106,500 for the law library from the law firm of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein; a gift of $100,000 from Travis Porter '60 and Jane Porter for high merit scholarships; a pledge of $250,000 for the library, scholarship, and a classroom from the law firm of Moore & Van Allen; and a pledge of $100,000 to be applied to the Law Library Campaign from the law firm of Kennedy, Covington, Lobdell & Hickman.

By the end of September 1994, the School of Law and its Law Alumni Association/Law Foundation had reached its $12 million goal, strengthening the School of Law and providing it with a more secure financial future. Even more important than the money that was raised is the sense of community and inclusiveness that the Association helped to generate and that continues to grow. The present success of the Alumni Association and Law Foundation has its roots firmly planted in 1952 when Dean Brandis, William B. Aycock, and the public-spirited group of alumni first met to create the Law Alumni Association.

Today, as we celebrate the University of North Carolina School of Law's Sesquicentennial, the Law Alumni Association/Law Foundation serves as a model for others to follow. It helps make the law school one of the best fundraising public law schools¹⁸ and has an enviable cadre of alumni volunteers on which it can rely for a myriad of services. There are more opportunities than ever before for alumni of all ages and from all parts of the country to stay involved with the School of Law. Perhaps even Dean Henry Brandis and the other men and women who helped launch the Association in 1952 would marvel at what the alumni have done.

¹⁸. According to the Association of American Law Schools, the University of North Carolina School of Law is ranked among the top ten public law schools in dollars pledged and received from 1990-1993. ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT, DIRECTORY OF LAW SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS 185 (1994).
PRESIDENTS OF THE LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Armistead W. Sapp ’28  Greensboro  1952-53
Thomas A. Uzzell, Jr. ’31  Asheville  1953-54
Isaac Thorp ’22  Rocky Mount  1954-55
Luther T. Hartsell ’23  Concord  1955-56
William A. Dees, Jr. ’48  Goldsboro  1956-57
H.L. Riddle, Jr. ’38  Morganton  1957-58
Howard Manning ’38  Raleigh  1958-59
Francis H. Fairley ’39  Charlotte  1959-60
Paul A. Johnston ’52  New York  1960-61
Harper J. Elam III ’52  Greensboro  1961-62
Albert J. Ellis ’38  Jacksonville  1962-63
William Medford ’33  Waynesville  1963-64
Charles G. Rose ’36  Fayetteville  1964-65
Ralph M. Stockton, Jr. ’50  Winston-Salem  1965-66
Donald W. McCoy ’48  Fayetteville  1966-67
Richmond G. Bernhardt Jr. ’57  Greensboro  1967-68
Robin L. Hinson ’58  Charlotte  1968-69
Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. ’36  Raleigh  1969-70
James B. Garland ’46  Gastonia  1970-71
Stuart R. Childs ’59  Charlotte  1971-72
Cyrus Lee ’47  Wilson  1972-73
Julius Rousseau, Jr. ’56  North Wilkesboro  1973-74
Robert C. Vaughn, Jr. ’55  Winston-Salem  1974-75
Stephen P. Millikin ’52  Greensboro  1975-76
T. LaFontine Odom ’62  Charlotte  1976-77
Robert B. Byrd ’55  Morganton  1977-78
Willis P. Whichard ’65  Durham  1978-79
G. Dudley Humphrey, Jr. ’61  Winston-Salem  1979-80
Herbert S. Falk, Jr. ’56  Greensboro  1980-81
Lindsay C. Warren, Jr. ’51  Goldsboro  1981-82
Doris R. Bray ’66  Greensboro  1982-83
John T. Allred ’59  Charlotte  1983-84
James K. Dorsett, Jr. ’41  Raleigh  1984-85
John R. Haworth ’50  High Point  1985-86
Joseph B. Alala, Jr. ’59  Gastonia  1986-87
Richmond G. Bernhardt Jr. ’57  Greensboro  1987-88
Robert W. King, Jr. ’59  Charlotte  1988-89
Nelson B. Crisp ’67  Raleigh  1990-91
Louis P. Hornthal, Jr. ’63  Elizabeth City  1991-92
O. Richard Wright, Jr. '71  Tabor City  1992-93
John S. Stevens '61  Asheville  1993-94
William F. Maready '58  Winston-Salem  1994-95

LAW FOUNDATION COUNCIL CHAIRS

William A. Dees, Jr. '48  Goldsboro  1959-63
E.K. Powe '50  Durham  1963-64
Ralph M. Stockton Jr. '50  Winston-Salem  1965-66
T.A. Uzzell, Jr. '31  Asheville  1966-67
Albert J. Ellis '38  Jacksonville  1967-68
Paul A. Johnston '52  New York  1968-69
Robert H. Schnell '34  Chapel Hill  1969-70

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Thornton H. Brooks '34  Greensboro  1972-73
Robin L. Hinson '58  Charlotte  1973-74
John T. Allred '59  Charlotte  1974-75
Nelson W. Taylor III '55  Beaufort  1975-76
Herbert S. Falk, Jr. '56  Greensboro  1976-78
James C. Fox '57  Wilmington  1978-80
E.K. Powe '50  Durham  1980-81

UNC LAW ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Alumni Award

1981  Terry Sanford '46
       Dan K. Moore '29
       James E. Holshouser '60
       James B. Hunt '64
1982  William H. Bobbitt '23
1984  William C. Friday '48
1985  Henry Brandis, Jr. '30

19. In 1981, the Law Alumni Association and Law Foundation were merged. All Presidents after 1981 served in that capacity for a joint UNC Law Alumni Association/Law Foundation, Inc.
1986  William B. Aycock '48
1988  J. Dickson Phillips '48
1991  John L. Sanders '54
       Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. '36
       William A. Dees, Jr. '48
       William A. Johnson '44
1992  Robin L. Hinson '58
       Hamilton H. Hobgood '36
       Julius L. Chambers '62
1993  Robert G. Byrd '56
       C. Boyden Gray '68
       George W. Miller, Jr. '57
       William L. Thorp, Jr. '51
       Willis P. Whichard '65
1994  Henry Ell Frye '59
       Bertha "Bea" Holt '41
       Ralph M. Stockton, Jr. '50

*Lifetime Achievement Award*
1990  William B. Aycock '48
       Kathrine R. Everett '20

*Faculty Achievement Award*
1991  Professor Donald Clifford
1992  Professor Daniel Pollitt

*Alumni Leadership Award*
1992  Reef C. Ivey II '68
1993  Marion A. Cowell, Jr. '64