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ELON LAW Alumni News Bulletin





## Message from Dean Luke Bierman

**E**lon Law continues to take a national leadership role in the modernization of legal education.

We have made remarkable progress building a groundbreaking curriculum that guarantees every student full-time practice experience, reduces the amount of time

to earn the degree and lowers tuition. This same curriculum maintains our 90-credit graduation requirement, preserves summers for students and reduces the number of courses students take concurrently so that they can deepen their focus in individual subject areas.

Rather than tinkering at the edges, we achieved major innovation by addressing the limitations of traditional legal education as a design problem. First we identified outcomes that are essential for law school graduates to excel as 21st century lawyers, then we rebuilt the curriculum from the ground up, creating a logically sequenced progression of courses, interwoven with practice experiences and embedded with skills and competencies development from day one. We injected tangible learning through a series of immersive practice experiences and enabled students to save a great deal of time and resources in the process. We're solving what I call "the dirty secrets" of law education: too expensive, too long, too disconnected from practice and too irrelevant to the demands faced by today's lawyers.

I hope you are excited to share with your colleagues and friends that Elon Law is the first school to guarantee that all students receive full-time, course-connected residencies-in-practice, and the first school to move to a two and a half year approach for all students, addressing important questions of cost, student debt and value. Advancing the founding concept of Elon Law to be the "law school with a difference," we intend to make our pioneering curriculum a long-term game changer in American legal education.

I appreciate all that you are doing to make a difference in law, on behalf of your clients and communities. I also appreciate your support during this year of great change and innovation at Elon Law. I hope you are proud of your law school for taking these bold steps and I hope you are inspired to partner with us as we move legal education into the future in ways unlike any law school in the nation.

Luke Bierman

## Elon Law featured in U.S. News & World Report

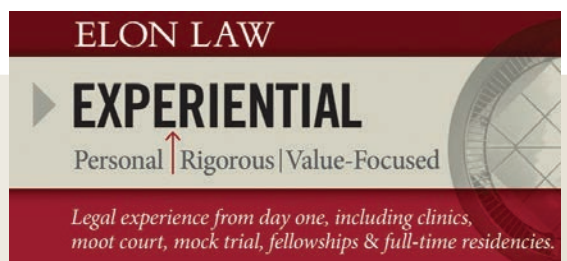
Elon Law's new curriculum was featured in a recent U.S. News & World Report article as one of the most far-reaching innovations in American legal education. Introducing Elon, the article noted that some law schools have "borrowed a page from medicine to incorporate clinical rotations or 'residencies.'"

"In one of the most radical reforms, Elon University School of Law in North Carolina will introduce a complete overhaul of its curriculum this year," the article stated. "The program will shift to trimesters so students graduate in two and a half years and can prep for the February bar exam and enter the job market in the spring. The new curriculum is much more intentionally sequenced; shadowing a litigator leads to participation in moot court and then to a residency with a trial and appellate practice firm, for example."

## Elon recognized among best law schools for practical training

Elon Law is on The National Jurist's 2015 honor roll of best law schools for practical training. In announcing the honor roll, Editor-in-Chief Jack Crittenden highlighted Elon Law among those deserving of special commendation. "Practical training is a buzzword for most schools and many are turning it into practice," Crittenden wrote. "Schools like New York Law School, Elon University and Penn State Dickinson should be commended for their efforts."

## Elon Law Review spotlights experiential learning



In a newly published volume, the Elon Law Review features scholarship on experiential education emanating from a national symposium held at Elon Law in 2014. Elon Law Dean Luke Bierman and Elon Law Review Editor-in-Chief Brittany Teague '15 provide the introduction to the volume.

"Recognizing the increasing demand for innovation in law and legal education, panelists from the legal field and beyond shared research findings that indicated the acceleration of law student professional development through experiential education," Bierman and Teague wrote. "Similarly, Issue 7:1 of the Elon Law Review offers articles dedicated to experiential education, including a report from the working groups of the Alliance for Experiential Learning in Law, which was contemplated at the Second National Symposium on Experiential Education in Law."

Visit [law.elon.edu/lawreview](http://law.elon.edu/lawreview) for more information.



## Elon Law students create online business law journal

**E**lon Law announced in April the inaugural issue of the Elon Business Law Journal. The new online journal will publish content about current and significant developments in business law. The first issue includes perspectives on U.S. trade with Cuba, confidentiality agreements, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and international business.

"In an effort to match the ever-changing nature of business law, the journal will release articles periodically through a modern online format, giving readers a user-friendly source to keep up to date on present-day changes affecting the business law community," said Elon Law student and Business Fellow Timothy Prosky L'15, editor-in-chief of the Elon Business Law Journal.

*Read the inaugural issue at <http://blogs.elon.edu/blj/>.*

## Elon Law and Vermont Law School announce JD/Master of Environmental Law & Policy dual-degree program

Elon Law and Vermont Law School will offer a dual-degree program that enables students to earn two graduate degrees in two and a half years, beginning in fall 2015. Students in the program will earn a Juris Doctor degree from Elon Law and a Master of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School.

Elon Law is recognized as one of the nation's most innovative law schools (The National Jurist) and honored for excellence in professional education by the American Bar Association. Vermont Law School is the top-ranked law school for environmental law for six consecutive years, including 2014-15 (U.S. News & World Report).

**VERMONT**  
LAW SCHOOL







## Elon Law forum examines race and the grand jury process

An April forum continued a yearlong series of events and activities at Elon Law that have probed national concerns about police misconduct against minorities and the uneven application of law based on race. The forum featured perspectives about the fairness and effectiveness of the grand jury process, particularly in the context of alleged police misconduct against minorities. Panelists included: Fred Lind, public defender, Guilford County, N.C.; Howard Neumann, chief assistant district attorney, Guilford County, N.C.; James Clark, police attorney, City of Greensboro Police Department; Barbara Lawrence, associate professor of justice and policy studies, Guilford College; and, serving as moderator, Michael Rich, associate professor of law with expertise in criminal law and procedure, Elon Law.

Prior Elon Law events and actions relating to issues of race, law and justice include:

- ♻ September: Beyond Ferguson forum on race, policing and the fourth amendment – Daniel Harris L'13, an associate with Clifford Clendenin & O'Hale, LLP, served as a panelist
- ♻ October: Forum on local law enforcement use of public surveillance technologies, including body-worn cameras – Josh Berggrun L'16, as an extern in the Greensboro attorney's office, and Patrick Collins L'15 and Cecelia Jones L'15, as externs in the Greensboro police attorney's office, were instrumental in this forum
- ♻ January: Martin Luther King, Jr., forum exploring current national and international civil rights issues
- ♻ April: Law students organized Black Lives Matter Law Student Day of Action.

In addition, in their capstone leadership project this year, law students and Leadership Fellows Chris Genheimer L'15 and Emily Seawell L'15 conducted research and offered recommendations to the City of Greensboro Police Department to develop and implement new community policing programs designed to strengthen trust and collaboration between police officers and the communities they serve.



## N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper to Elon Law grads: cherish your moral compass

Delivering the Commencement Address to the 79 members of Elon Law's Class of 2015 and guests, Attorney General Cooper reminded graduates that as officers of the court they will be charged with doing justice and upholding the integrity of the legal system.

"Your knowledge of the law important, your devotion to the rules of ethics essential, your possession of a moral compass divine," Cooper said. "Cherish that moral compass. Because you have been given this gift of a degree in higher education from a prestigious university, you do have a responsibility to take your place in the fight to make the world a better place and affect positively the lives of other people."

Attorney General Cooper joins a distinguished group of lawyer-leaders who have honored Elon Law by delivering Commencement addresses:

- ◌ 2014 – Thomas W. Ross, president, University of North Carolina system
- ◌ 2013 – The Hon. Catherine C. Eagles, judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- ◌ 2012 – The Hon. James A. Wynn, Jr., judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- ◌ 2011 – U.S. Sen. Richard Burr
- ◌ 2010 – Former U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan
- ◌ 2009 – David Gergen, chair, Elon Law advisory board; professor of public service and co-director, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School; senior political analyst, CNN; former advisor to four U.S. presidents.


  
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about current legal affairs

New posts each  
Friday morning

## Luke Bierman proposes four steps to reinvent legal education

In the ABA Journal's "The New Normal" series published in April, Elon Law Dean Luke Bierman called for "better training in writing, business skills, project management, technology, data analytics, leadership development, and communication" to enable "lawyers to blossom from narrow technicians into strategic thinkers, deal makers, problem solvers and community leaders." Bierman also called for full-time, course-connected legal residencies and urged law schools both to become more affordable and to build stronger connections with practicing attorneys.

Bierman noted Elon Law has already adopted a new curriculum that addresses these elements, providing "logically sequenced instruction, full-time experience, highly integrated student engagement with the practicing bar and great value all in a two-and-a-half year experience with a 20% reduction in cost."

In a News & Observer op-ed, **Professor Catherine Ross Dunham** examines California gender bias case *Pao v. Kleiner* and a recent U.S. Supreme Court case to illustrate the limits of current law in addressing questions of equal treatment and opportunity in the workplace.

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Clinic students, supervised by **Distinguished Practitioner in Residence John Flynn**, will assist members of Co//ab, a new co-working facility for entrepreneurs one block from Elon Law. The Greensboro Partnership, Action Greensboro, the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation and Elon University established Co//ab.



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# FACULTY UPDATE



LEVINE

Associate Professor David Levine, an affiliate scholar of Stanford Law's Center for Internet and Society and visiting research collaborator at Princeton University's Center for Information Technology Policy, has taken a leadership role in the analysis of legislation to confront cyberespionage against U.S. corporations, publishing scholarship about the proposed legislation, presenting at a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee staff briefing on trade secret law and authoring a letter to U.S. Senate and House leaders, signed by more than 30 law professors, raising concerns about unintended impacts of the legislation.



GABRIEL

Professor Henry Gabriel represented North Carolina at the annual meeting of the Uniform Law Commission. He was reappointed to the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee for Private International Law. He was a U.S. Delegate to the U.N. Commission on International Trade Law Working Group on Electronic Commerce. He is a member of the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law.



GAYLORD

In the U.S. Supreme Court case *Walker v. Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.*, Professor Scott Gaylord is the author of both the amicus brief on behalf of the State of North Carolina and scholarship cited four times in the petitioner's merits brief in the case.



RIVERSJAMES

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning and Leadership Faith Rivers James delivered the keynote address at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance at Vermont Law School. In 2014 she delivered the Real Property Case Law Update at the annual meeting of the NCBA's Real Property Section.



SCAVONE

Professor Heather Scavone, director of the Humanitarian Immigration Law Clinic, joined six Elon Law students for an alternate spring break, providing pro bono legal services to detained women and children immigrants. Scavone has since provided analysis of conditions at the U.S.-funded detention facilities on NPR radio affiliates WFAE and WUNC. Scavone has noted in these radio interviews that the for-profit corporations managing these detention centers, based on her experiences, are obstructing lawyers from clients and violating due process.



VAUGHAN

Representing Elon, Elder Law Clinic Director Hannah Vaughan is a member of the executive partner and working group teams for the Guilford County Family Justice Center, which will house 17 provider agencies and create a single point of access for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse.





## ALUMNI COUNCIL – President’s Message

It has been a pleasure to serve as the president of your alumni council for the past 18 months. As I prepare to pass the torch, it is my sincere hope that we as a council are meeting all of your expectations.

As you will see in this newsletter, the council hosted a number of events statewide this year. I enjoyed seeing many of you at Reunion Weekend in Greensboro in March. I hope all of you enjoyed the various events, and more importantly, felt a part of the Elon Law alumni community. To continue to stay updated regarding the law school and your fellow alumni, I encourage you to check out our website at [law.elon.edu/alumni](http://law.elon.edu/alumni).

Likewise, we welcomed two new members to our “team” this year. Gwendolyn Lewis L’13 agreed to serve as the law school’s alumni director, and LaDaniel Gatling II accepted a position as the law school’s assistant dean of development. We are thrilled with these new additions, as they provide invaluable resources for us as alumni.

Your alumni council has been busy this past year. We met in the fall to plan for the year, hosted a table at the law school’s graduation fair and met again in May to brainstorm new ideas for keeping alumni connected. I welcome any ideas from you on this important matter. I would ask also that you vow to assist us in the law school’s important mission of recruiting, retaining and placing outstanding students.

If you are interested in joining the alumni council, or have any suggestions — or criticisms — please feel free to email me at [aldharrell@gmail.com](mailto:aldharrell@gmail.com). I invite all of you to feel free to communicate with me on any alumni matters. I look forward to speaking with each of you in the future.

Andrea Dancy Harrell L’09  
President, Elon Law Alumni Council

## Greetings from the Office of Alumni Relations



**A**s a member of the Class of 2013, I have the great privilege to be your founding alumni director, leading the effort to connect alumni back to Elon Law. Since beginning my tenure with Elon Law, I have worked on many matters pertaining to the alumni association. Particularly, I have familiarized myself with the past practices of the alumni association, partnered with the alumni council to update its bylaws, launched an alumni course audit program and completed a four-year strategic plan for the alumni association. My commitment to each of you is to work zealously toward developing our alumni association as an effective partner with the law school, university, students and legal profession. This will be evidenced through a pursuit of lifelong

relationships with each of you, grounded in mutual support and growth.

I will communicate with you regularly, update you on what's happening at Elon Law and invite you to the many events both at Elon Law and near you. Regardless of where you live, we hope you remain an active member of the Elon Law Alumni Association. Take time to peruse our website and learn more about the alumni association and its benefits. You can always contact our office at [lawalumni@elon.edu](mailto:lawalumni@elon.edu) with questions, ideas or suggestions. We are not only your connection to years past, but also your link for today and the future!

Gwendolyn W. Lewis L'13  
Alumni Director

## Five Elon Law alumni honored at reunion weekend

Continuing a tradition started in 2014, awards were presented in recognition of alumni accomplishments in the legal profession and in service to their communities.

Jameson Marks L'10 received the George R. Johnson Professional Achievement Award in recognition of significant professional contributions. Marks began his legal career with the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office in fall 2010, helping to establish their DWI prosecutor position and earning recognition for his work in the Domestic Violence Court.

In 2011, Marks moved to the Triangle region of North Carolina and began working as an assistant district attorney in Johnston

County. He spent several years building a digital case law database to aid prosecutors around the state with DWI prosecution and was instrumental in creating local rules for district criminal court to more effectively handle the backlog of DWI cases. In 2014, Marks became the youngest commission counsel for the N.C. Judicial Standards Commission, where he offers guidance to judges and justices across the state on judicial and ethical issues.

Allison Lukanich L'12 and Natalie Teague L'09 received the Leary F. Davis Service and Leadership in the Community Award, presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to the community, state or nation. Lukanich and Teague are immigration attorneys who went to Artesia, New Mexico, for a pro bono week representing women and children who are being detained in the U.S. Lukanich has experience at the Inter-American Court for Human Rights in Costa Rica. While at

Elon, she worked at the Humanitarian Immigration Law Clinic. She went into private practice as an associate attorney doing immigration law in Durham. Her practice focuses on family-based petitions and humanitarian-based immigration law. Teague has worked with a women's sewing cooperative in a refugee community in Nicaragua and studied at the School for International Training in Mexico. At Elon Law, she helped establish the International Law Society, the Elon ACLU chapter and the Public Interest Law Society. She received the N.C. State Bar Pro Bono Award for logging more than 675 hours of pro bono service in immigration internships in law school. She runs her own law firm dedicated to immigration in Asheville.

Collin Cooper L'12 received the Young Alumni Award, presented to an alumnus who graduated within the past five years in recognition of significant achievements in their area of practice and in their service to the university, community, state or nation. In addition to his job as a senior contract specialist with Pharmaceutical Product Development, Cooper has worked with the Young Lawyers Divisions (YLD) of both the American Bar Association (ABA) and the N.C. Bar Association (NCBA). He has served as the associate editor of *The Young Lawyer* for the ABA YLD and an ABA YLD Diversity Scholar, and serves as the vice-director of diversity for

the ABA YLD as well as the Inaugural vice-chair of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee. He has authored works published by both the ABA and the NCBA, and he recently served as the program materials coordinator for the CLE hosted by the ABA Business Law Section titled "Gay Marriage and the Repeal of DOMA: What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know." In 2014, he was a panelist for the ABA CLE in Los Angeles, Calif.

Justin R. Ervin III L'10 received the Distinguished Service to Elon Law School Award. A member of the Elon Law Alumni Council, Ervin has coordinated and hosted reunion events and worked to build a strong alumni group. He has conducted CLEs at Elon, bringing a wide range of practitioners into the school. He is invested and involved in the greater community through his work with community organizations, fundraising and service projects such as Project Grace. Ervin presented recently at a Society of Financial Service Professionals CLE about marriage equality and tax planning, a N.C. Bar Association (NCBA) CLE on marriage equality and tax planning for same-gender couples, an NCBA CLE on emerging issues in estate planning, and a National Business Institute CLE on trust law. Ervin earned an LLM in taxation from the University of Florida.



From left: Recipients of Elon Law's annual alumni awards Jameson Marks L'10, Natalie Teague L'12, Justin Ervin L'10 and Allison Lukanich L'12.

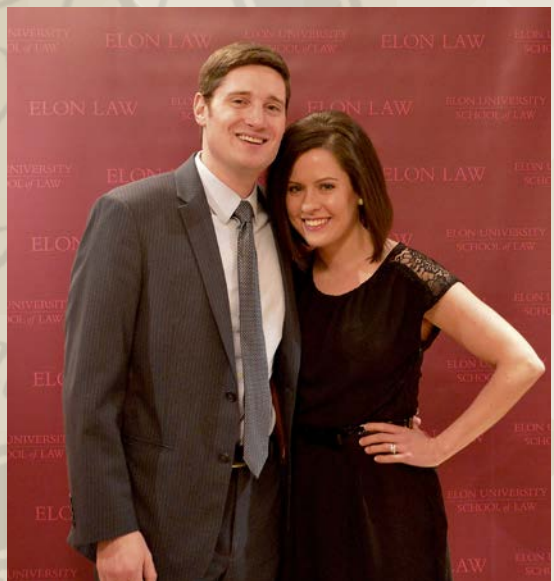


# ALUMNI REUNION

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Dozens of alumni participated in Elon Law's 2015 Alumni Reunion Weekend in March. Events included a Class of 2010 fifth-year reunion dinner, a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar, an affinity group brunch, a family fun day luncheon, a 5K race for women's health and an evening award and cocktail reception at the O.Henry Hotel.





Left: The affinity group luncheon brought together alumni and students with shared experiences in moot court, mock trial, law review, OutLaw, Black Law Students Association, Leadership Fellows and Student Bar Association.

## Reflections from Elon Law alumni on Alumni Reunion Weekend 2015:

- ♂ Andrea Davis L'12: "I come back because I like Elon and I like what Elon does and I like to support Elon in whatever way I can."
- ♂ Nikki Feliciano L'11: "I miss being around my Elon Law family. I really love our school and I love my classmates."
- ♂ Andrea Harrell L'09: "I like seeing everybody, meeting new people and showing off my baby!"
- ♂ Ben Woody L'14: "I was hoping to learn more about the law school's new programs and innovations, and I was excited to hear about how we're evolving."



Above: Alix Hazel L'09, center, took women's first place in the seventh annual Barbara Sullivan 5K Race for Women's Health. Ali Barnes, right, took second place, and Elizabeth Coltrane L'16 took third place. The event, coordinated by student leaders of the Women's Law Association at Elon Law, is named for the mother of former WLAmember Ann Sullivan L'09, who lost her life to a brain tumor. Every year, WLAA honors other members of its association and their families by donating all of the proceeds of the race to health issues that have affected them.



## 2009

**Melanie Crenshaw** and **A.T. Debnam** became certified in November by the N.C. State Bar as specialists in family law.

**Chad Hinton** and wife Alicia Hinton celebrated the birth of their second child, Claire, on 4/18/15. Olderson James is now three years old and is excited about welcoming his baby sister to the family.

**Jeremy Keever** was selected by the NCBA to be a delegate to the attorney exchange program. The program, which is held every other year, took place in Portugal. The goal of the attorney exchange program, as noted in its statement of purpose, "is to gain a better understanding of the laws, legal systems, people and culture of other countries; to share and exchange legal knowledge and experience; and to foster goodwill among attorneys of the world."

**Sarah Lucente** and **Steven Lucente** celebrated the birth of Thomas Anthony Lucente on 6/2/14.

**Shannon Russell**, legal counsel at Barton College, and husband Jonathan Russell celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lillian Kent, on 8/5/14.

**Megan Silver** joined the law firm of John C. Hensley, Jr. P.C., as an associate attorney where she handles wrongful death, medical malpractice, personal injury and worker's compensation cases.

**Ryan Stewart** accepted the position of associate general counsel with Alliance One International, Inc., after spending nearly three

years with Womble Carlyle's corporate and securities practice group.

## 2010

**Adam W. Arthur**, of Kirkman Attorneys at Law in Greensboro, N.C., was named to the 2015 list of the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. Arthur has been recognized with the N.C. National Guard Civilian Commendation Medal and The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 award.

**Kristy Andraos** and Logan Yorkwer married on 5/7/14.

**David Morrow '07** joined Elon University as special advisor to the president and assistant chief of staff. Previously legal counsel at PayPal, Inc. and attorney with Buckley Sandler LLP, Morrow is a former ABA Business Law Section Fellow and recipient of the National Bar Association's Junius W. Williams "Young Lawyer of the Year" award.

**Preston Nelson** opened Nelson Law Firm, PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. on 2/1/15. The firm specializes in real estate matters.

**Jenny Sweet** achieved membership to the Greensboro Bar Association's Herb Falk Society in 2014. The society honors members of the Greensboro Bar Association who contribute at least 75 hours of pro bono service annually.

**Kelly Valente**, an associate attorney at McAngus, Goudelock, & Courie in Charlotte, N.C., and husband Ryan Valente '09, an associate attorney at the Law Offices of Michael J. Bednarik, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Victoria Ireland, on 12/22/14.

**Will Warihay**, an associate attorney at Moore, Ingram, Johnson & Steele in Atlanta, Ga., married Kate Warihay '10 on 9/20/14.

## 2011

**Powell Baggett** became assistant general counsel at the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources in March 2014, accepting a promotion from the role as staff attorney at the department. In 2014, the Gov. Pat McCrory appointed Powell to the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission.

**Samantha Gilman '08** spent most of 2014 traveling the East Coast helping to implement health reform in Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island at each state's health exchange. She joined Avalere Health's health reform practice in January as a Medicaid and dual eligible subject matter professional leveraging both her legal expertise and health reform experience to serve health plan, life science and biotech clients.



LUCENTE



STEWART





MURPHREE

**Jennifer Hoverstad** and husband **Carl** welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Elin Ashe**, on 9/14/15. Jennifer was named acting human resources manager for the N.C. Division of Employment Security in November. In this role, she serves as the strategic business partner for the assistant secretary and his senior staff.

**Brian Hunt** and **Summer Hunt** welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Caroline Grace**, on 1/3/15.

**Lauren Murphree Nance** and **Kameron Nance** were married on 11/1/14.

**Ivy Oakley Waterhouse** and husband **Chase Waterhouse**



**MBA'12** welcomed the birth of their son, **Brandt Everette**, on 10/26/14.

**Jessica Yañez** and husband **Agustín** welcomed the birth of daughter **Sophía Yañez** on 9/9/14. Jessica also started her own immigration practice in December 2012, helping people from more than 30 countries to date.

## 2012

**Alvaro De La Calle** was elected by his peers to the Business North Carolina Legal Elite list and was the top attorney in the Young

**Guns (under 40)** category. In addition, he was selected to the 2015 list of the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

**Andrea Davis** joined the law firm of **Randolph M. James P.C.** in **Winston-Salem, N.C.** Her practice focuses on employment law and business and commercial litigation.

**Jonathan Horner** joined the law firm of **Richards, Layton & Finger**, the largest law firm in Delaware, where his practice is focused on commercial real estate.

## 2013

**Grant Buckner** became law clerk to Chief Justice **Mark D. Martin**, Supreme Court of North Carolina in January

**Elizabeth Duncan Heydary** and **Nemat Heydary** were married on 10/18/14.

**Andrew Jones** was promoted to partner at **Rountree Losee LLP** in **Wilmington, N.C.**

**Jake Pryor** was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Judge Advocate General.

**Courtney Roller** and **Joshua Tussey** were married on 9/20/14.

**Molly Springs** opened Charlotte-based firm, **Springs Law**, focusing her practice on personal injury and social security disability. She also serves as counsel to **Michael Barnes**, of **Barnes Law Office**, where she assists with the resolution of catastrophic personal injury cases.



ROLLER

**Mike Wilson** and wife **Jennifer Wilson** celebrated the birth of their son, **Michael Glenn**, on 7/22/14.

## 2014

**Katie Koone** is employed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, working in the academic and membership affairs section of the regulatory affairs department.

**David Lambert** and wife **Desiree** celebrated the birth of their son, **Sawyer Fitzgerald**, on 2/2/15.

**Michael Nash** and longtime Greensboro criminal defense attorney **Charles A. Lloyd** formed **Lloyd and Nash, PLLC** in January. Nash leads the firm's general practice division and provides litigation services for both criminal and civil matters.

**Andrew Realon** is teaching in the department of human relations at **High Point University**.

**Murphy Townsend** and wife **Brooke** welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Cameron**, on 9/13/14. Murphy accepted a position as an associate attorney with **The Spagnola Law Firm** in November 2014. His practice focuses on family law matters.

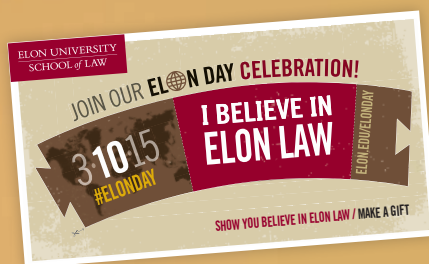
# ADVANCEMENT UPDATE



## ELON DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

A March 10 celebration in honor of Elon University's birthday raised more than \$702,000 to support students, scholarships, athletics and faculty and staff. Elon donors worldwide contributed 2,703 gifts during the celebration that called for the university community to show they "believe in Elon." Alumni giving was a key factor in the day's success, with 70 percent of gifts coming from Elon graduates, while all gifts of \$50 and under comprised 73 percent of total Elon Day contributions. For the second year, the celebration generated significant activity

on social media, with #ElonDay becoming one of the top 6 trending topics on Twitter and users logging more than 4,000 mentions of Elon Day across all channels. Elon Law's Elon Day events in Greensboro contributed to the exceptional success of the one-day campaign. With leadership from 32 Elon Law alumni volunteers, the law school received more than \$14,000 in total giving from 115 gifts in a 48 hour period. Go Elon Law!





## You make the difference!

**A**s I approach my ninth month at Elon Law, I extend warm greetings to each of you and thank you for your incredible welcome to the law school. From the moment I arrived, I quickly discovered that this is truly a “law school with a difference.” The wonderful sense of community and individuals that are doing amazing things and affecting the lives of so many is a hallmark of this great institution.

Early on, one of the factors that impressed me the most was the enthusiasm and dedication of our alumni. You are the keystones of our success. Your support on many levels has directly enhanced Elon Law, resulting in scholarship and financial aid support, increased admissions applications and experiential learning opportunities for students. Your financial support has provided critical discretionary resources to send students to conferences and competitions, fund law journals and publications, support student organizations and offer unique enrichment opportunities to future Elon Law alumni.

Elon Law is devoted to developing the leaders of tomorrow by preparing them to excel in a rapidly evolving legal profession. Our goal is to make you a proud Elon Law alumnus. Your commitment sets a strong example as we plan for the road ahead. Please continue to support Elon Law. Your continued dedication and support helps to assure our success.

You make the difference!

LaDaniel Gatling II  
Assistant Dean for Development



# REGIONAL EVENTS

## ELON LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Raleigh, N.C. – Nov. 17

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### Washington, D.C. – April 14

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## Wilmington, N.C. – May 6



Thank you alumni event coordinators: Leslie Lasher L'09 (Raleigh), Karima Grady L'13 (D.C.) and Andy Jones L'13 (Wilmington).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For all events below, please RSVP to [lawalumni@elon.edu](mailto:lawalumni@elon.edu).

### Charlotte Alumni Regional Event

July 16 – 6:30 p.m.  
Dressler's Restaurant  
1100 Metropolitan Ave., #125  
Charlotte, N.C.

### Immigration Law CLE

July 31 – 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Elon Law

### Technology & Law Speaker Series

Sept. 2, 17, 30 - Oct. 14 - Nov. 4  
12:35 - 1:25 p.m., Rm. 107 at Elon Law

### Alumni Involvement Week

Oct. 19-22 at Elon Law

### SAVE THE DATE

### Alumni Reunion Weekend

April 8-10 in Greensboro, N.C.

Additional alumni events, CLEs and Elon Law forums will be scheduled throughout the year. We will keep you informed through e-blasts, mail and social media.



## Stay in touch...



# Turn Yourself In!

Share your professional achievements & family news at  
[law.elon.edu/classnotes/](http://law.elon.edu/classnotes/)



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