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Wake Law Grads Top Trial Groups

Is Wake Forest School of Law a breeding ground for trial lawyers?

It appears so, judging by the number of Wake Forest law alumni who have risen to top spots in state and national trial groups:

Raleigh lawyer Douglas B. Abrams (class of '79) is the newly-elected president of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

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Fayetteville lawyer Wade E. Byrd (class of '73) is president-elect of the Academy.

Raleigh attorney Howard Twiggs (class of '57) is president-elect of the American Trial Lawyers Association and will assume the top spot next year.

Raleigh appellate defender M. Gordon Widenhouse (class of '81) is an Academy vice president who spearheads the group's education and

training efforts.

Fayetteville attorney Richard B. Glazier (class of '81) was recently elected to the Academy's Board of Governors.

What's going on here? Is there something in the drinking water in Winston-Salem?

"I don't know what you can read into it other than it's certainly interesting," says Abrams.

There might be more to it than that. The Wake Forest law curriculum is noted for its emphasis on practical skills, advocacy and continuing education. And it is a small institution where close and lasting relationships are easily forged.

"All of us in these positions are proud of our backgrounds," says Abrams. "We do share a sense of fellowship."

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