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## Lawyers In The News

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### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Female attorneys who have been licensed in North Carolina for at least 25 years were recently honored as "Women of Wisdom" by the Western North Carolina chapter of the N.C. Association of Women Attorneys. The honorees included: Avery County: **Kathryn G. Hemphill**; Buncombe County: **Marla T. Adams**; **Mary E. Arrowood**; **Janese M. Baliles**; **Sandra J. Barrett**; **Sara Patterson Brison**; **Shelley M. Pew Brown**; **Shirley H. Brown**; **Barbara A. Davis**; **Sara H. Davis**; **Cynthia W. Eller**; **Carol Eubank**; **Judith C. Fraser**; **Kathy A. Gleason**; **Martha H.**

### ADVERTISEMENT

**Harris**; **Pamela M. Holcombe**; **Sandra M. King**; **Rebecca B. Knight**; **Doris P. Loomis**; **Eleanor MacCorkle**; **Diane K. McDonald**; **Charlotte Wade Nallan**; **Susan T. Parke**; **P. Michelle Rippon**; **Sueanna P. Sumpter**; **Julie A. Waltz**; **Sheryl H. Williams**; **Mary P. Wutschel** and **Ann Y. Young**; Burke County: **Amy L. Cox**; **Barbara J. Degen**; **Martha L. McMurray-Russ** and **Rebecca M. Phifer**; Catawba County: **Eloise D. Bradshaw**; **Martha E. Fox**; **Ann R. Goodman**; **Linda G. Hebel** and **Lisa S. Owsley**; Clay County: **Deborah L.**

**Nichols** and **Melinda S. Woody**; Haywood County: **Ann H. Davis**, **Deborah H. Henderson** and **Janet M. Hyatt**; Henderson County: **Sharon B. Alexander** and **Deborah S. Moore**; Jackson County: **Patti O. Harper**; McDowell County: **Loto G. Caviness**; Polk County: **Susan S. Craven**; Transylvania County: **Margaret M. Hunt**.

Also, **Larry McDevitt** of The Van Winkle Law Firm received the local NCAWA chapter's first "Themis Award" for his role in creating the women in the profession committee of the N.C. Bar Association.

Several North Carolina attorneys were recently honored with a "40 Under 40" award from the *Charlotte Business Journal*. The winners included: **Amy Johnson** of Moore & Van Allen; **Will Packard** of Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson; **William Ruffin Pearce Jr.** of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice; **Nicole Tharrington** of Compass Group USA; **Jonathan Vogel** of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal; and **Kristi Walters**, of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein.

Former North Carolina Gov. **Jim Martin** recently joined McGuireWoods Consulting as a senior advisor. He will work with clients in Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington and Washington, D.C. Martin

was the 66th governor of North Carolina from 1985-1993 and served six terms as a member of Congress for the 9th District in North Carolina. Most recently, he was employed as a corporate vice president of Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte.

Attorney **Sam Craig** recently opened Craig Law Firm in Asheville. He focuses his practice on business, commercial and real estate law and litigation. Craig also represents western North Carolina clients in dealings with administrative and governmental agencies and board. He formerly practiced with Yelton, Farfour, McCartney, Lutz & Craig.

Brooks Pierce partner **Ben Davis** recently authored the second edition of the "North Carolina Bankers Guide to Powers of Attorney." The guide, published by the N.C. Bankers Association, examines state power of attorney statutes and the system of registering powers of attorney with registers of deeds offices. Davis is a regulatory and transactional lawyer who advises North Carolina banks on matters involving securities law, regulatory compliance, corporate governance and check negotiation. Before joining Brooks Pierce, he served in the office of the Army General Counsel in the Pentagon.

Attorneys **Elizabeth Kuniholm** and **Don Strickland** have been selected for membership in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Kuniholm is a past president of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and also has been an adjunct professor at Duke University School of Law. Strickland practices with Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau and limits his practice to cases involving catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, business torts and professional negligence.

**Catherine R. Stuart**, a principal of Stuart Law Firm, has been elected by the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to serve on its board of visitors for a four-year term beginning July 1.

#### UPCOMING EVENT

N.C. Central University's School of Law will host an informal question and answer session with **Dennis Archer**, the first African American elected president of the American Bar Association, on June 25. The event will take place in the school's Great Hall, located at 640 Nelson St. in Durham.

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