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## Lawyers In The News

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**Jay Reeves** was the guest speaker at the annual CLE meeting and luncheon of the High Point Bar Association. He talked about the new Rules of Professional Conduct and risk management issues. Reeves practices in Chapel Hill....

**Frank C. "Ham" Wilson III** has made partner in the Boone firm of di Santi Watson Capua & Wilson....

**Donald Beskind**, partner in the Raleigh firm of Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, was recently appointed to a two-year term as co-chair of the National College of Advocacy, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's continuing legal education arm providing CLE to plaintiffs lawyers nationwide. Previously an NCA committee member for three years, Beskind has also served for two years as vice-president of education for the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers....

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**Nicole Vandiver** and **Callan H. Bryan** of Vandiver & Bryan in

Cornelius attended the annual symposium on elder law in Miami. Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno spoke at the meeting, which was hosted by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys....

Former Robeson County assistant district attorney **Gary Price** has joined the Lumberton firm of Smith, Dickey, Smith, Hasty and Dempster. He is a Cumberland School of Law graduate....

**Jeffrey Norris** and **Derek Wenzel** have formed the Norris & Wenzel firm in Waynesville....

Johnston County lawyers and judges are helping build the eighth Habitat for Humanity house there, a four-bedroom structure which will be ready for occupancy this month, according to the *Smithfield Herald*. Among those pitching in one recent Saturday were Judge **Jackie Lee**, **Tom Berkau**, **Cindy Huntsberry**, **John Whitley**, **Terry Rose** and **Dionne Fortner**....

Jacksonville lawyer **William J. "Billy" Morgan** gave a talk in New Bern on what the Patriot Act could mean to the average American....

The Brown & Patten firm has moved to its new location in the BB&T Building in Waynesville, where **Gavin A. Brown** and **Donald N. Patten** handle real estate, traffic, DWI, personal injury and other civil and criminal matters....

**Susan K. Ellis** of the Rose Rand firm in Wilson donated \$2,000 in pro bono work to an animal shelter named For Love of Dogs....

Judge **William A. Creech** of Raleigh was feted at a surprise party celebrating his 78th birthday hosted by his friends and co-workers. A former state senator, Creech has been a District Court judge for more than 25 years....

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism sponsored a CLE-approved professionalism program for the deputy commissioners of the NC Industrial Commission. The all day event, held at Exploris in Raleigh, included the **Franklin Freeman**, the governor's senior assistant for governmental affairs, Superior Court judges **Catherine Eagles** and **Anthony Brannon**, District Court Judge **Beth Keever**, former NC Court of Appeals Judge **Ralph Walker**, **John Saxon** from the Institute of Government, and Greensboro attorneys **Jeri Whitfield** and **Anne Harris**....

**Karen Crutchfield** has resigned as attorney for the town of Snow Hill, and will serve as a hospital chaplain in Wilmington. A lawyer since 1979, she has also held the chaplain's post at Greenville's Pitt Memorial Hospital....

**Erik Albright**, a partner in Smith Moore's Greensboro office and on the Atlantic Coast Conference's defense team in litigation brought by Big East Conference schools in the wake of the ACC expansion, was interviewed by the *Greensboro News & Record* recently. A walk-on baseballer at Duke, Albright is the only one of three brothers who did not go to college on an athletic scholarship. His father, Judge **Doug Albright**, played basketball at Duke. Brother Jon played basketball at Memphis State, **Staurt**, now the Guilford County district attorney, played football at Duke, and Ethan, who played football at UNC, is going into his tenth year as the long snapper for the Washington Redskins. Albright acted as a sports agent for Ethan, but said he had no intention of steering his practice in that direction. "For every legitimate agent, like **David Joseph** here in Greensboro, there are 10 unethical operators registered with the NFL and the other pro sports," he told the *News & Record*....

In Winston-Salem, **Danny Ferguson** held a book signing for his new novel, *Vow of Vengeance*, at Barnes & Noble recently. Ferguson concentrates on criminal defense work....

A correction in the *Greensboro News & Record* disclosed that Randy Carroll is the longest-tenured assistant district attorney in Guilford County. The paper had erroneously assigned that distinction to one of Carroll's colleagues....

The governor of Alabama has conferred honorary citizenship upon Greenville lawyer **Peter Romary**, and commissioned him an honorary Alabama colonel. He has also received North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent, and has been commissioned an honorary colonel by the governor of Kentucky....

**David E. Cowan**, who has practiced for the past year with Jerry D. Parker in Dunn, has returned home to join the Murphy firm of McKeever, Edwards, Davis and Hays. Active in politics, the Campbell law graduate has served as a Democratic precinct chairman....

Former assistant DA **Gary A. Price** has joined the Lumberton firm of Smith, Dickey, Smith, Hasty & Dempster, where he will concentrate in criminal defense work....

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