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Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law

Dear fellow attorney,

As the Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law at High Point University nears the end of its first academic year, we would like to share a few highlights.

Seventy-two students matriculated into High Point Law's inaugural class. The students came from fourteen states and thirty-seven undergraduate institutions.

The school featured several curricular innovations, including an average class size in [Legal Research & Writing](#) of fewer than ten students and two required first-year courses (one in the fall and one in the spring) designed to help students develop their ethical values and professional identity.

Students had extensive opportunities to engage with prominent lawyers and judges throughout the academic year. The [Access to Justice Practicum](#) in January featured over two dozen guest speakers, including U.S. Sixth Circuit Judge Bernice Donald (ret.), Chief Justice Nathan Hecht (ret.) of Texas, Associate Justice Tamara Barringer of North Carolina, former NCBA President Janet Ward Black, and Legal Aid of North Carolina CEO Ashley H. Campbell.

High Point Law students also received practical and professionalism insights through Dean's Speaker Series presentations by Chief Judge Albert Diaz, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Chief Justice Paul Newby, North Carolina Supreme Court; Chief Judge Chris Dillon, North Carolina Court of Appeals; Rod Rosenstein, former Senior Attorney General of the United States;

and William H. (“Bill”) Neukom, inaugural General Counsel at Microsoft Corporation.

In addition to a highly accomplished and distinguished full-time faculty, the [extended faculty at High Point Law](#) includes active, retired, and senior status federal circuit court and district court judges; active and former state appellate court and trial court judges and justices; and distinguished practicing lawyers.

The first-year, inaugural class students worked with the school’s career development team and secured over [30 judicial internships](#) at the federal and state level for this summer.

The school laid the groundwork for [three clinical opportunities](#) for students as they enter their second year: Bergmann & Moore Veterans Law Clinic, Community Law Clinic, and Appellate Advocacy Clinic.

Progress continues on the school’s [new state-of-the-art, 77,000-square-foot building](#), which will open this summer just in time to welcome the law school’s second incoming class.

We celebrate these accomplishments and commend High Point Law for its focus on practical skills development and professional identity formation. We encourage you to follow the progress of North Carolina’s newest law school on its website: <https://www.highpoint.edu/law/>. We also look forward to High Point Law’s continued success, for its growth and positive impact will benefit the entire North Carolina legal community.

Sincerely,

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