



Law Firm Makes Lead Gift to Judicial Endowment Fund

The law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, recently announced a lead gift of \$50,000 over five years to the Institute of Government Foundation for an endowment to enhance continuing education programs for North Carolina court officials.

The foundation's Campaign for Judicial Excellence seeks to raise at least \$500,000 to support special-topic seminars on current issues of importance in the courtroom; an annual Judicial Sentencing Seminar; national speakers for annual conferences; new reference materials in audio, video, and CD-ROM formats; and professional development for faculty members in the Institute of Government's courts program. To date, more than \$100,000 has been raised.

The Institute of Government's courts program, conducted in partnership with the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, currently offers twenty-one professional conferences and seminars (many of which are held several times each year) and numerous professional publications, which serve more than 3,800 judges, magistrates, clerks of court, district attorneys, public defenders, and others throughout the state.

Established in 1876, Womble Carlyle is one of the largest law firms in the mid-Atlantic and southeast regions, with more than 450 lawyers in nine locations, including Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Research Triangle Park, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Atlanta; Greenville, South Carolina; McLean, Virginia; and Washington, D.C. The firm provides legal and technology-based services to regional, national, and international corporations, businesses, agencies, and foundations in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, transportation, telecommunications, energy, financial services, health care,

life sciences, government, education, and technology.

To support this fund for judicial education and the North Carolina courts, send your gift to Institute of Government Foundation—Drennan Judicial Fund, c/o Ann C. Simpson, CB# 3330 Knapp Building, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3330.

Brown-Graham Joins Z. Smith Reynolds Board

Associate Professor Anita Brown-Graham has joined the thirteen-member Board of Trustees of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, located in Winston-Salem. Brown-Graham is Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Term Associate Professor of Public Law and Government. She specializes in civil liability of public officials and local governments, and housing and community development.

Established more than sixty years ago for the benefit of the people of North Carolina, the foundation now has assets of about \$520 million. No other American general-purpose foundation of that size has a mandate to make grants within a single state.

In working to enhance the quality of life in North Carolina, the foundation places a high value on developing new programs. It currently gives special attention to community economic development, the environment, pre-collegiate education, and issues affecting minorities and women.



Brown Joins Faculty

Maureen Brown will join the School of Government in June as associate professor of public administration and government. She will work primarily with public administration students and local government officials on information technology management issues.

Brown comes to the school from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she taught information systems in public administration, research methods, strategic planning, policy analysis, and program evaluation. She is particularly interested in the use of information-based technologies to promote public and non-profit initiatives in service delivery. For example, she has worked extensively with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department on projects to design and manage major technology systems.

As a senior research fellow at George Washington University's Center for Excellence in Municipal Management (Washington, D.C.), Brown also teaches executive-level programs on information systems for municipal leaders and is directing the design and development of an electronic government program for state and local government executives.

Brown received a D.P.A. in 1994 from the University of Georgia. Earlier she earned a B.S. at the University of Maryland and an M.P.A. at the University of Oklahoma.

—Ann C. Simpson