

2017 CAPITAL CONFERENCE
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The NCAWA Education Committee is excited to announce our 2017 Annual Conference will be held August 17-19 at the Sheraton Hotel. We have a great weekend planned with 8 approved CLE credits (including 3 mental health, 1 ethics, & 4 general) and speakers on a number of key issues facing women within the legal profession in NC.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the NC Court of Appeals and the Superior Court and also the first year that the NCAWA conference will be held in Raleigh. Please join us in the capital city as we celebrate the contributions that women have made in the judiciary, politics, the law, advocacy, and academia.

Everyone is welcome! Need not be a member to attend.

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 17TH -
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2017 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor,
NCCU School of Law**



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor is Dean of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law. Prior to becoming Dean, Craig-Taylor served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and a Professor of Law at the Charlotte School of Law. Dean Craig-Taylor has taught courses in Property, Real Estate Finance, Advanced Issues in Property, Land Use, Women and the Law, Land Loss, and Professional Responsibility. Dean Craig-Taylor has been a faculty member at the University of Florida and North Carolina Central University as well as visiting scholar at the University of Warsaw Center for American Law.

Dean Craig-Taylor is a member of the Council for the American Bar Association Section of Litigation. She has held numerous other leadership positions with the ABA including Division Director and a member of the Civil Trial Practice Task Force. Currently she serves as a member of the Heirs Property Retention Coalition, and formerly served as the ABA Advisor to the Drafting Committee on Partition of Tenancy-in-Common Real Property Act for the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (formerly National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws), and as a member of the Judicial Partition of Tenancy in Common Property Study Commission for the North Carolina State Legislature and she serves on the Ethics Advisory Committee Member of the North Carolina State Bar. Craig-Taylor also serves on multiple community boards.

Dean Craig-Taylor received her Green Belt certification in Six Sigma process management from Vanderbilt University. Under her leadership a support program was created that focused on study skills, reading comprehension, time management, examination preparation and a successful bar preparation program.

Dean Craig-Taylor has published numerous articles on land loss in the African-American community and discrimination in the application of laws for minority groups, including women. She is currently writing a book on the subject of land loss.

A graduate of the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, where she completed both her undergraduate degree and law degree, she later served as a partner in the law firm of England & Bivens and as a judicial clerk for the Alabama Supreme Court. She later earned a Master of Laws degree at Columbia University.

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, AUG. 17, 2017:

Early Registration: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Jimmy V's Restaurant: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Welcome Reception! *Food and Drinks served
Courtesy to all Conference Registrants*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WALKING TOUR OF RALEIGH AFTER THE WELCOME RECEPTION AT JIMMY V'S

Join NCAWA and enjoy your first night at the conference exploring downtown Raleigh together. We will learn about the crazy laws that still exist in North Carolina and the history that started it all. The tour will include sights of downtown Raleigh including all of the justice buildings and the courts.

Wear your walking shoes.

Tour courtesy of Tobacco Road Tours.



**\$20.00 additional cost, Thursday, August, 17th
from 9pm -10:15pm.
Must register in advance.**

FRIDAY, AUG. 18, 2017:

9:00am - 10:00am

Morning Registration and Breakfast

10:00am - 11:00am

Women in the Law Plenary Panel

Discussion panel of women in the judiciary & in politics & their road to leadership and what it took to get there. Moderated by Justice Robin Hudson of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Friday Educational and CLE sessions: (8 CLE hours approved, see below)

11:05am - 12:05pm Sessions:

The Price We Pay as Professional Problem Solvers, presented by Lanee Borsman, Hutchens Law Firm, Fayetteville (1 hr. mental health CLE)

Connecting the Dots: Alternative Career Paths for JDs, presented by Julie Beavers, Ward and Smith, Raleigh

What's New? Recent Changes to the NC Rules of Appellate Procedure, *presented by Professor Allegra Collins, Campbell University School of Law, Raleigh (1 hr. Gen. CLE)*

12:05pm - 12:55pm

Conference Luncheon

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1:00pm - 2:00pm Sessions:

The Pitfalls & Ethical Considerations of Social Media Use, *presented by Deanna Brocker & Whitney Waldenberg of the Brocker Law Firm, P.A., Raleigh (1 hr. Ethics CLE)*

Bluebook Primer. Something Old. Something New. Latest Updates with Refresher to the Bluebook, *presented by Professor Allegra Collins, Campbell University School of Law, Raleigh (1 hr. Gen. CLE)*

How to Run for Public Office: Part I "Organizing 101," *presented by Sarah Preston, Executive Director of Lillian's List*

2:00pm - 2:15pm

Coffee and Dessert Break

2:15pm - 3:15pm Sessions:

How to Run for Public Office: Part II "Running an Effective Campaign," *presented by Sarah Preston, Executive Director of Lillian's List*

ABA Landmark Study, *presented by Nicole Ellington, NC Lawyer Assistance Program (1 mental health CLE)*

The New Executive Orders: Immigration Law Impact on North Carolina, *presented by Jenny Doyle Esq., an immigration attorney on the front lines (1 Gen. CLE)*

3:30pm - 4:30pm

NCAWA Annual Meeting

Election of 2018 NCAWA Board of Directors

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Break

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Silent Auction and Reception *with hors d'oeuvres and drinks*

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Keynote Speaker and Dinner Banquet

with Presentation of Awards:

☛ 2017 Judge of the Year Award;

☛ Gwyneth B. Davis Public Service Award;

☛ Scholarship Recipients

SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 2017:

9:00am - 9:55am

Networking Breakfast:

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Plenary CLE: 10:00am - 11:00am

N.C. Legislative Update, *presented by*
NCAWA's Lobbyist Ashley Perkinson
(1 hr. Gen. CLE)

11:00am - 11:15am

BREAK

Plenary CLE: 11:15am - 12:15pm

The Power of Boundaries & Balance in
the Workplace, *by Courtney Leak Nesbitt,*
LCSW, Charlotte (1hr Mental Health CLE)

12:30pm

Conference Adjourns

HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE CONFERENCE



421 S. Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601 * 800-325-3535 * <http://www.sheratonraleigh.com/>

❖ **DEADLINE FOR DISCOUNTED RATE = July 17, 2017**

NCAWA's room block is active and you can set up your reservations by following the instructions:

- ❖ Call toll-free **1-800-325-3535 (24/7)** and mention the group name **NCAWA 39th Annual Conference** in order to receive the special group rate.
- ❖ Special Booking Rates available now through July 17th. Don't Delay!
- ❖ Visit the Sheraton website and book online:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1703096905&key=1DE864C1>
- ❖ Check Availability (enter dates of stay) and enter Group Code: **NCAWA 39th Annual Conference**

2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS

(To be presented at the 2017 Capital Conference Banquet)

In the late 1970s, Carolyn McAllaster and Sharon Thompson discussed the need for an organization in North Carolina where women lawyers could come together to discuss and take action on issues affecting women and women lawyers in North Carolina. These pioneering women lawyers were convinced that a bar association that spoke out on behalf of women's issues would garner membership and gain credibility in the legal community. Thus, in 1978, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys was born. NCAWA's beginnings were humble, with founding members stuffing envelopes, licking the stamps, and hauling the piles of notices and information to the nearest mailbox.

Now, more than 30 years later, NCAWA's volunteer board along with the organization's Executive Director and lobbyist continue the organization's goals and **missions of increasing the effective participation by women in the justice system, in public office, and within the legal profession; promoting the rights of women under the law; promoting the welfare of the women attorneys of North Carolina; and promoting and improving the administration of justice.** Thanks to the initial founders of the organization, our current leadership, and our members, NCAWA is a vibrant organization with a powerful mission.

Each year at the conference, we are proud to present the following awards: "Judge of the Year"; "Gwyneth B. Davis Public Service Award(s)"; and legal scholarships for the recipients who promote NCAWA's mission of increasing the effective participation by women in the justice system, in public office, and within the legal profession; promoting the rights of women under the law; promoting the welfare of the women attorneys of North Carolina; and promoting and improving the administration of justice.

We are proud to announce the following 2017 honorees:

OUR SCHOLARS:

- ☞ Hannah McGee, Wake Forest University School of Law
- ☞ Melissa Botiglione, Campbell University School of Law
- ☞ Megan Bishop, UNC School of Law
- ☞ Katherine Bordwine, Elon University School of Law
- ☞ Hannah Wyatt, Duke University School of Law
- ☞ Jaynell White – NCCU School of Law

JUDGE OF THE YEAR AWARD:

This is a surprise and will be revealed at the conference! You will have to attend the banquet to find out.

GWYNETH B. DAVIS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

☞ District Court Judge Lori Christian, Tenth Judicial District, Family Court

Judge Lori Christian has been a practicing attorney since 1994 and has always been a leader within our community and within the law. She is known as the "children's judge" and is not afraid to take an unpopular position when she knows that the rights of children are on the line. Prior to becoming a District Court Judge she worked as a Juvenile Court Advocate, as an Attorney Advocate for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, as a Parenting Coordinator for high conflict families, an arbitrator, and as Assistant County Attorney for the Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Court. She has served as Clerk on the NC Supreme Court and has run for Court of Appeals while managing her own caseload. She became a District Court Judge in 2007 and has been serving the people of Wake County for over ten years. It is sometimes forgotten that judges are servants but they serve day in and day out for minimum pay for what they do. They are threatened and put their lives at risk to protect the rights of others. Judge Christian has been serving on the family court bench for over ten years, where you see the most treacherous of cases and usually deal with a very difficult and very disturbed segment of the population.

Judge Christian became very sick in 2016 and had to take a leave of absence to undergo painful and unpleasant medical treatments. However, she persevered and has returned to the bench. Despite how tired she is or how sick she feels, Judge Christian forged ahead and will continue to serve the children and families of Wake County. We honor her.

☞ Kate Woomer-Deters, Staff Attorney, Immigration Rights Project

Kate is a staff attorney at North Carolina Justice Center ("NCJC") who has led a statewide effort to respond to the fear in the immigrant community after the November 2016 elections. Kate has created materials to train attorneys from all backgrounds on powers of attorney ("POA") and other issues specific to "deportation preparedness." She has been an invaluable resource to community members living in fear of deportation and attorneys seeking to serve the community. She has organized and led POA clinics for the NCJC and collaborates with private attorneys and organizations running similar clinics across the state, including DOWA (Durham-Orange Women Attorneys) and NCAWA (NC Association of Women Attorneys). Kate has led similar initiatives in previous presidential administrations and brings a tremendous amount of calm to the North Carolina community when times can seem unsettling.

Kate joined the North Carolina Justice Center in 2007, where she primarily litigates employment, consumer, and housing cases on behalf of low-income immigrants. Some of her cases have included class actions for unpaid workers or for victims of immigration services fraud. She also conducts trainings across the state on immigrant eligibility for public benefits, and advocates for language access rights for limited-English proficient North Carolinians. Previously, she was an attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina, the Farmworker Unit, where she litigated employment and human trafficking cases for farm workers, and practiced immigration law. Kate is a 2005 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School where she was a founding member of the school's Workers' Rights Clinic.

Flip Flops for Charity

Each year NCAWA collects items at the annual conference for a charitable cause. This year we are partnering with local rape crisis centers and hospitals to help survivors of sexual assault. We are collecting flip flops, tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts, and sweat suits or other comfortable clothing for survivors to wear when they leave their clothing behind for evidence. Thank you for your support!

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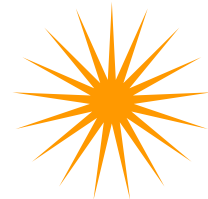


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**2017 NCAWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: _____
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 State Bar Number: _____

Category (Please circle your choices)	Early Bird (before 7/17/17)	Registration (after 7/17/17)
NCAWA Member (meals included)	\$200.00	\$250.00
Public Interest or Affiliate Member (meals included)	\$195.00	\$210.00
Non-NCAWA Member (meals included)	\$300.00	\$320.00
Law Student or 2016 Graduate (meals included)	\$120.00	\$135.00
Speaker Registration:	No Charge (Speakers must only pay for their hotel room and banquet ticket if they wish to attend. Walking tour is also additional).	
Friday Banquet Only	\$75.00	
Friday Banquet Guests (Write in names) _____ _____	\$75.00 x ____ # guests = _____	
Evening Walking Tour	\$20.00 pp (Thurs.- 9pm to 10:15pm)	
I will attend the Welcome Reception (Must be attending the conference)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO # of Guests: _____	
Banquet Dinner Choice(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Oscar # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian # ____	
Total Amount to be Charged		

- Ways to Submit Registration**
1. Mail check & registration form to Education Chair: Tiffany Lesnik at P.O. Box 20071, Raleigh, NC 27619
 2. E-mail: ncawaconference@gmail.com
 3. Fax to: 919-400-4593
 4. Pay at conference. Must register in advance.
 6. Register online at:
www.ncawaconference.org; or
<https://ncawa39annualconference.eventbrite.com>

To check on the status of your membership, contact: admin@ncawa.org

NCAWA MEMBERSHIP FEES		
Category	Regular Fee	New Member Fee
Patron Membership	\$1,000.00	
Convener Membership	\$500.00	
Benefactor Membership	\$250.00	
Sustainer Membership	\$195.00	
Over 3 Years of Practice	\$145.00	\$75.00
Over 3 Years of Practice with membership in NCABL or NCGALA	\$125.00	\$75.00
2-3 Years of Practice	\$95.00	\$75.00
First Year of Practice	\$45.00	
Law Student	Free	
Judicial Member	\$145.00	
Public Interest or Government Attorney	\$105.00	\$75.00
Affiliate Member (non-attorney interested in supporting NCAWA's mission)	\$70.00	
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP		
Upon joining NCAWA, a member may also elect to join a local chapter. Chapter Membership is free of charge except for the chapters listed below that have a supplemental fee. (Please note: chapter membership requires a membership in NCAWA).		
Charlotte Women's Bar (CWB): \$25.00		
Piedmont/Triad Women Attorneys (PTWA): \$25.00		
Wake Women Attorney (WWA): \$25.00		

THE BENEFITS OF NCAWA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- ⌘ Discounted rates for students;
- ⌘ Fantastic rates for a two day conference;
- ⌘ Conference rates include: breakfast, lunch and an elegant reception and dinner with drinks included;
- ⌘ Influential keynote speakers;
- ⌘ Earn multiple CLE credits in one setting;
- ⌘ Network with judges, politicians and other women attorneys;
- ⌘ See and explore new places;
- ⌘ Receive legislative updates and recent changes to NC law;
- ⌘ See the presentation of the Judge of the Year Award;
- ⌘ See the presentation of the Gwyneth B. Davis Public Service Award(s);
- ⌘ Get fun free items in our "swag bags" and sponsor raffles;
- ⌘ Help contribute to our scholarship fund by participating in our silent auction. The items for bid to date are as follows:
 - Autographed photo and best-selling book "Fight! Fight!" by Coach Sylvia Hatchell of the UNC Women's Basketball Team;
 - Passes to become a "Ball Kid" at a UNC Women's Basketball Game;
 - Passes to become an Honorary Coach and two tickets behind the bench at a UNC Women's Basketball Game;
 - 2 Tickets to a UNC Women's Basketball Conference Game;
 - 2 Tickets to a Women's Basketball Non-Conference Game;
 - 4 Tickets to the NCSU v. Marshall College Football Game;
 - Date Night in a Luxury Tree house with Wine Tasting for Two;
 - 3 Night Oceanfront Vacation in Emerald Isle, NC at Pebble Beach Condos (3 bedroom, 2 full bath, oceanfront balcony with full kitchen and dining (sleeps 8)).
 - 2018 Season Passes for "Theatre Raleigh" for 2;
 - Ladies' Night "Rock of Ages" Package at Koka Booth Amphitheatre.

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