

CAREERS

Briefs

Wake Law named a 'Best Value'

Wake Forest University School of Law is once again among the nation's "Best Value" law schools, according to the National Jurist and preLaw magazines.

Wake Forest is among 60 law schools that made the list of Best Value law schools, preLaw magazine announced this week. This is the fifth time since 2004 that the magazine has honored law schools for providing a good value. The methodology was modified this year to enhance fairness.

The magazine's ranking takes into account in-state tuition, debt and the percent of graduates employed nine months after graduation, in addition to bar passage. The magazine will not release the final ranking and grades of the 60 honorees until the Fall issue, which ships in early October.

The Wake Forest University School of Law offers six degree programs: the JD, the JD/MDiv, the JD/MA in Religion, the JD/MA in Bioethics, the Master of Laws in American Law and the JD/MBA in conjunction with the university's Schools of Business.

Fain joins Brady

Brady has hired David Fain as a service technician for the Winston-Salem team. Fain has 29 years of experience in heating ventilation and air-conditioning maintenance and repair.

Headquartered in Greensboro, Brady has offices in Raleigh, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Charlotte. The family-owned company employs 327 associates.

Brady provides high-efficiency HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems and comprehensive building solutions for commercial and industrial facilities across the state.



Fain

Deese elected A&T Board chair

Willie A. Deese, executive vice president and president of the Merck Manufacturing Division, has been elected chairman of North Carolina A&T State University Board of Trustees. Deese was elected at the board's retreat in July. He replaces Pamela McCorkle Buncum.

Deese is responsible for Merck's worldwide manufacturing operations. He oversees 85 manufacturing and distribution sites in over 25 countries around the world with 26,000 people reporting to him and with an operating budget of \$9 billion. He is also responsible for Merck's global procurement organization. Deese serves as a member of Merck's Executive Committee.

Deese earned his B.A. in business administration at A&T in 1977, and his M.B.A. at Western New England College in 1983. He and his wife, Carol, live in Doylestown, Pa.

Patricia Miller Zollar has been elected vice chair of the board. Albert (Al) Shuler Lineberry Jr. has been elected secretary of the Board. Other members serving on the Board are Stanley L. Allen, Spence Broadhurst, Pamela McCorkle Buncum, Karen J. Collins, Charles C. Comelio, Emerson U. Fullwood, Janice Bryant Howroyd, Christian Robinson, Bertram Walls and Faye Tate Williams.

Wake welcomes Turkheimer

Richard J. Turkheimer is the new assistant director of Development at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Turkheimer brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Wake Forest. He has more than 25 years of national radio sales experience. A few of his past positions include General Sales Manager and Director of Sales with Cox Broadcasting; Director of Sales and National Sales Manager with Clear Channel; Manager of National Sales / Affiliations with Associated Press Radio; and Affiliations Manager (Western U.S.) with Traffic.com/Navteq. He comes to the law school most recently from Graylyn International Conference Center.

A New York native, Turkheimer is no stranger to North Carolina. He lived in Chapel Hill for a number of years and worked in sales at radio stations in Raleigh and Charlotte. He and his wife moved to Winston-Salem after they were displaced from their New Orleans home of 15 years by Hurricane Katrina. His wife, Mary Ashley Manning, was born and raised in Winston-Salem. Six years ago they came to stay with her mother after the storm and decided to make Winston-Salem home.

Among Turkheimer's goals for his new role is to further engage alumni, faculty, the parents of students and friends of the school and advance Dean Blake D. Morant's vision.



Turkheimer

Hispanic woman named leader of Girl Scouts USA

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has announced that Anna Maria Chávez, who grew up in a small town in southern Arizona and rose to become deputy chief of staff to that state's then-Gov. Janet Napolitano, has been appointed to the top post at the iconic organization.

Chávez is set to officially assume her new role at the Girl Scouts National Council Session/52nd Convention in November.

Chávez's appointment as the 19th chief executive of Girl Scouts, among the largest and most widely recognized nonprofits in the country, comes as the organization readies to launch a national celebration as part of its 100th anniversary designed to honor its legacy and create urgency around girls' issues. She will replace Kathy Cloninger, who is retiring after leading the organization for eight years.

"Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls with a trailblazing legacy that stretches nearly 100 years," said Chávez, who currently serves as chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. "The country has never needed Girl Scouts more than it does today. What girls are accomplishing in Girl Scouting is inspiring. I have seen it firsthand in Texas, and I intend to tell that story far and wide. I'm eager to work with our partners across the country as the organization embarks on a new century of empowering girls to take the lead in their own lives and make a difference in their communities and across the world."

Chávez was appointed chief executive of the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas in 2009 after serving as deputy chief of staff for urban relations and community development for former Arizona governor and current U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. As deputy chief of staff, she promoted the governor's policies, programs and initiatives through coordination and partnership with city, county, and tribal governments, federal agencies and community organizations. In addition, she served as the governor's policy advisor to the Arizona Department of Housing and advised Napolitano on strategies for coordinating housing and economic development. Prior to being appointed as deputy chief of staff, Chávez served as Napolitano's director of intergovernmental affairs from 2003 to 2007. She also served as in-house counsel and assistant director for the Division of Aging & Community Services (DACS) at the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Chávez entered state government after serving as senior policy advisor to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater. Previously, she had been chief of staff to the deputy administrator at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in Washington, D.C. Chávez also served as chief of staff for SBA's Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development.

Chávez will take over as chief executive after a dramatic period of change for the organization. Cloninger has led Girl Scouts through a historic transformation designed to ensure that the organization delivers the best leadership experience for a new generation of girls whose lives—and the opportunities they face—are ever changing.



Anna Maria Chávez



Leadership Winston-Salem Board has new leadership

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Scott Seawell, Wells Fargo.

Leadership Winston-Salem has announced the addition of three new members of its Board of Directors and the election of officers. Chairing the Board of Directors this year is Dr. Shari B. Covitz of Forsyth Technical Community College. Other officers include Vice Chair Cheryl D. Joyner, BB&T; Secretary Alison Y. Ashe-Card, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice; Treasurer Benjamin Rowe, City of Winston-Salem; and immediate past Chair Pamela D. Corbett, Spectrum Psychological Services.

Newly appointed board members include Jeffrey T. Lindsay, Forsyth Medical Center; C. Edward Pleasants, co-founder of Leadership Winston-Salem leadership and building social capital, and community volunteer; and E.



Covitz



Ashe-Card

The Board of Directors acknowledged the contributions of outgoing board members Mary L. Cameron, Clemmons Village Council, and Donna H. Hamilton, Wake Forest University. Cameron has served on the Board for the past seven years and will continue her involvement as a planning committee member.

With a mission of educating, connecting and energizing leaders to serve and improve the community, Leadership Winston-Salem, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1984, offers a nine-month program that challenges participants to increase their personal and collective capacity to transform the community through civic engagement, servant leadership and building social capital.

Local CFOs honored

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State University Vice Chancellor for Finance Administration Gerald Hunter and Denise C. Bell, the chief financial officer for the City of Winston-Salem, were among the 18 financial executives honored recently by The Business Journal.

The publication held its annual CFO of the Year Awards program on July 27 at High Point University. The program recognized CFOs from five different areas. Hunter was a finalist in the Government Category, which was won by Bell.

Hunter was selected as a finalist because of his vision and planning that have been key in allowing the university to mitigate the effects of state budget reductions on the campus. He was also noted for his grace and patience in dealing with the budget uncertainty.

He was named WSSU's CFO on June 23, 2008. Prior to his appointment, Hunter held the position of chief financial officer at Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

"CFOs have long been key advisers wherever they work, but it is evident that their stock is only going up," said Douglas W. Copeland, Jr. president and publisher of The Business Journal of the Triad. "Increasingly, CFOs are being called up by top executives as strategic thinkers and problem solvers."



Bell



Hunter

PROUDLY SERVING TWO TRADITIONS



Retired Marine Major General Charles Bolden, the current NASA Administrator, was among the doves in Washington, D.C. in July to celebrate the centennial of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Here, Bolden, an Omega Man, poses with other Marines who are also members of the fraternity.

Persistent activist continues fight to be 'NJWeedman.com'

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Patent attorney Curtis Edmondson of Beaverton, Ore. has begun to argue a California Appellate Court case on behalf of activist Ed Forchion, who wants the right to legally change his name to NJWeedman.com.

Edmondson is seeking to bring closure to an effort that has engaged Forchion in as far back as 2001. That's when Ed Forchion, while in prison, first approached the courts with a request to change his legal name to NJWeedman.com. Should Forchion get his way, he will be the first person to ever legally change his name to a ".dot.com."

Forchion has been an internationally recognized advocate in the battle to legalize marijuana in the United States for more than a decade. NJWeedman.com is an actual pro-marijuana legalization Web



Ed Forchion

site that Forchion operates. It features news items in favor of his cause, promotions for pro-legalization events and an option for visitors to the site to donate to his legal fund.

Forchion's public displays of civil disobedience have included lighting up a joint in front of the New Jersey State Assembly and at the Liberty

Bell in Philadelphia.

Yet, nothing in the last decade has deterred Forchion in his determination to change his name to NJWeedman.com.

"This battle started in New Jersey back in 2001 when I wanted to change my name to NJWeedman.com," Forchion said. "Now, over 10 years later, the internet has exploded and the stakes are even higher."

Edmondson adds, "In this age of internet computing, where people are judged more by their computer profile on a Facebook account than the grip of their handshake, the desired replacement of a person's 'actual name' with their 'domain name' is bound to occur."

Over the last decade, Forchion's case has been argued and denied in several

courts, most recently in Los Angeles last year. After relocating from New Jersey to Los Angeles, Forchion petitioned the California Courts to legally change his name to NJWeedman.com.

In one opinion, a judge ruled that a ".com" name would be confusing to people, and the ownership of dot coms are the property of ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers).

Forchion disagreed with the verdict and filed an appeal. Forchion is the founder of the Legalize Marijuana Party of New Jersey and has run previous political campaigns in New Jersey for Governor, U.S. Senate, Congress, the State Legislature, and the Burlington County (N.J.) Board of Freeholders.



Edmondson