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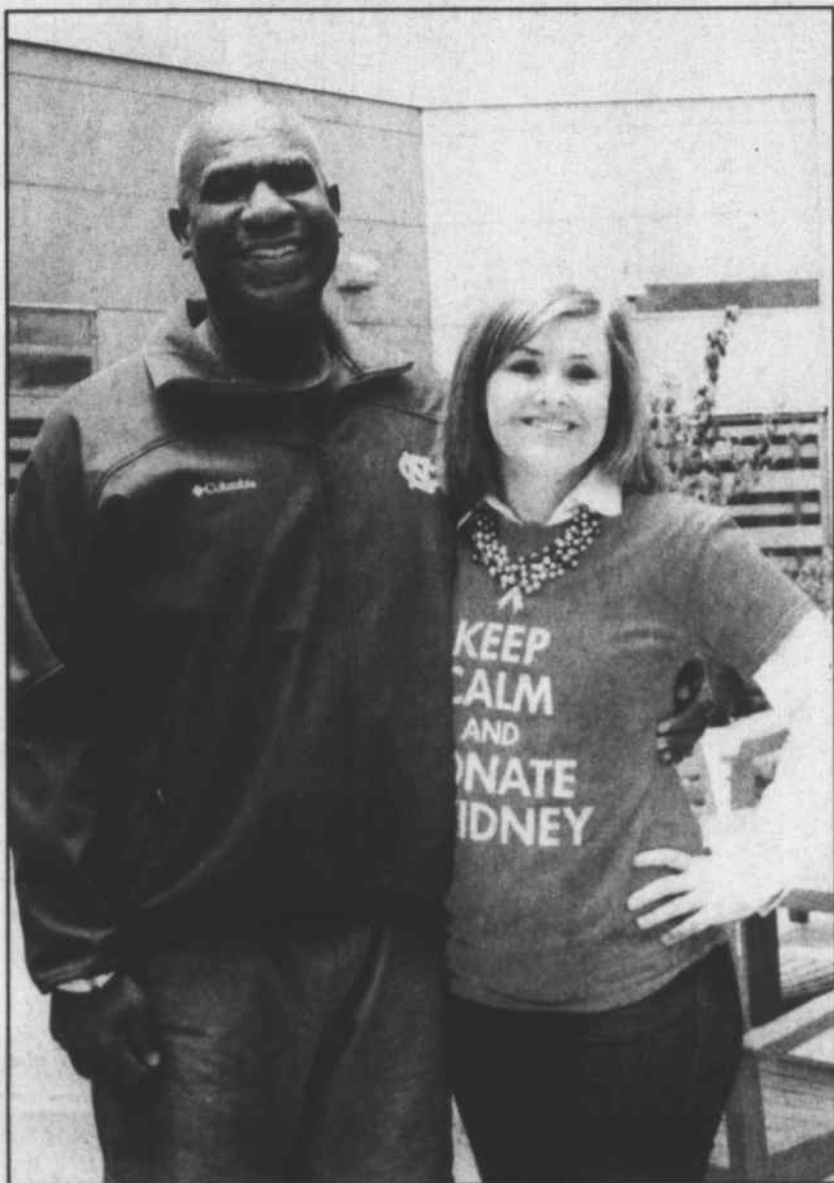
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## The Ultimate Gift

Lawyer-to-lawyer kidney donation story will warm your heart



Alan Andrews with his kidney donor and friend for life, Carrie Vickery.

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At first glance, Carrie Vickery and Alan Andrews have little in common.

She's petite, Caucasian and young — 27 to be exact — while he is tall, African American and more than 20 years her senior. Nevertheless, the two share the most intimate of bonds: Vickery's kidneys.

"Carrie and I apparently have all of this commonality, and we're just coincidentally two people who work on the same street," said Andrews, a deputy attorney for the City of Winston-Salem. "I would never have thought that. It's actually proved in my mind that we are all the same beneath our skin."

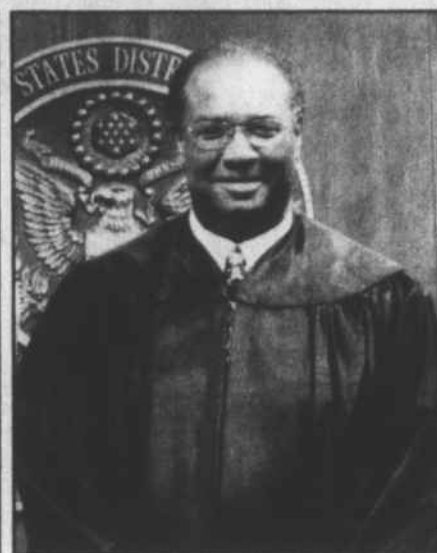
The two attorneys' unlikely story begins in January, when they briefly crossed paths at a Winston-Salem Bar Association meeting honoring the late Judge Roland Hayes. As luck or fate would have it, less than a year later, Vickery, an attorney at Holton Law Firm, would be offering up her kidney to Andrews over lunch.

"At first, I was like, 'She must not have really understood what I said because she just said something crazy to me,'" related Andrews, a native of Robersonville. "...But from the moment she said, 'I'm willing to donate an organ to you if it works out,' she's never wavered. She's been, as people say down my way 'true blue,' and it's been the most refreshing thing."

Both Vickery, a member of Reynolda Presbyterian, and Andrews, a member of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, believe divine intervention brought them together at an opportune time.

"The timing was so perfect that you know that it's nothing else but a spiritual intervention of some sort that made this happen," Vickery said.

In the spring, Andrews had invited Vickery to



Longtime public servant U.S. District Court Judge James Beaty.

## Beaty prepares to bow out gracefully

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After nearly 20 years on the U.S. District Court bench, Judge James Beaty Jr. has announced that he will take senior status in June.

Beaty, who has served on North Carolina's Middle District in Winston-Salem since 1994, is quick to point out that taking senior status is not equivalent to retirement.

"There's no immediate notion of 'I'm leaving the bench,'" said Beaty, who grew up in Thomasville. "I'm not going anywhere — there's still work to be done."

Senior status refers to a combination of age and experience that allows judges to abbreviate their workloads without fully relinquishing their duties on the bench. According to [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov), "Beginning at age 65, a judge may retire at his or her current salary or take senior status after performing 15 years of active service ... a sliding scale of increasing age and decreasing service results in eligibility for retirement compensation at age 70 with a minimum of 10 years of service..."

By taking senior status, Beaty, who will turn 65 in June 2014, will be allowed to continue to practice and retain his current salary; however, his seat will be opened up for new nominations.

"Most people think of it as retiring," he said. "I don't like to think of it that way, because I'm not going anywhere."

Beaty, who was nominated by President Bill Clinton to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of his former law partner, Judge Richard Erwin, said he chose to take senior status "to give somebody else an opportunity to be



Burke



Photo by Layla Garms  
**Young Professionals** (from left, front row): Courtney Grant, Cheavonne Willis, Amyia Hardy, Andrea Free, Kismet Loftin-Bell with (back row) Marcus Lane, Dominique Grate, Walter Farabee and Chris Smith.

## Young Professionals making their mark

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Members of the Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals gathered at the Old Winston Social Club on Burke Street Saturday night to celebrate the holiday season and a banner year.

The UL Young Professionals reorganized in September and reemerged with a new Board of Directors and a renewed energy to further the group's mission,

which is not only to give 21-45-year-olds a chance to network but also to serve the community through various projects and initiatives.

The Holiday Extravaganza — which was billed as a chance to kick back, relax and, of course, network for current and potential Young Professionals members — offered a welcome opportunity for the members to do a little fundraising and celebrate their accomplishments of late.

"I'm trying to get Winston-Salem kind

of going again, and we're off to a great start," declared Chapter President Cheavonne Willis. "...We're up to 50 members, which is great — that is record numbers — and we've only been (recruiting) for two months."

Since its rebirth, the group has managed to attract professionals from a broad cross-section of fields and support a variety of causes, from food drives to a get-

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## Protestors target state budget director's retail empire



Art Pope

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Protestors are expected to gather outside Northside Shopping Center Saturday near the Maxway store for an "informational picket campaign" against the retail store, one of many owned by N.C. Budget Director Art Pope.

The North Carolina NAACP, Democracy NC and the Institute for Southern Studies are leading pickets throughout the state at stores owned by Pope's Variety Wholesalers, Inc. Protestors at Roses stores in Charlotte,

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NAACP Photo  
Picketers brave the rain Monday to protest outside a Durham Roses store.

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