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IREDELL BOARD TO HONOR WILLIS P. WHICHARD

Former Campbell Law Dean and NC Supreme Court Justice Willis P. Whichard to Receive Recognition

The Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity of Campbell University's Norman A. Wiggins School of Law will recognize former Dean Willis P. Whichard as the 2008 recipient of the coveted Justice James Iredell Award. This year's presentation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Club in Raleigh.

The Iredell Award was inspired by the life and writings of Justice James Iredell, for whom the Campbell Law Fraternity chapter is named, and who was a key figure in the crusade for North Carolina's ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Iredell was one of the original Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. Appointed by President George Washington, he served as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice from 1790 until his death in 1799. Campbell's Iredell Award honors recipients for their professional accomplishment and tenacity within the legal vocation.

Justice Whichard, who retired as Dean of Campbell's Law School at the end of the 2005-06 academic year, is a former North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, attorney and state legislator. Whichard served in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1970-74 and in the North Carolina Senate from 1974-80, and is the only person in the history of North Carolina who has served in both houses of the state legislature and on both of the state's appellate courts. Whichard is the author of several articles and addresses published in legal, historical and government publications, as well as the aptly titled biography, "Justice James Iredell." Whichard currently serves as an attorney with the firm of Moore & Van Allen in Research Triangle Park.

Campbell Law Dean Melissa Essary stated, "Willis Whichard is the epitome of what the Justice James Iredell Award represents. He has contributed so much to both our school and to the legal profession as a whole. I am proud the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity has selected him as this year's recipient."