

Community Service  
2010 Annual Review

We are pleased to present our first Community Service Annual Report. Please review it and let us know your thoughts.

Existing in the community is not the same as being engaged in it. Throughout our 125-year history, we have benefited more from what we've put into our community than what we've received from it.

We participate daily in pro bono cases, community initiatives and bar activities. Parker Poe and our individual attorneys and staff have donated hundreds of hours and millions of dollars to organizations in the Carolinas and beyond.

## William P. Farthing, Jr.

Managing Partner  
Board of Directors to the Firm

## Lori R. Keeton

Partner  
Chair, Community Service Committee



# 2010 Snapshot

<b>3,000 +</b>	Hours of pro bono legal services
<b>2,600</b>	Hours volunteered by Parker Poe people
<b>\$240,000</b>	Donations made by the Firm
<b>500 +</b>	Organizations to which we contributed time & money
<b>\$12,500</b>	Raised by our Q Council
<b>3,366</b>	Pounds of food collected for the Lowcountry Food Bank
<b>750</b>	Kids impacted by computers donated to Beverly Woods School
<b>125</b>	Families helped by the Our Cause Your Cause event benefitting Family Shelter in Columbia

# Places We've Left Our Mark

Our attorneys and staff are active in more than 500 business, civic and community organizations.



- Alexander Children's Center
- American Bar Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Arthritis Foundation
- Arts and Science Council
- Artspace
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Carolina Ballet
- Catawba Lands Conservancy
- Charlotte Children's Choir
- Charlotte Community Health Clinic
- Children's Theatre of Charlotte
- Classroom Central

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- Columbia United FC
- Committee of 100
- Communities in Schools
- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- Elon Homes & Schools for Children
- Foundation for the Arts and Sciences
- Foundation for the Carolinas
- Girls on the Run
- Good Friends Organization
- Goodwill Industries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hands On Charlotte
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Junior Achievement
- Junior Leadership Spartanburg

*"Their lives were changed this week. They have been to places they never dreamed they would be, spoken to women they never thought they would, and were shown respect and admiration that they crave, deserve, but would never have thought possible. It is for them – and all the women we will serve in the future – that I thank you the most."*



**Founder, Dress for Success Triangle**  
**Pat Nathan**

# Places We've Left Our Mark



*"We were truly overwhelmed by the amount of donated items collected at your event... we cannot thank you enough for the invitation."*

***Executive Director, Family Shelter  
Jonathan Artz***



- Leadership Charleston
- Leadership Charlotte
- Leadership North Carolina
- Leadership Raleigh
- Leadership South Carolina
- Leadership Spartanburg
- Legal Services for the Elderly
- Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Levine Children's Hospital
- Loaves and Fishes
- Low County Food Bank
- Lupus Foundation of America
- Mary Black Foundation
- North Carolina Bar Foundation

# Places We've Left Our Mark



- North Carolina Dance Theatre
- North Carolina DeMolay mission
- North Carolina Food Bank
- North Carolina Heroes Fund
- North Carolina Symphony
- Opera Carolina
- SAFEChild
- South Carolina YMCA
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Success by Six
- Susan G Komen for the Cure
- Theatre Charlotte
- Thompson Child and Family Focus
- United Way
- Urban Land Institute
- YMCA

# 2010 Highlights

- Mayor of Raleigh
- ABA Delegate
- Chair - NC Symphony Society Board of Trustees
- Chair - Carolina Ballet Board of Directors
- Councilor, Wake County—NC State Bar
- Mayor of Knightdale
- Richland County Bar President
- University Attorney & Board Member, Johnson C. Smith University
- Past Presidents of NC State Bar
- Councilor, Mecklenburg County—NC State Bar



# 2010 Highlights



## Our Impact on Education in 2010

**Johnson C. Smith University** - Bill Farthing serves as University Attorney and served for 12 years on the Board of Directors.



**Poole College of Management at NCSU** - Henry Campen is Chair of the Board of Advisors.

**NC Biotechnology Center** - Bill Pappas is Chair of the Board of Directors.



**NC DeMolay** - Frank Silber served as Executive Officer, member of the International Supreme Council and is now Chapter Advisor and State Treasurer.

**Belmont Abbey** - Will Esser received the Outstanding Alumni Award.

# 2010 Highlights

President-Elect of the **Richland County Bar** - Will Thomas has been involved with RCBA since 1999, served on the Executive Committee, chaired the Young Lawyers Division and is now serving his term as the youngest President.

**Will Thomas**  
Partner, Columbia



Secretary of **Arts & Science Council**- Mike Adams has served on the Board of ASC and holds the office of Secretary and has served on the Executive Committee since 2006.

**Mike Adams**  
Partner, Charlotte



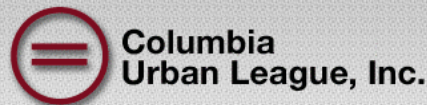
Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the **Carolina Ballet** - Melanie has served on the Board since 2005 and has chaired the Development Committee since 2009.

**Melanie Dubis**  
Partner, Raleigh

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Recipient of the *Spirit, Mind and Body Award* from the **YMCA of Columbia**. In addition, the **Columbia Urban League** appointed Ron Tryon to its Board of Directors for 2010-2011.

**Ron Tryon**  
Partner, Columbia



**2010 Hope Award** recipient for philanthropic service and community leadership. This is the highest honor bestowed by the National MS Society.

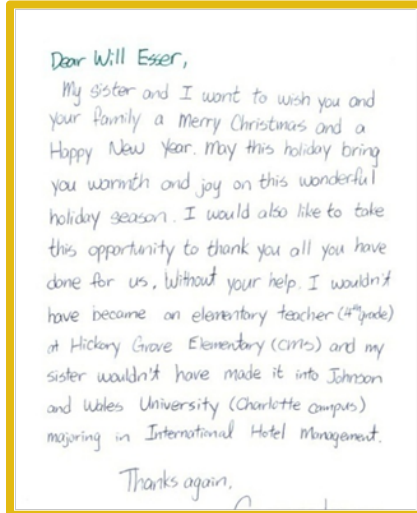


**Craig Lynch**  
Partner, Charlotte

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## Pro Bono Commitment

Imagine you are a foreign national in college with a sister in high school being raised by your father. You receive a call that your father passed away. Collection agencies start to call. You fear losing your home, car, and everything else. This sounds like a story with a sad ending. And it would have been but for **Will Esser** and **Matt Weiner** volunteering countless hours of legal services to settle the estate. With this behind them, one of the girls is now a teacher and the other a college student. As her own words illustrate, this would not have been possible without Will and Matt.



## NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

**BOLD. EXHILARATING. ROMANTIC. POWERFUL.**

### The North Carolina Symphony

elected Catharine the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. She has been actively involved with the Board since 2003.

In addition, Catharine presided over the Annual Meeting & Dinner of the **North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society** where she serves as President.

**Catharine Arrowood**  
Partner, Raleigh



**North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society**

*The only organization dedicated to the preservation of North Carolina's rich legal heritage.*

# “Do you know Mark Bernstein?”

One of the questions Parker Poe attorneys most frequently hear is “Do you know Mark Bernstein?” This question is no surprise seeing as Bernstein has provided board leadership to more than 20 organizations and corporations in the Charlotte area.

Bernstein has served as president of the Golden Circle Theatre, the Charlotte Symphony, the Charlotte Civitan Club, Temple Beth-El, Olde Providence Racquet Club, the American Symphony Orchestra League, the Foundation of Shalom Park, Inc., the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the Mecklenburg County Bar. He has also served as chairperson of the North Carolina Economic Development Board, the Mayor's Committee for a Performing Arts Center and the Foundation for the Carolinas.

He has been honored with numerous awards including the Arts & Science Council Vanguard Award, the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) Distinguished Service Award, the National Conference of Christians & Jews Silver Medallion Award, the Israel Humanitarian Award and the Charlotte Jewish Federation of Charities Man of the Ages Award.

Most recently, he was a recipient of the 2010 Spirit Award for his involvement in the development of the Levine Center for the Arts. Bernstein also previously received the North Carolina Bar Association's H. Brent McKnight Renaissance Lawyer Award.

Bernstein, along with Jim Preston, was also honored in 2010 at the Wildacres Leadership Initiative's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Bernstein was a founding father of this organization which is a network of courageous leaders who connect across differences in identity and ideas to develop solutions to complex challenges facing the communities of North Carolina.



## Mark R. Bernstein

Retired Of Counsel

*“Mark is and always has been a devoted family man, yet he has given and continues to give generously without hesitation of his time to our community, our city and our state. He remains involved in every aspect of good citizenship and compassionate humanity. He is highly respected and admired by his peers and all whose who know him. To me, Mark is the epitome of what an attorney should represent and what a friend should be.”*

**Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Family Dollar  
Leon Levine**

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