

WHAT YOU DO MATTERS

Lessons from the Holocaust

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



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Wiggins School of Law.



SHEILA POLK

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BIOGRAPHIES

SHEILA POLK

Sheila Polk received her bachelor's and law degrees from Arizona State University and was honored as an Outstanding Alumni in 2019. After completing a clerkship at the Arizona Supreme Court, Ms. Polk worked in the Arizona Attorney General's Office for eleven years before moving to Prescott in 1994. There, she joined the Yavapai County Attorney's Office where she specialized in the prosecution of felony crimes, including elder abuse, sexual offenses and repeat felony offenders.

In November of 2000, Ms. Polk was elected to the position of Yavapai County Attorney and is currently serving her sixth term. In addition to overseeing a staff of 100 employees, Ms. Polk has found time to be at the forefront of change. She assists as faculty with the CWAG Alliance Partnership, a cooperative initiative to strengthen the legal system in Mexico, serves on the Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking Council, and chairs both the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. She is Chair and founding member of MATFORCE, the Yavapai County substance abuse coalition. Ms. Polk is the driving stimulus behind the nationally renowned law enforcement course, What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum recognized Ms. Polk in 2018 as an "agent of change" at a national tribute dinner in Washington D.C. Also in 2018, the Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Association awarded Ms. Polk with the Gerda and Kurt Klein Guardian of Freedom Award for her tireless efforts to teach the "Lessons from the Holocaust" to police officers and prosecutors across the nation.

RICH LEONARD

J. Rich Leonard, former United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, assumed the role of dean at Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law on July 15, 2013. Dean Leonard serves as Campbell Law's fifth dean, following Dean Melissa Essary (2006-12) and Interim Dean B. Keith Faulkner (2012-13).

A native of Davidson County, Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar. He earned a master's degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1973, and then earned a law degree from Yale Law School in 1976.

He has served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina since 1992 acting as Chief Judge from 1999 through 2006. Prior to that time, he was a United States Magistrate Judge (1981-92) and Clerk of Court of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (1979-92). For more than a decade Leonard also acted as a consultant to the U.S. Department of State, working with judiciaries in many developing countries, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa.

Leonard's professional associations include appointments to the Board of Governors for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2008-11); Fellow at the American College of Bankruptcy (2005–present); and leadership roles with the Wake County Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Association, among other legal organizations. His judicial work and expertise have earned him both state and national recognition. In 2011, the American Bar Association awarded Leonard with the Robert B. Yegge Award for Outstanding Contribution to Judicial Administration. He is the 1992 recipient of the Director's Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Federal Judiciary. In 2011, he was selected as the editor-in-chief of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal.

Leonard has also been active in the classroom. He has worked as an adjunct professor for North Carolina Central University School of Law (1985-86; 1995-98); UNC School of Law (1994-95); and, most recently, Campbell Law (2009-13). In 2012, Campbell Law's Delta Theta Phi Fraternity presented Leonard with the Judge Robinson O. Everett Award for Legal Excellence.