

**REPORT ON VISITING FELLOWSHIP TO THE
NORMAN ADRIAN WIGGINS SCHOOL OF LAW, CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY,
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES**
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Introduction

1. On 25 March, 2025, the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana (UCC Law) under the leadership of Dean Julia Selman-Ayetey, Esq. and the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, Raleigh, North Carolina under the leadership of Dean Rich Leonard, signed a 5 year Memorandum of Understanding for a Visiting Fellow Exchange Programme between the two institutions.
2. In furtherance of the MoU, I had the privileged of being the first beneficiary of the Visiting Fellow Exchange Programme from 26 September to 24 October 2025 at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in Raleigh, North Carolina, in the United States.
3. This report covers events and activities engaged in during the four week visiting Fellow Exchange Programme. The report further highlights areas of new collaborations and recommendations worth considering, particularly those which could enhance the teaching and clinical curricula of the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Coast.

Arrival in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

1. I departed Accra, Ghana on Thursday 25 September and safely arrived in Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday 26 September 2025 to a warm welcome at the Raleigh airport by Dean Rich Leonard, an exemplary host by all standards. Elated at my safe arrival, he drove me through the beautiful and serene City of Raleigh to the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law situated at the city center in downtown Raleigh. Raven Bryne, Vice-Dean and Joia Powell, Executive Assistant to the Dean were the first to welcome me to the School.
2. I thereafter had the privilege of joining a faculty meeting, where I was introduced to some Faculty by Dean Rich Leonard, some of whom have become and will remain lifetime friends, such as Professors Jon Powell, Charles Warren, Ken Hammer, Chris Cox, Richard Waugaman, Jesse Williams just to mention a few.
3. A tour of the Law School, the Law Library and my office followed after which I was driven to my apartment at 321 Cutler Street, Boylan Heights, Raleigh which is about 20 minutes' walk to the Law School. On the eve of my arrival, I had the privilege of having dinner with Judge Paul Ridgeway a judge of the Federal High Court in Raleigh and his wife at the PR Restaurant in Raleigh.

4. On Saturday 27 September, I joined Prof. Jon Powell to observe two Campbell Law Students rappel down a building of about 300 feet high adjacent the Law School to raise funds for disabilities.
5. On Sunday evening 28 September, Dean Leonard hosted a welcome pizza dinner for me in his home and in attendance were some Faculty and students who had undertaken the Study Abroad Programme in Ghana based at UCC Law.

Week 1- Settling In

1. The first week of 29 September commenced with a brief orientation on the set up of my office and an email and use of the facilities and any assistance I may need in the course of my stay by the IT Office.
2. There was also the introduction of some key officers such as the Registrar of the Law School and her Assistant in the persons of Dr. Mrs. Connie Newsome and Ms. Vanessa Jackson and Ms. Anjanette of the Support Office to me.
3. I had the opportunity to review the Courses and Curricula of the Law School and sat in some lectures. Among the lectures, were a Criminal Law lecture on elements of a crime and defenses by Professor Charles Warren, a Copyright Law lecture by Professor Ken Hammer, a Proof in Law of Evidence lecture by Professor Warren, a Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility by Professor Bobbi Jo Boyd and a Trial Advocacy lecture by Professor Chris Cox.
4. The lectures were very engaging with more time dedicated to private interactions with the students after the lectures. Delivery of the lectures with modern technology was the hallmark of Campbell Law.
5. Some courses at Cambell Law which I found pertinent to improving our curricula at UCC Law, especially with the soon to be decentralization of the Professional Law Course to the Law Faculties in Ghana and our impending Post Graduate programmes, includes Advanced Legal Writing and Research, Secured Transactions, Mergers and Acquisitions, Client Counselling, Judicial Writing, Mediation and Advocacy Training.
6. I further had an engagement with Dean Leonard on a potential summer Judicial Clerkship Programme between the Judicial Service of Ghana on one part and UCC Law and Campbell Law on the other part, where students of Campbell Law will partner students of UCC Law to undertake internship and clerkship programmes every summer under some Superior Court Justices in Ghana. Donors of Campbell Law School have agreed to sponsor this programme, which has been successfully implemented in Uganda. A formal letter has been written to the Chief Justice of Ghana requesting the establishment of the programme.
7. The week also saw me familiarizing myself with various clinics within the Law School such us the Blanchard Community Law Clinic, Stubbs Bankruptcy Law Clinic,

Richardson Family Education Law Clinic, Hutchens Business Law Clinic, Veterans Legal Clinic, the Gailor Family Law Litigation Clinic and the Restorative Justice Clinic.

8. I took keen interest in the work of the Restorative Justice Clinic within the week and participated in Restorative Justice Circles where the Clinic head, Prof Jon Powell and students interacted with persons undergoing rehabilitation and recovering from crime with a view to reconciling them with society and their victims to address the harm and create healing. It is a unique system of the criminal justice system where the Clinic receives referrals from Juvenile Intake Counsellors, juvenile courts, the local social services system and private individuals, who have been affected by crime and disruptive behavior with the aim of restoring young offenders to their original state, reconcile them with their victims and create healing.
9. In the course of my interaction with the Clinic explored the possibility of a research and support in the area of Restorative Justice in Ghana with lessons from the Campbell example and North Carolina in general to aid our criminal justice system.
10. The week ended with a meeting and interaction with the Association of Corporate Counsel in Raleigh at their Annual General meeting in the company of Dean Rich Leonard where I interacted with several in-house Counsel of various corporate bodies and Universities such as the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State University.
11. I also had the privilege of spending the weekend with Prof Jon Powell and his family in Blythe, Raleigh. In the course of my weekend I stay, I had the opportunity to visit the main Campus of Campbell University in Buies Creek, Raleigh, which is about an hour's drive from the Law School in downtown Raleigh.

Week 2

1. The week commenced with a Restorative Justice Circles at a rehabilitation and recovery home with students of the clinic and the director of the clinic Professor John Powell.
2. I further had the opportunity to give my first lecture to Campbell Faculty on *Chieftains and the Laws on Chieftaincy in Ghana*. The lecture had positive feedback from Faculty.
3. I also attended the maiden visit and interaction of the new President of Campbell University, Dr. William M. Downs, to the Law School.
4. I also visited the Wake County Court Houses and the North Carolina Court of Appeals, which are walking distance from the Law School. I further observed a civil trial in the High Court presided over by Judge Ridgeway. The trial involved an application to dismiss the suit for non-disclosure of a cause of action. Whilst I observed some difference in Court appearance and advocacy styles between Ghana and North Carolina,

United States, the principles of substantive and procedural law espoused in the arguments of counsel in the suit and the determination of the application was not different from the rules applicable in Ghana.

5. I visited the North Carolina Museum and Art Center with Vice Dean Raven and Lisa Snedeker where we saw Ghanaian and African artifacts and had lunch with Jamie Bellomy former Executive Assistant to the Dean.
6. I further participated in a Restorative Justice Clinic lecture and seminar with juvenile defence lawyers, State juvenile prosecutors and a Judge of the Juvenile Courts and Circles in the Law School. The week ended with visit to a first cousin of mine in another city of North Carolina called Greensboro with the guidance and support of Dean Leonard who drove me to and from Greensboro.

Week 3

1. The week commenced once again with a Restorative Justice Clinical Circles in the recovery home followed by an interaction with the Black Law Students Association of Raleigh, which had one of the Ghana Study Abroad participants by name Dominique Frederick as the President. I attended the event with Dean Leonard.
2. In the company of Prof Jon Powell, I participated in a talk on the main campus of Campbell University organized by the School of Divinity and Communications Studies on the difference between ***Calling, Profession and Vocation***. The panelists included a Medical Student, a Campbell Law School Graduate and two Professors from the School of Divinity and Communication Studies. This talk clearly was insightful and distinguished between what is a calling, profession and vocation. Whilst calling is innate and more passionate, profession and vocation are more transactional and more often confused in the initial stages with calling.
3. There was an interaction with students of Bankruptcy Law by Judge Warren of the Raleigh Bankruptcy Court on the Law and Practice of Bankruptcy, which I participated.
4. I delivered my second lecture on Chieftaincy to the Inn of Court. Fashioned along the Inns of Court in England where Lawyers and Barristers are trained, the Inn of Court in Raleigh is an association of members of the Bench, Bar, Faculty and Students with their elected leader one of whom is Dean Leonard as President. The lecture had a positive feedback from the audience.
5. The week ended with a fundraising trip to Wilmington and Topsail, North Carolina Beach in the company of Dean Leonard to raise donor support for Campbell's International Programmes including the collaborations with UCC Law. I must state that the donor support initiative was highly successful. The rest of the weekend was spent in Dean Leonard's Beach House on the coast of North Carolina. Driving through the Agrarian countryside of Raleigh, we returned to Raleigh on Sunday afternoon.

Week 4

1. The week commenced with the attendance of the Annual Gala of the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society, which featured tributes in honour of the former Chief Justice of North Carolina, Honourable Cheri Beasley, an African-American woman highly regarded for her achievements in the legal field. It was a great and unique opportunity to meet the former Chief Justice of North Carolina, Campbell Alumni and members of the North Carolina Bench, Bar Leaders and Attorneys at Law of North Carolina.
2. I visited the main Campus at Buise Creek to give a talk on a Ghana Interest Visit to some Public Health Students. Peter Ahiawodzi, a Ghanaian Public Health Professor with Campbell University, coordinates this programme in collaboration with the University of Cape Coast and the University of Health and Allied Sciences in Ho. Prior to the talk, Guy Armstrong, Global Engagement International Coordinator of Campbell University took me on a tour of the entire Campbell University in Buise Creek. I also interacted with An-Que Deberry, a Campbell Social Work Instructor and Programme Coordinator on possible collaborations in Social Work with the University of Cape Coast.
3. The next was a Ghana Interest meeting on the 2026 Ghana Study Abroad Programme by Campbell Law scheduled from 16 May 2026 to 6 June 2026. Dean Rich Leonard led the interest talk and in attendance were 26 students, though 40 had signed up for the meeting.
4. With the assistance of Vice Dean Raven Byrne, I had an engagement with the Associate Dean, Experiential Learning and head of the Gailor Family Law Litigation Clinic in the person of Richard Waugamen. My interaction centered on clinical teaching and how to effectively adopt experiential and clinical teaching in our curricula and how to set up an effective Law Clinic with students and relevant facilities to make UCC Law a unique faculty, which combines teaching research, clinical and experiential, learning to produce cutting edge law graduates. It was a fruitful interaction and the Director assured me of their support in making UCC Law Clinic a competitive and attractive one.
5. The next was areas of collaborative research engagement with Assistant Professor Jesse Williams who teaches Immovable Property Law. Professor Williams had visited Ghana some 10 years ago. Our interaction focused on collaborative research on, ***Landlord-Tenant Bargaining Relationship; Intestate Succession and Heirs Property and some practical challenges for Attorneys in North Carolina; Relationship between ownership of Immovable Property, Mineral Rights and Economic Power; Customary Land Law Ownership and Tenure Systems and State ownership of Land in Ghana; Environmental consequences and effects in Gold mining in Ghana and Coal mining in the United States among others.*** We have since started the necessary collaborations on research in these areas to churn out research papers and articles.

6. The week was crowned with a farewell lunch on Thursday 23 October 2025 in my honour with Dean Leonard and Campbell Faculty and few students where words of farewell were shared after which I rendered a word of gratitude to the Dean, Management of the School and the Faculty.

Accommodation, Logistics and Financials

1. A decent two room apartment with internet access was provided for my entire stay with transportation and logistic support from Dean Leonard's family Uber Account where I could take an Uber ride to anywhere of my choice in Raleigh. I, on four occasions opted for this to and from the Law School during times of rain or when I had to rush to Campus if am running out of time. Apart from those four times, I chose to walk to the Law School or Dean Leonard graciously picked me up from my apartment to and from the School.
2. In terms of sustenance, I had a stipend of USD 1,500 for my stay though on most occasions that I was with Dean Leonard and a Faculty member or Staff, I was catered for without spending my stipend.

Observations

1. Campbell Law School is a state of the art Law School engaged in Teaching, Research and Experiential Learning, which turns out cutting edge Law Graduates. My fellowship revealed Campbell Law School as one of the leading and formidable Law Schools in North Carolina and the United States in general. Within North Carolina, it ranks second to Duke Law School amongst many Law Schools.
2. As a typical professional Law School, it focuses more on teaching and experiential learning with seven Law Clinics and three State of the art Courtrooms and Advocacy Centers complementing the teaching and training of Law Graduates and for that matter Lawyers. Their well-structured Law clinic coordinated with academic work of the students is worth commending and emulating.
3. For me, as the Head of Department for Community Engagement and Pro Bono Law Clinic at UCC Law, it was a revelation and encouraging. With the Ghanaian Government's attempts to decentralize Professional Law Studies to the Faculties, it is timely that UCC Law strengthens its curricula by adopting some of the courses and programmes enumerated above with a strong clinical curricula in addition to its teaching and research curricula to make it unique and competitive. To this end I recommend the below.

Recommendations for UCC Law:

- i. Introduction of a 3-credit hour elective Law Clinic Course in the undergraduate syllabi with teaching and clinical work for students interested in Law Practice.

- ii. A dedicate four room one stop state of the art office for the Department of Community Engagement and Law Clinic consisting of a Conference Room, a reception area, a student center for clinic work and client counselling with relevant IT facilities and materials.
- iii. At least two Faculty, who are practicing lawyers, attached and dedicated to the Law Clinic to assist in teaching and clinical work in addition to the Head of the Department.
- iv. Client attendant and conferencing facilities and offices for Lawyers and Faculty who may be attached to the Law Clinic with a support staff, preferably a paralegal.
- v. Seek financial and logistical support from Alumni, Lawyers, University Administration, local and international institutions such as Campbell to support the growth of the Pro Bono Clinic.

Conclusion

1. It has been a wonderful four-week, eye opening and learning experience in Campbell Law School and Campbell University in Raleigh in general. It has been a fantastic experience, the reception, camaraderie from the entire Faculty and student body has been wonderful and memorable, and I am extremely grateful.
2. It is my fervent hope that the same courtesies, privileges and warmth extended to me will be reciprocated and extended to any Campbell Law Fellow who will visit UCC Law in due course.

I am also very grateful to the Dean of Campbell Law School, Dean Rich Leonard and Dean Julia Selman-Ayetey, Esq, of UCC Law for deeming me worthy as the first beneficiary of the Fellowship Exchange Programme. To the Center for Global Education, which also contributed in making this possible, I am grateful for the opportunity.

Thank you.

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