

Good Morning





**The Success of Diversity:
North Carolina Central University
School of Law
Clinical Legal Education Program**

The Essentialism of Diversity in Education: *Grutter v. Bollinger*

539 U.s. 306 (2003)



“[A] state university law school ha[s] a compelling interest in attaining a diverse student body...the educational benefits that diversity was designed to produce [a]re substantial, including to promote cross-racial understanding, to help break down racial stereotypes and to enable students to better understand persons of different races, to promote learning outcomes, to better prepare students for an increasingly diverse workforce and society, and to better prepare students as professionals.”

NCCU'S Faculty Diversity Ranked Top 10 Nationally

The National Jurist: March 2009



Law School Rankings

1. Howard University
2. Florida International University
3. Temple University
4. University of Hawaii-Manoa
5. Southern University
6. University of District of Columbia
7. North Carolina Central University
8. Northern Illinois University
9. Chapman University
10. University of California -Davis

Faculty Make-Up

Student-Faculty Ratio

• 18:1

Faculty Total

• 45

Part-Time Faculty

• 47%

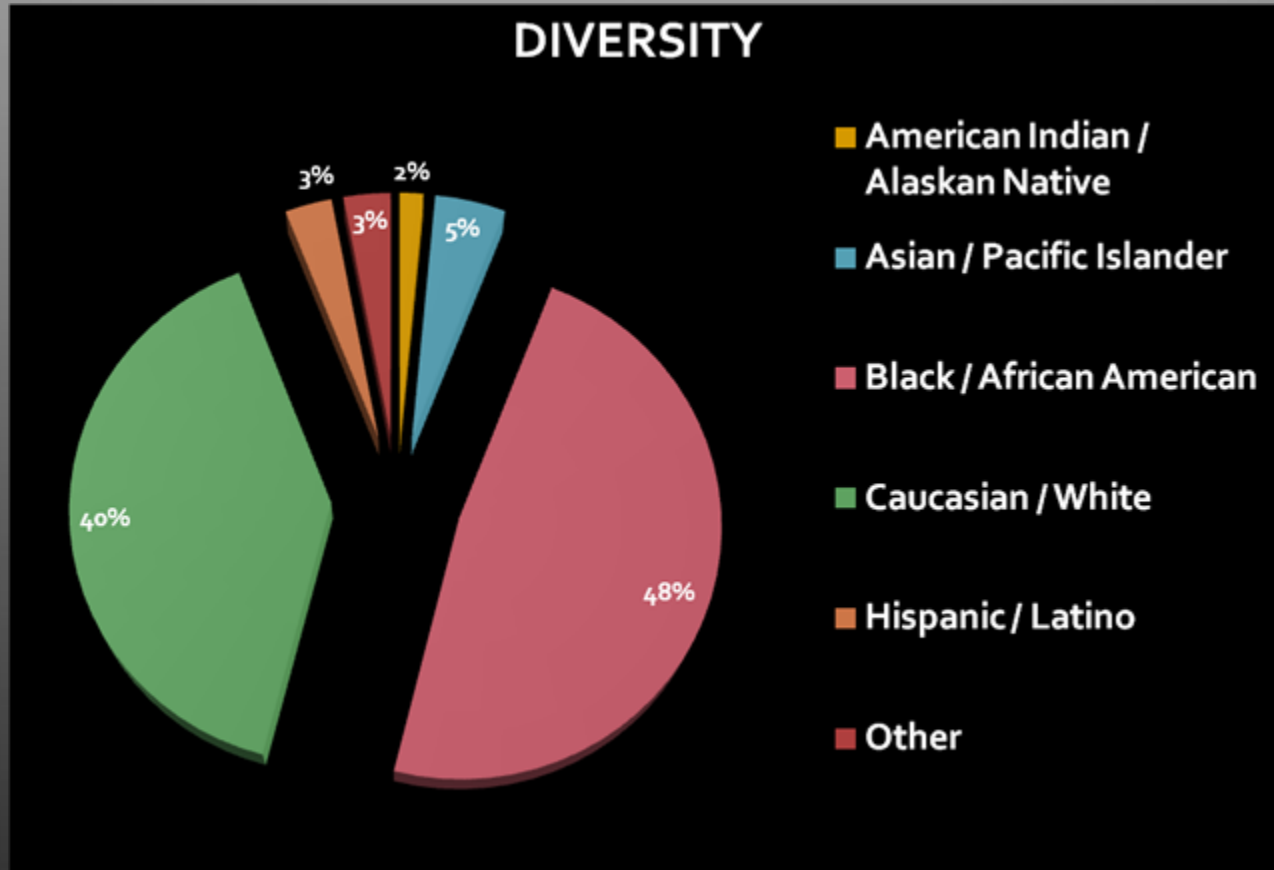
Female Faculty

• 62%

Minority Faculty

• 58%

NCCU School of Law Student Body Demographic



Other Student Demographics

- 22 states and 8 other countries represented in the 2008 entering class.
- Student age ranges from 20 -67 with an median age of 27.
- 2008 entering class is 60% female and 40% male.
- Students are accepted from over 100 colleges and universities nationwide.



NCCU'S Clinical Program

Preparing Students for the Real World of Practice

- **Clinical Legal Education**

Mission Statement



The Clinical Legal Education Program of NCCU School of Law is committed to producing excellent attorneys who are sensitive to addressing the needs of people and communities that are traditionally underserved and underrepresented by the legal profession. Through a diverse body of clinical courses, we offer students and opportunity to pursue justice in a variety of legal disciplines. We teach students to respect the legal process and the dignity of every client, regardless of their station in life. We believe that sensitizing future lawyers to the importance of serving these clients advances fairness and equity in the justice system, founding principles of NCCU School of Law.

Overview of Clinical Programs

1. ADR Clinic
2. Appellate Advocacy
3. Civil Litigation
4. Criminal Defense
5. Criminal Prosecution
6. Domestic Violence
7. Family Law
8. General Externship Program
9. Judicial Clerkship
10. Juvenile Law & Long Term Suspension
11. Pro Bono
12. Small Business & Community Development
13. Street Law
14. Veterans Law

Other Affiliates

- The Center for Child and Family Health
- Dispute Resolution Institute-ADR Clinic



Jennifer Brobst



**Center for Child
and Family Health
(CCFH)
Domestic Violence
Clinic/Advocacy
Project**

● **Years of Practice:** 13 Years

● **Professional Background:**

- Legal Director for the Center for Child and Family Health (CCFH) in Durham.
- Implemented the first statewide training institute at the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Raleigh.
- Adjunct Professor, Victoria University at Wellington School of Law in New Zealand, teaching legal research and writing.
- Deputy Prosecutor, St. Joseph County, Indiana, focusing on child abuse, domestic violence, animal abuse, juvenile law and post-conviction relief cases .
- Received national training as a child forensic interviewer.
- Teenage pregnancy prevention community educator and staff attorney , The CASIE Center, an accredited child advocacy center in South Bend, Indiana.

Felicia Branch



Small Business and Development Clinic

- **Years of Practice:** 7 1/2
- **Professional Background:**
 - Master of Law (LL.M.) in Taxation , University of Florida College of Law.
 - Assistant Professor, University of Florida, taught Federal Tax Research and Advanced Corporate Tax to LL.M. students and Legal Accounting and Basic Income Tax to J.D. students.
 - Staff Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS, litigating cases before the United States Tax Court along with providing advice to IRS Agents, Revenue Officers, Appeals Officers, and the Taxpayer Advocate's Office.
 - Senior Attorney, Large & Mid-Sized Business Division of Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS.

Nakia Davis



Family Law Clinic
"File It Yourself"
Child Custody Clinic
Judicial Clerkship
Clinic
Externship I & II
Clinic

● **Years of Practice:** 6

● **Professional Background:**

- Senior Attorney, The Law Office of Nakia C. Davis, concentrating on family law.
- President, Durham County Family Bar .
- Board of Directors, The Fourteenth/Durham County Bar Association.

Jeffery Edwards



Criminal Litigation Clinic

- **Years of Practice:** 15

- **Professional Background:**

- Clerk, Honorable Linda M. McGee of the North Carolina Court of Appeals .
- Assistant Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice, represented the State in cases at the state and federal trial and appellate levels. Clients included the Division of Motor Vehicles and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.
- Temporary Clerk , Honorable Patricia Timmons-Goodson at the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Deria P. Hayes



**Domestic Violence
Clinic**

● **Years of Practice:** 10

● **Professional Background:**

- Associate Attorney, Law Offices of James D. Williams, Jr., P.A.. Principal areas of practice were family law and civil litigation.
- Board member, Children and Family Services of Durham.

Dionne R. Gonder



**Criminal Litigation
Clinic**

● **Years of Practice:** 11

● **Professional Background:**

- Clerk, The Honorable James A. Beatty, Jr. at the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of N.C. in Winston-Salem.
- Criminal Defense Attorney, Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Inc.
- Associate Attorney, Durham County Public Defender's Office.
- Criminal Defense Attorney, Edwards & Trenkle, PLLC.

Craig Kabatchnick



Veterans Law Clinic

- Years of Practice: 25

- Professional Background:

- Senior Partner, Law Office of Kabatchnick & Kabatchnick, Washington, DC: leading firm in administrative military personnel law.
- Senior Appellate Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Associate Attorney for The Office of Patton Boggs L.L.P. and later Everett & Everett Law Firm, specializing in veterans and military law.
- Co-authored *Practice Before the Boards for Correction of Military Records Within the Various Military Departments*, Federal Bar News & Journal, January 1986, Vol. 31 No. 1.

Gregory Malhoit



Civil Litigation Clinic

● **Years of Practice:** 34

● **Professional Background:**

- Founding Executive Director, East Central Community Legal Services, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Executive Director, North Carolina Legal Services Resource Center, representing the interests of poor people to the North Carolina Legislature.
- Established the North Carolina Education and Law Project, advocating for improved educational opportunities for poor and minority students.
- Executive Director, North Carolina Justice Center, nationally recognized non-government funded legal and policy advocacy organization dedicated to improving lives of poor and working poor North Carolinians.
- Director, Rural Education Finance Center, nationwide project providing legal and policy support for attorneys, educators, parents and students working to secure equal and adequate funding for public schools in the courts.
- Instructor, NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy).

Nelwyn Mpare



Juvenile Clinic

- **Years of Practice:** 28

- **Professional Background:**

- Assistant Public Defender, Durham County.
- Private Practice, Charlotte, Monroe & Durham, North Carolina.
- Professor, Central Piedmont University, Legal Research & Writing for Domestic Law .

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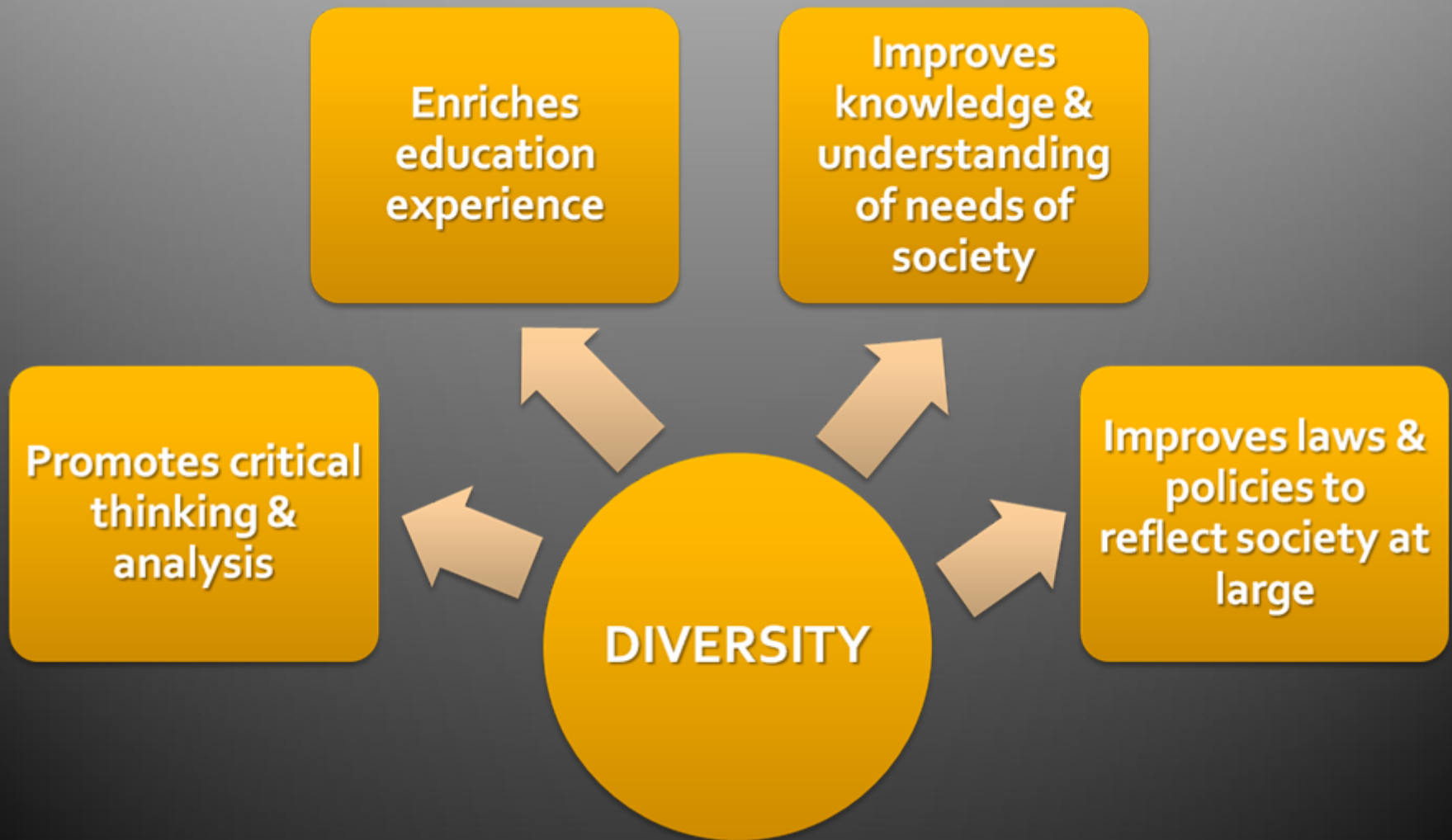
**Pro Bono Clinic
Street Law Clinic**

● **Years of Practice:** 23

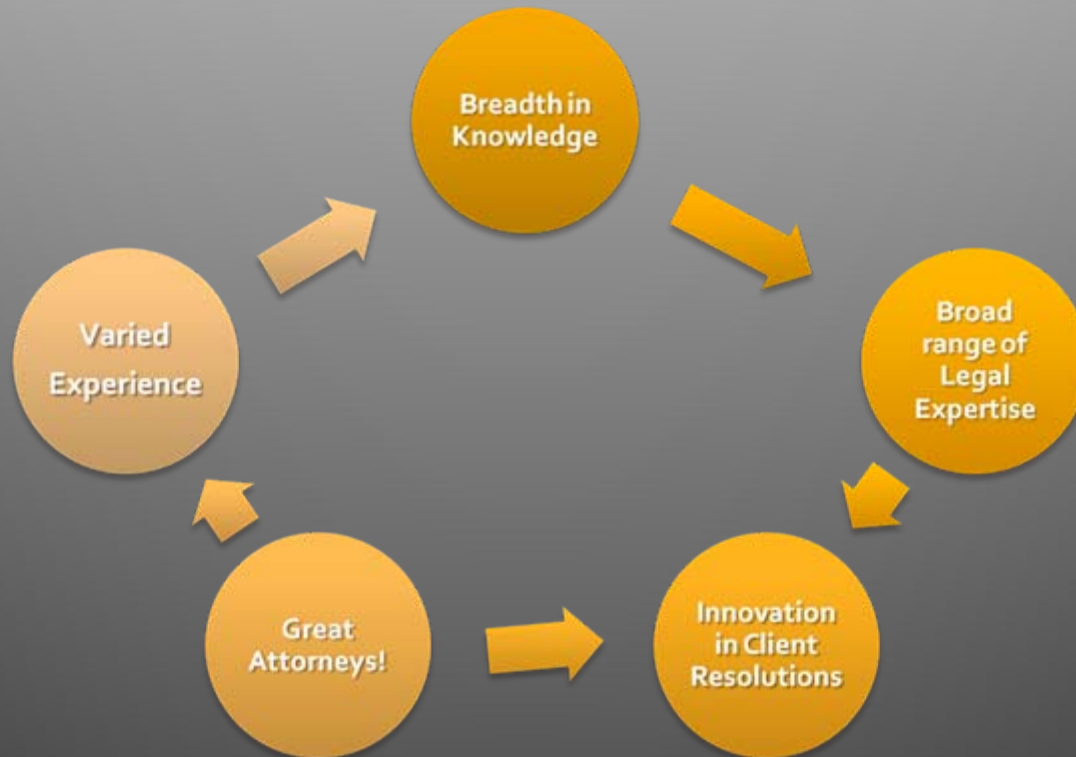
● **Professional Background:**

- Clerk, Illinois Supreme Court .
- Associate Attorney, Harlow & Corvette, P.A., practice areas in commercial litigation and corporate law.
- Professor, Wake Technical Community College and Durham Technical Community College, teaching business law and paralegal courses.
- Director, Paralegal Program at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Taught legal research and writing and directed the internship program.
- Co-advisor, NCCU Law School Innocence Project.

The Value of Diversity

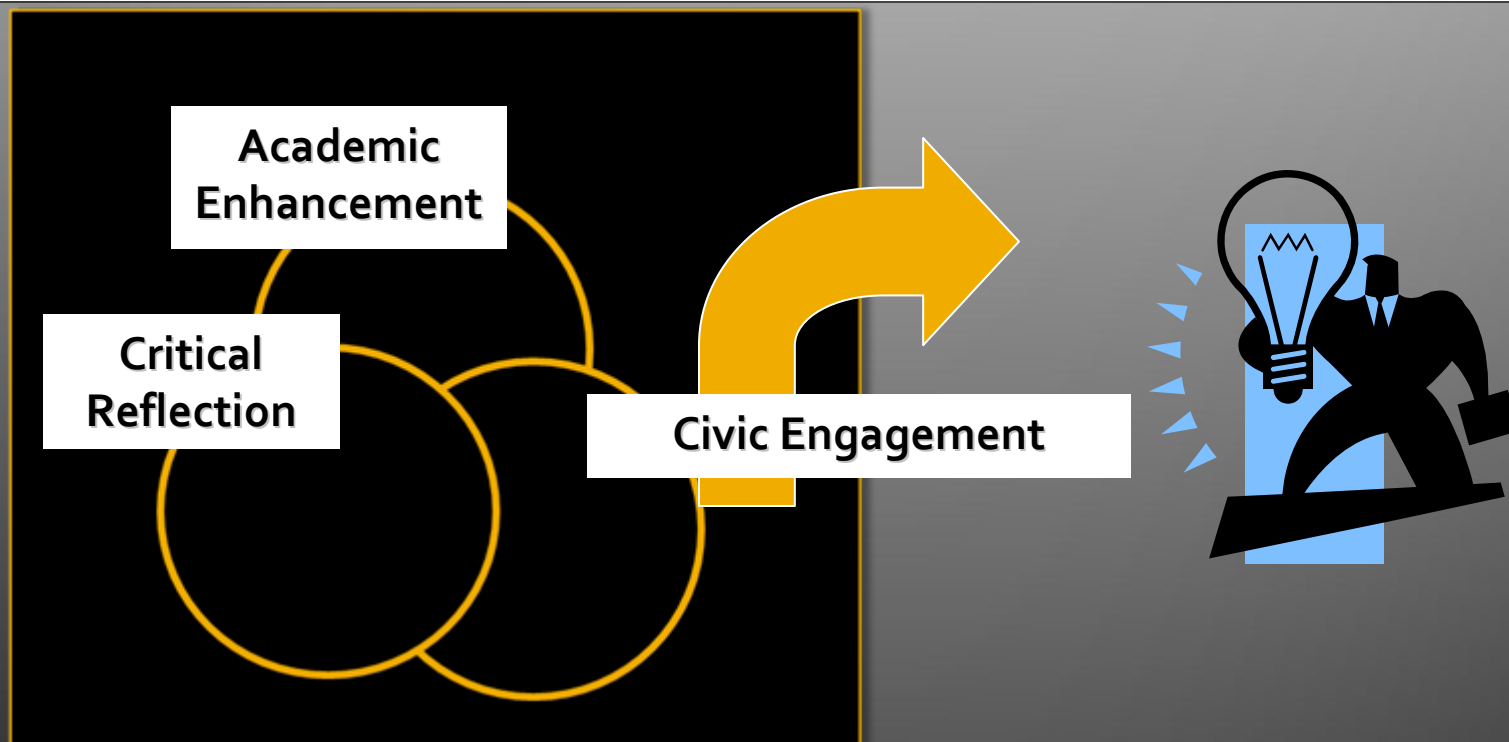


Diversity at Work in NCCU Law School's Clinical Program



“Diversity can be defined as "range." Range can be defined as "extent of perception, knowledge, experience, or ability." All of these characteristics are assets to our faculty at NCCU in that we have clinical professors with "range." This "range" strengthens and enhances the cumulative and collective "perceptions, knowledge, experiences and abilities" of all clinical faculty members.” –Attorney Nelwyn Mpare

Sharing Experiences to the Benefit of Our Students



Integrating Diversity

NCCU School of Law's Clinical Program: Ranked 20th in the Nation

