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CHARLOTTE, NC -- The legal profession. Ethics.

According to popular but uninformed stereotypes, these are an odd couple. In reality, attorneys are governed by rigorous rules of good behavior that they take very seriously. It's an important subject, especially to those involved in training young lawyers.

It's with this in mind that the Law Review of the Charlotte School of Law is hosting a symposium entitled "Ethics in the Legal Profession," from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, in conjunction with the Mecklenburg County Bar.

According to CharlotteLaw officials, the plan is for this event to be the first in a series of annual spring symposiums on legal topics.

Noting that this is the 100-year anniversary of the American Bar Association's Canons of Professional Ethics, a statement from CharlotteLaw billed the event as "a forum for judges, practitioners, professors, legal experts and law students to discuss past, present and future ethical issues."

Speakers will include:

* Dennis Archer, who has served as president of the ABA, as an associate justice on the Michigan Supreme Court and as mayor of Detroit.

* Robert Morgan, a former U.S. senator from North Carolina, former state attorney general and former president pro-tempore of the N.C. Senate.

* John Tyson, a current member of the N.C. Court of Appeals and adjunct professor of law at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh.

Two distinguished panelists of judges, attorneys and law school professors will also discuss the evolution of ethics over the last century during a morning session and ethics in a technological age during an afternoon session.

CharlotteLaw Communications manager Sharon Reichard said the event is open to everyone, but requires advance registration at www.charlottelaw.org/ethicssymposium.

While the event targets those connected with CharlotteLaw and the Mecklenburg County Bar, Reichard said she believes a discussion of ethics will be of interest to others, such as students or professors of philosophy from other colleges.

The fee to the general public is \$25. Discounted fees are available to students at other schools. Attorneys and paralegals have a more complex fee schedule for the event, which they can find at the above Web site.

Members of the Mecklenburg Bar are also eligible to receive four Continuing Legal Education credits and should register through the bar in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

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