
PETITION OF

Ruffin Law Club

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, N. C.

to

PHI ALPHA DELTA

LAW FRATERNITY

To the SUPREME EXECUTIVE BOARD

and the

CHAPTERS of PHILALPHA DELTA LAW

FRATERNITY

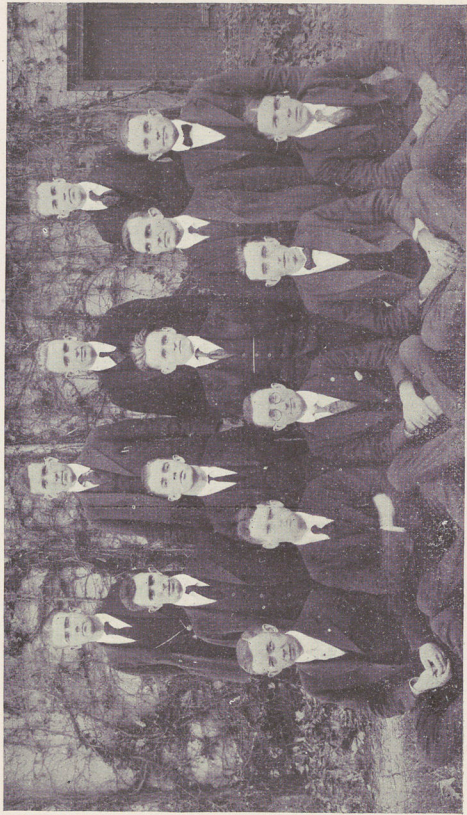
We, the undersigned, regular law students in the Law Department of University of North Carolina situated at Chapel Hill, N. C. hereby petition for permission to organize a Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity at the above institution, and to that end we respectfully ask to be initiated into your Fraternity, and that you grant us, when initiated, a charter as a subordinate chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

We severally agree to abide by the constitution and the rules of said Fraternity if accepted as charter members of a subordinate chapter thereof.

Should a charter be granted in accordance with this petition, we desire the name of the chapter to be THOMAS RUFFIN CHAPTER OF PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY.

Dated at Chapel Hill this 15 day of December, 1920.

NAME	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Gideon V. Fesperman	Freshman
Jasper Benjamin Hicks	Junior
Mack Murphy Jernigan	Senior
Zebulon Archibald MacCall	Junior
William Elmer Matthews	Senior
Forest Glenwood Miles	Junior
Charles Hampton Oliver	Freshman
Charles Leslie Nichols	Junior
John Hill Paylor	Senior
John Albert Pritchett	Senior
Lewis Everett Teague	Junior
William Brantley Womble	Junior
Leo Carr	Freshman
Samuel Otis Worthington	Junior
Thomas Dodd Stokes, Jr.,	Freshman



THE RUFFIN LAW CLUB, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Petitioner's Individual Data

LEO CARR, A. B.

of Teachey's, N. C. Born September 23rd, 1893, Teachey's, N. C. A. B. University of North Carolina, 1918, Y. M. C. A., North Carolina Club, Manning Law Club, President Duplin County Club, President Philanthropic Literary Society, Amphoterothern, Mason, Tau Kappa Alpha, Second Lieutenant Field Artillery 1918-1919. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina. Father, C. J. Carr, Farmer, Teachey's, N. C.

GIDEON VANPOOLE FESPERMAN.

of Spencer, N. C. Born February 23rd, 1900. Trinity Park School 1917, University of North Carolina 1918-'20, Law School 1920, Theta Chi, Ruffin Law Club, North Carolina Club, Rowan County Club, Dialectic Literary Society, Y. M. C. A. Father, C. E. Fesperman, Mercantile business, Spencer, N. C. Expects to practice Law in Salisbury, N. C.

JASPER BENJAMIN HICKS.

of Henderson, N. C. Born August 14th., 1897. University of North Carolina '17-'18, Law School '19-'20, Ruffin Law Club, North Carolina Club, Vance County Club, President '19, Theta Chi Fraternity, Phi Literary Society. Expects to practice Law in Henderson, N. C. Father, Hewitt Benard Hicks, Farmer, Henderson, N. C.

MACK MURPHY JERNIGAN.

of Dunn, N. C. Born December 25th., 1894. University of North Carolina '17-'18, Y. M. C. A., Philanthropic Literary Society, North Carolina Club, Student Member North Carolina Reconstruction Committee, Vice President Law Club, President Sampson County Club, Licensed to Practice Law August 1920. Expects to Practice Law in North Carolina. Father, L. P. Jernigan, Farmer, Dunn, N. C.

ZEBULON ARCHIBALD MacCALL, B. S.

of Elrod, N. C. Born, August 15th, 1897. Whitsett Institute '13-'14, Davidson College '14-'15, North Carolina State College 1915 to 1919, B. S. ibid '19, Intercollegiate debater '17-'18, Debaters and Orators Medal, President of Student Body North Carolina State College '18-'19, Alpha Gamma Rho, Law School University of North Carolina '19-'20, Ruffin Law Club, Theta Chi, Philanthropic Literary Society. Father, D. A. MacCall, Merchant, Elrod, N. C. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina.

WILLIAM ELMER MATTHEWS.

of Clinton, N. C. Born, June 18th., 1896, Turkey, N. C. University of North Carolina '14-'17 and '19-'20, Y. M. C. A., Philanthropic Literary Society, North Carolina Club, University Law Club, Mason, Sampson County Club, Candidate for A. B., LL. B., U. N. C., 1921, Licensed to Practice Law, August 1920. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina. Mother, Mrs. L. L. Matthews, Clinton, N. C.

FOREST G. MILES, A. B.

of Warrenton, N. C. Born July 6th., 1898, Warrenton, N. C. Graham's Preparatory School; University of North Carolina 1915-19, A. B. Degree; University of Law School 1919-1922, candidate LL. B. Degree; Delta Psi Delta; German Club (social); N. C. Club; International Polity Club; McGehee Law Club; ass't manager varsity baseball '18; editor-in-chief "Tar Heel" '19; varsity debater '18 and '19. Expects to practice Law in Warrenton, N. C. Father, George S. Miles (deceased).

CHAS. L. NICHOLS, A. B.

of Brevard, N. C. Born November 9th., 1899; Brevard, N. C. Brevard Institute (preparatory); Trinity College 1915-1918; University of North Carolina 1919-20, A. B. ('21); University of N. C. Law School 1919-22, candidate LL. B. Degree; Delta Psi Delta; Sigma Upsilon; German Club; International Polity Club; Clark Law Club, Pres. '20; manager University Musical Clubs '20; class baseball, basketball, and tennis; candidate varsity tennis. Expects to practice Law in Asheville, N. C. Father, Zero W. Nichols, Brevard, N. C., druggist (retired).

CHARLES HAMPTON OLIVER.

of Oak Ridge, N. C. Born September 3rd., 1890. Oak Ridge Institute 1910-15, finished courses in Literary, Book-keeping and Stenography; member of Faculty of Oak Ridge Institute from 1915-'20, Mason, University Law School class of '23, Ruffin Law Club; Oak Ridge Club; Wilkes County Club; Dialectic Literary Society. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina. Father, Abram Oliver (deceased).

JOHN HILL PAYLOR.

of Laurinburg, N. C. Born October 22nd, 1896, Laurinburg, N. C. University of North Carolina, Academic School, '15-'16, '16-'17, '17-'18, Law School, '19, '19-'20, '20-'21; Law Club, North Carolina Club; Scotland-Marlboro County Club; University of North Carolina Law Classes '21; licensed attorney Fall Term Supreme Court of North Carolina 1920. Expect to practice Law at Laurinburg, N. C. Father, J. M. Paylor, Merchant, Laurinburg, N. C.

JOHN ALBERT PRITCHETT.

of Rawlings, Va. Born October 7th., 1896, Ruffin, North Carolina. University of North Carolina 1916-'19; Law School '19; Candidate for A. B. LL. B. 1921; Debating Society, North Carolina Club; Latin-American Club; Ruffin Law Club, Sec. '19, Pres. '20; Assistant Instructor in Physics Laboratory University of North Carolina '18-'19. Father, W. F. Pritchett, farmer, Rawlings, Va. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina.

THOS. DODDS STOKES, A. B.

Of Ruffin, N. C. Born September 10th., 1896. Oak Ridge Institute 1912-'14; A. B. University of North Carolina '18; Law School, class of '23; Ruffin Law Club; North Carolina

Club; Rockingham County Club, Vice President '15, President '16; Oak Ridge Club, Vice President '16, President '17; German Club; Dialectic Literary Society. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina. Father's name, T. W. Stokes, Farmer and Dealer in Real Estate, Ruffin, N. C.

LEWIS EVERETT TEAGUE.

Of High Point, N. C. Born August 12th., 1898. Western Maryland College 1917-18; University of North Carolina '18-'19; Law School 1919; Guilford County Club; North Carolina Club; Ruffin Law Club, Treasurer '20; Theta Chi. Father, W. K. Teague, Miller, High Point, N. C. Expects to practice Law in High Point, North Carolina.

WILLIAM BRANTLEY WOMBLE.

Of Cary, N. C. Born August 6th., 1896. University of North Carolina '18-'19; Law School; Class of '22; Theta Chi; Ruffin Law Club; North Carolina Club; Wake County Club, V-Pres. '19, Pres. '20; V-Pres. Junior Class '19-'20; University Magazine, Associate Editor; Tar Heel, Ass't Business Manager; Philanthropic Debating Society, Sec'y '19; Treas. '20, Yackety Yack; Associate Editor; German Club; Order of The Grail; Y. M. C. A. Cabinet; Chairman of the entertainment committee, '20-'21. Expects to practice Law in Raleigh, N. C. Father Andrew Thomas Womble (deceased)

SAMUEL OTIS WORTHINGTON.

Of Winterville, N. C. Born January, 24th, 1898, Winterville, N. C. University of North Carolina '17-'18, '18-'19, '19-'19, '19-'20; Ruffin Law Club; Philanthropic Literary Society; N. C. Club; Varsity Track '19-'20; Law School; Class of '22. Expects to practice Law in North Carolina. Father, S. G. Worthington, Farmer, Winterville, N. C.

History of the University of North Carolina Law School

The Law School which developed into the Law School of the University was founded in 1843 at Chapel Hill, as a private school by Hon. William H. Battle, then a judge of the Superior Court of the State. In 1845 Judge Battle was made Professor of Law in the University, and it was provided that the degree of Bachelor of Laws should be conferred on those completing the prescribed two-year course. Judge Battle was assisted by Hon. Samuel F. Phillips, a member of the Bar of North Carolina, who afterwards was Solicitor General of the United States, under the administration of Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur. For a long time the school maintained a certain independence of the University. In 1899, however, the school was completely incorporated into the University, with the late Judge James C. MacRae, previously a justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as the first Dean of the Law School. The courses of instruction in the Law School, originally requiring two years study for Bachelor of Laws degree, was increased to three years in 1919.

The Law School occupies a separate building situated on the campus of the University of North Carolina. A library of nearly 6,500 volumes is maintained for the use of the students and faculty, containing the reports of several of the States, the National Reporter System, the complete reports of the United States Supreme Court and other Federal Courts, English Common Law and Chancery Reports, and others too numerous to mention.

Last year a very radical change was made in the moot court. Instead of the old moot court several Law Clubs were organized consisting of about twelve members each. The purpose of these Law Clubs is to drill the student in the art of searching for the law and relate it to an agreed set of facts. The procedure in the Law Club work is practically the same as that before the Supreme Court—only questions of law being argued. Besides these Law Clubs there is only one other organization in the Law School, that being a chapter of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

The Law School is the leading Law School of the State of North Carolina. Its teaching staff numbers four full time men and its course leading to law degree in three years. At the present time membership is sought in the American Association of Law Schools, the Law School being able to comply with all requirements for admission to that association. The method of instruction is that of case-book. The passing grade is seventy. There are approximately one hundred and fifty students enrolled in the Law School at present, ninety per cent of whom have had college training of one year or more, the school is co-educational. In quality of the work done and standing among the profession, the Law School is entitled to rank as one of the leading law schools of the South.

The Ruffin Law Club

The Ruffin Law Club is the outgrowth of a spontaneous desire for expression of the real spirit of scholarship in the Law School of the University of North Carolina. Its original name was Omega Alpha by which name it was known from its beginning in the fall of 1919 till the recent realization by its members of the need of a more representative designation, which realization expressed itself in the present name.

As already noted the history of the Club is rather brief, but the motive that actuated its charter members—ten in number—was such as to inspire it with confidence in the possibility of a wonderful accomplishment in the Law School from the beginning. Its members, while taking no undue credit to themselves, considered that they were representative of the legal type of mind in scholarship at the University of North Carolina and set themselves to the task as they saw it confronting the student body of the Law School. They considered that the Law School was falling short of its legitimate goal yearly on account of a lack of mutual understanding among the students themselves and a lack of concerted action in the attainment of the highest standard in scholarship.

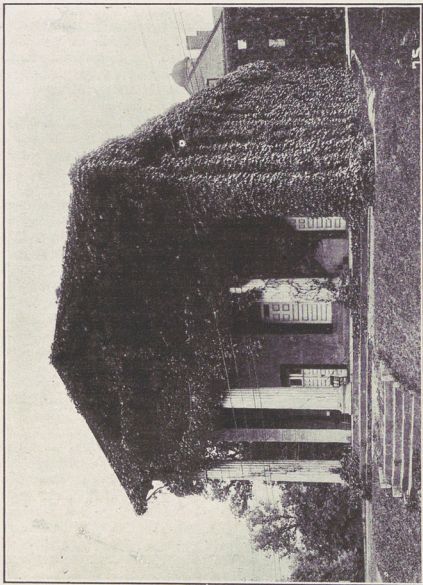
The local meetings proved quite a success and much beyond the original expectation of the members, but, being handicapped by a limited appeal made inevitable by the existence in the Law School of a chapter of a national legal fraternity, the Ruffin Law Club members conceived the larger vision for usefulness made possible by identification with an active national organization. This vision, heightened and increased by sincere encouragement of the Dean of the law school, naturally suggested the step that followed. After due consideration, therefore, and a careful study of the relative merits they set to work in earnest to secure a chapter under the Phi Alpha Delta National Fraternity.

Owing to its brief existence and the purpose for which it was organized and membership of the Ruffin Law Club has never been very large. Two of its members are now practicing law in the state and doing well. Three others, licensed attorneys at the present, are again in school for degrees. The men in school at present—fifteen in number—are picked on account of their eminent scholarship and general promising qualities. They are friends of the Law School. They stick together and enjoy the benefits of the best understanding. The association is stimulating and helpful.

The officers of the club are : A President, Vice President, Clerk and Treasurer. These hold office for the quarter. Meetings are held in the Y. M. C. A. and are devoted to the problems outlined above. We expect soon to be enabled more comfortably to hold meetings in the proposed Graham Memorial Building.

The Club is named for Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin—Chief

Justice of North Carolina from 1840 to 1848. It was in grateful recognition of the conspicuous ability displayed by him while on the bench and the fond memory we cherish of the distinction accorded him by Chief Justice Marshall and his decisions in the halls of Wesminister in England that we chose the name dear to every aspiring attorney of the State.



HOME OF THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Letters

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

Lexington, Virginia.

School of Law

Joseph R. Long, Dean

November 23, 1920.

Mr. August A. Rendigs, Jr.,
805 Second Nat'l Bk. Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In pursuance of your request of November 1st, I visited the Omega Alpha Law Fraternity (local) at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on the 20th of this month and met personally the members of that society. With reference to the petition that they are now making to the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity for a charter, I beg to make the following report.

Local conditions: There is at present only one other legal fraternity at the University of North Carolina, that being Phi Delta Phi very recently installed. There are approximately 150 men in attendance at the Law School out of approximately 1350 men attending the University. There are two other law schools in the state of North Carolina (Trinity and Wake Forest) and at neither of these is a chapter of either Phi Delta Phi or Phi Alpha Delta.

Faculty Attitude: The Faculty of the University of North Carolina is favorable to fraternities, a number of the leading academic fraternities being represented on the campus. The Dean of the Law School is in thorough sympathy with the movement to install Phi Alpha Delta and expressed to me personally a hope that the petition be granted and the opinion that there was an opportunity for Phi Alpha Delta at this University. The Faculty of the Law School with one exception are honorary members of the Phi Delta Phi.

Standing of Law School: The Law School of the University of North Carolina is the leading law school of the state of North Carolina. Its teaching staff numbers four full-time men and its course leading to the law degree is three years. Its membership in the Association of American Law Schools is being sought at the present time I understand, the Law School being able at the present time to comply with all requirements for admission to that association. Method of instruction: Casebook, Passing grade: 70. In quality of work done and standing among the profession, the Law School is entitled to rank one of the leading schools of the South.

Personnel of petitioning group: The petitioning local numbers in its membership some of the ablest and most promising men of the Law School. There are in all cases men of maturity. Of the total membership of fifteen, only three are to graduate this year which means a certain return of a nucleus next year. A number of

academic fraternities are represented in this petitioning group and the men seem to be representative in all cases. I was particularly struck with the enthusiasm of the men in their petition and felt that they were all Phi Alpha Delta material. The members that I came to know personally were very likable and gentlemenly, and the others whom I saw only in a general meeting of the group, from a careful study of their individual records, I feel sure are as promising as the ones with whom I talked at some length.

Nature of the petitioning local: The petitioning group is a local legal fraternity of good standing on the Campus. Its age is only one year but is well organized and is in a position to assume immediately the work and responsibilities of a chapter of Phi Alpha Delta.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the petition of the Alpha Omega Local be granted and a charter of Phi Alpha Delta be granted them. The facts of the situation as stated at some length will themselves perhaps warrant the granting of the request without any expression of opinion from myself as a committee of inspection, but I desire to commend the members of this group as men who are worthy of the ideals of the fraternity and the University of North Carolina, as presenting an opportunity for present expansion for Phi Alpha Delta.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

LEWIS TYREE

Professor of Law.

Washington & Lee University.

PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY.

Kansas City, Missouri
December 9th, 1920

The Ruffin Law Club,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Gentlemen:

The Supreme Executive Board of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, after carefully considering the application of your organization for permission to petition the Fraternity for the establishing of a Chapter of the Fraternity at the University of North Carolina, and after carefully considering the personnel of the petitioning organization, unqualifiedly approves that application and herewith grants permission to petition the active chapters for a charter.

The Supreme Board has caused a careful investigation to be made by Professor Tyree a member of this Fraternity and a member of the Faculty of Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Virginia, and the report of that exhaustive investigation by

Professor Tyree was amply satisfactory to the Board.

The Supreme Board is of the opinion that a chapter of the Fraternity can and will be well maintained at the University of North Carolina and that the petitioning members of your organization are well qualified to, and will, resolve themselves into a sturdy, energetic and effective chapter, if their petition for a charter is granted by the Fraternity.

The Supreme Executive Board desires that a fair, impartial and unbiased consideration be given this petition by each subordinate chapter to which it will be submitted.

Fraternally,

THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE BOARD,

By George K. Brasher,
General Secretary

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Office of the President.

Chapel Hill.

15 December 1920

To the Supreme Executive Board of Phi Alpha Delta:

Gentlemen:

I am most glad to recommend to you the Ruffin Club of the University of North Carolina Law School, which Club, I understand, is applying for a charter from your Fraternity. The Ruffin Club consists of fifteen men students, in the Law School, and is now in the second year of its existence. Several of the men are known to me personally, and I have a considerable amount of information about the others. They are in every way a representative group of men in the University, most are above the average in scholarship, and a strong group so far as the personality and quality of the men are concerned. I am certain that in every respect they would uphold the standards of your Fraternity, and measure up to its ideals. I hope very much that you may find it possible to grant them a charter.

Respectfully yours,

H. W. CHASE,

President.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

School of Law

Chapel Hill, N. C.

L. P. McGehee, Dean

Dec. 17th 1920

To The Supreme Executive Board of Phi Alpha Delta

Law Fraternity.

Gentlemen:

I learn with great pleasure that the Supreme Executive Board of Phi Alpha Delta, is favorably disposed toward the application

of admission to the Fraternity of the Ruffin Law Club of this Law School. The club is composed of students of a high order, earnest and effective, and indeed some of our best men.

I believe that the chapter would be a credit to the order. It has my respect and best wishes, and I can assure you of the hearty cooperation of myself and of the other members of our faculty when we can in any way be of service to the Fraternity and of this group, if admitted as a chapter.

Yours very sincerely,
L. P. McGEHEE, Dean.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

School of Law
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Supreme Executive Board,
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

Dec. 15th, 1920

Dear Sirs:

I am well acquainted with Messrs. J. A. Pritchett, J. B. Hicks, and others, who are making application for the establishment of a local chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity here. These young men are members of the Law Class in the University of N. C., and from my acquaintance with them personally and knowledge of their work as students, I take pleasure in recommending them as worthy of confidence and capable of doing good work as members of your Fraternity, if a chapter should be established here.

Very Truly Yours,
A. C. M. McINTOSH,
Professor of Law, U. N. C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

School of Law
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Supreme Executive Board,
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

December 15, 1920

Gentlemen:

I am advised that the Ruffin Law Club of our Law School has applied for affiliation with your Fraternity.

I beg to advise you that I am acquainted with these young men, as one of the professors of the Law School, and to say that they are above the average of our students. Their members are intelligent, conscientious and industrious, and participate actively in the various Law School activities.

I know of no reason why they would not be a credit to your fraternity, and heartily recommend favorable consideration of their application.

Very Truly Yours,
OSCAR O. EFIRD,
Assistant Professor of Law.