

# Beth Langley Joins Platt D. Walker Society

By Russell Rawlings

During three years of service as chair of the Development Committee, Beth Langley of Greensboro witnessed firsthand the good works and great deeds of the North Carolina Bar Foundation.

She also gained a greater understanding of how North Carolina lawyers support worthy causes across the state through their contributions to the NCBF Endowment.

"It is important when you decide to support a charitable organization that you choose an organization whose mission you believe in," Langley said. "And I truly believe in the mission of the North Carolina Bar Foundation."

To that end, Langley recently joined the Platt D. Walker Society by establishing a planned gift to the Foundation.

"I have always had an appreciation for the work of the Foundation," Langley said. "But it was during the time when Catharine Arrowood was serving as president (2014-15) that I really began to think about the importance of what we as lawyers do as professionals, not just in practicing law but in how we make a difference in our communities."

Langley is the first North Carolina Bar Association member to confirm a commitment to the Platt Walker Society this year.

"I will continue to support the Foundation on a regular basis, but this is the way that I can give back also through a charitable contribution when I am not here anymore."

Robin Barefoot, who currently chairs the Development Committee, applauded Langley's service as chair and her commitment to the Foundation.

"Beth's capacity during her years as Development Chair to support the Foundation's proven fundraising channels while simultaneously championing strategic evolution in the Foundation's brand, messaging and development strategies was a touchstone for staff and other volunteer leadership," Barefoot said. "Her years of service are bearing fruit we enjoy today and build on for tomorrow."

Langley is a partner with Brooks Pierce in Greensboro. She currently serves on the NCBA Board of Governors and the NCBF Board of Directors, is a past chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section, and also provides volunteer leadership to numerous community organizations.

What makes the Foundation special, Langley said, is that it provides lawyers with opportunities to pull together in service to



NCBA Member Beth Langley has joined the North Carolina Bar Foundation's Platt D. Walker Society by making a planned gift to the Foundation. Learn more about planned giving at [ncbarfoundation.org](http://ncbarfoundation.org).

the public.

"If you look at 4ALL, NC LEAP, Middle School Mock Trials and the other Foundation programs, those are places where we as lawyers can really make a difference. Even through funding Legal Aid of North Carolina, which goes through the Endowment, is still a part of the Foundation.

"Sometimes it is not just people who are at the poverty level, but regular citizens who have a very important need but they don't have \$300 or \$400 an hour to hire lawyers. Through programs like Lawyer on the Line and NC Free Legal Answers, we can really make a difference for so many people through the Foundation, provide pro bono service, and have fun doing it." •

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