The Mullen Holland Cooper law firm in Gastonia has a long history of involvement and service with the NCBA. Named partner J. Mack Holland served as NCBA president in 1970-71 and other firm lawyers have served in numerous bar positions over the years. The firm chose to honor all of its past and present partners with a stone paver in their honor or memory.

“Mack taught us the value of integrity and collegiality in the bar and he always believed our North Carolina Bar Association was instrumental in fostering those values. We believed the idea of stone pavers in the garden at the Bar Center was a symbol of our firm’s commitment to the Bar and its activities from the time of its founding by Mack and his partner James (Moon) Mullen in 1950 to the current day.”

Langdon M. Cooper, Gastonia

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Longtime NCBA member Alex Barnes of Durham, above, and his daughter, Julia Barnes-Weise, recently honored four generations of Barnes’ family lawyers with pavers.

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The members of the Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law Section have begun a tradition of honoring their outgoing section chair each year. The 2010–11 chair, Bob Haggard of Hendersonville, was honored at the section’s annual meeting in July. Since it is one of the largest and most active sections with more than a thousand members, the time commitment of the section chair is significant.

“As chair, Bob dedicated countless hours of his time to our section. Recognizing his service to our profession, and specifically to our section, through the purchase of a stone paver in the Liberty Garden was a wonderful way to thank him for his tireless service.”

Liz Arias, Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law Chair 2011-12

As a surprise holiday gift Nancy Barwick, wife of longtime NCBA member P.C. Barwick from Kinston, purchased a Liberty Garden paver in P.C.’s name. The next year P.C. and Nancy did the same to express pride in their son Collins Barwick who is a lawyer practicing in Raleigh. Their pavers are placed next to each other in the Garden. The Barwick family, including P.C., left, and Collins, right, is shown below.

The Liberty Garden recognizes and remembers the important contributions of many North Carolina lawyers who represent the best of our profession. These lawyers embody the values of integrity, civility, competence and commitment to the administration of justice across this state. The Liberty Garden was added to the N.C. Bar Center campus a few years ago to expand the center’s outdoor venues as well as provide additional recognition opportunities.

A distinctive paved walkway, a cool grove of trees and the beautiful Lakeview Plaza complement one another and make the Liberty Garden an ideal setting for recognizing legal professionals who have devoted their careers to serving their clients, their profession and the people of North Carolina.

In the past year, a number of individuals and groups have been recognized in the Garden through the installation of stone pavers on the Lakeview Plaza which overlooks beautiful Lake Crabtree. Stone pavers allow families, colleagues, law firms and bar groups to recognize those who are important to them.