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Charlotte's first law school locks in

Charlotte School of Law, the area's first law school and subset of the InfiLaw Consortium of Independent Law Schools, is slated to take permanent residence next to Bryant Park at the western gateway to Charlotte's center city district.

A newly signed lease for the property, located at the intersection of Suttle Avenue and Wilkinson Boulevard, allows construction to begin on the four-story, 102,000-square-foot building that will house student organization areas, classrooms, offices, a moot courtroom and a law library.

Currently located at 1211 E. Morehead St., CharlotteLaw is scheduled to move as early as August 2008. The school's dean, Eugene Clark, is optimistic about the final site selection. "We believe the convenient location will be especially attractive to professionals working in and around Uptown," said Clark. "The central location ... and easy access to the area's interstate system puts all of Charlotte's amenities in easy reach of our students as well as the community that utilizes our law library."

Judge Shirley Fulton, chairwoman of CharlotteLaw's board of advisors, is a strong advocate for the planned location and is confident that the school's final selection will further increase the value of Wesley Heights.

"I am proud that Charlotte School of Law will serve as an anchor for future development of Charlotte's west side," said Fulton. "A mission of the school is to serve and reach out to the community."

Details on the groundbreaking will be announced soon. For more information, visit www.charlottelaw.org. □