

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

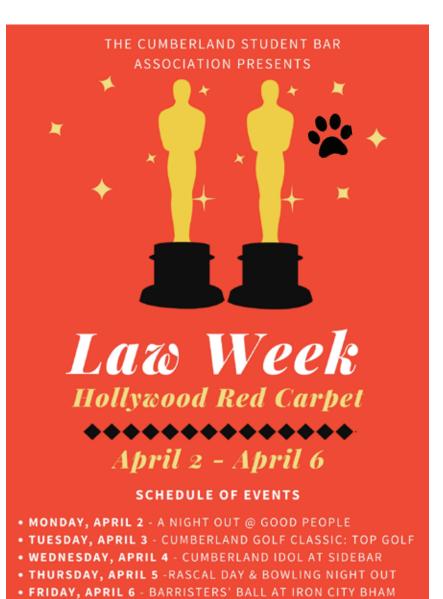
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This Week



Rascal Day Parade at Cumberland School of Law to Honor Faithful Pup, Rascal

- Samford University's Cumberland School of Law will host its annual Rascal Day parade, memorial service and lunch this Thursday, April 5 at 11 a.m. on Centennial walk on Samford's campus.
- Unique to Samford and Cumberland, the annual event memorializes Rascal, a mongrel pup that faithfully attended classes at Cumberland's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933. In 1937, he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940 and was buried beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spade fuls of dirt were brought to the Samford campus, and reinterred at the Blackacre patio on the west side of Robinson Hall.
- To honor Rascal, every year during Law Week, students, faculty, friends and their pets process behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to Blackacre Patio. After a eulogy by Professor Walthall, mourners and pets enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty, plus awards and favors are given to the students for their dogs.
- Learn more about the event here.





This Week

U.S. Senator Doug Jones, Cumberland Law Alumnus, to Headline Inaugural Advocacy Benefit

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law will hold their inaugural Advocacy Benefit this **Friday, April 6.** New United States Senator and 1979 Cumberland alumnus Doug Jones will serve as the keynote speaker for the event to be held at Haven in downtown Birmingham.



Senator Doug Jones '79

- Cumberland School of Law is nationally known for its excellence in advocacy education. The proceeds from this benefit will allow for opportunities to continue this tradition of excellent advocacy education in the 21st century.
- Advocacy is at the core of all law practice," said Dean Henry C. Strickland III. "Throughout its history, Cumberland has excelled at preparing lawyers to be great advocates. As the digital age continues to alter the way we live and interact, the importance of outstanding advocacy remains unchanged. The communication media and the tools advocates use change, but the essential role of the lawyer advocate remains as critical as ever. To continue preparing great advocates for the 21st century and remain a leader in advocacy education, Cumberland must grow and expand its advocacy program. That growth will require innovation, resources, and hard work."
- Award-winning news anchor and journalist Pam Huff from Birmingham's ABC affiliate will serve as the emcee. Huff's husband, U.S. attorney William Simpson, is a 1980 Cumberland graduate. Dinner will be provided by James Beard Award semifinalist chef Rob McDaniel of SpringHouse Restaurant in Alexander City.

Trial Journal and Law Review Information Lunch for 1Ls

All Cumberland 1L students are invited to an informational meeting **Thursday, April 12** at 11 a.m. in the **Great Room.** BBQ from Johnny Ray's will be served!

Students in the top 15% of the first-year class after this year will be eligible to write for *Law Review* membership this summer, and 1Ls in the top 33.3% of the class will be invited to write for *Trial Journal* membership. No matter where you are in the class right now, a superior performance this semester can move you up farther than at any other time in law school!

If you cannot attend the lunch, send your summer contact information using **this online form** as soon as possible. And feel free to email the *Trial Journal* or the *Law Review* with any questions.

Montgomery Alumni Luncheon

Please join Dean Henry C. Strickland III, Tom Methvin '88, local chapter president, fellow alumni and members of the judiciary, for a luncheon honoring the Honorable Julia Jordan Weller '88, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama

Thursday, April 26
The Kress Building
39 Dexter Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36104
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hosted by Beasley Allen

Register by Monday, April 23 at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cumberland-school-of-law-2018-montgomery-alumni-luncheon-registration-44108942033

Plan Ahead

Mandatory 3L Graduation Meetings*

- Monday, April 9 at 3 p.m. Room 114
- **Tuesday, April 10 at 12 p.m.** Room 120
- Wednesday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. Moot Courtroom
- **Thursday, April 12 at 11 a.m.** Room 120
- *All meetings are identical mandatory attendance at one session.





Announcements

Congratulations to the new Cumberland Law Review Volume 49 Executive Board:

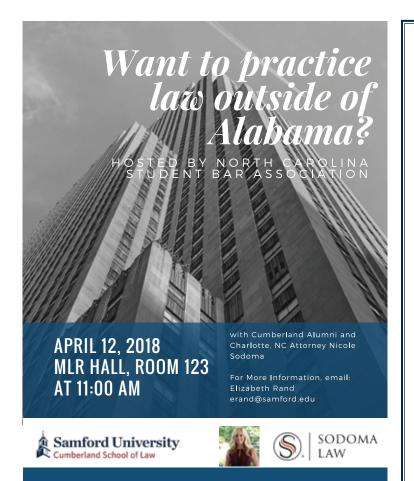
- **➤** Editor in Chief: Brenton Thompson
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Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the following Alumni events:

Please email Anne L. Marovich, Director of Alumni Relations at amarovic@samford.edu for details.

- Washington D.C.: Tuesday, April 24
- Montgomery, AL: Thursday, April 26
- Commencement reception for graduates and their guests: Friday, May 11
- Orlando, FL: Thursday, June 14
- Wilmington, NC: Friday, June 22
- Destin, FL (AL Bar Annual Meeting): Thursday, June 28

Announcements (continued)





Cumberland School of Law faculty, staff, graduates, families and friends

invite you to join us for a reception honoring the

May 2018 Graduates

Friday, May 11, 2018 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Samford University
Cumberland School of Law, Brewer Plaza
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

Brewer Plaza is located directly in front of the law school in Memory Leake Robinson Hall.

Faculty Notes



This month, the Carolina Academic Press published the fourth edition of *Constitutional Law in Context*, of which **Professor William G. Ross** is a co-author.