



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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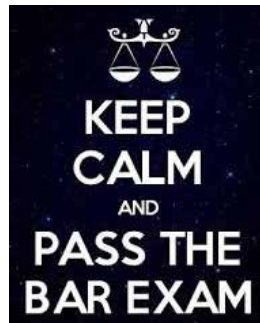
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This Week

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.



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.

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This Week *(continued)*

*Want to practice
law outside of
Alabama?*

HOSTED BY NORTH CAROLINA
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

**APRIL 12, 2018
MLR HALL, ROOM 123
AT 11:00 AM**

with Cumberland Alumni and
Charlotte, NC Attorney Nicole
Sodoma

For More Information, email:
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Plan Ahead



Samford University

Cumberland School of Law

Please join Dean Henry C. Strickland III,
J. William "Bill" Eshelman '69, Charles R. Spies,
Kevin F. Kelly, Anne Marovich,
alumni and friends at the

Cumberland School of Law Alumni Reception Washington, D.C.

Thursday, April 24 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Clark Hill PLC

1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW • Suite 1300 South
Washington, D.C. 20004



Invited as special guests are the following Cumberland alumni:

U.S. Senator Doug Jones '79

U.S. Representative Robert B. Aderholt '90

U.S. Representative Charlie J. Crist Jr. '81

U.S. Representative Evan H. Jenkins '87

U.S. Representative Martha D. Roby '01

U.S. Representative Dennis A. Ross '87

Food and beverages generously sponsored by **Clark Hill PLC**.

If you will attend, please email [Anne Marovich](mailto:Anne.Marovich@clarkhill.com) by Thursday, April 19, 2018.

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>

Announcements



Pictured from left to right: Lana Bell, Judge Sharon Blackburn, and Dylan Scilabro

Parham H. Williams Trial Competition

The final round of the 2018 Parham H. Williams Trial Competition was held on Wednesday, April 4, in the Moot Courtroom. This year the competition was organized by **Candace Towns**, *Director* and **Leah Johnson**, *Associate Director*. The competition began on February 9 and had a very large turn-out with thirty-six teams total competing.

After many rounds, the final two teams left standing were 1Ls **Dylan Scilabro** and **Lana Bell** vs. **Jordan Godwin** and **Ally Heard**. In the final round, the **Honorable Judge Sharon Blackburn '77** presided. Alongside Judge Blackburn, a distinguished panel of attorneys scored from the jury box including: **Roy Martin '13**, **Lawrence King '88**, **Blake Milner '14**, **Spenser Templeton '15**, **Mike Eldridge '12**, **Will Thompson '17**, **Kim West**, **Glennon Threatt**, and **Wyatt Montgomery**. Additionally, the witnesses in the final round were recent Cumberland graduates including **Elizabeth Ann Naro '17**, **Bianca Svensson '17**, **Trey Perdue '17**, and **Nick Gutierrez '17**. After an intense final round, **Dylan Scilabro** and **Lana Bell** ultimately won the entire competition. Please congratulate the 2018 Parham H. Williams winners, and a special thanks to all of the Cumberland alumni that participated in this competition.



Academic Support Program Mentors 2018-2019

Kim Fasking – Coordinator

Terrell Blakesley

William Burkett

Mary Margaret Clark

Maggie Coan

Brooke Durden

Stacey Gantt

Carami Garrett

Nolan Herslebs

Olivia Johnson

Nicole Jones

Taylor King

Nicki Lawsen

Shelbie Mills

Dylan Scilabro

Courtney Stevens

Sarah Tindle

John Wesley Williamson

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



On March 12, **Professor Michael E. DeBow** gave a talk at the Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina, describing his research on the Justice Department's ongoing antitrust challenge to AT&T's proposed acquisition of Time Warner. This was part of a faculty exchange program that Cumberland has with Elon. He

gave the paper again on April 2 at the annual conference of the Association of Private Enterprise Education in Las Vegas. On March 23, he attended the Spring Municipal Law Conference conducted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.



This summer, **Tracey M. Roberts** will be participating in the George Mason University Law and Economics Center's Workshop for Law Professors on Empirical Methods. The workshop will be held at Antonin Scalia Law School in Arlington, Virginia from Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26.