

### The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

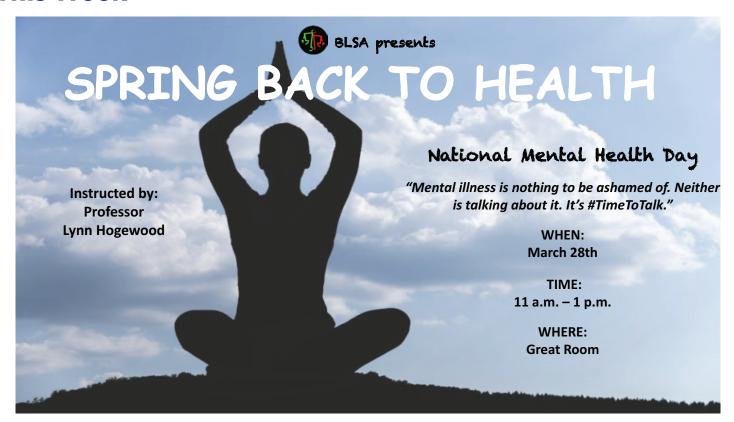
### Henry C. Strickland III

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### This Week



### **Yoga Instruction:**

Led by Professor Hogewood, and the instruction will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will last around 45 minutes.

- Yoga mats will be provided for students and faculty who do not have one. However, students and faculty must RSVP to be accounted for at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-back-to-health-tickets-43962860098
- **Attire:** Comfortable clothing (athletic attire: leggings, gym shorts, etc.)
- **Weather:** If it rains, the instruction will move to the Great Room.
- **Lunch:** Lunch provided by Taziki's will follow in the Great Room after the instruction. There will be music, pamphlets, and giveaways for students.
- **For questions**, please contact Ashley Roy at aroy2@samford.edu.







### This Week

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program, will be on campus Thursday, March 29 to meet with students who have questions regarding character and fitness for the Bar. Please stop by Student Services between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. if you would like to speak with him about any concerns or if you just want to know a friendly face from the Alabama State Bar!

A panel composed of a Special Agent for the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction (a 24-year veteran of the FBI), the Supervisory Special Agent in Birmingham for the Criminal Division of the IRS, and a Birmingham Police Department detective will speak on Thursday, March 29 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. They will discuss Challenges Facing Law Enforcement in the 21st Century.

### **ADLA Skills Program**

Thursday, March 29 11 a.m. – 11:50 p.m. ROBH 114

#### **RSVP** for catering:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adla-skillsprogram-tickets-44451691205

Come enjoy lunch and listen to Stephen Still, a partner at Starnes and a board member for the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, discuss what it is like to both clerk at a civil defense firm and pursue a career in the civil defense arena.

Additionally, Mr. Still will be giving insights on how to generate business and maintain a strong and healthy client base as a practicing civil defense attorney.

### Plan Ahead



## 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 on 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 re-interred 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.

### **Plan Ahead**

### 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 on 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.
- Learn more about the event and purchase your tickets here.

### **Announcements**









# 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.