



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Spring 2016 Registration Runs Through Friday

Spring 2016 Registration is this week. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. on Tues., October 27 and will close on Fri. October 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the office of law student records.

Spring schedules and grids can be found [online](#) and hard copies may be picked up in the office of law student records (room 106). Registration forms and supplemental course descriptions will be available beginning the first day of registration.

## Cumberland ends Pro Bono Month with Wills Clinics



NATIONAL PRO BONO CELEBRATION  
OCTOBER 2015

### PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday & Tuesday, October 26-27, 2015 – 9:00am - 5:00pm**

Free Wills for Heroes Clinic

**Location:** New Vestavia Hills Municipal Center—1032 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

**Volunteer Contact:** Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore – (205) 726-4342 or [ccmc@samford.edu](mailto:ccmc@samford.edu)

**Monday, November 2, 2015—9:00am—3:00pm**

Free Wills for Heroes & Seniors Clinic

**Location:** Bessemer Municipal Center—1851 2nd Avenue, Bessemer, AL 35020

**Volunteer Contact:** Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore – (205) 726-4342 or [ccmc@samford.edu](mailto:ccmc@samford.edu)

Clinics are sponsored by the Cumberland Community Mediation Center & Public Interest Program, Alabama State Bar, Birmingham Bar Association and Bessemer Bar Association



## Cumberland to Host Alabama Courts' Arguments



The Alabama Supreme Court (left) and the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals (right) will hold oral appellate arguments on campus in November.

The Appellate Courts of Alabama, the Birmingham Bar Foundation and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law invite guests to observe the Alabama Supreme Court and Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in a unique day of oral appellate arguments. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

**Wednesday, November 4**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Samford University**

**Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center**

The Cumberland Law Review has published a [summary of the briefs for the case to be argued on campus](#) before the Alabama Supreme Court on the Law Review's website. The summary of the case to be argued before the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals will soon be posted to the website.



## This Week's Events

### Career Development Events


#### Mock Interviews

Tues. October 27 and Weds. October 28

Students will interview with a practicing attorney as if seeking a summer job with the interviewer's employer. After a 20 minute interview, students will receive 10 minutes of feedback. Sign ups have already been completed. Participation is required to qualify for the Cumberland Public Interest Fellowship and Stipend.

Questions, contact [Mrs. Nicole Otero](#) or visit the Office of Career Development.


### Birmingham Bar Association Scholarships

 The Memorial Scholarship Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association meets each year to determine the recipients of scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 each. Second or third year law students from either Cumberland School of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law, Birmingham School of Law, or Miles Law School are eligible to apply.

Two scholarships are awarded annually by the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are based upon several factors, including financial need. Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, and the deadline to submit is **Fri., October 30**. Awards will be made directly to the recipients' law schools for the Spring 2016 semester. [Download a Scholarship application form](#) for the Spring 2016 semester to apply.

For an up-to-date look at the Law School's Events, visit the [Online Calendar](#).

## 3L Graduation Announcements

**This Week!**  • **Composite Photographs** – Fraternal Composite will be in the **Friendship Room of the Law Library, 9 a.m.- noon and 2:00 –4:00 p.m., on October 27-28** to photograph all graduating 3Ls for inclusion in a large composite photograph to be displayed at the law school. Appointments may be scheduled in the Student Services Office. Important notes: Professional dress (waist up) is required. Photographs from our internal facebook may not be used.

• **Diploma Form** – Students should complete the Graduation Diploma Form at <https://cumberland.samford.edu/form/graduation-candidate-diploma-form> to let us know how you wish to have your name listed on your diploma and the address to which you wish to have your diploma mailed.

• **December Commencement** – Everyone is welcome to attend December commencement exercises to be held on Sat., December 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pete Hanna Center on the Samford campus. The university does not limit the number of guests each student may invite, so feel free to come out and celebrate with your classmates who plan to walk in the fall commencement.



We will send additional information throughout the year. Be sure to mark your calendar for important dates and let [Mrs. Nelson](#) know if you have questions.

### Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
- [Sporting Events](#)
- [Performing Arts Calendar](#)

**Click on event titles for more information!**

## Plan Ahead

### Alumnus to Meet with Students

Students are invited to spend time on **Thur., November 5** with Cumberland Alumnus Sean Modjarrad '00. Modjarrad received his JD, MBA and Macc in 2000 and is a founding partner of a law firm near Dallas, TX.

There are 3 opportunities to meet and talk with Modjarrad:

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Do you have questions about earning a joint degree? Or starting your own law practice? Room 235
- 12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.: Sean will be a guest speaker in Judge Carroll's Topics in Professional Responsibility class. He will speak about judicial ethics – from the practicing lawyer's standpoint. Room 235
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: How to find a legal job outside Alabama (attend especially if you are interested in Texas) Cocina Superior

### Fall Competitions at Cumberland

- Cumberland will be hosting the **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** Sat. November 14 - Sun., November 15.

## Alumni News

### Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events



Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact [Anne Marovich](#), director of alumni relations.

#### • **Thur., November 12**

Augusta, Ga Alumni Luncheon Hosted by Sam Nicholson '78 and Judge James G. Blanchard Jr. '68, Augusta Country Club.

If you would like to meet a potential professional mentor, please submit an information (mentee) sheet for our [Student Success Mentoring Program](#). The SSMP program pairs our students with outstanding alumni who will give them a real-world insight into the practice of law. Questions? Ask [Anne Marovich](#).

## Faculty Notes



**Judge John Carroll** will be in Orlando this week attending the annual meeting of Working Group 1 of the Sedona Conference which is the working group that focuses on the discovery of electronically stored information. He will be moderating a panel discussion on the new sanction Rule, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(e).



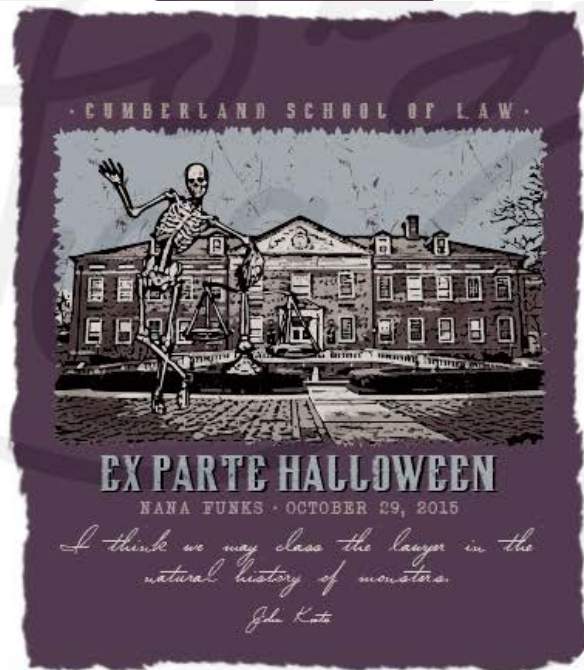
On Wed., October 28, and Thur., October 29, **Professor Wendy Greene** is serving as a Scholar in Residence at Thurgood Marshall Texas Southern University School of Law in Houston, Texas. During her residency, Professor Greene will deliver lectures to the law school community on emerging issues of race discrimination in the workplace and race-conscious affirmative action in Brazil.



**Professor Rusty Johnson** has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute which is the organization which creates the Restatements of Law. He will be joining Professor John Carroll, Professor Brannon Denning, Professor Alyssa DiRusso, Professor Mike Floyd, Professor Bill Ross and Professor Howard Walthall who have previously been elected to membership.



# Photo of the Week



*Thursday is Cumberland's Halloween party. In honor of one of Cumberland's favorite traditions, the 3L class will be selling this year's "Ex Parte Halloween" t-shirts. The shirts are \$20 a piece. The shirt color is "wine" and is comfort colors. The featured quote this year is the following: "I think we may class the lawyers in the natural history of monsters" - John Keats.*

*To place an order, fill in all of your information on the shared google doc -- [Ex Parte Halloween T-Shirt Orders](#). You can pay by check, cash, credit/debit card or through venmo. Checks should be payable to "Cumberland 3L class" Venmo name: Cumberland Senior Class. Send your order to be payable to @cumberland3Lclass. If paying with cash or check, please give your money to one of the 3L officers (Joey Gomez, Stewart Alvis, Richard Sarrell or Weathers Veazey)*

*3L officers will be in the breezeway on Tuesday and possibly Wednesday to sell shirts and collect payments. The deadline to purchase a shirt is Fri., October 30 at 5 p.m.*

**Want to see your photos featured?  
Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion  
in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**