

## The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Law Week Celebrations Continue After Weather Delay



ue to winter weather, some of last week's Law Week events, including Rascal Day were rescheduled for this week. On Monday March 9, the annual Rascal Day celebrations were held. Rascal Day honors the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree. The annual event encourages students, faculty, staff, and friends of the law school to bring their dogs to campus for a parade and lunch. Dogs may also sit in on classes throughout the day.

During the Memorial Procession, approximately 50 dogs and their owners marched behind a saxophonist from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to Robinson Hall. University President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, his wife Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland and their two Corgis lead the parade. Professor Belle Stoddard, dressed as Cruella De Vil, threw stuffed Dalmatians to bystanders during the parade. After a brief eulogy delivered by Professor Howard Walthall, participants and their pets enjoyed a hotdog lunch and cake. See page 7 for more photos!





#### **Award Winners:**

Biggest Dog: Hans, a 108 pound German Shepherd owned by Amy Frederickson **Most Embodies the Spirit of Rascal:** Pearl, a Blue Tick Coonhound owned by Sarah Osborne

**Best Dressed:** Ezra, a boxer outfitted as Sandra Day O'Boxer, owned by Katie Dix Smallest Dog: Sidda, a 5-pound Yorkie owned by Brooke Anne Freeman.

Biggest Troublemaker: tie between George, an English Pointer owned by Sam Boukli, and Townes, a Golden Retriever owned by Rebecca Guidry Looks Most Like Owner: Daisy, a Red Bone Coonhound owned by Rush Thrift.



Lynda Reynolds, program assistant for Cumberland's American Journal of Trial Advocacy, was honored with the studentvoted staff appreciation award. Student Bar Association president Rush Thrift presented the award to Reynolds.



### Janie L. Shores Moot Competition Finalists Congratulated

The Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board would like to congratulate the finalists in the Janie L. Shores Moot Court Competition: Justin Mitchell (Winner), Shadi Jaraysi (Runner-up), Elise Washington, and Rob Ireland. The Shores Competition is an intramural moot court competition for 2L and 3L students at Cumberland. This year's problem was a criminal procedure problem. The Moot Court Board would also like to thank the Judges of our final round: Judge John Carroll and Mrs. Michelle Wales. Finally, a big thank you to Associate Justice Alex Comensky, Assistant Justice Jordan Dailey, and all of the other members of the Moot Court Board for their hard work in putting on a successful competition.

#### This Week's Events

### Bloomberg Law Lunch Helps Students Prepare to Practice

Many law firms across the country expect summer associates and newly hired associates to learn how to use Bloomberg Law in a real world setting and to prepare accordingly for job experiences. Bloomberg Law is hosting a "Preparing to Practice Lunch: Litigation Resources & Transactional Skills" on Tuesday March 10. Participants will learn research tips and tricks that will help them to stand out and make a great impression. Space is limited so please be sure to register online, select the Prepare to Practice session from the Training & Events calendar on the right side. All are welcome to attend. Sessions will run at the following times: 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m., and 1:15 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Remember that students of Cumberland School of Law have full access to Bloomberg Law, not only during the school year, but also over the summers as well. Bloomberg Law does not have any use restrictions, so students are allowed and encouraged to use Bloomberg Law during summer employment. Additionally, 3Ls, who will soon be graduating and studying for the bar, have access to Bloomberg Law student accounts for six months after graduation.

## Career Development Hosts Summer Job Luncheon

The office of Career Development is hosting "How to Find a Summer Job Outside of OCI" on Thursday, March 12 from 11:00 a.m. to noon in Room 120. Current students, Whitney Dyer (2L) and Cydney Reynolds (2L) as well as alumni, Joseph Echols (2014) and Caroline Jackson (2012) are featured speakers at the event. Lunch will be served to those who register by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 Register online.



### **Dean Denning Holds Called to the Bar Session**

The next program in the Called to the Bar series is scheduled Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.

In this session, Dean Denning will speak to first-year students about registration and curriculum planning.

### Spring Commencement Graduation Fair Held Thursday

The spring commencement graduation fair will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Pete Hanna Center. Students will be measured for caps and gowns, may order graduation announcements and rings, have portraits made, and register for door prizes that include gift cards to local restaurants and a night at the movies. Students will also have the opportunity to check graduation requirements to ensure that they are cleared to graduate. Additional information is located at the commencement web site.



## **Apply to be a Caruthers Fellow Submit Applications by Fri., March 13**

Applications to be a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow for the 2015-16 academic year are now being accepted. The deadline for application is March 13. Fellows have responsibility along with the L.L.R. faculty in teaching research skills and citation. Successful applicants must be second or third year law students at Cumberland School of Law who have either a 3.0 cumulative gradepoint average or are in the top 35% of their class. Interested students should submit a resume and short application letter to Prof. Stoddard. The letter of application should include a statement of the reasons for the applicant's interest in participating as a Caruthers Fellow.

# **Submissions Requested for Literary/Law Creative Review**

The Cumberland Society of the Arts is calling for submissions to start a Literary/Law Creative Review. The Society is accepting works of short fiction, poems, nonfiction essays, creative articles about law or related topics, literature reviews/criticisms, plays, screenplays, musical compositions or reviews of albums and fashion industry related articles for Volume 1. The group is also seeking artists and photographers to design or submit a photo that will be featured on the cover of the review. All submissions are due by midnight on March 15 and can be e-mailed directly to Brittany Harris. Please include your name, what year law student you are, and where you are originally from before coming to law school. Attach files as a .doc or .docx.

## **Summer Fellowship Applications Available Online**

**Submit Applications by Tue., April 7** 

The 2015 summer fellowship application is available online. The application deadline is Tuesday, April 7 and there is a mandatory meeting for applicants on Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

Applications for the Spirit of Service Award are now available online.

Please electronically submit applications by Tuesday April 21.



# Hungry? Einstein Bagels is Now Open in the University Library.

Mon. - Thu. 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sat. Closed

Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The First 50 students in line at the Grand Opening TODAY will receive breakfast sandwiches for a year (valid student ID required to win.)

#### **Faculty Notes**



**Professor Woodrow Hartzog** has recently been quoted in an article from The Hill about the Wyndham Hotel's challenge to the FTC's regulation of data security.

He has also been quoted in "Internet Memes And 'The Right To Be Forgotten" an article about internet memes and legal responses on NPR.



**Professor Wendy Greene** will speak at a Faculty Colloquium Tuesday, March 10 at 3:15 p.m. in the Bishop Conference Room. The topic of Greene's presentation is: Hair Equality: Afro-descendant Women in the Americas and Their Struggles Against Hair Discrimination.

#### **Student Notes**

**James Dawkins** has written an al.com article: "That other court case: What's happening with Obamacare while nobody is looking?: Guest opinion."

## **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, at <a href="mailto:amarovic@samford.edu">amarovic@samford.edu</a>.



• Thu., March 19 @ 6 p.m.

Washington, D.C., Cumberland/Brock/Samford Business Network Alumni Reception at PricewatershouseCoopers (1730 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C.)

- Fri.-Sat., April 10-11 Reunion Weekend
   Fri., April 10, all alumni reunion reception at the historic Tutwiler Details and Registration
   Sat., April 11, Open House 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
  Montgomery Area Alumni Luncheon Honoring Judge Joel Dubina '73, hosted by Beasley Allen, at Alley Station (130 Commerce Street, Montgomery, AL 36104)
- Thu., April 23 @ 5:30-7 p.m.
   Alumni Reception, Roswell, Ga., McCalla Raymer law firm

**Reunion Details** 

## **Cumberland's Calendar**

### Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

March							April								May							June						
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**This Week's Events** 

Tue., March 10 **Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application Available** 

Tue., March 10, 3:15 p.m. Faculty Colloquium,

Professor Wendy Greene, BCR

Thu., March 12, 1:30 p.m.

Called to the Bar - Registration & Planning Moot Courtroom

Thu., March 12 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Office of Career Development
How to Find a Summer Job
Outside of OCI Room 120 Register

Thu., March 12 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Spring Commencement Graduation Fair Pete Hanna Center

Fri., March 13

Caruthers Fellows Application
Deadline

Sun., March 15

Cumberland Society of the Arts **Submission Deadline** bharris@

amford.edu

Mon.-Fri., March 16-20 **Spring Break** 

Thu., March 19

Office of Alumni Relations

Washington, D.C. Cumberland/Brock/ Samford Business Network Alumni Reception

Thu., March. 26 @ 9-11 a.m.

**Student Services** 

Alabama Lawyer's Assistance Program Director Available

Robert Thornhill, Room 124

Thu., March 26 @ 11 a.m.

Joint Degree Informational Meeting,

Room 120, Anyone interested in participating in a joint degree program should make plans to attend

Fri., March 27

Cumberland Law Review

"Bullying and The Internet: The New Face of School Safety and Civil Liability" Symposium

Free & Open to Public

Tue., March 31
Fall Registration Starts

**APRIL** 

Wed., April 1

Summer School Registration Begins Online

Thu., April 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

Called-to-the-Bar: "Life as a Corporate Lawyer," Lee Thuston,

Moot Courtroom

Fri., April 3

**Fall Registration Ends** 

Mon., April 6

**Easter Holiday/Closed** 

Tue., April 7

Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application Due

Mandatory Meeting: Great Room @ 4:30 p.m.

Thu., April 9

**Cordell Hull Speakers Forum** 

Fri., April 10

**Spring Advisory Board Meeting** 

Do not see your event listed?

The first step is to confirm your room reservation with Mrs. Kathy Walton in the Dean's Office. The second step is to send your event details to Mrs. Laura Taylor.

## Cumberland's Calendar continued

#### Fri. & Sat., April 10-11

- Office of Alumni Relations Reunion Weekend More Details
- Office of Law Admission
   Admitted Student Weekend

Thu., April 16 @ 11 a.m.

Trial Journal & Law Review 1L

Luncheon, Great Room

Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Office of Alumni Relations

**Alumni Luncheon,** honoring Judge Joel Dubina '73, Montgomery **Tue.,** April 21

**Spirit of Service Applications Due** 

More information

Thu., April 23 @ 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Office of Alumni Relations

Alumni Reception, Roswell, GA

Tue., April 28

Classes End

Wed., April 29 **Study Day** 

Thu., April 30

**Exams Start** 

#### MAY

Wed., May 13 **Exams End** 

Fri., May 15

Commencement

Tue., May 26 **Summer Classes Begin** 

#### **JUNE**

**Thu., June 18**Office of Alumni Relations **Alumni Reception,** Asheville, N.C.

Wed., June 24
Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.

Thu., June 25
Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Reception, Boca Raton, Fla.

#### **JULY**

Thu., July 16

Office of Alumni Relations **Alumni Reception,** Point Clear, Ala.

During the Alabama State Bar

Meeting

Fri., July 31 - Sat. Aug. 1
Office of Alumni Relations
Annual Military Law Symposium
Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar
Military Law

#### **FALL 2015**

Thu.-Fri., Aug 6-7 **ADLA Trial Academy** 

Mon. - Fri. Aug. 10-14
First Year Orientation

Mon. Aug. 17 Classes Begin

Wed. Nov. 4
Supreme Court Oral Arguments,
Wright Center

#### Samford's Events

- Samford University's Public Events
- Sporting Events
- Performing Arts Calendar

# Samford Arts Free for Samford Students, Faculty and Staff

Regina Carter and Southern Comfort

Mon., March 23 @ 7:30 p.m. Wright Center

#### The Skin of Our Teeth

March 26-28 @ 7:30 p.m. Wright Center

H.T. Chen & Dancers Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m. Wright Center

Annie Moses Band Thu., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m. Wright Center



Forum
Fri., April 17
@ 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
Moot
Courtroom

Click on event titles for more information

## **Photos of the Week - Rascal Day**

