



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cumberland Places in Top Four of the NTC Finals



(From Left to right) Ross Massey, Matt Woodham, Paige Duncan, Spenser Templeton, Sara Williams, Judge Roberts, and Max Smith celebrate winning the Southeast Regional title of the National Trial Competition national finals.

A team from Cumberland School of Law recently made the final four of the National Trial Competition national finals in Houston, Texas. Over 325 teams participated in this competition at the regional level with the top two teams from each region winning the right to participate in the national finals. For the sixth time in seven years, Cumberland won the Southeast Regional.

The team of Spenser Templeton and Matt Woodham defeated teams from American University Washington College of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law and Loyola Los Angeles School of Law before losing a 4-3 decision in the semi-final round to eventual national champion Chicago-Kent College of Law. Paige Duncan and Max Smith were also members of the team who

provided invaluable contributions to the preparations for this competition. The team was coached by Judge Jim Roberts, Sara Williams and Ross Massey.

This was the 40th anniversary of the National Trial Competition, the oldest and largest mock trial competition in the country. The NTC is sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. As part of the celebration, the top 16 law schools based on number of appearances at the national finals over the past 40 years were invited to an event recognizing their success. As one of the top five schools in number of appearances at the national finals, Cumberland was honored to participate in this special celebration.

Law Review Forum Addresses Cyber-Bullying

Date: Friday, March. 27, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Moot Courtroom

3 CLE credits offered. Lunch included

Free and Open to the Public

On Friday, March 27, the Cumberland Law Review is hosting a forum on bullying and the Internet. "Bullying and the Internet: The New Face of School Safety and Civil Liability in Schools" will be led by individuals with personal experience in the issues to be examined. From the mother of a daughter who committed suicide as the result of cyberbullying to the parent of an autistic child, the speakers will present evidence from a perspective not normally available. Speakers are Tina Meier of the Megan Meier Foundation in St. Louis, attorney Adele P. Kimmel of Washington, D.C., and Gina Lowe and James Gallini from The Gallini Group in Birmingham. [More Information.](#)

Get Connected to Cumberland School of Law for all the latest updates.

The official Facebook page is "[Cumberland School of Law](#)" and the official Twitter account is "[CumberlandLaw](#)"



Law Review Editorial Board Announced



The Cumberland Law Review would like to congratulate the Editorial Board of Volume 46 for the 2015-2016 year:

Editor-in-Chief: Walker Beauchamp
Executive Editor: Lindsey Drexler
Managing Editor: Cody Walker
Acquisitions Editor: Stewart Alvis
Student Materials: Caleigh Miller
Online Managing Editor: Rae Bolton
Research Editor: Sarah Chamberlain
Research Editor: Jonathan Green
Writing Editor: Elise Gilbert
Writing Editor: Bret Thompson
Copy Editor: Taylor Phillips
Copy Editor: Cydney Reynolds

2015-16 Admission Ambassadors Selected

The admission office has selected the 2015-2016 Admission Ambassadors.

The new 2015-2016 Admission Ambassadors:

Adam Buddenbohn, class of 2017
Colchester, CT
Graduate of the University of Delaware

Kevin Buford, class of 2017
Auburn, AL
Graduate of Auburn University

Nicolas Gutierrez, class of 2017
Hoover, AL
Graduate of the University of Alabama

Sharidan Hollis, class of 2017
Birmingham, AL
Graduate of Spring Hill College

They will join returning ambassadors:

Caroline Collins, class of 2016
Birmingham, AL
Graduate of the College of Charleston

Alex Comensky, Class of 2016
Birmingham, AL.
Graduate of the University of Alabama

Jake Key, class of 2016
Lanett, AL
Graduate of LaGrange College

Julie Musolf, class of 2016
Birmingham, AL
Graduate of Samford University

This Week's Events

ALAP Director on Campus Thursday

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be in Student Services (Room 124) on Thursday, **March 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Students are welcome to drop by and speak with him regarding character and fitness issues related to the bar. Appointments are available but are not necessary.

Career Development Advisory Board Candidates Sought

The Office of Career Development is seeking 1L and 2L candidates to fill openings on the 2015-2016 Student Advisory Board. If you would like to serve on next year's board, please e-mail [Jeffrey Price](#) by Friday, **March 27**. Include a statement about summer plans and reasons for applying.



Bullying and the Internet:

The New Face of School Safety and Civil Liability in Schools

Presented by *The Cumberland Law Review*

March 27, 2015 at 9 a.m.

John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom, Robinson Hall

This is a free event offering 3 hours of CLE credit. Lunch provided.

Speakers: Adele Kimmel (Public Justice), Tina Meier (The Megan Meier Foundation) and Gina Lowe and James Gallini (The Gallini Group)

Tina Meier of The Megan Meier Foundation: Following the tragedy of her daughter Megan in 2006, Meier created the Megan Meier Foundation, which has reached over 172,000 students, parents and educators in 193 communities and 32 states.

Gina Lowe and James Gallini of The Gallini Group: Gallini was drawn to special education law when his daughter was diagnosed with classic autism. Lowe has dedicated her career to serving the needs of children.

Adele Kimmel of Public Justice: Kimmel is a senior attorney at the D.C. headquarters of Public Justice. She has served as counsel in a wide variety of precedent-setting cases, with a particular emphasis on civil rights issues.

See [page 1](#) for more information.



The Florida Student Bar Association
will be hosting the Second Annual Fish Fry
this Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Avondale Brewery.
Tickets are \$10 in advance (\$12 at door) for all you can eat.



Plan Ahead

Fall and Summer Course Registration Coming Soon

Fall Bid Point Registration

Begins on Tuesday, March 31 and will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3

Registration forms may be picked up in the office of law student records beginning on Thursday, March 26.

Summer online registration

Opens at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1.

Career Development Hosts Deposition Preparation and Conduction Event

The Alabama Defense Lawyers Association and Career Development Office are hosting “How to Prepare for and Conduct a Deposition.” The event features Stephen Still, hiring partner with Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP. Lunch will be provided for all who [register](#). Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2
 Room 120
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hodges Lecture in Ethics and Leadership Features Dr. George Marsden

The Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership is hosting the 2015 Andrew Gerow Hodges Lecture in Ethics and Leadership on **Wednesday April 1** featuring Dr. George Marsden, author of the award-winning book, “Jonathan Edwards: A Life.” He will lead a lecture titled “Beyond Liberalism and the Culture Wars: A More Inclusive Pluralism” on April 1, in Brock Recital Hall, at 4:30 p.m. There will be a coffee hour at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 2**, in Reid Commons.

Marsden has studied at Westminster Theological Seminary and Yale University and taught at Calvin College, Duke Divinity School and Notre Dame. Beyond the biography of Jonathan Edwards, Marsden has also written on the topics of American church culture, fundamentalism, and Christian scholarship. The Mann Center’s Assistant Director, Cameron Collins, 726-4634, is available to answer additional questions.

Symposium Addresses Bad Lawyering and Prosecutorial Misconduct

Several lawyers are coming to speak on a panel about trial lawyering using a currently-pending case to illustrate the role of lawyers and investigators in capital case litigation. In the ongoing death penalty case of Donnis Musgrove, the lawyers plan to discuss how they are challenging falsified evidence and perjury— and how trial lawyers can spot and confront bad evidence in their criminal trials.

What: Symposium: The Musgrove Case: A Lethal Combination of Bad Lawyering and Prosecutorial Misconduct?

When and Where: April 7 at noon in the Brock Forum/Brock School of Business

Who: Two of the lawyers are from New York and are involved in the Donnis Musgrove case. Two of the lawyers are local and well-known in our community: Cumberland graduate Doug Jones and Richard Jaffe, a preeminent capital defense attorney in the state.

Look for additional information in your inbox soon!

Plan Ahead

Applications for the Spirit of Service Award are now available [online](#). Please electronically submit applications by Tuesday April 21.

Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect 8!



On Saturday, April 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Cumberland will join with attorneys and judges from the Birmingham area to participate in Project Homeless Connect 8! at the Boutwell Auditorium (1930 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Last year, volunteers from all professions provided services to more than 800 homeless or near-homeless clients with

issues ranging from misdemeanor criminal charges, social security and housing crises, to health and dental care.

Law students are needed to facilitate intake for the legal services section of PHC8! Volunteers will make initial contact with the client, run a basic search for outstanding warrants and court cases, and determine which attorney can best deal with the client's issue.

There will be an orientation/training session for students that are volunteering with Project Homeless Connect this year. Training will be Thursday, April 9 from 4:30 pm-5:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room of the law library.

If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by Suite 215 and sign up or send an email to ccmc@samford.edu with the time you are available. There are two-hour shifts available throughout the day.

Also, all the Cumberland volunteers are asked to wear their red volunteer shirt and bring their laptop. If you don't have a volunteer shirt, you can pick one up from Suite 215. Thanks in advance for helping out.



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.

Faculty Notes



For her article, [Categorically Black, White, or Wrong? Misperception Discrimination and The State of Title VII Protection](#), **Professor Wendy Greene** is the 2015 recipient of the Law and Society Association John Hope Franklin Prize—an annual award that recognizes “exceptional scholarship in the field of Race, Racism and the Law.” She and her scholarship will be honored during the annual Law and Society Association meeting in May in Seattle, Washington.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog gave a presentation on Monday, March 23 at the University of Pennsylvania Law School as part of the [speaker series](#) hosted by the Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition.



Professor William Ross will speak at a **Faculty Colloquium** Wednesday, March 25 at 3:15 p.m. in the Bishop Conference Room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [Laurie Zimmer](#) no later than Tuesday, March 24.

The topic of Professor Ross' presentation is: The Impact of the First World War on Racial and Gender Equality, and on the Enactment of the Woman Suffrage and Prohibition Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

If you missed the [article](#) on al.com about Rascal Day or the [photo gallery](#), check it out online now!



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 amarovic@samford.edu.



Reunion Details

- **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
- **Thu., June 18**
Alumni Reception, Asheville, N.C.
- **Wed., June 24**
Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.
- **Thu., June 25**
Alumni Reception, Boca Raton, Fla.

Cumberland's Calendar

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

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Faculty Colloquium

Professor William Ross, BCR

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 @ 9 a.m.

Cumberland Law Review

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

Symposium. Moot Courtroom

Free & Open to Public

Fri., March 27

Office of Career Development

Advisory Board Applications Due

E-mail [Jeffrey Price](#)

Sun., March 29

Florida Student Bar Association

Fish Fry Avondale Brewery

APRIL

Wed., April 1

Summer School Registration Begins Online

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Andrew Gerow Hodges Lecture in Ethics and Leadership

Brock Recital Hall

Thu., April 2 @ 11:00 a.m.

Office of Career Development

How to Prepare for and Conduct a Deposition Room 120 [Register](#)

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.

Tue., April 7 @ noon

The Musgrove Case: A Lethal Combination of Bad Lawyering and Prosecutorial Misconduct ? Brock

Fourm/Brock School of Business

Thu., April 9

Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

Fri., April 10

Spring Advisory Board Meeting

Fri. & Sat., April 10-11

- Office of Alumni Relations

Reunion Weekend

[More Details](#)

- Office of Law Admission

Admitted Student Weekend

Sat., April 11 @ 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect 8!

Boutwell Auditorium [Sign up](#)

Thu., April 16 @ 11 a.m.

Trial Journal & Law Review 1L Luncheon, Great Room

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

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

The Skin of Our Teeth

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

Wright Center

H.T. Chen & Dancers

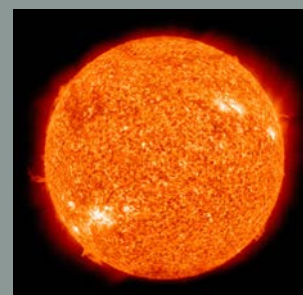
Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m.

Wright Center

Annie Moses Band

Thu., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Wright Center



Energy Forum

Fri., April 17

@ 8:30 a.m. -

4:30 p.m.

Moot

Courtroom

**Click on event titles
for more information**

Photo of the Week



At the 47th Annual National Black Law Students Association Convention hosted in Portland, Oregon, Hilaire Armstrong of Cumberland School of Law was sworn in to be the 2015-2016 Southern Regional Chair. She will officially take office on April 1, 2015. The Southern Region encompasses Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Georgia. The Southern Region theme for the 2015-2016 year is "Ascending to New Heights: From Leadership to Legacy." Armstrong is currently the Southern Regional Treasurer and Cumberland's Black Law Students Association Vice President. We are excited to have her represent our school and region next year as she serves on the national and regional board.

