



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cordell Hull Speakers Forum to Discuss Stand Your Ground Laws



On *Thursday, April 9*, from 11 a.m to noon in, Cumberland School of Law's Cordell Hull Speakers Forum will host Associate Dean and Professor of Law Tamara Lawson of St. Thomas University School of Law. Lawson will present, "Stand Your Ground Laws: The Dilemma of Discretion, Race and Culture." Free food will be provided at a reception on Brewer Plaza following the lecture.

The lecture, held in the Great Room, will cover modern self-defense laws, commonly referred to as "stand your

ground laws." Lawson will discuss the dynamics of the discretionary decisions made by legislatures, prosecutors, judges, and juries in controversial homicide cases like the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case, as well as other high profile criminal cases.

Lawson teaches criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence law and has conducted extensive research on Florida's Stand-Your-Ground law as well as self-defense laws nationally. She has also made multiple media appearances on these issues, and has written an article and a book chapter on the Trayvon Martin case. The event is free and open to the public.

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2Ls Place in Top Eight at Mock Trial Challenge



(from Left to Right) J. Ross Massey, Collin Hatcher, Priyanka Patel, Stewart Alvis, Hope Beaton, and W.M. Bains Fleming III celebrate their placement in the top eight at the South Texas College of Law Mock Trial Challenge

“These 2Ls conducted themselves like true ‘Cumberland Lawyers’ in that they had a blast trying their cases while also having a good time with the other teams afterwards.”

A team of second-year students from Cumberland School of Law competed in the South Texas College of Law Mock Trial Challenge from March 26 to March 28. Cumberland’s team faced off against teams from 36 top-ranked trial programs invited to compete in the Challenge. Despite Cumberland’s youth, the team advanced to the quarterfinals finishing in the top eight. Congratulations are in order to national trial team members: Stewart Alvis, Hope Beaton, Collin Hatcher and Priyanka Patel. Additionally, Stewart Alvis was named Outstanding Advocate of the preliminary rounds. Cumberland’s victories came against University of California Berkeley School of Law, Georgetown University School of Law, Texas Southern Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Chapman University Fowler School of Law.

The team was coached by W.M. Bains Fleming III (Class of 2007) (Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner) and J. Ross Massey (Class of 2011) (Alexander Shunnarah Injury Lawyers). Coach Fleming stated “I am not only proud but impressed by their advocacy and poise under pressure.” Coach Massey added

Cumberland Congratulates Award Winners

Award winners were honored with lunch on Friday, April 3. Congratulations to this year’s recipients:

Alabama Chapter of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Serve & Protect the Public Award	Kendall A. Lee
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Award	Alice A. Nix
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Thurgood Marshall Team Outstanding Advocate Award	Justin A. Mitchell
Alabama State Bar Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section Award	John D. Marsh
Alabama State Bar Family Law Section Scholarship	Sheena M. Johnson
ALI CLE Award for Scholarship and Leadership	Rachel H. Cobble
	Justin A. Mitchell
	Rushton G. Thrift
	Kaila B. Wilson
	Matthew D. Woodham
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship	Jessica B. Catlin
American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence	Amy M. Gonzalez
Balch & Bingham/Harold A. Bowron, Jr. Labor and Employment Law Award	Stephen F. Bulgarella
Ball Book Scholarship	Dillon K. Bullard
BARBRI Bar Review Scholarship Award	CaNisha L. Freeman
	Heather F. Carter
	Matthew B. Jager
	Sarah S. Osborne
	Lydia M. Wimberly
Class of 2015 Matt McLain Peer Scholarship	Mark A. English

Award Winners Continued...

Dean's Award for Commitment to Public Interest Law and Public Service
Federal Bar Association Scholarship
George M. Stewart Banking Award
Hand Arendall Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy

Lieutenant Wayne Morse Book Scholarship
M. Alan Stephens Award
Nat Bryan ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates) Award

National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Papantonio Trial Advocacy Award

S. Pierce Award
Starnes Davis Florie Freshman Competition Award
Winning Team:

Runner-up Team:

Stone/Parker Award
William J. Peeler Advanced Trial Advocacy Award
Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar Award

Samir Y. Boukli-Hacene
Stefan J. Bachman
Brook V. Robertson
Charles T. Flores
Kaila B. Wilson
Scott M. DeZouche
Robert J. Sewell
Stewart J. Alvis
Hope E. Beaton
Jessica D. Brookshire
Paige A. Duncan
Matthew G. Garmon
Collin D. Hatcher
Amanda H. Herren
Austin L. Nichols
Priyanka P. Patel
Kyle A. Scholl
John R. Spade
Katherine M. Dix
Spenser H. Templeton
Rushton G. Thrift
Matthew D. Woodham
Cynthia R. Hopkins

William T. Thompson
Rebecca M. Wright
Lindsey Voelker
Stephen K. Weaver
Emily H. Slay
Maxwell D. Smith
Kendall A. Lee

This Week's Events

SBA Elections: Letters of Intent Due Thursday

All candidates interested in running in the 2015-2016 Student Bar Association Elections must submit an electronic letter of intent, which is available from now until Thursday April 9 at 4 p.m. No letters of intent will be accepted after this time. You can find the [letter of intent here](#). All candidates must also attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the SBA office.

The SBA encourages everyone interested to sign up. There have been some fairly substantial changes to the election rules and to the school's constitution that may affect your ability to run for certain positions as well as some campaign practices, so please review those before submitting your letter of intent.

[Matt Woodham](#) will be in charge of elections; please contact him with any questions.

This Week's Events

Phi Alpha Delta and Career Development Sponsor Breakfast with a Judge

Featuring

Hon. Stephen C. Wallace,
Jefferson County Circuit Court, Criminal Division

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

8:00 a.m., Room 115

Breakfast will be served to those who [registered](#).

Bar Exam Preparation Meetings Mandatory for 3Ls

Cumberland is holding a series of four identical meetings about the bar exam over the next few weeks. The meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. The meetings will be held at the following times and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Wednesday, April 8 at 12:00 noon in Room 118;
- Thursday, April 9 at 4:15 p.m. in the Room 101 (Moot Court Room);
- Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 118; and
- Wednesday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 115.

← This Week's Meetings

All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).

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 p.m.- 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](#) 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.

Plan Ahead

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

Complete Evaluations for a Chance at Pizza Party

The law school will conduct course and faculty evaluations **April 13 through April 29**, the day prior to exams. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and to identify problems that require action. All students are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Students will receive an emailed invitation for each class in which they are enrolled, requesting that they click a link in the email to evaluate a particular course and professor. There will not be a link on the website that will

connect the students to their course evaluations. Student responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation.

SBA representatives will visit classes April 13-17 to encourage participation and answer any questions students might have regarding the process. As an incentive/reward, all students in classes achieving a 75% response rate by noon on April 20 will be eligible for a pizza party to be held on the East (Angel) Patio at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. [Email Ms. Nelson](#) or stop by Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.



Jam Before Exams

[Just a Few Cats](#), the group that played during the Rascal Day parade, will be on campus on Thursday, April 23 to play music outdoors at the East (Angel) Patio. Music will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Faculty Notes

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LAW REVIEW
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Faculty and Staff are invited to attend
Breakfast hosted by the Cumberland Law Review
 Thursday April 9
 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 Law Review Suite

Alumni Reunion Weekend Takes Place This Weekend

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.



- **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.

Reunion Details

2015 Alumni and Friend Nominees Honored at Reunion



2015 Distinguished Alumnus

Inspector General Richard W. Moore '77

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to a Cumberland School of Law graduate who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.



2015 Young Alumnus

Khristi Doss Driver '00

The Young Alumnus of the Year Award is given to a Cumberland School of Law graduate, who graduated within the last 15 years, and who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.



2015 Volunteer

William "Billy" T. Coplin Jr. '77

The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a Cumberland School of Law graduate who has provided exceptional volunteer service to the law school and its constituents. The recipient has distinguished himself/herself by assisting in multiple facets of the law school program.



2015 Friend of the Law School

Kimberly R. West

The Friend of the Law School Award is given to a person who is not a graduate of Cumberland School of Law, but who has, through financial and other means of support, made a significant investment in Cumberland and its future.

Cumberland's Calendar

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

April

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This Week's Events

Tue., April 7

Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application

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

Wed., April 8 @ 8:00

Office of Career Development

Breakfast with a Judge

[Register](#) Room 115

Wed., April 8 @ noon

Bar Exam Prep. Meeting

Room 118

Thu., April 9 @ 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Cumberland Law Review

Faculty/Staff Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Law Review Suite

Thu., April 9 @ 11:00 a.m.

Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

Great Room

Thu., April 9 @ 4:15 p.m.

Bar Exam Prep. Meeting

Room 101 (Moot Court Room)

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](#)

Tue., April 14 @ 10:30 a.m.

Bar Exam Prep. Meeting

Room 118

Thu., April 16 @ 11 a.m.

Trial Journal & Law Review 1L

Luncheon, Great Room

Fri., April 17 @ 11 a.m. @ 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2015 Annual Conference of the Healthcare Ethics and Law (HEaL),

Brock Forum

Sat., April 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

Crawfish for a Cause Cookout

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](#)

Wed., April 22 @ 8:30 a.m.

Bar Exam Prep. Meeting

Room 115

Thu., April 23 @ 11:00 a.m.

Evaluations Pizza Party, East Patio

Jam Before Exams, East Patio

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

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

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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

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
[register online](#)

**Click on event titles
for more information**

Photo of the Week



Professor Woody Hartzog recently traveled to China through The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries as part of the first delegation of the Golden Key Workshop. The trip was co-sponsored by Microsoft (China). About the experience, Dr. Hartzog said, "This trip was an incredible opportunity to understand China's growing technology sector within the backdrop of its culture, history, and economic system. In addition to gaining a deeper appreciation for the vibrancy of China's technological entrepreneurs, I heard of the challenges they face as well. I look forward to sharing my experience with students and colleagues."

Professor Hartzog's visit will be featured in an upcoming newsletter publication.