



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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A Note from the Dean:



In this final newsletter of the year, I want to thank the Cumberland community for a great year. We celebrated exciting wins by trial and other teams. We learned from outstanding speakers and symposia. In countless classes, individual meetings, intramural competitions and organizational meetings, our faculty and students diligently and effectively pursued our mission: preparing

Cumberland students for honorable and successful careers in law. I appreciate all of your hard work.

I also appreciate everyone's patience with the construction along Riley Road. I admit my patience lapsed on occasion. The good news is that the construction should be substantially complete when we return in the fall. I am told that the project is on schedule for the Brock School of Business to begin moving into the building in July. I am thus optimistic that parking will improve in the fall, with more improvement in the years to come when the College of Health Sciences moves into new facilities on the former Southern Progress property.

I wish for all but our graduates a productive and enjoyable summer. Our faculty will be teaching, writing or both. Our staff will be

preparing for next year. I trust the current first-year and second-year students will continue their paths toward their careers—whether by working as law clerks, volunteering for public interest agencies, travelling to our Cambridge program, taking courses on campus or online, or just taking a short break from the law.

As for our graduates, I wish you a productive summer and a wonderful autumn—however, I just cannot bring myself to characterize preparation for the bar exam as enjoyable. The first days of that process are in fact somewhat enjoyable. As you review one bar subject after another, it is rewarding to see how much you have learned in the last three years and to discover that you really understand most of it. As the days turn to weeks, though, the process becomes at best tolerable. Your diligence and perseverance through that process, though, will pay off with success on the bar exam.

Finally, I wish for our graduates satisfying and successful careers and lives. Remember that your first job is not your career—only part of it. It may take some of you longer to find your ideal jobs than others, but I am confident that with work you will find your niche. As you pursue your goals across the country and around the world, remember that you have friends here on a hillside in Homewood, Alabama who care and want to help. Please stay in touch. Godspeed.

CPICS Earns 2015 Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Award



Cumberland's Public Interest & Community Service Organization (CPICS) has been awarded the 2015 Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Award in the Law Firm/Group Category. The award recognizes the outstanding pro bono efforts of attorneys, mediators, law firms and law students who are actively donating time to the civil representation of those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel and recognizes individuals who encourage greater legal representation in an acceptance of pro bono cases. Throughout the past academic year, CPICS amassed over 1,000 service hours.

Some of CPICS members, (from left to right) Elise McFall, Emily Irvin, Sam Boukli-Hacene, Lee McLean, Jessica Catlin, Amanda Herren, Depri Hale and Rae Bolton, share their accomplishments with Dean Strickland (center).

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"



Semester Wrap-up

✓ Exam Information

Complete exam information, including exam schedules, policies and procedures, and exam software information, is located [online](#). All students are encouraged to carefully read this information prior to the beginning of exams. Following are a few highlights:

- Alternates - Students must gain permission from the professor no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day of classes (April 28) if they plan to take an exam at an alternate time. The professor (not the student) is responsible for the submission of an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer. A list of all alternate exam envelope submissions will be posted on the law school website and the bulletin board outside the Associate Dean's office on April 29, the day after classes end. Students should check the posting and contact their professor if their name does not appear on the list.
- Arrival - Students should carefully check the exam schedule to ensure that they know the date and time of exams. Students should arrive early enough (15-20 minutes before start time) to get settled and make sure their computer works, Extegrity loads, etc.
- Technology - Students using technology should make sure their computers are in good working order well in advance of exams. Students will need to [download the new version](#) of the Exam4 software. PREVIOUS VERSIONS HAVE EXPIRED, including the midterm version. [Complete download instructions](#) are on our website. Student should complete several practice tests (choosing the "S15 Practice Exam" option from the course dropdown box), submit the practice tests wirelessly, and notify [Jeff Whitcomb](#) prior to the beginning of the exam period with any technology problems.

✓ Composites

The composite for the Class of 2015 has arrived and is hanging in the Riley Road foyer. Graduates may stop by Student Services to receive a free 11" x 14" copy of the large composite.

✓ Evaluations

Thank you to everyone who completed an evaluation for their courses and professors. The evaluation link will remain open through midnight on April 29. Please take the opportunity to give us your feedback or just thank a professor for a job well done.

✓ Graduation

Graduation is a special event for our 3Ls to which everyone is invited to attend. It is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15 at Wright Center on the Samford campus. Tickets are not issued. Important information, including regalia, name pronunciation, procedures, photography, etc. is [located here](#). If you have questions regarding graduation, feel free to [email](#) or stop by Student Services.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer!

This Week's Events



A promotional graphic for a Samford baseball game. It features a Samford baseball player in a white uniform with the number 3, swinging a bat on a field. In the background, other players in red uniforms are visible. The graphic includes the following text: 'Mountain High', 'FREE GIVEAWAYS THANKS TO MOUNTAIN HIGH OUTFITTERS', 'SU' logo with a dragon, and 'WED | APRIL 29 6 PM'. At the bottom, it states: 'EVERY GRADUATE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE 2 FREE TICKETS. KIDS 12 & UNDER GET IN FREE THANKS TO ALABAMA POWER!'.

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6 PM**

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All Samford graduate students are invited to see Samford baseball take on UAB at home this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Graduate students will get in free (with SU ID) and receive a free ticket for a guest.

Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program Seeks Summer Extern

Do you have a desire to work in public service providing legal assistance to underserved populations? If so, the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program is looking for a summer extern. The Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program is especially in need of students to work the first half of the summer. The Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program implements programs and training to provide equal justice to low-income citizens of Jefferson County by rendering free legal assistance and representation in civil non-fee generating matters. Externs are required to work at the BBVLP Help Desks from 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Contact: [Nancy Yarbrough](#), Esq.
Executive Director

[Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program](#)
(205) 250-5198, extension 1

Officers and Members Announced

Student Bar Association:

2L SBA Representatives (4 spots):

Andrew Clay
Trey Perdue
Zachary Mardis
Scotch Ritchey

3L Honor Court Justices (6 spots):

Lisa Bailey
Elise McFall
Rae Bolton
Brandi Russell
Margaret Jameson
Hilaire Armstrong

Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum:

Newly elected officers for the 2015-2016 academic year

Chair: Brandi Russell
Vice Chair: Emily Irvin
Secretary: Sarah Glass
Hospitality Chair: Depri Hale
Marketing Chair: Kelly Masters
Parliamentarian: Patrick Perry

Henry Upsom Sims Moot Court Executive Board:

Chief Justice: Elise Gilbert
Associate Justice for the National Team: Ashley Crank
Associate Justice for the National Team: Meg Jameson
Associate Justice for the Saad Competition: Jordan Carlisle
Assistant Justice for the Saad Competition: Weathers Veazey
Associate Justice for the Shores Competition: Haley Stencil
Assistant Justice for the Shores Competition: Elizabeth Hartsell
Associate Justice for the Donworth Competition: Morgan Yarborough
Associate Justice for the Donworth Competition: Christian Borek

Career Advisory Board:

3Ls

Marissa Bahkshian
Sarah Chamberlain
Lindsey Drexler
Whitney Dyer
Meaghan Ellis
Erin Godwin
Brian Hayes
Amanda Herren
Matthew Hoyle

Jordan Hudspith
Mark Kilgore
Kyle Scholl
Cody Walker

2Ls

Adam Buddenbohn
Kevin Bufford
Jonathan Griffith
Miya Moore
Chip Slawson
Will Thompson
Lindsey Voelker

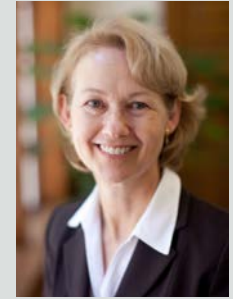
Four Faculty Members Recognized for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship

2015 Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award

Eddie Jackson '76 and Richard Fikes '85 endowed the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award to allow the law school to recognize members of the law school faculty for their teaching excellence. A joint faculty-student committee selects the recipients of the award.



The winners of the 2015 Harvey S. Jackson Award for Excellence in Teaching are **Professor Bob Greene** (pictured at left) for his instruction of first-year law students and to **Professor Deborah Young** (pictured at right) for her service in upper level classes.



2015 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Award

The Lightfoot, Franklin & White law firm, under the leadership of Jere White '80, endowed an award for faculty scholarship. The award allows the law school to recognize faculty members who have published the most significant scholarly work over the past year. The award is selected by a committee composed of faculty and a member of the Lightfoot, Franklin & White law firm.



The recipients of the 2015 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Award are **Professors Woodrow Hartzog** (pictured left) **and David Langum** (pictured right). Professor Hartzog's article entitled "The FTC and the New Common Law Privacy" was published in the *Columbia Law Review*. Research Professor David Langum's book, *Quite Contrary: The Litigious Life of Mary Bennett Love* was published by the Texas Tech University Press.



Faculty Notes



Della H. Darby, presented "Finding the Way with eBooks: How They are Used by Legal Scholars and How We Can Increase Their Accessibility," on April 17, with Ann Long and Keri Stophel of Duncan School of Law, at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians in Lexington, Ky. Ms. Darby was recently elected to the board of directors of the Leeds Arts Council in Leeds, Ala.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog, recently appeared on the [Oral Argument podcast](#) to talk about privacy and technology.

Dean Strickland was interviewed by ABC 33/40 news regarding how the Supreme Court's impending ruling on gay marriage could potentially impact Alabama. Watch his [interview online](#).





Please join Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law
faculty & staff, graduates, families & friends
for a reception honoring the

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
CLASS OF 2015**

Friday, May 15, 4:00—5:15 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law

Brewer Plaza

(in front of the law school)

800 Lakeshore Drive

Birmingham, AL 35229

Free CLE on Voting Rights

Students and faculty are invited to a Free CLE: The Foundation Stone of Democracy: The Past, Present, and Future of Voting Rights on **Thursday May 21** from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room.

During this Continuing Legal Education program, a group of panelists will examine the past, present, and the future of voting rights. The Southern Poverty Law Center's documentary film "Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot," which details the events leading to Bloody Sunday, will be screened at this program. Richard Cohen, President, Southern Poverty Law Center will moderate the event. Panelists include Algert (Al) Agricola, Ryals, Donaldson & Agricola, P.C. and Edward (Ed) Still, Edward Still Law Firm, LLC.;

Samford's Events

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

**Click on event titles
for more information**

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.



- **Thu., June 18**
Alumni Reception, Asheville, N.C.
- **Wed., June 24**
Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.
- **Thu., June 25**
Alumni Reception, Boca Raton, Fla.
- **Thu., July 16**
Alumni Reception, Point Clear, Ala. During Alabama State Bar Meeting
- **Fri., July 31 - Sat. Aug. 1**
Annual Military Law Symposium Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Military Law

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 28
Classes End

Tue., April 28 12-4 p.m.
Campus Veterans Association
Info Table, Ben Brown Plaza

Wed., April 29
Study Day

Wed., April 29
Samford Baseball
Graduate Student Night
(2 free tickets with ID)

Thu., April 30
Exams Start

MAY

Tue., May 5 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Cookie Break
Friendship Room, Law Library

Wed., May 13
Exams End

Thur., May 14 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mandatory Professionalism
Moot Courtroom

Fri., May 15
Commencement

Thu., May 21 3 - 5:00 p.m.
Voting Rights Free CLE
Moot Courtroom

Tue., May 26
Summer Classes Begin

JUNE

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Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Reception, Asheville, N.C.

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Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.

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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

Fri., Oct. 23 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mandatory Professionalism
Moot Courtroom

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

Fri., Nov. 20 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mandatory Professionalism
Moot Courtroom

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](#).

Thanks to all of the law student volunteers that worked Project Homeless Connect 8 on Saturday, April 11th. ***More than 600*** homeless or near homeless people came to the event and at least half sought assistance from the Legal Services area. Thank you for treating each and every person with courtesy, professionalism and care. Your generosity of time will be felt in the community for years to come.

Cassandra W. Adams & Charmayne Fillmore —Cumberland Public Interest Program



Photos of the Week



Members of The American Journal of Trial Advocacy celebrate the end of the academic year at their banquet on April 23.



Two French journalists, Vincent Alexander Jean-Claude Jarnigon, Editor-in-Chief, Ouest-France, Rennes (Daily) and Violette Lazard, Investigative Reporter, Le Nouvel Observateur (Weekly), visited Cumberland School of Law on April 23 as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' International Visitor Leadership Program and facilitated by Global Ties Alabama (formally the International Services Council of Alabama). The journalists met with Cassandra

Adams, Director of the Cumberland Community Mediation Center and Public Interest Program and the immediate past chair of the board of directors for Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice (AACLJ), as well as Noah Jones, Policy Advocate for the AACLJ. The group discussed initiating systemic policy reform to achieve justice for marginalized citizens. The journalists spent three days meeting with journalists, lawyers, judges, government officials and community leaders in Huntsville and Birmingham before returning to France.