



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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A Note from the Dean:



It is an honor to welcome the Cumberland classes of 2016 and 2017 back to campus and to welcome the class of 2018 to their first year here. The 150 students in the class of 2018 hail from 18 states and are graduates of 52 colleges and universities. We also welcome six second-year students who transferred from other law schools, two visiting students from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, and one visiting student from NALSAR University in India. The class of 2018 of course arrived last week for orientation and

the "Called to the Bar Workshop," and on Friday worked on service projects throughout the Birmingham area.

I hope this continued weekly newsletter will help connect all of us who make up Cumberland School of Law and thereby maintain and nurture the sense of community that is part of Cumberland's unique culture. The newsletter will serve to alert everyone to upcoming events and opportunities and to celebrate the many successes of Cumberland students, faculty, and staff. I hope students particularly will use the newsletter to learn about and take advantage of the many programs and extracurricular activities available to enrich your education, to become full participants in the legal profession, and to network with lawyers and other professionals.

Welcome Class of 2018!

Size:	150 Students
Median LSAT:	151
Median UGPA:	3.23
Minority:	17.4%
African American:	9.3%
Male	51%
Female	49%
Median Age:	24



Top: Members from the Class of 2018 pose before beginning volunteer work. Above: Students volunteer at Ronald McDonald House as part of the Public Interest Day of Service. Students served various organizations throughout Birmingham including, Turkey Creek, Ronald McDonald House, Easter Seals of AL, Pathways Women's Shelter, Grace House Ministries, Red Mountain State Park and Children's Village.

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 School Announcements

Cumberland Selected to Participate in National Civil Trial Competition

Cumberland has once again been selected to participate in the National Civil Trial Competition (NCTC) in Los Angeles, California. More than 50 law schools nationwide applied to compete in the prestigious competition this year, and only 16 law schools made the cut. Loyola Law School, Los Angeles and the Santa Monica law firm Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP are co-sponsoring the 14th-Annual NCTC, which will take place Nov. 15-17.

The NCTC involves 64 law student litigants representing their schools on teams of four. The students act as advocates/witnesses to perform opening statements, conduct direct and cross-examination of expert and lay witnesses, make closing arguments, and argue objections based on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Each team argues their case in front of a panel of judges consisting of prestigious members of the Southern California Bar. Cumberland won the NCTC in 2013.

MSHLP Welcomes First Cohort

The first cohort for the new Master of Science in Health Law and Policy (MSHLP) will begin classes this fall. With approximately 20 students including an experienced surgeon, nurses and nurse practitioners, health care administrators, lawyers, a priest and a few recent college graduates, the class will surpass the target enrollment for the new program. The group varies in age, background and hails from seven states.

The degree will be the first fully online program offered by the law school, as well as its first degree program for nonlawyers. With input from health law and compliance experts both on campus and in the community, Cumberland School of Law was able to develop a curriculum that earned accreditation from the Compliance Certification Board® (CCB). Samford University earned that accreditation and is one of only eight universities nationally to be accredited by the CCB. This accreditation will enable students to

sit for one of four credentialing exams offered by that organization upon graduation.

Experienced faculty from Samford's Cumberland School of Law and College of Health Sciences, as well as compliance professionals from the community, will participate in the program. The program includes coursework in health law, regulatory affairs, public policy, insurance and health-care administration, with a particular emphasis on health-care compliance. The online program takes two years to complete, with students completing two classes per term through fall, spring and summer of their first year. The second year includes two classes in fall and in spring, and a final summer course. Two or three on-campus weekends are planned.

For information or to apply, go to Samford.edu/go/healthlaw or contact [Laura Tomlin](#), managing director.

3Ls Invited to Join Cumberland's Inns of Court Chapter

Cumberland is fortunate to have a chapter of the American Inns of Court directly attached to the law school. Third year students have the opportunity to join that Inn and benefit from all that membership has to offer. Cumberland's Inn is named the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn after the judge who set aside the verdict in one of the Scottsboro Boys' Trials in the 1930s.

The [American Inn of Court Movement](#) is modelled after the Inns of Court first founded in England. The purpose of an Inn of Court is to bring together experienced judges and lawyers to train the younger members of the Inn.

Members will be placed in a pupillage group to learn and be mentored by some of the finest judges and lawyers in the area.

If you are interested in becoming a pupil of the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court, please send an email to [Judge Carroll](#) explaining interest and a current resume by no later than the close of business on **August 21**. Twelve third year students will be selected.

Law School Announcements

AJTA Welcomes New Members

With pleasure the Editorial Board and staff of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy announce the selection of new members. The following 2L students have been extended Journal membership based on their successful completion of the AJTA Summer Writing Program:

Kylee J. Berger
 Brooke W. Boucek
 Kevin W. Bufford
 Zachary M. Evans
 Nicolas A. Gutierrez
 Adelaide C. McGraw
 Joseph Lee McLean, Jr.
 Miya A. Moore
 Andrew W. Panella
 Howard G. Perdue III
 William S. Pylant
 Curtis H. Seal
 Alyson L. Smith
 Evan E. Smith IV
 Haley A. Stencil
 William T. Thompson
 Lindsey L. Voelker

Law Review Selects New Members

The Cumberland Law Review is pleased to announce that the following students have been selected for membership based on their outstanding academic records and their successful participation in the Cumberland Law Review's candidates program. Please join us in congratulating the following students on their achievement:

Anna W. Akers
 Hayden F. Bashinski
 Christian W. Borek
 Adam S. Buddenbohn
 Kayla A. Currie
 Jonathan A. Griffith
 Rebecca M. Guidry
 Jordan L. Jackson
 Dustin D. Key
 David S. Manush
 Zachary P. Mardis
 N. Riley Murphy
 Patrick J. Perry
 Gregory S. Ritchey, Jr.
 Guice Slawson III
 S. Kyle Weaver

Student Hopes to Form International Law Student Association Chapter

For those with an interest in International Law, [Charles Blackledge](#) is in the process of forming a Cumberland chapter of the International Law Student Association. ILSA is an organization dedicated to educating students and lawyers around the world in the principles and purposes of international law, international

organizations and institutions, and comparative legal systems through activities that include academic conferences, the publication of books, magazines, and other academic resources, the global coordination of student chapter organizations, and the administration of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Blackledge hopes to

have a group from Cumberland take part in the Jessup competition.

If interested, please send Blackledge an [email](#) expressing your interest as well as the best day of the week to meet. If there is enough interest, a meeting will be scheduled.

Trial Competitions Take Place Throughout the Fall Semester

The **Peterson Trial Competition**: First Round: August 21-23; Second Round: August 28-30; Final Round: August 31.

The **Arbitration Competition**: Saturday September 12 and Sunday September 13. Contact [Chip Manush](#).

The fall **Brewer Client Counseling Competition**: Sunday evening, October 11. Contact [Neil Zaveri](#).

Cumberland will be hosting the **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** Saturday November 14 - Sunday November 15.

This Week's Events

Center for Children, Law, Ethics Meetings begin Wednesday

The Center for Children, Law and Ethics is focused in an inter-disciplinary way on issues such as adoption, orphans and vulnerable children, human trafficking, child abuse, family law, bioethics (reproductive and pediatric), juvenile justice, and education. The Center focuses on issues internationally, nationally, and locally. Professor David Smolin is center director. Students, an advisory board, the law school and Samford University support the program.

This semester weekly meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:40 p.m.. It is fine to

come late or leave early as your schedule dictates. The first two meetings are in room 118, with the first meeting on **Wednesday, August 19**. If you cannot make them, send an e-mail to [Professor Smolin](#) and [Jonathan Griffith](#) to be added to the list.

The first two weekly meetings will be introductory and organizational. After that there will be a mix of guest speakers and topical discussions, as well as updates on Center projects, in a highly interactive and informal environment.

Lockers Available for Rent

The senior class is currently offering lockers for rent at the law school.

Cleaning Out Old Lockers:

Students who purchased a locker last year, must have the lockers cleaned out with the lock removed by Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. unless they qualified to keep last year's locker. If you don't remember the code to your lock, email [Joey Gomez](#) to have the lock cut. Lockers not re-claimed or cleaned out will have the locks cut and the contents disposed of.

Keeping last year's locker:

3Ls get priority for purchasing

lockers. If you are a 3L and currently have a locker you would like to keep, send an e-mail to [Joey Gomez](#).

Purchasing new lockers:

Lockers will go on sale this week by seniority:

For 3Ls: Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.

For 2Ls: Thursday morning at 9 a.m.

For 1Ls: Friday morning at 9 a.m. They will remain on sale all next week as well.

Small lockers are \$35

Big lockers are \$50

Cash or check only.

Purchase is good for the year.

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

Women in Law Sponsors Back to School Supply Drive

Cumberland's Women In Law Organization is asking students, faculty and staff to join them in donating school supplies, backpacks, and uniforms. All items collected will be donated to children in need at First Light Homeless Shelter for Women and Children and Jessie's Place. Both shelters have children who are in need of school supplies now. Supplies will be collected from **Tuesday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Sept. 4**. A plastic bin will be placed in the breezeway for donations. Help us help the children. Thank you all for your support.



Lexis Hosts Class Preparation Luncheon for 1L Students on Friday

Lexis Nexis will host a 30 minute lunch on **Friday August 21** in Room 118 to help 1L students learn more about using Lexis to prepare for class. The first session will start at 12:15 p.m., and the second session will start at 1:15 p.m. [Sign up online](#) to reserve your spot and lunch.

This Week's Events

Bar Registration Assistance Meeting Thursday

At 11 a.m. Thursday, August 20 in the Moot Courtroom, Justin Aday, director of admission for the Alabama State Bar, will address the 1L students. The registration process can be a little cumbersome, and he will be able to assist as the students navigate the process. The Alabama State Bar 60 day student registration deadline for all students entering law school in the fall semester is October 8. Though the presentation is geared toward 1Ls, Mr. Aday will also be available to answer questions for students planning to graduate in December and sit for the February Alabama State Bar. If you have questions, please see [Mrs. Nelson](#) in Student Services.

Friday's Title IX Presentation Mandatory for 1Ls

In response to a federally mandated initiative to universities across the country to educate their communities regarding sexual misconduct, we are required to have all incoming 1Ls participate in an educational presentation. On **Friday, August 21**, at 9:20 a.m., Garry Atkins, Samford University's assistant dean of student services, will address the first year class in the Moot Courtroom. Refreshments will be served in the foyer following the presentation. If you have questions, please see [Mrs. Nelson](#) in Student Services.

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information

Career Development Events

This Week

Career Development hosts Job Preparation Event for 3Ls

The Career Development Office invites all 3Ls to attend "How to Have a Job by Graduation." The event will be held on **Thursday, August 20** at 8:15 a.m. in Room 115.

Discussions will focus on the most important things to do to get the maximum benefit from the last year of law school and any other issues that concern students. The event will focus on what to do this year to (a) maximize your chances of finding a job, and (b) ensure your resume is as strong as it can be before graduation. Breakfast will be served. [Register online.](#)

Plan Ahead

Annual Government Career Fair

Thursday, August 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Great Room
Feature speaker: Captain Robert J. Juge, U.A. Army JAG/
11 a.m. in Room 120

1L Advanced Resume Program

Friday, August 28 9 a.m.- 10 a.m., Moot Courtroom

Lunch with an Employment Lawyer

Featuring: Tamula Yelling, Class of '98
Partner – Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP
Thursday, September 3 Room 120

1L Legal Hiring Program

Friday, September 4, Moot Courtroom
9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Prosecutor's Day

Wednesday, September 16, The Great Room, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Feature speaker at 11 a.m.: Jefferson County District Attorney's office

Pinstripes & Pearls

Presented by the Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar
Tuesday, October 6 5 p.m., The Great Room

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

Plan Ahead

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., Aug 27**

Alumni Reception, Atlanta, Ga. from 6 - 7 p.m.
1600 Atlanta Financial Center 3343 Peachtree Road, NE
Students who want to meet alumni in Atlanta may attend RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#).

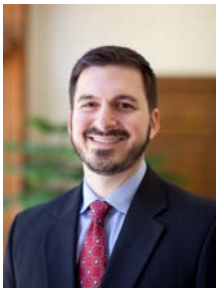
If you would like to meet a potential professional mentor, please submit an information (mentee) sheet for our [Student Success Mentoring Program](#). The SSMP program pairs our students with outstanding alumni who will give them a real-world insight into the practice of law. Questions? Ask [Anne Marovich](#).

Faculty, Staff, Transfer Photos Scheduled for Monday Morning

On Monday, August 24, faculty, staff and transfer students may have their photos taken. Faculty and staff will need to pose for an environmental picture in the hallway near Room 123 and a background picture in Brooks Hall, Room 116. Transfer students will need to be photographed in Room 116 of Brooks Hall only. The photographers will be available between 9:00 and 11:00. Anyone with a scheduling conflict may contact [Student Services](#) to arrange an alternate time.



Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog workshopped two papers at the Eighth Annual Privacy Law Scholars Conference in Berkeley, California on June 4-5. The papers were “A Theory of Privacy and Trust,” co-authored with Neil Richards and “Anonymization and Risk,” co-authored with Ira Rubinstein. Both papers were selected by conference participants for encore sessions.

The Christian Science Monitor published an [op-ed Hartzog](#) co-authored with Evan Selinger in their Passcode series about the breakdown of talks over a code of conduct for facial recognition technologies and the need for obscurity.

The Guardian published an [essay Hartzog](#) co-authored with Evan Selinger arguing that Google’s new policy of delisting revenge porn shows how something like the right to be forgotten should exist in the US.

Hartzog was quoted in a story on AL.com titled “[The Growing and Disturbing Rise of Revenge Porn](#).”

Bloomberg BNA published an [essay Hartzog](#) co-wrote with Daniel Solove titled “[Should the FTC Kill the Password? The Case for Better Authentication](#).”

The Christian Science Monitor’s Passcode published an [essay](#) by **Hartzog** and Evan Selinger exploring why Twitter’s new deal to share tweets with businesses might be worth some scrutiny, even if everybody can already see your profile.

The BBC recently published an [essay Hartzog](#) co-authored with Evan Selinger about the need to keep a lookout for untrustworthy robots:

Faculty Notes



Judge John Carroll will give the homily at the Red Mass held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scottsboro on Friday August 21. The Red Mass is the traditional name of the religious service which is held at the start of each new term of court seeking divine guidance for judges and attorneys and all those who seek justice.



Professor Bob Greene was recently selected as an Honorary Fellow by The American College of Environmental Lawyers. Fellows are selected for their distinguished experience and high standards in the practice of environmental law. Greene will be officially inducted into the College at its Annual Meeting in October. Fellows chosen by their peers, have earned this recognition based on achievements over a minimum 15 year period, in which they have led the field in diverse areas of environmental law and policy.

On May 11, **Greene** spoke to the Young Men's Business Club in Birmingham about "The Current Situation in Ukraine".

Greene was a panelist at the Southeastern Environmental Law & Regulation Conference in Destin, Florida on June 19. His topic was "How We Got Here: The Evolution and Future of Environmental Law Practice."



Professor David Smolin worked with the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) on Intercountry Adoption. He continued as an independent expert for HCCH, in particular as a member of an expert working group on the Financial Aspects of Intercountry Adoption (ICA), and also in the area of illicit practices and intercountry adoption. In June 2015, he participated as an Independent Expert in the HCCH Special Commission meetings on ICA in the Hague, Netherlands. This diplomatic/intergovernmental event occurs about every five years and involves representatives of governments and NGOs meeting on the practical aspects of intercountry adoption. There were about 70 nations represented in this year's meeting. Smolin was able to give a plenary presentation on the topic of illicit practices.

Smolin also worked with HCCH in preparatory work toward a possible new Treaty on global surrogacy. He attended a key international conference on both surrogacy and intercountry adoption August 2014 in the Hague, Netherlands. He completed an article on surrogacy, titled "Surrogacy as the Sale of Children," which has been accepted for publication at Pepperdine Law Review. He also participated in some informal consultation/discussions on surrogacy at the HCCH Special Commission in June 2015.

Smolin gave a keynote address for the American Adoption Congress annual convention in late March, in Cambridge, MA, and in doing so incorporated some of the themes related to both domestic adoption reform and also surrogacy in the U.S. The American Adoption Congress is one of the significant and older organizations involved in reform of domestic adoption laws in the U.S., particularly advocating on the issue of opening adoption records.

Professor Donald Jackson was [quoted](#) in a Washington Post Article about a student athlete's right to transfer to another college. A follow up [article](#) in the Courier-Journal also quotes Jackson.



Edward L. Craig and **Della H. Darby** (pictured at left, respectively) were elected Treasurer and Vice-President/President Elect, respectively, of the Law Libraries Association of Alabama.

Photos of the Week



Weathers Veazey had the opportunity to attend the First Republican Presidential Candidate Debate in Cleveland, Ohio earlier this month. Above, she is pictured on her private tour of the debate hall before the debate began. The RNC also made a [promotional video](#) that was shared on youtube and Facebook.



Cumberland School of Law celebrated its 25th year in England this summer. The law school has conducted study-abroad programs in England since 1990, moving to the current location at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge in 2006. With 35 students participating, the 2015 Cambridge program was the largest study-abroad program Cumberland has seen in recent years. The program included 16 Cumberland J.D. students, five J.D. students from Chapman University, two J.D. students from South Texas College of Law, five J.D. students from Campbell University, and seven Cumberland M.C.L. students. Professor Mike Floyd, director of international studies, leads the program. Pictured above, students traveled to London to Visit the Royal Courts of Justice and Parliament as part of a program field trip. For more photos, visit [Cumberland Cambridge](#) on Facebook.

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