



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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A Parking Message from the Dean:



I want to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation while we work to cure this semester's parking difficulties. Dean Denning, Pam Nelson, and I have been in near constant communication with university administration and parking personnel, and the university has quickly and aggressively responded to the problem. The university quickly established the shuttle service that is currently operating. While we continue to work out kinks in that service ([submit issues online](#)), it now appears to be consistent and reliable. Parking updates can be found on Twitter [@samfordparking](#). For longer term relief, the university agreed to review all parking policies and parking zones to identify any changes that might improve availability and access. That process is on-going.

Although parking will remain tight, I think the worst is behind us. The first week of classes is always the worst. In addition, some 200 graduate nursing students whose classes are all online but who were on campus for a week of face-to-face orientation have now departed. An additional 30-40 new spaces in the northwest area of campus will also be completed and available in the next few days. We and the university will continue throughout the year and beyond to look for ways to improve the situation.

The Samford shuttle will run all day starting at 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the Soccer/Track lot to Sherman Circle. The shuttle stops at Soccer/Track at 20 minutes past the hour, 40 minutes past the hour and at the top of the hour.

Three additional shuttles will also be running Tuesday-Thursday this week

1. South Stadium/West Village to Talbird Circle route will run from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., stopping every 15 minutes at South Stadium during these time frames.
2. Lower LSW to Sherman Circle from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
3. Montague Route will run continuously around Montague Drive from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ACLCE Seeks Volunteers for Street Law Program



Volunteers from the 2014 program taught law to youths in Alabama. The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education and the Cumberland Public Interest Project Program are currently seeking volunteers for 2015.

The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education in conjunction with the Cumberland Public Interest Project Program is seeking law students to serve as volunteers for the Cumberland School of Law Street Law Program. An orientation session is scheduled for **Monday, Aug. 31 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in Room 120 for anyone interested in becoming a Street Law Volunteer. All law students are eligible to apply. Volunteers will learn about Alabama laws for youth and how to teach six lessons about those laws during weekly training sessions over a period of six weeks. Using the lessons which have been learned, the volunteer will teach an assigned class of elementary, middle, or high school students approximately one hour a week for the six weeks. For more information prior to the meeting, please contact [Alan Stevens](#) or [Meaghan Ellis](#).

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

Congratulations to the Following Students:

AJTA Announces Winner of Vulcan Materials Co. Scholarship Award

Each summer, members in the top one-third of Cumberland's rising 2L class are invited to participate in a competitive writing program for membership on the American Journal of Trial Advocacy. Afterward, the very best papers from the writing program are considered by a committee of faculty members for the prestigious Vulcan Materials Co. Scholarship Award for Outstanding

Candidate's Paper. The winner of the 2015 Vulcan Award is **William T. Thompson** for his paper written on Pomona v. SQM North America Corp. Will earns the \$1000 prize made possible by Vulcan Materials Company, and his paper will be published in issue 39:2 of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy. The runner-up for this year's award is **Curtis H. Seal**, who wrote his paper

on United States v. Mathews and who will also be published in issue 39:2.

The Journal extends a special thank you to Professors Jill Evans, Joseph Snoe, and Rusty Johnson, who took time out of their busy beginning-of-the-year schedules to read and vote on the top papers from our Summer Writing Program.

Negotiation Competition Winners Announced

Fifty-Three students competed in last weekend's negotiation competition and team tryouts. Please congratulate the winner, **Alex Parish**, and the runner-up, **Aaron Pannell**, for their wonderful performance in the competition.

Gordon T. Saad Appellate Advocacy Competition Begins Sunday

The 2015 Gordon T. Saad Appellate Advocacy Competition begins on Sunday Aug. 30. This intramural competition serves as the try-outs for the Richard "Red" Jones National Moot Court team here at Cumberland. Thirty-three students are competing this year.

Jordan Carlisle is the Associate Justice for the competition. She is a 3L and is an executive member of the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board.

Assistant Justice for the competition is Weathers Veazey, a 3L executive member of the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board and a current member of the National Moot Court Team.

PAD Accepting Applications for New Members

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community. Any law student may join.

Phi Alpha Delta is a great way to meet new people, better the Birmingham area by participating in community service projects and events, add to your resume, and do something in law school that doesn't consist of reading a book. Phi Alpha

Delta also has an enormous alumni group, which will benefit you in your job search, both while in school and after you graduate. Plus, once you're a member, you get great discounts at Brooks Brothers, State Farm, UPS, and more!

PAD will be set up in the Breezway in the coming days, as well as the Student Organization Fair scheduled on Thursday Sept. 3 in the Great Room. However, you may now [sign up for membership online](#). Cumberland's Chapter is the Hull Chapter.

This Week's Events

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

Organizations to Hold Introductory Meetings Wednesday

The Christian Legal Society (CLS) will host their introductory meeting **Wednesday Aug. 26, at 4:30 p.m. in room 123.**

Come learn about CLS and join in fellowship with fellow law students. There will be pizza at this event. For anyone who is feeling the stresses of law school or life in general, this group is the place for you. If you would like to hear more about or join CLS but you can't make it to the meeting, email [Spencer Willson](#).

Cumberland Environmental Law Society will hold their first meeting this **Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 4:30 p.m.** in room 115.

There will be plenty of snacks at the meeting and we will be going over our plans for this semester. T-shirts will be sold for \$15.00 cash or check. If you have any questions, contact [Kayla Currie](#).

International Student Meet-n-Greet Thursday

Each year, Cumberland hosts exchange students from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England and NALSAR University in Hyderabad, India. This year, Molly Burke and Kerry Elliston join us from England and Sameera Balani joins us for the fall semester from India.

Come meet these students at our Drop-in Meet-n-Greet on **Thursday Aug. 27 from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. in the Bishop Conference Room (226).** Donuts and coffee will be served.



Molly Burke, Kerry Elliston and Sameera Balani join us for the Fall Semester at Cumberland.

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 **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.



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

Government Career Fair

Thursday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Great Room
Please join us in welcoming these government employer representatives to Cumberland! They are coming to answer YOUR questions so be sure to ASK. Help us show them their time here was well spent and that Cumberland students are interested in learning more about summer and career opportunities in the local, state, and federal government sectors.

Pizza will be served to students starting at 11 a.m.

Lunch with an Army JAG

Featuring: Captain Robert J. Juge, United States Army
Thursday Aug. 27, 11 a.m. in Room 120

Lunch will be served to all those who [register](#) by Wednesday Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. Sponsored by the Career Development Office and The Military Justice Society.

1L Advanced Resume Program

Friday Aug. 28, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Moot Courtroom
Attendance Required; bring 2 copies of your resume.

Plan Ahead

Lunch with an Employment Lawyer

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

1L Legal Hiring Program

Friday Sept. 4, Moot Courtroom
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Attendance Required.

Prosecutor's Day

Wednesday Sept. 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 Oct. 6, 5 p.m., The Great Room

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

Plan Ahead

Interested in Student Orgs? Learn More Next Week

Interested in joining, or just learning more about a Student Organization? Curious as to what events each organization will be hosting this year? Just looking for something fun to do during the day?

Student Organization Fair

Where: **The Great Room**

When: **Thursday, Sept. 3**

11 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Representatives from each organization will be available to provide information about their organizations and answer any questions you may have.

Trial Competitions Take Place Throughout Fall Semester

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

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

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

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

Trial Board Membership Applications Available

Basic Junior Membership Requirements:

Grade point average of 2.0 or better; Participation in at least (2) competitions sponsored by Trial Board; One time dues payment (\$20); Complete the application for junior membership

Basic Senior Membership Requirements:

Grade point average of 2.0 or better; Participation in at least (3) competitions sponsored by Trial Board (At least (1) Trial and (1) ADR); Must have been a junior member the prior year.; Completed 54 semester hours, or will complete 54 semester hours by the end of the semester.

The applications will be due Sept. 2. Contact [Stewart Alvis](#) for more information.

Faculty Notes



On Aug. 14, **Professor Brad Bishop** spoke to the Alabama Municipal Judges Association meeting held at the Hoover Public Safety Center on the subject “Blood Evidence in DUI cases” and “An Update on federal court cases pending against Municipal Courts in Alabama”.

On Aug. 27, he will speak to the Alabama Court Clerks Association Convention in Tuscaloosa. His topics are “Complaints, legal arrests, and jurisdiction.”



Professor Woodrow Hartzog has been [quoted in a story](#) about the Ashley Madison fake accounts and previous complaints about the company to the FTC in a story in the Toronto Star.

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.

- **Thursday Aug. 27**
Alumni Reception, Atlanta, Ga. from 6 - 7 p.m. Hosted and sponsored by MORRIS MANNING & MARTIN LLP
1600 Atlanta Financial Center 3343 Peachtree Road, NE
Students who want to meet alumni in Atlanta may attend.
RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#).

- **Thursday Sept. 24**

A Samford Network alumni reception for Cumberland School of Law graduates and other Samford graduates in Washington, DC on Thur. Sept. 24 at the American Insurance Assoc., 2101 L St. NW Suite 400, Washington, DC. [Register online](#).

- **Tuesday Oct. 13**

Nashville Area Alumni Reception at Lewis Thomason, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, 424 Church St. Suite 2500, Nashville, TN. Co-sponsored by cicayda. 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](#).

Photo of the Week



The first cohort for the new Master of Science in Health Law and Policy (MSHLP) was on campus last Friday, August 21 for Orientation. The group includes an experienced surgeon, nurses and nurse practitioners, health care administrators, lawyers, a priest and a few recent college graduates. The group varies in age, background and hails from seven states.

The degree is the first fully online program offered by the law school, as well as its first degree program for nonlawyers. The 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 more information contact [Laura Tomlin](#), managing director.

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