



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Learn About Student Orgs. Thursday at Fair

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.

In observance of Labor Day, the University will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

Have a safe holiday!



Herbert W. Peterson National Trial Team Selected

Over the past two weekends, 36 second- and third-year students participated in the Herbert W. Peterson National Trial Team Competition. This competition is the selection process for Cumberland's nationally ranked trial teams. We congratulate each competitor on their preparation and dedication, as was evident in their performances. A special thank you to all the judges, attorneys, directors, and administrators who dedicated their time to make this competition a success. We hope that each of you will consider returning to judge in future years. The Trial Advocacy Board student directors of the competition were Ross Barbier and Evan Chaput.

Congratulations to the Team:

- Stewart Alvis
- Austin Evans
- Hunter Garnett
- Colin Hatcher
- Amanda Herren
- Lauren Lock
- Elizabeth Naro
- Austin Nichols

- Drew Panella
- Priyanka Patel
- Cydney Reynolds
- Kyle Scholl
- Curtis Seal
- Alyson Smith
- Bianca Svensson
- Rebecca Wright

The team has been divided to compete in the following competitions this fall.

University of Florida Levin College of Law's National Trial Advocacy Tournament, October 9-11; Evans, Lock, Patel, and Reynolds

St. Mary's University School of Law's 2015 Lone Star Classic, October 15-17; Garnett, Naro, Panella, and Wright

2015 Tournament of Champions, October 28-31; Hatcher, Herren, Nichols, and Seal

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, 2015 National Civil Trial Competition, November 12-16; Alvis, Scholl, Smith, Svensson



Law School Announcements

Admissions Office Adds New Ambassadors for School Year

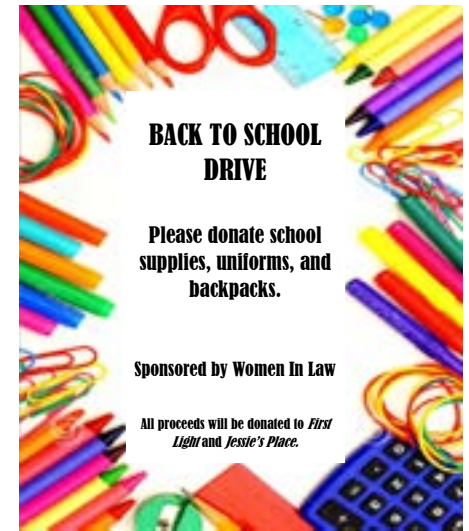


The admission office is proud to introduce the new Admission Ambassadors for the 2015-2016 school year. The new ambassadors are: Adam Buddenbohn, 2L; Kevin Bufford, 2L; Nick Gutierrez, 2L; and Sharidan Hollis, 2L. After interviewing this past spring, the four new ambassadors were selected from a large applicant pool. They join returning ambassadors and 3Ls Caroline Collins, Alex Comensky, Jake Key, and Julie Musolf. The Cumberland Admission Ambassadors assist the admission office in the recruitment of new students. The ambassadors give tours, assist with events, travel to undergraduate universities, correspond with prospective students and provide general support to the admission office.

Adam Buddenbohn, Nick Gutierrez, Kevin Bufford and Sharidan Hollis (pictured from top left to bottom right) join returning Admission Ambassadors for the 2015-2016 school year.

Women in Law Back to School Supply Drive

Cumberland's Women In Law Organization is collecting school supplies to donate to children in need at First Light Homeless Shelter for Women and Children and Jessie's Place. Supplies will be collected **through Friday, Sept. 4** at noon. A plastic bin will be placed in the breezeway for donations.



Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court Members Selected

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted as pupils in the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court:

Marissa Bakhshian
Mallory Bennett
Jordan Carlisle
Rachel Cobble
Amanda Coolidge

Whitney Dyer
Collin Hatcher
Brian Hayes
LaReisha Higginbottom
Matthew Hoyle
Jordan Hudspith
Emily Irvin
Jonathan Metz
Matt Paris
Brandi Russell

Richard Sarrell
Taylor Sharpless
Nathan Terrell
Weathers Veazey
Billy Woods

There will be an orientation meeting for new members on **Thursday September 10 at 11 a.m.** in Room 115.

This Week's Events

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

1L Class Elections Held This Week

Campaning is currently taking place through Wednesday for four 1L SBA Representative and four 1L Honor Court Justices positions. Elections will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3.

Trial Board Membership Applications due Wednesday

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 compete 54 semester hours by the end of the semester.

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

CILSA to Hold First Meeting on Thursday

The first meeting of the Cumberland International Law Students Association will take place on **Thursday Sept. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in room 115**. The constitution for the organization will be reviewed and ratified at the meeting. Professor Paul Kuruk will serve as Faculty Advisor. The initial CILSA officers are: President, Charles Blackledge; Vice President, Kevin Bufford; Secretary, Megan Seaton; Treasurer, Shadi Jaraysi. For more information, contact [Charles Blackledge](#).

Samford Shuttle's Scheduled Service



Monday, Aug. 31 through Thursday, Sept. 3

7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- Track/Soccer Lot to Sherman Circle (2 shuttles)
- Lower South Stadium to Talbird Circle (2 shuttles)
- Montague Loop with stops at Propst, NE Deck, OBB Education and Wright Center (1 shuttle)

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Track/Soccer lot to Sherman Circle (1 shuttle)
- Track /Soccer to Talbird Circle (1 shuttle)
- Montague Loop –Stops at Propst Hall, NE Deck, OBB Education and Wright Center (1 shuttle)

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Sherman Circle to Track/Soccer Lot (2 shuttles)
- Talbird Circle to Track/Soccer Lot (2 shuttles)
- Montague Loop—stops at Propst, NE Deck. OBB Education and Wright center (1shuttle)

Friday, Sept. 4

7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- Track/Soccer Lot to Sherman Circle (1 shuttle)

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Sherman Circle to Track/Soccer Lot (1 shuttle)

Follow [@samfordparking](#) on twitter for lot and space updates throughout the week.

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

Lunch with an Employment Lawyer

Featuring: Tamula Yelling, Class of '98
Partner – Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP
Thursday, Sept. 3 Room 120
Lunch will be served to those who [register](#) by 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 2.

1L Legal Hiring Program

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

Plan Ahead

Prosecutor's Day

Wednesday Sept. 16, The Great Room, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Feature speaker at 11a.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

Trial Competitions Take Place Throughout Fall Semester

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

Arbitration is very much like a trial, except instead of standing up in front of a courtroom full of people, you're sitting at a conference table. You still make opening and closing statements, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence, but you do it all from a nice, comfy chair with only opposing counsel and a neutral arbitrator in the room. It is a much more relaxed environment than your typical courtroom. The Cumberland Arbitration Competition is held every fall at the law school. As a Trial Board sponsored ADR competition, it does count toward the requirements to join the Trial Advocacy Board. Even better, the finalists from the competition are invited to join the Cumberland National Arbitration Team.

- 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.

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 Sept. 17**

Tuscaloosa Alumni RECESS at Five; 2324 6th Street Tuscaloosa, Ala
5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Appetizers provided, cash bar

- **Thursday Sept. 24**

A Samford Network alumni reception for Cumberland School of Law graduates and other Samford graduates in Washington, DC on Thursday 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, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., 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](#).

Faculty Notes



Professor Alyssa DiRusso's children's books, *My Mom Goes to Law School* and *My Dad Goes to Law School*, are now available on Amazon. The kindle version is currently available for both versions; the Dad version is available in print now and the Mom version should be available in print within the next few days. Searching for "Alyssa DiRusso" on Amazon will bring them up. Current and former students will recognize the illustrations, which are based on Cumberland's and Samford's campus.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 participated as a faculty fellow in the Association of Pacific Rim University's "[Summer Sessions](#)" event for the Digital Economy, hosted by Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. The event brought together scholars from all over East Asia such as Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia, to discuss the future of the Internet policy in the region. Hartzog facilitated several panels on privacy and data security, Internet filtering, and Internet governance. [Photos](#) from the trip can be found below and online.



Professor David Langum's latest book, *Quite Contrary: The Litigious Life of Mary Bennett Love*, has just won the Willa Literary Award, scholarly non-fiction category, given by the Women Writing the West association. This is a group of women writers who write about women in the American west. They have been awarding their Willa awards for more than twenty years. Langum cannot say for sure that he is the first male who has ever won an award from them, but he is certain that he is one of the very, very, very few.



Wolters Kluwer published *Property: Examples & Explanations* (5th ed. 2015), co-authored by **Professor Joseph Snoe** and Professor Barlow Burke of American University. *Property: Examples & Explanations* continues to be popular with first year law students.

Photo of the Week



Samford's new shuttle system is officially up and running. Several enthusiastic Cumberland faculty and staff members have taken turns transporting students to and from their classes over the past week. Students report that the shuttle system is convenient and effective - and they especially enjoy being chauffeured by Cumberland faculty and staff!

(From Top Left to Right) Associate Dean Brannon Denning, Director of Student Services, Pam Nelson and Director of Admissions and Administration, Ken England took turns driving the Samford Parking Shuttle last week.

**Want to see your photos featured?
Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion
in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**