



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Congratulations to the Following Students:

Congratulations to the members of Cumberland's 2015-2016 **National Moot Court Team:**

- Christian Borek
- Nick Brown
- Ashley Crank
- Kate Furek
- Elise Gilbert
- Jessica Hayslip
- Meg Jameson
- Bob Matthews
- David Manush
- Patrick Perry
- Haley Stencil
- Chip Slawson
- Evan Smith
- Weathers Veazey

Thank you to everyone who competed in the **Arbitration Competition** this past weekend.


After competing in two preliminary rounds and Sunday's final round, the winner of this year's arbitration competition was: Andrew Clay. Anthony Bowling was runner-up and Whitney Dyer and Mollie Anderson were finalists. Congratulations to all competitors on a job well-done.

Heninger Garrison Davis Sponsors "In Summation" Closing Argument Competition

Heninger Garrison Davis is proud to sponsor the "In Summation" Closing Argument Competition for Cumberland School of Law students.

Each participant will be given a trial problem and asked to present a closing argument before a mock jury that may include judges, lawyers and laypersons. Registration will be limited to 20 participants with only five members of trial team to be included. Competitors must have completed Basic Skills in Trial Advocacy. The preliminary round will be Fri., September 25 at 3:00 p.m. Finalists will compete on Fri., October 2 at 3:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners.

Registration is now open. To register and learn more about the competition, visit the [competition website](http://www.hgdcompetition.com).



Heninger Garrison Davis is proud to sponsor the 1st Annual In Summation Closing Argument Competition for Cumberland School of Law students.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
3:00PM

Finalists will compete on Friday, October 2nd at 3:00PM
All events will be held at Cumberland School of Law

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:
First Place - \$1,000
Second Place - \$750
Third Place - \$500
Plus an engraved plaque with their name

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REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT. 11TH AT 9:30AM

To register and learn more about the competition, please visit:
www.hgdcompetition.com

This Week's Events

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

Career Development Events

This Week

Prosecutor's Day

Wednesday, September 16, The Great Room, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feature speaker at noon.

Please stop by Prosecutor's Day to meet various prosecutors from Alabama. In addition to table talk we will have a guest speaker from Jefferson County District Attorney's office, Bessemer Division. Pizza will be served to those that registered.

Plan Ahead

Pinstripes & Pearls

Presented by the Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar

Tues., October 6, 5 p.m., The Great Room

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

Environmental Law Society Meets Wednesday

Cumberland Environmental Law Society meeting is scheduled for **Wed., September 16 at 4:30 p.m. in room 115**. For more information, contact [Kayla Currie](#).

First Called to the Bar Focuses on Professional Identity

On **Thur., September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room**, Jim Noles will speak to first year students in the first of the Called to the Bar programs for the 2015-2016 academic year. [Noles](#), an attorney with the Balch & Bingham law firm, will speak on the topic of "Crafting Your Professional Identity."

Florida, Georgia, Tennessee State Bar Organizations to Hold Meetings Thursday

The Florida Student Bar Association will hold a general interest meeting on **Thur., September 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Florida Room** For more information, contact [Joey Gomez](#).

The Georgia Student Bar is back! Are you interested in practicing in Georgia, joining the State Bar of Georgia, or learning more about Georgia opportunities? If yes, join Cumberland's Georgia Student Bar. Come meet the Cumberland's Georgia Student Bar association and officers on **Thur., September 17 at 11 a.m. in Room 114** to hear more about the group and how it can benefit you. Put Georgia on YOUR Mind... For more information, contact [Shadi Jaraysi](#).

There will be an interest meeting on **Thur., September 17 at 11 a.m. in Room 118** for the Tennessee Student Bar Association. Any person from the state of Tennessee, interested in practicing law in the state of Tennessee, or anyone who simply believes in the spirit of Volunteerism, for which Tennessee and her people are known, is invited to attend. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting time, contact [Jessica Hart](#) for more information.

Public Interest and Community Service Organization Meeting Thursday

The Public Interest and Community Service Organization will be having their first meeting **Thur., September 17 at 11 a.m. in Room 115**. This will be a very short meeting so if there are other meetings you would like to attend this Thursday you can. We will be discussing pro bono month and the kickball tournament between Cumberland, Jones, and Alabama law. For more information, contact [Emily Irvin](#).

Law School Announcements

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.

- **Thur., September 17**

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

- **Thur., September 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](#).

- **Tues., October 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 & Staff Notes



The Guardian has just published an essay that **Professor Woodrow Hartzog** co-authored with Neil Richards, titled [“Facebook’s new digital assistant ‘M’ will need to earn your trust.”](#)

Professor Woodrow Hartzog was recently quoted in a story in Fusion titled [“Outed Ashley Madison users want to make stolen data legally toxic.”](#)

An article written by **adjunct professor Strudwick Marvin Rogers** was published in Vol. 2 of the 2015 edition of The Arkansas Law Review. The article entitled “Fieldwide Unitization and Enhanced Recovery of Oil and Gas” is the result of Rogers’ address to a symposium sponsored by the University of Arkansas Law School in 2014. Rogers serves as Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for the Alabama Oil and Gas Board in Tuscaloosa, and teaches Oil and Gas Law at Cumberland.



Cassandra Adams was the keynote speaker for the 61st Annual Women’s Leadership Observance on Sun., September 13. Adams spoke at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church’s morning service. Because this year is the 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and because of Dexter’s role in the movement—particularly Dexter women—Adams helped guests focus their minds on today’s civil rights issues and justice.

Plan Ahead

Cumberland School of Law's Cordell Hull Speakers
Forum Proudly Presents ABA President

Paulette Brown



Thursday, September 24

11:00 a.m. - Noon

**Samford University's Cumberland School of Law
John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom**

Be our guest for a lively one-hour discussion on "Diversifying the Legal Profession During Difficult Times" presented by Paulette Brown, newly-instated president of the American Bar Association, and the first woman of color to serve in this role.

Brown is a partner with Locke Lord Edwards LLP in Morristown, New Jersey, where she is a member of the Labor and Employment Group and serves as co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also a mediator for the United States Court for the District of New Jersey, a former president of the National Bar Association and the Association of Black Women Attorneys of New Jersey.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will take place at the law school following Brown's presentation.

Competitions Take Place Throughout the Fall Semester

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

The **Intraschool Mediation Competition** will take place on Sun., October 18 from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up by midnight on Fri., October 9. Competitors will negotiate settlement agreements while judges act as neutral mediators. Each pair or team will be evaluated on a variety of factors including professionalism, creativity, communication, strategy, and effective use of the mediator. After the two preliminary rounds, four individuals will move to the final round, and from there, winners will be chosen. To sign up, or if you have any questions, contact [Landon Graham](#) or [Richard Sarrell](#).

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

Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
- [Sporting Events](#)
- [Performing Arts Calendar](#)

Click on event titles for more information

Photo of the Week



Student leaders worked last Friday to spruce up the student organization office. They cleaned, painted and organized the space.

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