



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cumberland, Ala. State Bar Celebrate Pro Bono Month



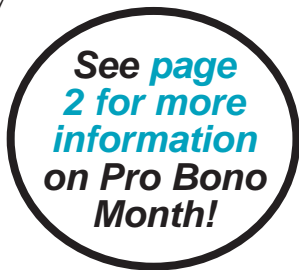
Congratulations to the Following Students & Alumni:

Service Law Student Honorees:

Hilaire Armstrong (left) – Class of 2016
Kate Furek (right)– Class of 2017

Service Alumni Honorees:

Emily Baggett '03
Richard Davis '89
Flynn Mozingo '94



In Summation Competition Winners Awarded Cash Prizes



Heninger Garrison Davis sponsored the First In Summation Closing Argument Competition for Cumberland School of Law students.

The event was a tremendous learning opportunity for students attending Cumberland School of Law. The goal was to encourage advocacy and reward those law students for advancing their advocacy skills.

Each participant was given a trial problem and asked to present a closing argument before a mock jury that included judges, lawyers and laypersons. Registration was limited. The preliminary round was held Fri. September 25, and the final round was held October 2.

Congratulations to the following students for winning the competition. Each was awarded a cash prize of \$1000, \$750 and \$500 respectively.

First Place: Alan Moore
Second Place: Kyle Scholl
Third Place: Austin Nichols



Please enjoy a **message regarding Pro Bono** from ABA President Paulette Brown, recorded during her visit to Cumberland.

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"





NATIONAL PRO BONO CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 2015

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Free Senior Wills Clinic

Location: Oxmoor Community Center—1992 Wenhah Oxmoor Rd, Birmingham, AL 35211

Volunteer Contact:

Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore –
(205) 726-4342 or ccmc@samford.edu

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!**

Monday & Tuesday, October 26-27, 2015 – 9:00am - 5:00pm

Free Wills for Heroes Clinic

Location: New Vestavia Hills Municipal Center– 1032 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Volunteer Contact: Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore – (205) 726-4342 or ccmc@samford.edu

Monday, November 2, 2015—9:00am—3:00pm

Free Wills for Heroes & Seniors Clinic

Location: Bessemer Municipal Center—1851 2nd Avenue, Bessemer, AL 35020

Volunteer Contact: Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore – (205) 726-4342 or ccmc@samford.edu

Clinics are sponsored by the Cumberland Community Mediation Center & Public Interest Program, Alabama State Bar, Birmingham Bar Association and Bessemer Bar Association



Class of 2018 – For those that haven't logged on to sign the [Pro Bono Pledge](#), there is still time to do so. The Alabama State Bar Association will award “bragging rights” to the Alabama law school that has the highest percentage of their 1L class to sign pledge.

This Week's Events

Career Development Events

Pinstripes & Pearls (open to 1L & 2L Women)

A panel discussion entitled:

“From Law School to the Legal Profession”

Tues., October 6, 5:30 p.m., The Great Room

Presented by the Women’s Section of the Birmingham Bar.

Please join us for the presentation and an informal networking reception with light refreshments for students and bar members. [Register online.](#)

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

Black Law Student Association Invites All Students to Meeting

Cumberland’s Chapter of The National Black Law Student Association will be hosting a meeting on **Thur. October 8 at 11 a.m. in the Friendship Room** (2nd Floor of the library). BLSA is one of the Nation’s largest 501(c)(3) student operated organizations, and, aside from its name, welcomes membership of all persons — no matter the color, religion, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or weight.

The purpose of BLSA is to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of law students, to foster and encourage professional competence, to instill in law students a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of underrepresented communities, and to utilize expertise to initiate a change within the legal system that will make it more responsive to the needs and concerns of underrepresented communities.

Red Mass Invokes Divine Guidance

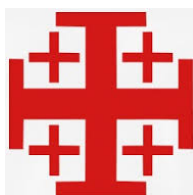
The Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society invites Cumberland to attend the annual Red Mass, **Fri., October 9 at St. Paul's Cathedral downtown.** After Mass, there will be a reception, which is a great opportunity to meet other members of the legal profession who share the faith.

The St. Thomas More society is open to Christians of all faith traditions and meets once a month to discuss readings from the coming week's Mass and applying the faith to our profession. If you are interested in becoming involved, please email [Rick DiGiorgio](#) for more information.



The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all legal professionals and the Public they serve to the

ANNUAL RED MASS



October 9, 2015

12:10 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul

**The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Celebrant**

Followed by a reception in the Cathedral Life Center
2120 Third Avenue N, Birmingham, AL

The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit which is celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice. This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. In the United States today, a Red Mass is celebrated in most of the major metropolitan areas and is attended by judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty, students and the public.

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

Law School Announcements

Spring Course Registration Updates

Spring 2016 Registration for Advanced Trial Advocacy Course

If you would like to be considered for the spring 2016 Advanced Trial Advocacy course, please send an email to [Mrs. Tracy Luke](#).

Students are selected for the course based on their overall GPA, Basic Skills grade, and Evidence grade. If you have not completed Basic Skills, Mrs. Luke will estimate your final grade for this process.

Only 12 students will be selected. Note: Advanced Trial WILL NOT be offered during the fall 2016 semester.

Spring 2016 Externship Registration Meeting

Would you like to work for a federal judge, the District Attorney, or a corporation for class credit? These are some of the positions available through Cumberland's externship program.

Spring 2016 registration meeting for Externships will be held **Tues. October 13, in room 121 from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Information packets and registration materials will be available at this meeting. Professor Young will be on hand to explain the program and answer any questions you may have.

If you do not attend the meeting you can pick up the packet in suite 201 after 1:00 p.m. on October 13.

Consideration for placements will first be extended to those that attend the meeting and return their applications by the deadline.

Competitions Take Place Throughout Fall

- The fall **Brewer Client Counseling Competition**: Sunday evening, October 11. Contact [Alan Moore](#) or [Neil Zaveri](#).
- The **Intraschool Mediation Competition** will take place on Sun., October 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up by midnight on Fri., October 9. 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.

3L Graduation Announcements

• **Bulldog Blastoff!** – If you are a December graduate, you should have received information from Samford regarding a commencement fair to be held Wed., October 21, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Pete Hanna Center. **ALL** December graduates need to attend. This year, for the first time, the university is issuing graduation regalia at the commencement fair. May graduates will participate in a similar commencement fair to be held in the spring.

• **Composite Photographs** – Fraternal Composite will be in the Friendship Room of the Law Library, 9 a.m.- noon and 2:00 –4:00 p.m., on October 27-28 to photograph all graduating 3Ls for inclusion in a large composite photograph to be displayed at the law school. Appointments may be scheduled in the Student Services Office. Important notes: Professional dress (waist up) is required. Photographs from our internal facebook may not be used.

• **Diploma Form** – Students should complete the Graduation Diploma Form at <https://cumberland.samford.edu/form/graduation-candidate-diploma-form> to let us know how you wish to have your name listed on your diploma and the address to which you wish to have your diploma mailed.

• **December Commencement** – Everyone is welcome to attend December commencement exercises to be held on Sat., December 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pete Hanna Center on the Samford campus. The university does not limit the number of guests each student may invite, so feel free to come out and celebrate with your classmates who plan to walk in the fall commencement.

We will send additional information throughout the year. Be sure to mark your calendar for important dates and let [Mrs.](#)



[Nelson](#) know if you have questions.

Plan Ahead

Birmingham Bar Association Offers Scholarships

The Memorial Scholarship Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association meets each year to determine the recipients of scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 each. Second or third year law students from either Cumberland School of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law, Birmingham School of Law, or Miles Law School are eligible to apply.

Two scholarships are awarded annually by the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are based upon several factors, including financial need. Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, and the deadline to submit is **Fri., October 30**. Awards will be made directly to the recipients' law schools for the Spring 2016 semester.



Download a [Scholarship application form](#) for the Spring 2016 semester to apply.

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THE MICHAEL D. FREEMAN CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

7TH ANNUAL

BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

KRESS BUILDING ROOFTOP

Proceeds raised will benefit the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham and the Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Contact the Birmingham Bar Foundation at 251-2231 or bbfound@bellsouth.net for more information

WIGGINS CHILDS PANTAZIS FISHER & GOLDFARB
301 19TH STREET NORTH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
35203

FEATURING
OUR 2ND ANNUAL
CHILI COOK-OFF

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015
START TIME: 3:30 PM

TICKETS \$25 LAW STUDENTS TICKETS \$15

1L Students Form Komen Race for the Cure Team

North Central Alabama's [Komen Race For The Cure](#) is Sat., October 17 at 9 a.m. at Linn Park. Victoria Burnett and Haley Jones have created a Cumberland team to run the race together, and it's open to anyone who wants to participate and raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer.

Registration is \$35. The team name is Cumberland and Burnett is the team leader. For more information, contact [Haley Jones](#).

State Bar of Georgia Representative to Visit

The State Bar of Georgia is coming to Cumberland on **Thurs. October 22 at 11 a.m. in room 115**. A representative from the State Bar of Georgia will provide some very helpful information about bar membership, the bar exam and subjects covered, suggested classes to take at Cumberland, bar exam application deadlines, and much more. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A and the Georgia Student Bar Association will provide food. [RSVP](#) by Oct. 20 so that we know how much food to bring. Contact [Shadi Jaraysi](#) for more information.

Birmingham Bar Foundation Hosts Bocce Ball Tournament

The Seventh Annual Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on **Thur., October 22**. The Birmingham Bar Foundation would love to have Cumberland students join us for this outstanding networking event. The Foundation is offering a law student discount rate of \$15. There will be great food, lots of fun and, again, great networking opportunities with Birmingham law firms (big and small). Tickets may be purchased at birminghambar.org or at bbfound.org or at the door.

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

Faculty Notes



The president of the Alabama Bar, Lee Copeland, has appointed **Judge John Carroll** to chair The Senior Lawyer-New Lawyer Task Force of the state bar. The Task Force is charged with examining the trends within the legal profession and the challenges inherent in passing leadership roles in law firms. There will be particular emphasis on examining whether a need exists for matching younger lawyers with older lawyers who need additional lawyers or who are planning for retirement.

Alumni News

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,

- **Thur., October 8**

Montgomery Area Alumnae Luncheon
Special guests Julia Weller '88, clerk of the Supreme Court of AL, Julia Beasley '92, principal of Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC; email RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#).

- **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](#).

- **Thur., November 12**

Augusta, Ga Alumni Luncheon Hosted by Sam Nicholson '78 and Judge James G. Blanchard Jr. '68, Augusta Country Club.

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](#).



Cumberland participated in the Samford Alumni Network Reception in DC on September 24. Attendees included Dean Strickland, Representative Robert Aderholt '90 (AL), Representative Dennis Ross '87 (FL), young alumni and a prospective applicant.

Photos of the Week



Officers and Members of Women in Law got together to meet new members and talk about the organization last week. (from left to right) Danielle Davis, Ashley Crank (Secretary), Taylor Sharpless, Lisa Thompson, Elise McFall (Vice President) and Hilaire Armstrong (President).



Cumberland literally kicked off Pro Bono Month with a kickball tournament with the Alabama School of Law and Jones Law.

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