



A weekly semester publication for law students, faculty and staff
Week of November 10, 2014

Justin Mitchell Receives Leadership and Character Award



Congratulations to third-year law student Justin Mitchell for receiving one of the 2014 Frances Marlin Mann Awards for Leadership and Character. Mitchell is pictured with Samford University Provost Brad Creed.

The Mann Center's Frances Marlin Mann Awards for Leadership and Character are given annually to outstanding student leaders from across Samford University. Students are nominated by deans and other upper-level administrators, with preference given to rising seniors or graduate students who have completed a significant portion of their course of study.

Honorees are selected for their consistent leadership and strong character, based on attributes such as humility, courage, self-control, and justice. Up to eleven students may be selected each year. ϕ

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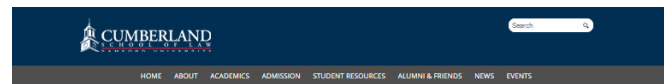
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New Website for the Law School

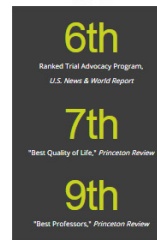
Cumberland School of Law launched a **new website** earlier this week—be sure to check to it out!



QUICK FACTS

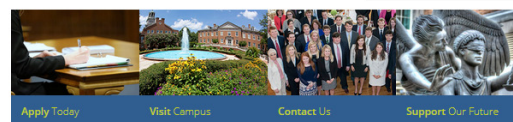
Established: 1847
Accrediting Body: ABA
First Year Class Size: 147
Fall 2014 Enrollment: 426
Living Alumni: 8,300
Dean: Henry C. Strickland

1ST PLACE



Tweets

- CumberlandLaw @CumberlandLaw
Congratulations to alumna Judge Mian Strickland '12 who was honored by Samford University as one of its four... [fb.me/7z1eQz](#)
- Alabama State Bar @AlabamaStateBar
Hearing from @CumberlandLaw: Great to have some of their law students here to get their perspectives and... [pic.twitter.com/5Gqj1uL1](#)
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Join us on campus Thurs. Nov. 6 for Alabama's Supreme Court & Court of Civil Appeal Oral Arguments. [fb.me/9iQ9Qy1P](#)



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Faculty Notes

Associate Dean Brannon Denning's article "Wynne: Lose or Draw?"

with Norman R.

Williams contributes to a roundtable that considers *Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Wynne*, to be argued before the Supreme Court on Nov. 12, 2014. In *Wynne*, the Court considers whether the Constitution bans a state from taxing its residents' income, wherever earned, by requiring a credit for taxes paid on income taxed in other states. The Court could answer many questions: How far is the reach of the dormant Commerce Clause in the context of income taxation? What is the extent of a state's power to enforce personal income taxes on its residents? What kinds of residents are subject to double taxation and why? Professors Edward Zelinsky, Dan Coenen, Brannon Denning, Norman Williams, Michael Greve, and Adam Thimmesch tackle these questions and more in their contributions.



Professor Robert "Bob" Goodwin recently published two books. One book was the fourth edition of his casebook, *Criminal and Forensic Evidence: Cases, Materials, Problems* (4th ed. LexisNexis). For the second book, Prof. Goodwin joined Charles Gamble and Terry McCarthy on the third and latest edition of *Gamble's Alabama Rules of Evidence: A Trial Manual For Making and Answering Objections*.



Terry McCarthy serves as an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law. He has taught Evidence, and is currently teaching the the Advanced Evidence course. This semester, McCarthy is using the *Gamble's* book in his Advanced Evidence class.

Nominate a Professor for the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award

Cumberland has a long history of outstanding teaching, and superior teaching is a critical part of the school. In order to foster and recognize outstanding teaching at Cumberland, two alumni provided a generous gift to endow the **Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award**. Two Jackson Teaching Awards are given each year--one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses.

Students are encouraged to nominate professors for these awards. Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending an email to Dean Henry Strickland which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. The criteria are:

1. Mastery of the subject matter;
2. Ability to convey information effectively to students
3. Demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching;
4. Commitment to excellence in the classroom;
5. Innovation in teaching techniques;
6. Commitment to students

You may nominate someone whose course you are currently taking, someone whose course you have taken in the past, or someone with whom you have had other contact that demonstrates outstanding teaching in relation to the criteria above.

A joint committee of faculty and students will choose the winners, and we will announce the winners in the spring. A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible to receive that award again for a period of three years. The faculty members who currently are ineligible to receive the award in a category because they have received it in the past three years are Professors Evans and Hartzog (First Year Courses) and Professors Ross, Johnson, DiRusso and Walthall (Upper Level Courses). The names of all of the award winners are on a plaque outside the Great Room.

Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award. In your nomination, please specify which award you are nominating a professor for – the First Year Award or the Upper Level Award and briefly explain why you think the nominee is deserving. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester. Please submit nominations via e-mail to Dean Strickland at hcstrick@samford.edu. ☐



First-Year Students, Join Phi Alpha Delta's 1L Exam Prep Program

Phi Alpha Delta holds its annual 1L Exam Prep program this **Thurs., Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. in room 114.**

The program features **Prof. Jill Evans** and **Associate Dean Brannon Denning**. They will provide

advice and tips for preparing for the first round of law school finals.

This is a very informative program, and has been very helpful to first-year students in the past.

Drinks and snacks will be provided to all attendees. ϕ

Chew's Lecture on Effective Learning is Available Online

Watch the presentation, "Developing a Mindset for Effective Learning," Dr. Stephen Chew, nationally-recognized cognitive psychology expert, delivered at the law school on Oct. 27.

[Rich Media Playback](#)
[Vodcast Playback](#)
[Podcast Playback](#) ϕ



How To's of Applying for a Judicial Clerkship

**Thurs., Nov. 13, at 11 a.m.
Room 120**

Are you interested in a Judicial Clerkship?

If so, then come learn about the application process and what you should do *NOW* to prepare!

Featuring
Christopher Friedman '14
Michael Lasserre '14

Lunch will be served to all who RSVP! Please **RSVP** by Wed., Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. ϕ

Announcements

"Woodlawn" Filming on Campus

The movie "Woodlawn" will be filming several scenes on Samford's campus this week, including a scene in the Great Room. ☐



Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program

Each month, a representative from the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program is available in Student Services, room 124, to converse with students regarding concerns they might have related to character and fitness for the Alabama State Bar. Robert Thornhill, director, will be here Thurs., November 20, from 9-11 a.m. For more information please contact Pam Nelson, director of student services & ADA compliance at pjnelson@samford.edu. ☐



Join the Office of Alumni Relations at 3 Upcoming Events

Students and faculty are invited to attend these receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for anyone 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.

- 1) Augusta, GA, Alumni Reception**
Thurs., Nov. 20, home of Sam Nicholson '78
- 2) Dothan, AL, Area Alumni Reception**
Thurs., Dec. 4, home of Holly Sawyer '05
- 3) South Florida Alumni Reception, Fort Lauderdale**
Wed., Dec. 10 ☐

The Admission Office Travels to Many Locations this Fall

Check to see if your alma mater is on the list. You can share all locations by using this simple link:

<http://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/meet-us-on-the-road/>:

Nov. 13
University of South Carolina Law Fair, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., 208 Sumwalt College (Columbia, SC)

Nov. 13
Emory Law Admissions Networking Night, 7:30-9 p.m., Location TBD (Atlanta, GA)

Nov. 14
LSAC Atlanta Forum, 2–7 p.m., Westin, Peachtree Plaza Hotel, AmericaMart (Atlanta, GA)

Nov. 17
University of Georgia Law Fair, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Miller Learning Center, 4th Floor Rotunda (Athens GA) ☐



Called to the Bar Nov. 13

On Thurs., Nov. 13, the Called to the Bar program features Associate Dean Brannon Denning, who will make a presentation on course requirements, course selection, planning your legal education beyond the first year and for practice.

The program takes place at 1:30 p.m. in the Carroll Moot Courtroom ☐



AJTA's Annual Faculty & Staff Holiday Dessert Spread

The staff members of the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* are pleased to host the 13th Annual Holiday Dessert Spread from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the Journal's office suite.

The editorial board and members of the Journal invite Cumberland faculty, administration and staff to visit the Journal offices and enjoy special treats to begin the holiday season.

The academic calendar pushes the event to a pre-Thanksgiving date. So it will be a fall-themed event—*but just as delicious*—spread! ☐



Photo of the Week



Join NFL Agent Judy S. Henry's Lecture, Nov. 17

Presented by

Sports & Entertainment Law Society

and

Women in the Law

Monday, Nov. 17, at 2:15 p.m.

Location: Trial Courtroom (room 121)

Judy Simmons Henry is a National Football League (NFL) Players Association certified contract advisor and is the sports law group leader for the Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP law firm. She is the only NFLPA certified agent in Arkansas. Henry is one of 35 women in the country certified by the NFLPA. In addition, for 25 years she has been engaged in an active business litigation practice and serves in management of the firm as its business litigation chair. Henry's practice entails complex litigation including fiduciary and trust matters, bankruptcy, banking, and class action litigation. She also serves on the board of the Little Rock Touchdown Club in Arkansas.

