



A weekly semester publication for law students, faculty and staff.

Week of January 19, 2015

Adams Presents Methvin Pro Bono Award



On January 9, Cassandra Adams, Mediation Center and Public Interest Program director, presented Cumberland alumnus Tom Methvin the Harold Albritton Pro Bono Leadership Award at the bar commissioners meeting.

Methvin is a principal attorney with the Beasley Allen Law Firm where he is also the managing attorney. He began his legal career with the firm representing victims of consumer fraud.

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Send your weekly content submissions to Derrek Smith, director of law communication, at dsmith@samford.edu.

Join the Conversation with Attorney Robert Bailey, Author of the Legal Thriller *The Professor* (*The Professor* is a 2014 Cumberland Book Club Selection)

Today, Thurs., Jan. 22, @ 3 p.m.
Law Library's Friendship Room
Conversation, Cupcakes & Coffee

Robert Bailey was born in Huntsville, Ala., in 1973. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Davidson College in North Carolina and graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1999. For the past 14 years, Bailey has practiced law as a civil defense trial attorney in Huntsville at the law firm of Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne.

In addition to representing health care providers and nursing homes in medical liability cases, he defends trucking companies, insurance carriers, insureds and businesses in injury-related lawsuits.



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.

- **Wed., Jan. 28, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Mobile, Ala., Alumni Luncheon - Wintzell's Oyster House (605 Dauphin Street) - \$15/person**
- **Wed., Jan. 28, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Pensacola, Fla., Alumni Event - Hosted by Linda H. Wade '86 at Wade, Palmer, Shoemaker, P.A.**
- **Thurs., Jan. 29, 8-9 a.m., Baldwin County (Between Foley and Gulf Shores, Ala.) Alumni Breakfast at Tacky Jack's Gulf Shores**
- **Thurs., March 19, @ 6 p.m. Washington, D.C. Cumberland/Brock/Samford Business Network Alumni Reception at PricewaterhouseCoopers (1730 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C.)**

Cambridge, England

Law Study-Aboard Program

Application Deadline: March 2, 2015





Sidney Sussex College
June 28 - July 30
2015

Courses Offered:

- The English Legal System and the European Union: A Comparative Overview
- Comparative Data Privacy Law
- International Banking Law
- International Law of Art, Cultural Heritage, and Antiquities
- Law of the European Union

Tuition: \$3,999 for five hours
Housing: \$4,600 includes breakfast and lunch on class days (\$4,300 without lunch)
Application Fee: \$200 (non-refundable fee applied to tuition once accepted)

Send Questions and Applications to:
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For the full brochure, application and calendar go to:
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It's nice
TO HAVE YOU BACK AT
CUMBERLAND

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND APRIL 10-11, 2015

[Reunion Details](#)

Faculty and Staff Notes



Associate Dean Brannon Denning & Professor Mike DeBow wrote “[Williams-Yulee v. Florida Bar, the First Amendment, and the Continuing Campaign to Delegitimize Judicial Elections](#)” on *Williams-Yulee v. Florida Bar*, a case the Supreme Court will hear this term concerning the constitutionality of a state ban on personal solicitation of campaign contributions by candidates for judicial office. The article appeared in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog was quoted in the *Gawker* article “[Why You Should Care About the Silk Road Trial](#).” Hartzog notes, “Online black markets are likely to continue to be created and shut down. Yet this trial has also reminded us of the limits of technology. When the Internet was in its infancy, many thought online activity was also beyond the reach of the law. We’ve seen time and time again this is just not true. Bitcoin is a very powerful and interesting technology, but it is important not to overestimate innovation. It’s equally important not to underestimate how our offline actions can make us vulnerable online. Perhaps the most significant impact of this trial is to serve as a reminder not to be overly confident in online anonymity, particularly in the face of substantial resources.”

The following faculty and staff are being honored by Samford University at the service anniversary luncheon today, January 22, 2015:



Tracy Luke
25 years



Jann Hammel
15 years



Erin Boggan
5 years



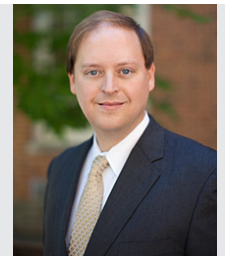
Prof. Jill Evans
20 years



Connie Walker
10 years



Connie Cox
5 years



David Hutchens
5 years



Prof. Rusty Johnson
5 years



Jeff Whitcomb
10 years

Attention Current 1L and 2L Students:

Applications for the 2015-2016 Admission Ambassador Program Are Now Being Accepted through Feb. 27

You can apply [online](#) or if you'd like a paper application instead, please visit the **Office of Law Admission**.

The Office of Law Admission is seeking rising second- and third-year students to serve as Admission Ambassadors and represent the law school to prospective law students and their families. Serving as an Admission Ambassador is a wonderful way to get involved with the law school, promote the school to others, meet new people and build your resume.



The general responsibilities of the Ambassadors will be to meet with and educate prospective students about Cumberland School of Law. Ambassadors can expect to participate in a wide range of activities that can be performed to fit their schedule during both the school day and (occasionally) outside of school hours. **The Office of Law Admission will work with each Ambassador to develop a schedule that will work around their current class schedule and other obligations.**

Admission Ambassadors will be trained with general knowledge about the history, courses, application process, faculty, student organizations and success rates of Cumberland School of Law. Full support will be provided to the Ambassadors by the Office of Law Admission.

Ambassadors will receive:

- a \$500 scholarship, to be distributed during the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters
- two Cumberland School of Law polo-style shirts
- one Cumberland School of Law hat
- use of Cumberland School of Law promotional materials as needed to promote the school
- meals at Admission Office events

Ambassador responsibilities:

- conduct tours for prospective and admitted students
- escort prospective students who wish to sit in on a class
- correspond with prospective and admitted students via email and hand-written notes
- represent the Office of Law Admission at events such as Admitted Student Weekend or Scholarship Weekend

Applications are due by Friday, February 27. Please return your completed application to The Office of Law Admission, room 132 or scan and email to jhartzog@samford.edu. Top applicants will be interviewed and Ambassadors will be chosen following the interviews.

Plan Ahead for Some Great Student-Led Events on Campus This Semester—And Help Spread the Word



Representing the Race: The Creation of the Civil Rights Lawyer *Thurgood Marshall Symposium*

Feb. 20, 2015

Featuring:

- Kenneth W. Mack, Harvard Professor & Author
- Judge Helen Shores Lee

[More details](#)

Practicing Law in the Age of Surveillance and Hackers: An Exploration of Privacy and Data Security

American Journal of Trial Advocacy Symposium

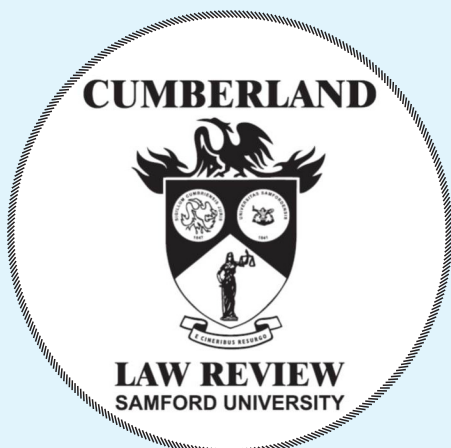
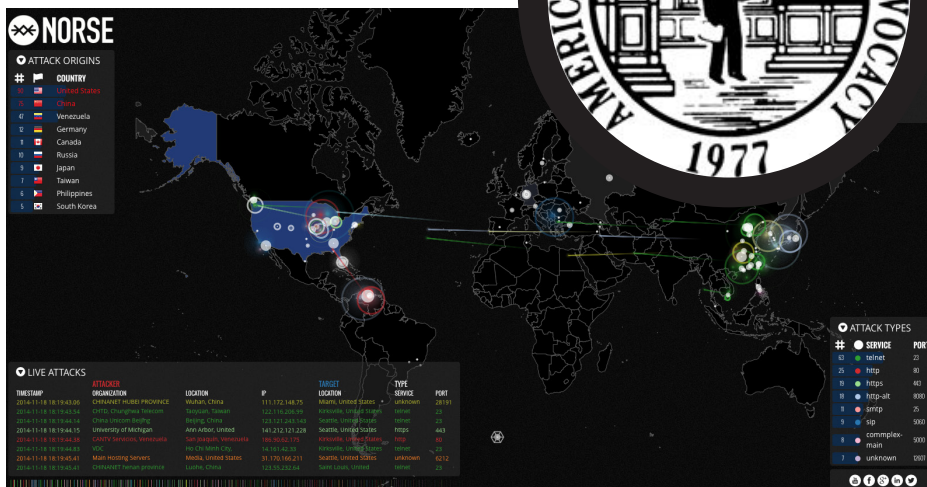
Feb. 27, 2015

Featuring:

James R. Silkenat

- Immediate Past President, American Bar Association and others

[More details](#)



Bullying and The Internet: The New Face of School Safety and Civil Liability *Cumberland Law Review Symposium*

March 27, 2015

Details forthcoming

What's Going On?

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Do not see your event listed?

The first step (if your event is at the law school) is to confirm your room reservation with [Mrs. Kathy Walton](#) in the Dean's Office. **The second step** is to send your event details to [Derrek Smith](#), director of law communication.

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

Happening this Week in Jan.

Tues., Jan. 20 & Wed., Jan. 21
Office of Career Development
Mock Interviews

Wed., Jan. 21

- **Last Day to Drop/Add Courses**

- **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Office of Law Admission attends
Auburn University Law School Fair, Haley Center, First-floor Lobby

Thurs., Jan. 22

- **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Office of Law Admission attends
Uni. of Alabama Law School Fair
Ferguson Student Center

- **3 p.m.**

Mediation Center
Conversation, Cupcakes & Coffee with Attorney Robert Bailey, Author of the Legal Thriller *The Profesor*, Law Library's Friendship Room

Fri., Jan. 23

Office of CLE

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Mon., Jan. 26

Office of Alumni Relations

B'ham Area Alumni Luncheon

Wed., Jan. 28

- **Noon-1 p.m.**

Bar Talk for BarBri

(uncommitted bar takers in the 3L class) Food will be served

- Office of Alumni Relations

1. Mobile, Ala., Alumni Luncheon

2. Pensacola, Fla., Alumni Event

Thurs., Jan. 29

- **9-11 a.m.**

Robert Thornhill, director of the Ala. Lawyers Assistance Program to Speak w/ Students who need Assistance

Student Services Office

- **11 a.m.-noon**

Public Interest and Community Service Organization 1st Meeting, Room 123

(Snacks & drinks, all are welcome, contact [Sam Boukli](#))

- **1:30 p.m.**

Called to the Bar - Enhancing Your Education and Job-Search Through Extra-Curricular Activities, Moot Courtroom

- Office of Alumni Relations

Baldwin County (Between Foley and Gulf Shores, Ala.) Alumni Breakfast

Feb.

Fri., Sat. & Sun, Feb. 13-15

Office of Development

Donor Appreciation Weekend

American Shakespeare Center

Fri., Feb. 20, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Black Law Students Assoc.

"Representing the Race"

Thurgood Marshall Symposium

Moot Courtroom

Free & Open to Public

Fri., Feb. 27

- **8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

American Journal of Trial Advocacy: **"Practicing Law in the Age of Surveillance and Hackers" Symposium**

Moot Courtroom

Free & Open to Public

- **Fri., Feb. 27, from 2-5 p.m.**

Office of Law Admission

Open House

Fri., Feb. 28 to Sun. March 1

ABA Mediation Competition

March

Mon., March 2

Cambridge, England Study Abroad Application Deadline

Mon.-Fri., March 2-6

Law Week

- **Thurs., March 5, Rascal Day**
- **Fri., March 6, Barristers Ball**



Fri., March 6

Faculty Exchange, BCR

Thurs., March 12

Called to the Bar - Registration & Planning

Mon.-Fri., March 16-20

Spring Break

Thurs., March 19

Office of Alumni Relations

**Washington, D.C. Cumberland/
Brock/Samford Business Network
Alumni Reception**

Fri., March 27

Cumberland Law Review

**"Bullying and The Internet: The
New Face of School Safety and Civil
Liability" Symposium**

Free & Open to Public

Tues., March 31

Fall Registration Starts

April

Wed., April 1

**Summer School Registration Begins
Online**

Fri., April 3

Fall Registration Ends

Mon., April 6

Easter Holiday/Closed

Fri. & Sat., April 10-11

- Office of Alumni Relations

Reunion Weekend



- Office of Law Admission

Admitted Student Weekend

Tues., April 28

Classes End

Wed., April 29

Study Day

Thurs., April 30

Exams Start

May

Wed., May 13

Exams End

Fri., May 15

Commencement

Tues., May 26

Summer Classes Begin

**What's Going On
@ Samford**



- **Samford University's Public Events**
- **Sporting Events**
- **Performing Arts Calendar**

Samford Arts

**Free for Samford Students,
Faculty and Staff**

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Fri., Feb. 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
Brock Recital Hall

Dance Concert

Feb. 6-7
Harrison Theatre

Mnozil Brass

Thurs., Feb. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

**Eisenhower Dance
Motown in Motion**

Tues., March 3 @ 8 p.m.
Wright Center

Mummenschanz

Fri., March 6 @ 8 p.m.
Wright Center

**Regina Carter and
Southern Comfort**

Mon., March 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

The Skin of Our Teeth

March 26-28 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

H.T. Chen & Dancers

Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m.
Wright Center

Annie Moses Band

Thurs., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

Photo of the Week



2015 Jan. Mini Term Client Interviewing and Counseling Workshop
Participants

