

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

Pride. Promise. People.

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

Week of January 26, 2015

Cumberland Exceeds \$15 Million Campaign Goal

Cumberland School of Law has exceeded its "Pride. Promise. People." campaign goal.

As of the Dec. 31, 2014 conclusion, gifts and pledges totaling \$17,208,602 had been received from 2,374 donors, representing the largest fundraising effort in the law school's 168-year history. Individual gift amounts ranged from \$5 to \$2.8 million.



"It is an extreme joy to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Cumberland capital campaign conceived in the depths of the recession. Never has it been more difficult in the history of the nation for a law student to secure an affordable legal education," said campaign cochair Stan Starnes. "For this reason, I am particularly pleased that this campaign will afford many students an education at Cumberland School of Law, when in the absence of this campaign, a law degree would not otherwise be available to them."

"The success of the campaign is a reflection of the pride, devotion and affection which Cumberland School of Law graduates and friends have for our law school."

"Even with the campaign's co-chairs Stan Starnes, Gov. Albert Brewer, and Professor

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As a result of the campaign:

- **28 new student scholarships were formed,**
- **116 existing student scholarships and special funds increased in size,**
- **554 Public Interest Fellowship stipends were granted for first and second year law students to be able to provide community service through the Public Interest Academic Program, which occurred over the five years of the campaign,**
- **10 law faculty research stipends were granted, and**
- **Two professorial chairs were created and endowed.**

Brad Bishop boldly launching the campaign in difficult economic times, friends and alumni of the law school responded to assure that Cumberland will continue to prepare exceptional, ethical lawyers committed to serving their clients and communities," explained Henry C. Strickland, Cumberland School of Law dean and Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law.

"The funds generated by this campaign will make the programs at Cumberland School of Law stronger and more accessible to students," Strickland added. "I am grateful to the campaign's co-chairs and executive committee for their hard work and sincerely appreciate every gift from every person."



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.

- **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.)



[Reunion Details](#)

Cambridge, England Study-Abroad Information Session

When: Thurs., February 5, 2015, at 11 a.m.

Where: Room 123

Interested in studying abroad? Join us this summer in Cambridge, England!

You're invited to join the Office of International Studies for a discussion of Cumberland's international offerings and opportunities. Students will share their past experiences and the Cambridge program for summer 2015 will be outlined. Faculty and financial aid staff will be available to answer questions. Feel free to come and go as your schedule permits. Food will be served.

Contact Laura Taylor at lhowell3@samford.edu or Professor Floyd at mdfloyd@samford.edu for questions or additional information. Offices 220A and 220B

Cambridge, England

Law Study-Abroad 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: \$3,989 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:
Prof. Michael D. Floyd, program director
law_mf@samford.edu
(p) 205-726-2334 (f) 205-726-2334




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For the full brochure, application and calendar go to:
samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/study-abroad

Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog

testified before the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., on Tues.,

Jan. 27, at the hearing “What are the Elements of Sound Data Breach Legislation?” You can watch a recording of the hearing on the [Energy & Commerce Committee](#)

[website](#).

The hearing was covered by several media outlets. Articles with quotes from or references to Prof. Hartzog include:

- [CIO’s “Old arguments may bog down US data breach notification legislation”](#)
- [The Hill’s “Lawmakers see momentum for data breach legislation”](#)
- [Advertising Age’s “House and FTC Reinforce Push for Federal Data Security Law”](#)
- [Politico’s “FTC’s Internet](#)

[of Things report expected today, and Senate Commerce Committee plans related hearing -- House panel talks data breach bill”](#)

- [Politico’s “Today: Congressional cyber double-header – Internet of Things in FTC spotlight – First Look: More grim statistics about DDoS”](#)
- [Threat Post’s “House Takes First Steps on Federal Data Breach Law”](#)
- [Multichannel’s “House Takes Up Data Breach, Notification Issue”](#)

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.



[Details are in last week’s newsletter](#), page 4.

Called-to-the-Bar for First-Year Students

The next Called-to-the-Bar program, “[Enhancing Your Education and Job-Search Through Extracurricular Activities](#),” will be [Thurs., January 29, at 1:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom](#).

The event will feature Stephanie Mays and a panel of representatives from the *Cumberland Law Review*, the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, the Moot Court Board, the Trial Board, and the Cordell Hull Speakers Forum.

Ms. Mays--a Cumberland alumnus and shareholder in the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale--will speak about the benefits of extracurricular activities and their importance in landing good jobs. She will then moderate a panel discussion in which student representatives address the opportunities and benefits of their respective organizations.



The opportunities that these organizations provide are important parts of your Cumberland education and part of what makes Cumberland unique. These opportunities not only hone important lawyering skills, they often are critical in students’ landing the jobs they want. An increasing number of students in recent years have not taken full advantage of these opportunities.

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 the Rest of the Week

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](#))
- **11 a.m.**
Tennessee Student Bar Association, Room 120
(all are welcome, contact [Joy Baxter](#))
- **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

Tues., Feb. 3

For Law Faculty
Faculty Colloquium, Prof. David Smolin: "Surrogacy as the Sale of Children", BCR, please RSVP to [Laurie Zimmer](#) (x2411) or no later than noon, Feb. 2

Thurs., Feb. 5 @ 11 a.m.

Office of International Study
Cambridge, England Study-Abroad Information Session, Room 123,
Faculty and financial aid staff will be available to answer questions (Come and go as your schedule permits, food will be served, contact [Laura Taylor](#))

Sat. & Sun, Feb. 14-15

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
[More details](#)



Thurs., Feb. 26 @ 11 a.m.

Ala. Defense Lawyers Assoc. presentation

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
[More details](#)



- **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**



Feb.

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**

Thurs., March 26 @ 11 a.m.
Joint Degree Informational Meeting, Room 120, Anyone interested in participating in a joint degree program should make plans to attend

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

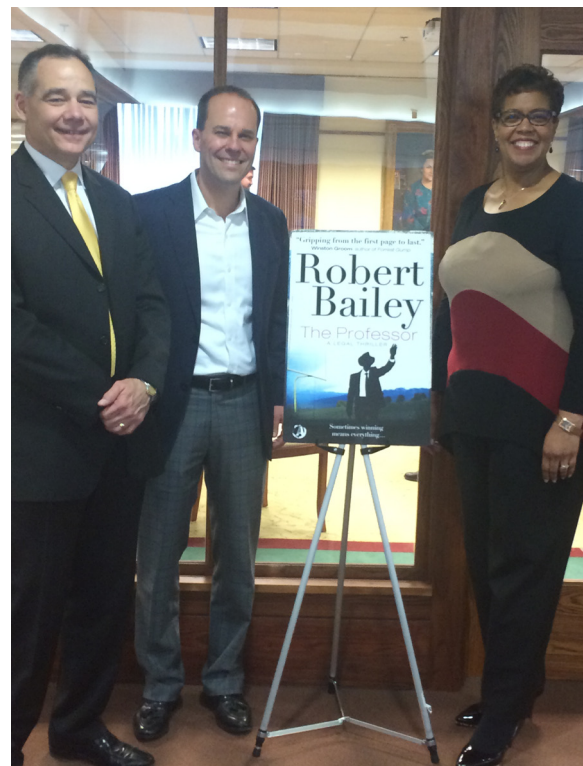
Annie Moses Band

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

Photos of the Week



Brenda Jones, reference librarian, takes Grace Simms', information technology librarian, new LinkedIn picture in the law library.



Dean Henry Strickland and Cassandra Adams, director of the Mediation Center, meet with Robert Bailey, author of the legal thriller *The Professor*, at Bailey's Jan. 22 visit to the law school.

