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The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cumberland Prepares for End of Fall Semester

Evaluations:

- Evaluations begin next Mon. November 9 and will remain open through Sun., November 29.
- Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and to identify problems that require action.
- You will receive an email with a link to the evaluation of each course in which you are enrolled. Please take a few minutes to complete these for each of your courses/professors. Student responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation.
- Student leaders will visit classes to encourage participation and answer questions next week.
- Classes with at least a 75% participation rate by noon on Tues., November 17 are invited to attend a pizza party on Thurs. November 19 in the Great Room.
- Email [Ms. Nelson](#) or stop by Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.

Alternates:

- You must gain permission from your professor no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day of classes (November 23) if you plan to take an exam at an alternate time. By the way, IT IS A MONDAY SCHEDULE!
- Your professor is responsible for the submission of an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer; students may not turn in their names or an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer. This process is handled administratively by the professor or his/her assistant.
- A list of all alternate exam envelope submissions will be posted on the law school website and the bulletin board outside the Associate Dean's office on November 24, the day after classes end. You need to check the list for your name and information. If you receive permission from your professor for an alternate but your name does not appear on the list, you need to contact your professor.

Computer Software:

- You will need to download the new version of the Exam4 software at <http://exam4.com/>. The new version will be available for download on November 20.
- ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS HAVE EXPIRED, including the midterm version. [Complete download instructions](#) are on our website.
- Complete several practice tests (choosing the "F15 Practice Exam" option from the course dropdown box). You may take as many practice exams as you wish, but always choose the practice exam course selection when taking a practice exam.
- Submit the practice tests wirelessly.
- Notify [Jeff Whitcomb](#) prior to the beginning of the exam period if you notice any problems with your technology. Technology assistance will be more limited once exams begin.

Complete exam procedures are located on the [Cumberland website](#).

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](#)"



Law School Announcements



3L Graduation Announcements



- **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.
- **Breakfast Reception (NEW!)** – If you are participating in the commencement on Sat., December 12, please join Dean Strickland, faculty and staff, fellow law graduates, in the First Floor Lobby (outside the John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom) for a breakfast reception in your honor, prior to the ceremony. You and your guests who will be attending commencement are invited to attend. Saturday, December 12, 2015 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Please [email Anne Marovich](#) with the total number in your group that we may expect. Also, if you will be present with a relative who is a Cumberland graduate, please inform [Anne Marovich](#), as we would like to take your photograph together.

Nominate Your Favorite Professor for a 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.

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending an email to [Dean 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 and (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, Greene (Bob) and Hartzog (First Year Courses) and Professors DiRusso, Walthall and Young (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](#).

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

This Week's Events

Career Development Events

How To's of Applying for a Judicial Clerkships and Internships

featuring:

Christopher Friedman '14 of Balch & Bingham

Are you interested in a Judicial Clerkship (post-grad) or Summer Judicial Internship? Come learn about the application process and what you should do now to prepare!

Thurs., November 12 at 11:00 a.m. Room 120

Lunch will be served to all who [register](#). RSVP by Wed., November 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
 - [Sporting Events](#)
 - [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
- Click on event titles for more information!**

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., 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](#).

AL State Bar Application Meeting

May 2016 graduates planning to sit for the Alabama State Bar will begin filling out bar applications January 1, with a deadline of February 1 for all submissions. Justin Aday, the director of admission for the Alabama State Bar, will hold a meeting on **Tues., November 10 at 11 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom** to explain the process and address any concerns. All 3Ls planning to make application to the Alabama State Bar are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Nelson in Student Services.

AJTA Sells Thumb Drives

By popular demand, the American Journal of Trial Advocacy is selling a limited number of thumb drives for \$25 in the breezeway this Wed.-Thur., November 11-12, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The thumb drive's purpose is to aid you outside the classroom, both now at Cumberland and as you enter the profession. AJTA will have the thumb drives on hand so you may pay and walk away with your thumb drive in one stop. We accept cash, check, and the four major debit/credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover).

Called to the Bar Introduces Students to Resources

The purpose of Thursday's Called to the Bar Program is to introduce law students to the Alabama State Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program (ALAP), the [University's counseling office](#) and the services they provide. This presentation focuses on State Bar programs which provide assistance in dealing with depression, substance abuse and alcoholism and the services provided by the University, including counseling for a variety of conditions including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. [Richard Yoakum](#) and [Lyndsay Cogdill](#) from the University will be on hand as will Robert Thornhill, director of ALAP.

Thur., November 12, 2015

The Great Room

1:30 p.m.

Fall Competitions at Cumberland

- Cumberland will be hosting the **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** Sat. November 14 - Sun., November 15.

Plan Ahead



The Alabama Trial Attorney:

LITIGATION LESSONS FROM BIRMINGHAM'S FINEST

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015 | 9 AM - 2:45 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 8 AM)

John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom

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Presented by: The Cumberland Law Review



PLEASE JOIN US for the Cumberland Law Review's 2015 symposium, "The Alabama Trial Attorney: Litigation Lessons from Birmingham's Finest." This event will provide a forum for outstanding trial lawyers to share their expertise with legal professionals and promote the law school's commitment to continuing legal scholarship. **Four (4) hours of free CLE credit will be available to attendees.** The Cumberland Law Review is excited and honored to be able to bring together such a prestigious group of speakers at one event.

SPEAKERS:

- Rodney A. Max, Upchurch Watson White & Max
- Michael D. Mulvaney, Maynard Cooper & Gale, PC
- David H. Marsh, Marsh Rickard & Bryan, PC
- Walter William "Billy" Bates, Starnes Davis Florie, LLP
- Chris Zulanis, Friedman Dazzo Zulanis & Bowling, PC

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JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FOOD, & "GOOD PEOPLE" AT THE INAUGURAL
CUMBERLAND FALL SOCIAL
 A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT FOR LOCAL JUDGES, ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS

BIRMINGHAM

6:00 PM, NOVEMBER 19
 GOOD PEOPLE BREWING
 114 14TH STREET S

RSVP: CUMBSBA@SAMFORD.EDU

Faculty Notes



Professor Mike Floyd

traveled to Brazil at the end of October. He gave a lecture on "American Precedent and Some Current Employment Law Issues in the U.S." at the Tribunal Regional do Trabalho da 2ª Região (TRT, Regional

Labor Court) in São Paulo. He and Desembargadora (Justice) Maria Cristina Zucchi discussed cooperation agreements for Samford with senior officials of the Escola Judicial do Tribunal Regional do Trabalho da 2ª Região (EJUD2, the TRT's Judicial School); with administrators at Centro Universitário de Brasília (UniCEUB, the largest university in Brasília); and with administrators at Universidade Braz Cubas (Braz Cubas University) in Mogi das Cruzes.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02

The Boston University Law Review Annex recently published a short essay Hartzog co-authored with Professor Evan Selinger titled "Increasing the Transaction Costs of Harassment." The essay was part

of a symposium honoring Professor Danielle Citron's Hate Crimes in Cyberspace.

AJTA Hosts Annual Faculty, Staff Holiday Spread

The staff of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy is pleased to host the Thirty-First Annual Holiday Dessert Spread between **8:30 and 11:00 a.m. next Tues. November 17 in the Journal 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. As happens every few years, the academic calendar pushes the event to a pre-Thanksgiving date. So we'll have a fall-themed—but just as delicious—spread for you this year!

Cumberland Gives Back

Do you have underwear?

Are you wearing socks?



JOCKEY

2015 Cumberland CASA Christmas Drive The CASA children of North Alabama need your help!!!!

Please donate to the underwear and socks drive for the 114 CASA children. Drop off all donations by November 23rd in the breezeway or in the library after hours. Money donations can be given to Mrs. Adams in room 215.

**** 77 Children ages 1-10 & 37 children ages 11-18 are in need.****

CASA of North Alabama needs our help to provide 114 children with what we all take for granted: socks and underwear. Donations will be accepted until Monday, November 23. Please drop off underwear and sock donations (with gift receipt) in the bin located in the Breezeway during the day and the Library lobby after hours. Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be given to Mrs. Adams in Room 215.

Cumberland to Send Marines Christmas Care Packages

This year, the 3L class, along with SBA, will be sending Deployed Marines Christmas Care Packages and would love for all of Cumberland to be involved. More detailed emails will be sent throughout November regarding the drive and the multiple ways to get involved.

WHEN: Donations taken from Tuesday, November 3 until Monday, November 30

WHERE: Donation drop boxes located in Student Lounge and in the SBA office

WHAT: Donation list for suggested and prohibited items sent via email

WHO: Deployed Marine Platoons in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq and the South Pacific

WHY: "Packages from kind and thoughtful people like

JOIN WIL IN THE ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE.



PLEASE DONATE NON-PERISHABLE GOODS
IN THE BREEZEWAY OR STUDENT LOUNGE
BY NOVEMBER 19TH.



Women in Law will host a canned food drive November 3-19. All donations will go to the Salvation Army to help replenish and sustain food pantries for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Help WIL feed the homeless during the holidays.

yourself and your friends always raise our spirits, and are a great reminder as to why we are over here in the first place. So many Americans are so self-absorbed and conceited, and it is truly refreshing to see people like you and your friends who think of others first" - First Lieutenant Eric Todorski, Easy Company, Second Battalion, 7th Marines (received one of Cumberland's Christmas Care Packages, 2014)

If you have any questions, please let any of the 3L Class Officers know, or relay your message to any member of SBA. Additionally, if you personally know of any military members who will be deployed over Christmas, please contact [Weathers Veazey](#).

Photo of the Week

Cumberland Law students, Sarah Chamberlain, Elise Gilbert and Ashley Crank, enjoyed the view from the terrace of Cooney Hall (School of Business) on a warm Fall afternoon.



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