



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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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
Cumberland School of Law | Samford University

Presented by: The Cumberland Law Review

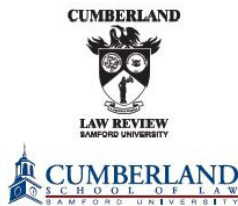


PLEASE JOIN US for the Cumberland Law Review's 2015 symposium, "The Alabama Trial Attorney: Litigation Lessons from Birmingham's Finest." This event will provide a forum for outstanding trial lawyers to share their expertise with legal professionals and promote the law school's commitment to continuing 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 Zulanas, Friedman Dazio Zulanas & Bowling, PC

RSVP is required to lawrev@samford.edu



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A Note from the Dean:

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Cumberland Hosts ABA Regional Negotiation Competition

Cumberland School of Law hosted the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition November 14-15, 2015. Twenty teams from around the country were present for the competition. The winning team was Kyung Han and Blake Smith from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law. Cumberland students Rachel Cobble and Kevin Bufford finished the competition in second place, with Cumberland students Alex Parish and Aaron Pannell finishing the competition in third place.

Thank you to all the judges, competitors, coaches, faculty, staff, and Trial Advocacy Board students who made this weekend such a success. Student Directors of the competition were Cydney Reynolds and Hope Beaton.



top: from left to right- Kevin Bufford, Rachel Cobble, April MacLennan, Dean Strickland, Coach Brian Turner, Alex Parish, and Aaron Pannell celebrate placing in the top three.



bottom: from left to right- Student Directors Cydney Reynolds and Hope Beaton congratulate Coach Robert Downs and student winners Kyung Han and Blake Smith. Garrick Vickery, Cedrick Coleman, Amber Whillock, and Frances Nolan were Attorney judges for the competition.

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](#)"



This Week's Events

Law Review Hosts Symposium on Litigation Lessons Continued from page 1.

The Cumberland Law Review is hosting a symposium on **Fri. November 20 from 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.** RSVP to: lawrev@samford.edu.

The Alabama Trial Attorney: Litigation Lessons from Birmingham's Finest will feature the following presentations:

- "Mediation: Its Place in the Litigation Zoo": Rodney A. Max, Upchurch Watson White & Max
- "The Importance of Voir Dire": Michael D. Mulvaney, Maynard Cooper & Gale, PC
- "The Art of Opening Statements": David H. Marsh, Marsh Rickard & Bryan, PC
- "Effective Direct and Cross-Examination of Witnesses: Do I Ask or Do I Bite My Tongue?": Walter William "Billy" Bates, Starnes Davis Florie, LLP
- "Delivering an Effective Closing Argument": Chris Zulanis, Friedman Dazzio Zulanis & Bowling, PC

SBA Hosts First Fall Social



The Student Bar Association is hosting an inaugural Cumberland Fall Social. This family-friendly event is at Good People Brewing Company on Thur., November 19. There will be a live band, outdoor lawn games, and food provided. Local state and federal judges as well as Cumberland alumnae and other attorneys have been invited. It is SBA's desire to start a tradition that brings together the Cumberland legacy in a way that is fun for the whole community.

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

Good Luck on Exams!

- [online schedule](#)
- [exam procedures](#)

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

Law School Announcements

Cumberland Prepares for End of Fall Semester

Evaluations:

- Evaluations 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](#).

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.

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](#).



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** – 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.



Please join Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law
faculty & staff, graduates, families & friends
for a breakfast reception honoring the

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
December 2015 Graduates**

Saturday, December 12, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Cumberland School of Law
Moot Courtroom Lobby
(first floor of the law school)
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229

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](#).

A Note from the Dean:



With classes ending Monday and exams beginning after Thanksgiving, this likely will be the last newsletter of the semester. I know everyone is hard at work getting through final class material before the semester ends as well as drafting and preparing for exams. The pace of course will not slow when we return to take, administer, and grade exams. In the meantime, I hope you all have a pleasant and meaningful Thanksgiving—whether you travel to join a large family gathering or take a short study break with friends. Happy holidays!

Faculty Notes



Judge John Carroll '74 will be in Chicago this weekend attending a meeting of a drafting committee of the Uniform Law Commission. The committee is charged with drafting a Model Veteran's Court Act which would allow state and local governments to develop specialized courts for veterans charged with crimes.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 spoke at a panel on "Robots and Privacy" at the [Privacy and Access 20/20 Conference](#) in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Professor David Smolin was [quoted in the New York Times](#) and [quoted/filmed by local media](#) on the recent actions against an eight year old who allegedly killed a one year old. He was also on the radio of a San Francisco station.



Dean Henry C. Strickland was selected to participate in the 2015-16 class of Leadership Birmingham. Leadership Birmingham each year brings together leaders from diverse backgrounds to explore the community's critical issues in education, government, health care, human services, race relations, criminal justice, economic development, arts and entertainment, and quality of life. The program includes an opening and closing retreat, monthly day-long seminars, and class projects. The goal is to contribute to the betterment of the Birmingham community and its people.

Law Library

Restricted access to the Law Library for the final exam period begins this week, with extended hours to begin on Sunday, November 29, as shown below. If you do not have a sticker on the back of your student ID that is purple with a yellow sun and a the word "NEW!" across the face, please stop at the front desk of the library.

Thanksgiving Hours

*Wed., November 25:
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (tentative)
*Thur., November 26: CLOSED
*Fri., & Sat., November 27 & 28:
9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
*Sunday, November 29:
1 p.m. – Midnight

Exam/Extended Fall Hours

*Sun. November 29
1 p.m. - Midnight
*Mon., November 30 to Fri., December 4: 7 a.m. – Midnight
*Sat., December 5:
9 a.m. – Midnight
*Sun., December 6:
1 p.m. – Midnight
*Mon., December 7 to Thur., December 10: 7 a.m. – Midnight
*Fri., December 11:
7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

All schedules are subject to change based on University decisions to close during times currently listed as open. If changes are made, they will be posted on the law library doors, on the law library web site, on the law library Facebook site, and by email.

Cumberland Gives Back

Do you have underwear?

Are you wearing socks?



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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](#).

Photos of the Week



Several law students in Judge Pate's Domestic Relations class met and played wheelchair football with disabled vets and civilians last week at the US Paralympic training center at the Lakeshore Foundation in Homewood.



Members of Cumberland's Women in Law organization celebrated at a recent Christmas Party. The organization is currently collecting canned food donations to help feed the homeless during the holidays. See [page 6](#) for more information.

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