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



#### y Newsletter The Dean's ' Weekl<sup>,</sup>

## Henry C. Strickland III Dean & Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law

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In This Edition

THIS WEEK

PLAN AHEAD

## Love Cumberland? Apply to be an Admission Ambassador



A pplications for the 2016-2017 Admission Ambassador Program are now being accepted through February 26. Apply online.

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 are 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 works with each Ambassador to develop a schedule that fits around their current class schedule and other obligations.

The Admission Ambassadors are 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 2016 and spring 2017 semesters
- two Cumberland School of Law polo-style shirts
- one Cumberland School of Law Pullover
- 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 26**. Top applicants will be interviewed in early March and Ambassadors will be chosen following the interviews. Contact Jennifer Hartzog for more information.



# Don't Forget!

Samford University is closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Mon., January 18.

Tues. January 19 is a Constructive Monday.

Monday classes will be held on Tuesday. Tuesday classes will not be held that week. The normal schedule will resume Wed. January 20.

#### This Week's Events

## **ILSA Hosts Guest Speaker**

The first meeting of the Cumberland International Law Students Association (ILSA) for the spring semester will take place Thur. January 14 at 11 a.m. in room 123.

Attorney Alan Enslen will be the guest speaker. Enslen is a shareholder with Maynard Cooper & Gale in Birmingham where he leads the International Trade group and is a cofounder of the Government Solutions practice at Maynard Cooper & Gale.

Join ILSA for an enlightening discussion about a fascinating area of the law along with free food and refreshments. Please RSVP to Charles Blackledge.

## **Career Development Events**

#### **On Campus Interviewing Info Session**

If you have a million questions about the upcoming 1L OCI, it is highly recommended that you attend this session. A panel of students who have been through the process will be giving you information on what to expect and answering your questions. Lunch will be served to all who register. RSVP by Wed., January 13 at 10 a.m.

Thur., January 14 at 11 a.m. Room 120

#### **Related dates:**

Thur., January 21 Quick 1L Resume Review

Wed., January 27 1st Student OCI Bid Deadline

Tue., February 2 1st Employer Interviewer Selection

Deadline

Thur., February 4 Student Interview Time Selection

Deadline

Mon., February 8 On-Campus Interviews Begin

For an up-to-date look at the Law School's Events, visit the Online Calendar.

#### **Law School Announcements**

# Seaton Selected to Attend PAD Conference in D.C.



Megan Seaton has been selected as one of the AJ Villmer Grant winners for the upcoming 2016 Phi Alpha Delta Leadership Conference and Biennial Convention. As part of her award, she will attend the PAD

convention in Washington, D.C. in August. Seaton's application was selected from a pool of strong candidates with exemplary leadership qualifications.

#### **Plan Ahead**

### **Military Justice Society Hosts JAG**

The Military Justice Society will be hosting an informational meeting with Lieutenant Emily Daniels, United States Navy JAG, on Thur., January 28 at 11 a.m. in room 121. Contact Dustin Bowen for more information.

#### **Apply Now for Cambridge Program**

Applications for Cumberland's Study-Abroad Summer Program in Cambridge England are being accepted. Applicants in good standing are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis and space is limited. Applications are due Tues., March 1, 2016. A General Information Session will be held on Thur., February 4 at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Professor Mike Floyd, program director or Laura Taylor, program assistant.

#### **3Ls Invited to Loan Repayment Session**

The Admissions office is offering a free session on loan repayment, including information about understanding your total debt, comparing and choosing repayment plans, and the public interest loan forgiveness program. The session will be held on **Thur.**January 28 at 11 a.m. in classroom 115.

#### **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.

If you would like to meet a potential professional mentor, please submit an information (mentee) sheet for our <u>Student Success Mentoring Program</u>. 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.



## **Upcoming Alumni Events:**

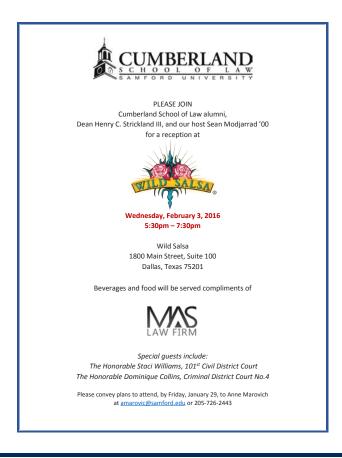
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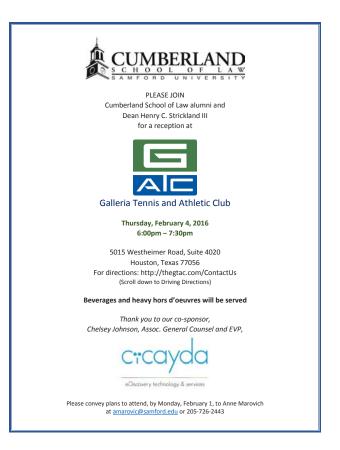
Faculty and 3Ls are invited to: Annual Birmingham Alumni Luncheon

Fri., January 22, 2016 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cooney Hall, 4th Floor

Email Anne Marovich to register

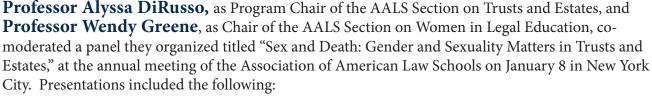
#### **Out-of-State:**





#### Faculty Notes .....





- Sexual Advance Directives, Alexander A Boni-Saenz, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Whither the Marital Presumption after Obergefell? Paula A. Monopoli, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- Not Your Mother's Will: Gender, Language and Wills, Karen J. Sneddon, Mercer University School of Law
- Just Default Rules of Succession in Light of Trivers-Willard, Jeffrey E. Stake, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Rejecting Amphibious Women and Great Estates: The Creation of the American Separate Estate, Allison Tait, The University of Richmond School of Law



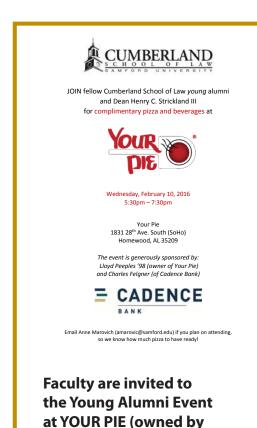
The Future of Privacy Forum (FPF) selected two recent papers of **Professor Woodrow Hartzog** '02 to be included in its "Privacy Papers for Policy Makers" program. Each year, FPF showcases articles that should inform any conversation about privacy among policymakers in Congress, as well as at the Federal Trade Commission and in other government agencies.

The papers, co-authored with Professors Neil Richards and Ira Rubinstein, as well as information about the program can be found online.

**Hartzog's** article with Evan Selinger, "Surveillance as Loss of Obscurity" was recently published by the Washington and Lee Law Review.



The Cumberland Law Review's online site published **Professor Herman "Rusty" Johnson's** article entitled, "Establishing a Unitary Standard for School-Based Excessive Force Claims." The article discusses the liability standard that should be applied to excessive force claims brought by students in elementary and secondary public schools.



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Wed., February 10

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**RSVP to Anne Marovich** 

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## **Photo of the Week**

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Dear Students, Faculty & Staff:

The 2015 CASA Christmas Socks & Underwear Drive, sponsored by PICS (Cumberland's Public Interest and Community Service organization), was a tremendous success!! I am pleased to report that Cumberland provided 840 sets of underwear, 750 pairs of socks, several pairs of pajamas and even a much appreciated set of baby bibs!!





Additionally, we were able to present CASA of North Alabama with \$600 in cash donations, which will enable them to purchase additional items that the children may need. Once again, Cumberland has bridged the "need" gap for children of Alabama in CASA care!

Thank you, to each and every individual, family and student organization for so graciously donating to the drive. Many thanks to Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) for making this drive part of their organization's annual outreach project, which resulted in their membership providing a huge number of the items. To Women In Law, thank you for adopting "Mary Jane," a Jefferson County teenager in CASA care and providing her with ALL the items on her wish list.



Everyone's generous donations will bring comfort to the lives of many children who have been removed from their homes. Your gift of kindness will be felt during Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Elise McFall (CPICS)

Want to see your photos featured?
Send them to Laura Taylor for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter