



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Cumberland Collects Over 500 Pounds of Donations for Troops



A portion of the 500 pounds of donations collected for the 3L Donation Drive. Care packages were sent to troops in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and the South Pacific.

At the end of the fall semester, the 3L class hosted a donation drive for the second annual Cumberland Christmas Care Packages for the Troops. Yet again, the Cumberland Community came together and far exceeded any expectation or hope that the 3L class had for the Christmas Care Packages.

With the help of the Cumberland student body, alumni office, and the undergraduate admissions office; the 3L class collected over 500 pounds worth of goodies to send to the brave men and women fighting overseas. Additionally, due to the generosity of several individuals, and a donation from the 3L class, all shipping costs were covered in order to actually get the packages to those deployed.

Cumberland was able to send numerous care packages, weighing 65-70 pounds each, to Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the South Pacific. Each care package held items for an entire platoon or unit to share, and Cumberland has received numerous [thank you notes](#) and [notes of appreciation](#).

The 3L class can not even begin to show their appreciation and gratitude to Cumberland and Samford for helping to send these brave men and women these small gifts. The extreme generosity shown by notoriously broke law students, along with the generosity of the faculty; is truly a testament to the quality of education and atmosphere that Cumberland instills in their students and staff. Even with the inherently competitive nature of law school, in the midst of exams students at Cumberland gave to others out of their hearts for service.

*"The 3L class officers want to thank everyone for the donations and participation with the Cumberland Christmas Care Packages for the Troops. We are humbled and forever appreciative!"*  
-Cumberland 3L Class Officers-

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## This Week's Events

### Career Development Events

#### On Campus Interviewing: Important 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

### AJTA Soliciting Eligible 2Ls

2L students that (a) were not eligible for the Summer 2015 Writing Program but have now moved into the top 1/3 of the class, (b) unsuccessfully completed in the program last summer and are still in the top 1/3 of the class, or (c) are a transfer student with a qualifiable GPA will be invited to participate in the Writing Program for the American Journal of Trial Advocacy

As soon as class rankings are released next week, the Journal will extend personal invitations to the 2L students described above to participate in the January Writing Program for membership. The January Writing Program begins **Thur., January 21** with an orientation meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the Journal office (suite 301), near the Hare Wynn Courtroom.

If you believe you may be eligible to write for Journal membership, set aside approximately 30 minutes Thursday, and watch your email box early this week for more information. If you have any questions please contact [the AJTA](#).

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

### Parham Williams Trial Competition Open to 1Ls

The Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board invites 1Ls to compete in the Parham Williams Trial Competition. The Williams is a trial competition dedicated to the 1L class and named in honor of Parham Williams who served as the Dean of Cumberland from 1985 to 1996. The Williams provides an opportunity to hone your public speaking skills, learn how to better think on your feet, better understand the Federal Rules of Evidence, and learn how to actually try a case in a courtroom. The Williams is a good start to completing your competition-participation requirements for Cumberland's Trial Advocacy Team or Cumberland's Trial Advocacy Board.

Sign ups for the Williams will take place next **Thur. January 21** between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Trial Advocacy Board Office (upper level of the Great Room). Sign ups are \$30 per team - cash only. There is a mandatory workshopping session next Friday, January 22, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.

The first round of the competition will start on the weekend of Friday, February 5, and the competition will continue on the weekends thereafter, culminating with the final round of the competition during Law Week in early March.

Teams of two advocates will try the case and compete against other teams. Each team is guaranteed to try the case at least twice during the first two preliminary rounds. Cuts will be made after those first two preliminary rounds based on each team's scores, respectively.

The Williams is very unique to Cumberland as it provides 1Ls with a chance to put knowledge of evidence to use and to try a case during the first year of law school. Contact [Kyle Scholl](#) with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have.

### Samford's Events

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

**Click on event titles for more information!**

## Law School Announcements

### Love Cumberland? Apply to be an Admission Ambassador

Applications for the 2016-2017 Admission Ambassador Program are now being accepted. [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. 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 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.

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.

## 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 noon 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.

## July State Bar Exam Reminders



If you are applying for the July 2016 bar examination, you must **SUBMIT** your application **AND** payment on or **before February 1, 2016**. Your application will not be accepted if you attempt to submit the application or payment after February 1, 2016. Effective September 1, 2015, applications for admission to the Alabama State Bar are no longer completed using the NCBE website. Instead, applications should be completed and submitted using the Alabama State Bar Admissions site at <https://admissions.alabar.org>.

To assist students in filing applications, director of admission for the Alabama State Bar Justin Aday addressed 3Ls in November. In case you missed that presentation, feel free to view it at: <https://echoserver.samford.edu:8443/ess/echo/presentation/1f23829c-aa43-45ff-8ff6-9c56338998f4>.

If you have questions or need additional information, you may contact the Admissions Office of the Alabama State Bar (334) 269-1515 or stop by Student Services in Room 124.

### ALAP Director on Campus Next Week

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be in Student Services (Room 124) on **Thur., January 28** from 9 a.m. — 11 a.m. Students are welcome to drop by and speak with him regarding character and fitness issues related to the bar. Appointments are available but are not necessary. For more information, contact [Mrs. Pam Nelson](#).

### 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. Lunch will be served. Contact [Jennifer Hartzog](#) to RSVP and for more information.

**The first Called to the Bar program for the 2016 spring semester is scheduled Thur., January 28 at 11 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom. More information to follow.**

## 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](#).



## Upcoming Alumni Events: Local:


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](#) for more information.

## Out-of-State:




PLEASE JOIN  
Cumberland School of Law alumni,  
Dean Henry C. Strickland III, and our host Sean Modjarrad '00  
for a reception at



Wednesday, February 3, 2016  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wild Salsa  
1800 Main Street, Suite 100  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Beverages and food will be served compliments of



Special guests include:  
The Honorable Staci Williams, 101<sup>st</sup> Civil District Court  
The Honorable Dominique Collins, Criminal District Court No.4

Please convey plans to attend, by Friday, January 23, to Anne Marovich  
at [amarovich@samford.edu](mailto:amarovich@samford.edu) or 205-726-2443



PLEASE JOIN  
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for a reception at



Galleria Tennis and Athletic Club

Thursday, February 4, 2016  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

5015 Westheimer Road, Suite 4020  
Houston, Texas 77056  
For directions: <http://thegac.com/ContactUs>  
(Scroll down to Driving Directions)

Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

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Please convey plans to attend, by Monday, February 1, to Anne Marovich  
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## Faculty Notes



The George Washington Law Review recently published **Professor Woodrow Hartzog's** '02 paper "The Scope and Potential of FTC Data Protection" as part of their issue dedicated to the symposium "The FTC at 100." Information on the issue and the article can be found [online](#).




JOIN fellow Cumberland School of Law young alumni  
and Dean Henry C. Strickland III  
for complimentary pizza and beverages at



Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Your Pie  
1831 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. South (SoHo)  
Homewood, AL 35209

The event is generously sponsored by:  
Lloyd Peoples '98 (owner of Your Pie)  
and Charles Felgner (of Cadence Bank)



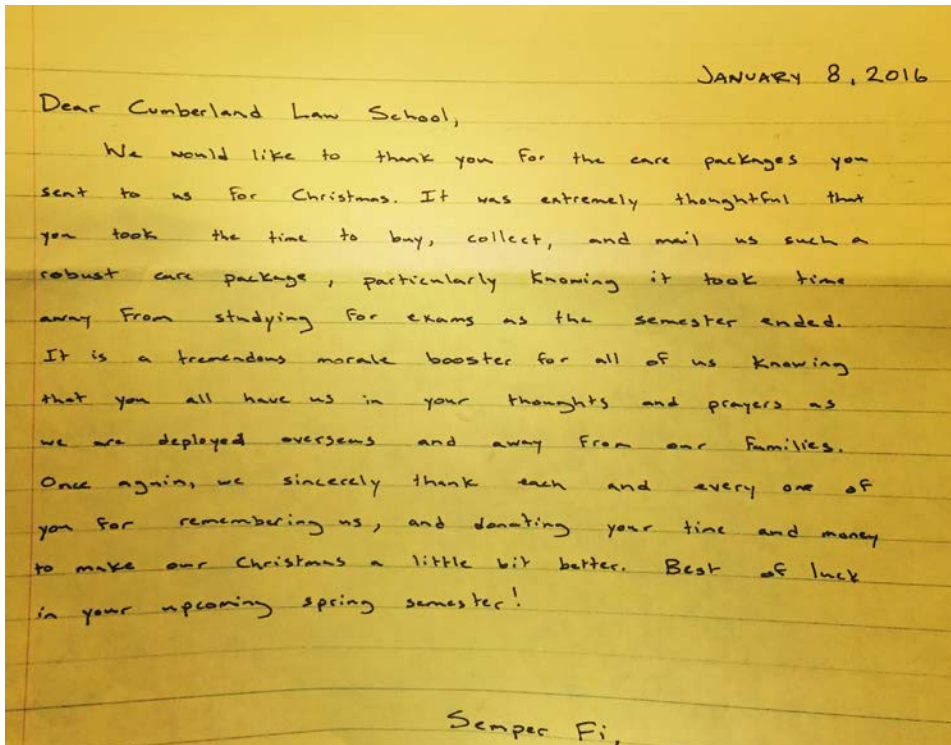
Email Anne Marovich ([amarovich@samford.edu](mailto:amarovich@samford.edu)) if you plan on attending,  
so we know how much pizza to have ready!

**Faculty are invited  
to the Young Alumni  
Event at YOUR PIE  
(owned by alumnus  
Lloyd Peoples '98)**

**Wed., February 10  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**RSVP to Anne  
Marovich**

## Photo of the Week - Thank You From the Troops



Dear Cumberland,  
 Thank you very much for the care package! The boys were very taken aback and appreciative of it. The hot sauce especially was a big hit, and the travel mugs are especially welcome when standing 12 hours of night watch. On behalf of all the Marines and sailors of First Platoon, Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines thank you very much! We are currently deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, the campaign against the ISIS terrorists that was all over the news a few months ago. We're about halfway through our deployment, and should be returning to 29 Palms and the beautiful Mojave Desert of southern California this spring. Packages from kind and thoughtful people like 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. I hope you had a safe and wonderful holiday season with your family, and wish you all the best in 2016!  
 Semper Fidelis

I wanted to let you know that the package you sent arrived the other day in good condition. We appreciate the effort it took to put that together, and ship. Props to whoever carried the box! The Copenhagen and Grizzly were well received. I personally dug the 80's TV trivia flash cards (somebody connected with me on a spiritual level). We got the soap. There's so much soap. I get it... we smell bad. We're working on it (jk)! Also, I thought the travel mugs were a nice touch!

About us...

We are Bravo Troop, 3/6 Cavalry. We are a heavy attack/reconnaissance squadron (HARS). Our unit combines the capabilities of the AH-64D Apache helicopter, as well as the Shadow UAV. We just spent about 3 months in Iraq, and are now in Kuwait.

Please relay a "thank you" to your class from us. Is there anything we can do in return? Please do let me know.

Thank you so much from myself, and B troop!

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 Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion  
 in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**