



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Faculty and Staff Honored for Years of Service

*The following faculty and staff members that were honored by Samford University:*



**Prof. Howard Walthall**  
40 years



**Prof. Paul Kuruk**  
20 years



**Brenda Jones**  
20 years



**Della Darby**  
15 years



**Cassandra Adams**  
10 years



**Prof. Alyssa DiRusso**  
10 years



**Candace Lambert**  
10 years

## Samford Shuttle Service: Spring Semester Schedule



Beginning Mon., January 25, the University will provide campus shuttle service operating Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Shuttles will stop regularly at the South Stadium Lot (Lower West Campus), the Track & Soccer Lot across Lakeshore Drive, and on main campus at the top of Sherman Circle. For your convenience, you can view a campus [parking map](#). Whenever you arrive to campus, please remember to check the Samford parking twitter feed [@samfordparking](#) for regular updates on parking availability. As a reminder, Transportation Services staff will begin enforcing parking violations on January 25, 2016.

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

### Career Development Events

#### Important Dates:

**Wed., January 27** 1st Student OCI Bid Deadline

**Tue., February 2** Cumberland Summer Public Interest Fellowship Mandatory Meeting  
4:30 p.m., Great Room

**Tue., February 2** 1st Employer Interviewer Selection Deadline (OCI)

**Thur., February 4** Student Interview Time Selection Deadline (OCI)

**Mon., February 8** On-Campus Interviews Begin

### Environmental Law Society Meets Tuesday

Cumberland Environmental Law Society will hold their first meeting of the semester on **Tue., January 26 at 4:30 p.m.** in room 120. This meeting is open to members as well as anyone interested in joining the club. Feel free to stop by to hear about what is planned this semester and enjoy some tasty snacks. For more information, contact [Kayla Currie](#).

### 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.

## Donworth Moot Court Competition Open to 1Ls

The Donworth Moot Court Competition is an intraschool competition for 1Ls and it is the **ONLY** moot court competition that 1Ls are eligible for. The judges will be National Moot Court Team and Board members, National Team Coaches, professors, and local attorneys and judges. Participants will be scored and advanced as individuals, and therefore do not need to participate with a partner. For more information contact [Christian Borek](#) or [Kate Furek](#).

#### Interest Meeting and Demonstration

Fri., January 29 at 3 p.m. in room 120

#### Sign-up Deadline

Tues., February 9

#### Competition

Mon., March 14 (Preliminaries)

Tue., March 15 (Semi-Finals)

Wed. March 16 (Final Round)

## Called to the Bar Features Graduates

The next Called to the Bar program, "What I Wish I Knew in Law School: A View from Practice" will be held **Thur., January 28 at 11 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom.**

Looking back with the benefit of a few years' practice experience, recent graduates will share what they wish they had known, or done, or not done while in law school. The panelists are Abba Bains, class of 2013; Katelyn Carr Buchanan, class 2014; Ben Coulter, class of 2010; and Wes Hill, class of 2012.

## ALAP Director on Campus Thursday

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.

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

### Samford's Events

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

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

## Plan Ahead

### Apply Now for Cambridge

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.



### Cumberland Invited to Dangerous Dreams Tour at Law School

*Admission is free; space is limited. R.S.V.P. by February 8 to [Charmayne Fillmore](#).*

## 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.

### 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.

## Announcements Continued

### Bar Review Course Arrangements Finalized for Class of 2016

The law school has made arrangements with BarBri, Kaplan, and Themis in order to help students pay for bar review courses. This year's 2016 graduates may take review courses with one of these three vendors for a total cost of \$1300 plus applicable book deposits, taxes and shipping. Books, taxes and shipping fees are NOT part of the tuition charges.

To assist students in making a bar review vendor decision, Cumberland has planned informational meetings to allow BarBri, Kaplan and Themis to describe their courses and services at the following times:

BarBri: Thursday, January 21 at 11 a.m. in Room 120.  
Kaplan: Tuesday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 118.  
Themis: Wednesday February 3, 9 a.m. in Room 121.  
Food will be served at all meetings.

After the meetings have been held, students will receive a survey to make bar review vendor choices. Students are not obligated to choose these vendors; however, please note that if you elect to take advantage of these arrangements with Kaplan, BarBri, or Themis by selecting one of these courses, the law school will be obligated to pay the vendor for your course and you will be obligated to pay the law school your share of the cost (\$1300).

## Faculty Notes



### Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02

recently spoke on a panel sponsored by Slate and the New America Foundation titled "How Human Do We Want Our Robots to Be?" A [video recording of the panel](#) can be found online. Hartzog was also quoted in a story by the Washington Internet Daily about the event.

Hartzog's work on obscurity with Evan Selinger was extensively cited in [a report on online reputations issues](#) by the Federal Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

Slate has published a [recap of the panel](#) Hartzog was on organized by the New America Foundation, "How Human Do We Want Our Robots to Be?"

## 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:

 PLEASE JOIN Cumberland School of Law alumni, Dean Henry C. Strickland III, and our host Sean Modjarrad '00 for a reception at  <b>Wednesday, February 3, 2016</b> 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 29, to Anne Marovich at <a href="mailto:amarovic@samford.edu">amarovic@samford.edu</a> or 205-736-2443	 PLEASE JOIN Cumberland School of Law alumni and Dean Henry C. Strickland III for a reception at  <b>Thursday, February 4, 2016</b> 6:00pm – 7:30pm 5015 Westheimer Road, Suite 4020 Houston, Texas 77056 For directions: <a href="http://thegtac.com/ContactUs">http://thegtac.com/ContactUs</a> (scroll down to Driving Directions) Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served Thank you to our co-sponsor, Chelsey Johnson, Assoc. General Counsel and EVP,  <small>*Customary technology &amp; services</small> Please convey plans to attend, by Monday, February 1, to Anne Marovich at <a href="mailto:amarovic@samford.edu">amarovic@samford.edu</a> or 205-736-2443
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 JOIN fellow Cumberland School of Law young alumni and Dean Henry C. Strickland III for <b>complimentary pizza and beverages</b> at  <b>Wednesday, February 10, 2016</b> 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 ( <a href="mailto:amarovic@samford.edu">amarovic@samford.edu</a> ) if you plan on attending, so we know how much pizza to have ready!	<b>Faculty are invited to the Young Alumni Event at YOUR PIE (owned by alumnus Lloyd Peoples '98)</b>  <b>Wed., February 10 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>  <b>RSVP to <a href="#">Anne Marovich</a></b>
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# Photo of the Week



*(from left to right) Cumberland admission counselor Jino Ray, 3L Brandi Russell, 3L Hilaire Armstrong, and 2L Travis Thomas attended the Regional Convention for the Southern Region of the Black Law Students Association hosted in Durham, North Carolina. Armstrong currently serves as chair of the organization, Russell as historian, and Thomas as Cumberland delegate. Thomas was also elected as the Sub-Region 5 director of the organization for the 2016-2017 academic year.*

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