



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Walthall Honored by Samford with Macon Award



Samford President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland presents Professor Howard Walthall with the George Macon Memorial Award.

Cumberland School of Law Professor Howard P. Walthall recently received a top Samford University faculty award.

The George Macon Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a teacher, counselor and friend who inspires students to greatness was

presented to Walthall at the spring semester opening convocation on Tuesday, January 26. Samford President Andrew Westmoreland presented Walthall with a \$1,000 cash prize, and a [video](#) presentation highlighted his service and dedication to the university.

Walthall, who has taught at the law school for 40 years, was cited for his teaching, innovation, energy and devotion to students. He has taught an array of

courses, including first-year contracts, federal and state constitutional law, numerous business and commercial law courses, and cultural perspectives in the Samford undergraduate core curriculum. He has won the law school's Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award multiple times.

By pioneering the integration of writing instruction and assessment processes into classes and addressing a need for essential analytical skills, he continues to develop new approaches to meet the unique needs of students — making the law school program better for each new generation of students.

His tribute to the legend of Rascal, a dog that was awarded the degree of canine jurisprudence when Cumberland School of Law was located in Tennessee, is a popular part of the law school's annual Rascal Day celebration. He is also a longtime participant and organizer of Samford's Old Howard 100 bike ride held each spring.

Walthall is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and a graduate of Harvard Law School. Before joining the Cumberland School of Law faculty, he was a partner in a Birmingham law firm.

PICS Hosts Cold Weather Drive to Benefit Jimmie Hale Mission

The Public Interest and Community Service Organization (PICS) is holding a cold weather drive to aid those who are in need of cold weather attire. PICS will be collecting coats/jackets, gloves scarves and any hats. Donation bins will be in the Breezeway until February 11. Donations will benefit the Jimmie Hale Mission. If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Emily Irvin](#) or [Depri Hale](#).

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](#)"



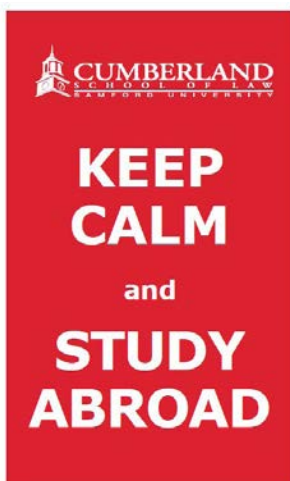
This Week's Events

Career Development Events

Important Dates:

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

Cambridge Info Meeting Thursday



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. in room 120.** Food will be served. For more information,

contact [Professor Mike Floyd](#), program director or [Laura Taylor](#), program assistant in offices 220A and 220B.

International Student Meet-n-Greet

Come meet Cumberland's Spring 2016 International Students on **Thur. February 4 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.** in Mrs. Pam Nelson's outer office, Room 124.

Molly Burke and Kerry Elliston return to Cumberland from the University of East Anglia in England and Daksh Kaushik joins us from NALSAR University in India. Students, faculty and staff are invited to drop in and meet these students.

Samford's Events

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

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.

Warren E. Burger Prize Writing Competition Open to Students & Faculty

Students and faculty are invited to participate in the 2016 American Inns of Court [Warren E. Burger Prize writing competition.](#)

To apply, please submit an original, unpublished essay of 10,000–20,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing the issues of excellence in legal skills, civility, ethics, and professionalism.

The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 and the essay will be published in the South Carolina Law Review. The 2016 Warren E. Burger Prize will be presented as part of the 2016 American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence at the Supreme Court of the United States on November 5, 2016.

The submission deadline for the 2016 Warren E. Burger Prize is July 1, 2016. For more information, please contact [Cindy Dennis](#) (571) 319-4703.

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).

Seminar to Discuss Veterans Treatment Courts

The Campus Veterans Association and Military Justice Society will be hosting a Veterans Treatment Court Seminar in the Moot Court Room **Thur., February 11 at 11 a.m.** Speakers include:

Judge John Carroll - Cumberland School of Law
Attorney and Combat Veteran Jeremy Glassford - Balch & Bingham LLP
Attorney Texys Morris - Community Law Office

Veterans Treatment Courts include many facets of law and help veterans in a variety of ways. In fact, most say Alabama is leading the way in VTC. The purpose of this seminar is to inform students of what VTC are, the emergence of VTC in Alabama, the VTC process, as well as the future of VTC. For more information on Veterans Treatment Courts, read Glassford's, "[In War, There Are No Unwounded Soldiers.](#)" For more information, contact [Jordan Thompson](#).

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

Student Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect 9!

On **Sat., February 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, for the eighth year, Cumberland will join with attorneys and judges from the Birmingham area to participate in Project Homeless Connect 9! at the Boutwell Auditorium (1930 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Last year, volunteers from all professions provided services to more than 650 homeless or near-homeless clients with issues ranging from misdemeanor criminal charges, social security and housing crises, to health and dental care.

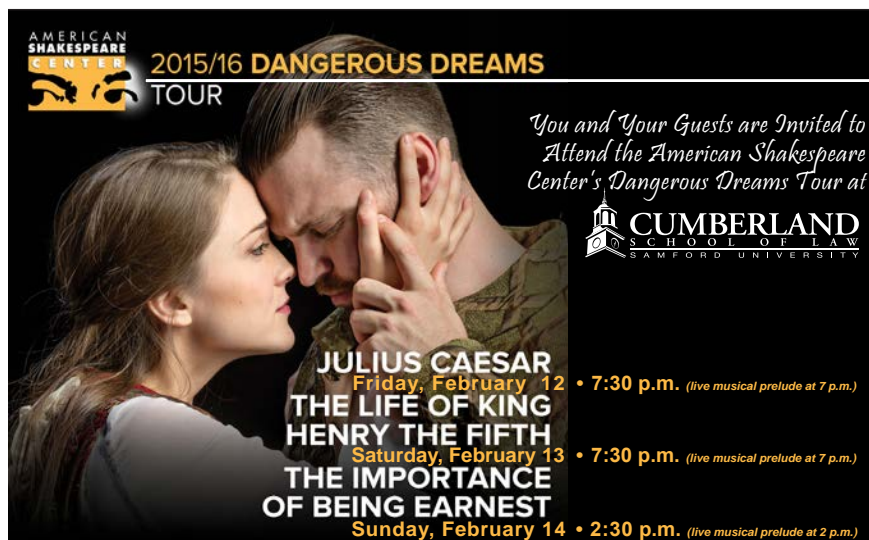
Law students are needed to facilitate intake for the legal services section of PHC9! Volunteers will make initial contact with the client, run a basic search for outstanding warrants and court cases, and determine which attorney can best deal with the client's issue. There will be an orientation/

training session for students that are volunteering with Project Homeless Connect this year. Training will be Thur. February 25 from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Bishop Conference Room. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by Suite 215 and sign up or send an email to ccmc@samford.edu with the time you are available. There are two-hour shifts available throughout the day. All Cumberland volunteers are asked to wear their red volunteer shirt and bring their laptop. If you don't have a volunteer shirt, you can pick one up from Suite 215.

Thanks in advance for helping out. A special thank you to Emily Irvin, Kristina Gubbels, Ian Green and Candace Towns for helping with pre-intake at the Salvation Army & the Firehouse Shelter over the last two weeks.

Plan Ahead

Cumberland Invited to Dangerous Dreams Tour at Law School



AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE CENTER
2015/16 DANGEROUS DREAMS TOUR

You and Your Guests are Invited to Attend the American Shakespeare Center's Dangerous Dreams Tour at

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

JULIUS CAESAR
Friday, February 12 • 7:30 p.m. (live musical prelude at 7 p.m.)

THE LIFE OF KING HENRY THE FIFTH
Saturday, February 13 • 7:30 p.m. (live musical prelude at 7 p.m.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
Sunday, February 14 • 2:30 p.m. (live musical prelude at 2 p.m.)

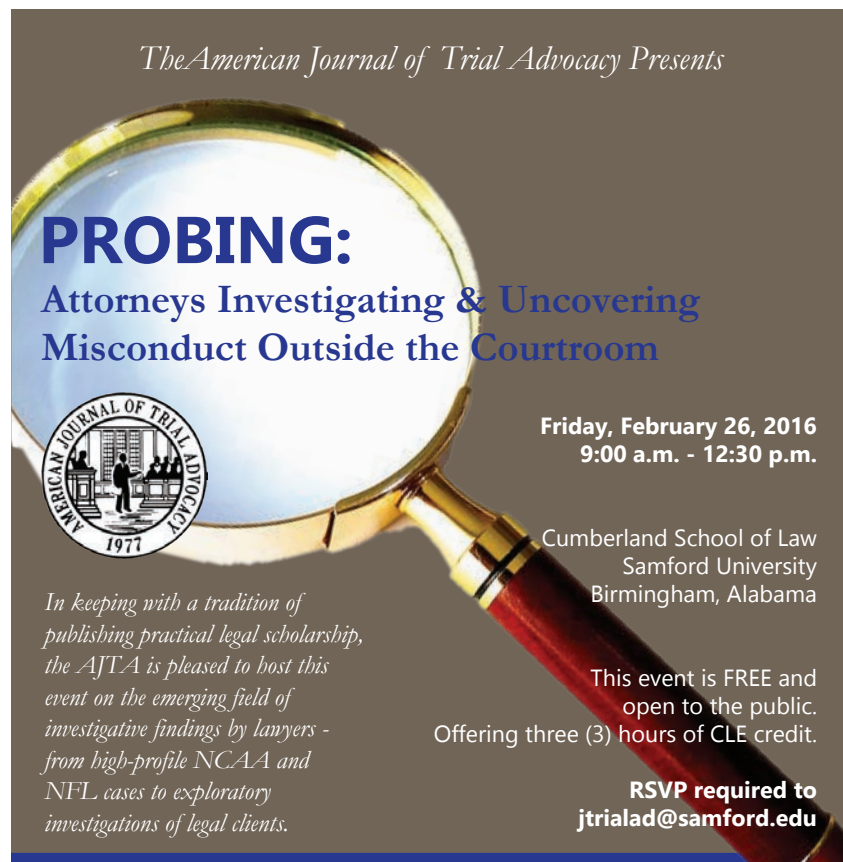
Photo: Peter and John in period costume. Photo by Michael Bailey.

Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC and Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton are delighted to present these remarkable productions at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. Performances will take place in the Great Room.

The American Shakespeare Center brings a unique performance style to Cumberland, blending Shakespeare's stage craft with modern sensibility.

Admission is free; space is limited.

R.S.V.P. by February 8
to **Charmayne Fillmore**.



The American Journal of Trial Advocacy Presents

PROBING:
Attorneys Investigating & Uncovering Misconduct Outside the Courtroom

Friday, February 26, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law
Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

This event is FREE and open to the public.
Offering three (3) hours of CLE credit.

RSVP required to
jttrialad@samford.edu

In keeping with a tradition of publishing practical legal scholarship, the AJTA is pleased to host this event on the emerging field of investigative findings by lawyers - from high-profile NCAA and NFL cases to exploratory investigations of legal clients.

Featured Speakers:

- ▷ Kenneth L. Wainstein - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Washington, DC
- ▷ Christopher W. Madel - Robins Kaplan, LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Presentations & Panel Discussion on the Practical Applications of Probing:

- ▷ Robert Boland - Ohio University, Department of Sports Administration
- ▷ Jeffrey P. Doss - Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama
- ▷ Anthony L. Joseph - Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham, Alabama
- ▷ Clinton T. Speegle - Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama



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](#).

Sign-up Deadline:

Tues., February 9

Competition:

Mon., March 14 (Preliminaries)

Tue., March 15 (Semi-Finals)

Wed. March 16 (Final Round)

BLSA Hosts Chili Cook-Off to Raise Funds

The Black Law Student Association will hold a fund-raising chili cook-off from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thur., February 25, in the Great Room**. Admission is \$3.00 to try all of the chili. Individuals are asked to pay \$5.00 as an entry fee, \$10.00 for groups (of no more than 5 people), and \$15.00 for organizations. Prizes will be given out for first, second and third place winners.

Faculty Notes



Months ago the City of Huntsville Board of Zoning Adjustment issued a building permit for a residence. Richard Chesnut, the owner of a neighboring home (he's also a lawyer) thought the permit allowed the builder to build twenty feet too close to the street. He asked **Professor Joseph Snoe** to review the city

ordinance and the local regulations. Snoe did and agreed with Chesnut. Chesnut asked Snoe to write his reasoning in an affidavit. Chesnut submitted the affidavit to the Court of Appeals, who misguidedly deferred to the City of Huntsville Board of Adjustment's interpretation. Chesnut appealed to the Alabama Supreme Court. The Alabama Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals and ruled in Chesnut's favor. The Alabama Supreme Court mentions Snoe and his "well-reasoned analysis" and quotes chunks of his affidavit, italicizing paragraphs of it for emphasis.



Professor Paul Kuruk's article "Regulating "Access to Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources: The Disclosure Requirement as a Strategy to Combat Biopiracy" was recently published in Volume 17 of the San Diego International Law Journal.

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



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, 101st 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 amarovich@samford.edu or 205-726-2443



PLEASE JOIN
Cumberland School of Law alumni and
Dean Henry C. Strickland III
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://hugobac.com/ContactUs>
(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,



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Please convey plans to attend, by Monday, February 1, to Anne Marovich
at amarovich@samford.edu or 205-726-2443



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 28th 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) 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](#)

**Thur., March, 31, 2016
6 p.m.**

**Washington DC
Alumni Event**

**For Cumberland and SU
alumni and friends:
The Washington Center
1333 16th Street, NW
Washington DC,
20036-2205**



PLEASE JOIN
Cumberland School of Law alumni,
Dean Henry C. Strickland III and Anne Marovich
for a casual gathering at



Thursday, April 28, 2016
5:30pm - 7:30pm

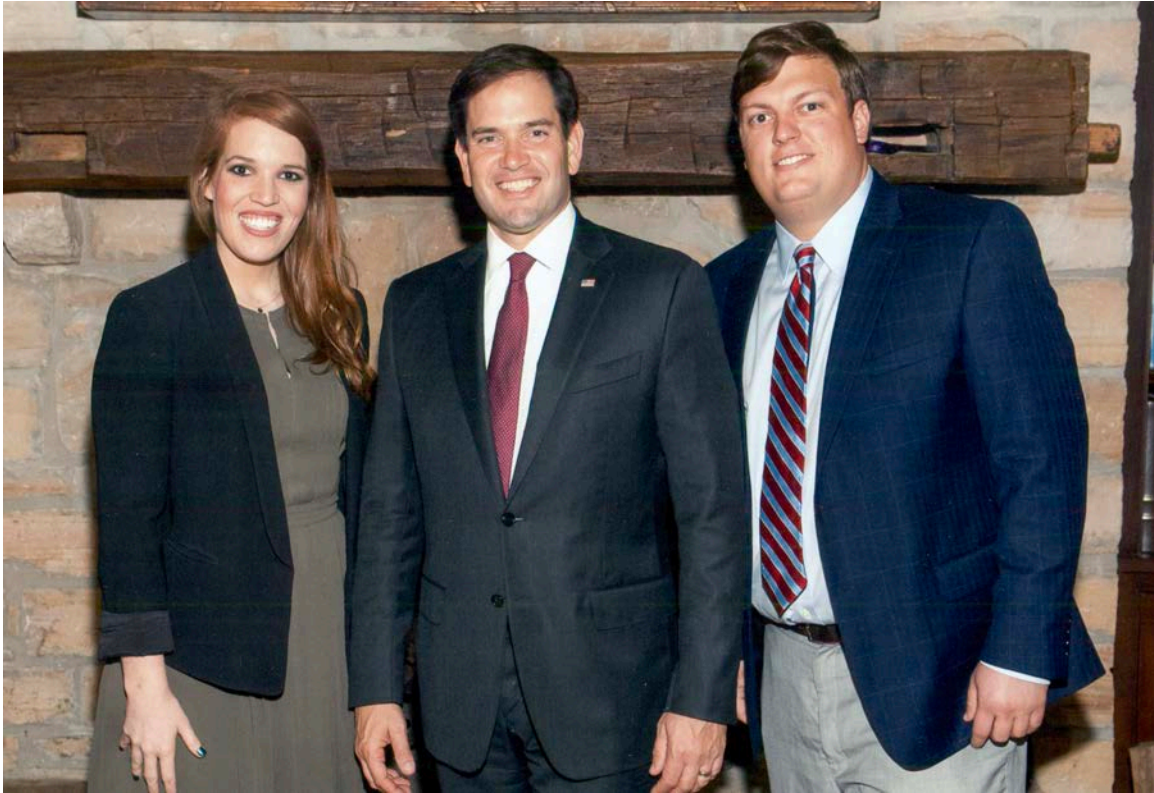
644 McDonnell Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

*Finger foods/appetizers served, cash bar available

Please convey plans to attend, by Friday, April 22, to Anne Marovich
at amarovich@samford.edu or 205-726-2443

**Interested in attending?
RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#)**

Photo of the Week



Weathers Veazey, Cumberland Republicans secretary and Brook Meadows, Cumberland Republicans president were invited to meet Senator Marco Rubio at a reception in support of Senator Marco Rubio at Senator Slade Blackwell's home in Mountain Brook last month.

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