



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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AJTA Hosts Symposium on Investigative Findings

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.

Faculty Nominates Students for Who's Who

The law faculty nominated students for inclusion in the 2015-16 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Criteria for selection were GPA; participation and leadership within school organizations or extracurricular activities; community involvement; and future leadership ability or potential. It is an honor to be selected, and we congratulate this year's Cumberland nominees:

- Alvis, Stewart J
- Armstrong, Hilaire R
- Barbier, Ross S
- Beauchamp, Walker M
- Bolton, Andrea N
- Bothma, Sarah F
- Catlin, Jessica B
- Chamberlain, Sarah C
- Cobble, Rachel H
- Collins, Caroline Mills
- Crank, Ashley L
- Hatcher, Collin D
- Key, Jacob J
- Kilgore, Mark A
- Marsh, John D
- Musolf, Julie A
- Nichols, Austin L
- Scholl, Kyle A
- Walker, Cody B

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



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

BLSA Hosts Chili Cook-Off Thursday

The Black Law Student Association will hold a fundraising chili cook-off from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thur., February 25, in the Great Room.** Sign up by 5 p.m. Tues. February 23 in the Breezeway

Admission is \$3 to try all of the chili. Individuals are asked to pay \$5 as an entry fee, \$10 for groups (of no more than five people), and \$15 for organizations. Prizes will be given out for first, second and third place winners.

Volunteers Still 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

Addiction Support Group Meets Weekly

The newly formed university addiction support group plans to meet once per week from 7-8 p.m. through May 5 in Burns Hall, Room 311. Students and those supporting friends who struggle with addiction are invited to attend. Though the group is being established to support any addictive behaviors, the primary focus will be on drug and alcohol issues. As many of you know, this is an area affecting young lawyers at a higher than average rate, as highlighted in a recent [ABA Journal article](#). If you have questions or concerns, please see [Mrs. Nelson](#) in Student Services.

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.

ALAP Director on Campus

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be in Student Services (Room 124) on **Thur., February 25 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 [Ms. Nelson](#).

Law Week Sign Ups Begin

- Cumberland Idol Sign-up Deadline: February 24
- Kickball Sign-up Deadline: March 1

The sheets for both events are located on the door of the SBA office in the Mezzanine of the Great Room. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please [contact SBA](#) or check your email for more information.

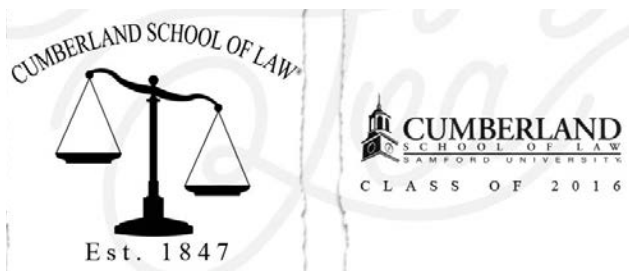
For an up-to-date look at the Law School's Events, visit the [Online Calendar](#).

Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
 - [Sporting Events](#)
 - [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
- Click on event titles for more information!**

Law School Announcements

Cumberland Class Shirts For Sale



The 3L Class has designed class specific t-shirts. The shirts are long sleeve white comfort colors t-shirts, with class year included under the school logo. The shirts are being sold for \$20.

To place an order, go to Cumberland [Class of 2016](#), [Class of 2017](#), [Class of 2018](#) T-Shirt Orders. Payment is currently accepted in the form of check, cash, or venmo. Checks should be made payable to "Cumberland 3L class." For venmo, please send money to the "Cumberland Senior Class" @Cumberland3Lclass.

The deadline to purchase class shirts is Friday March 4. Contact [Weathers Veazey](#) for more information.

Elite Eight Selected in Williams Trial Competition

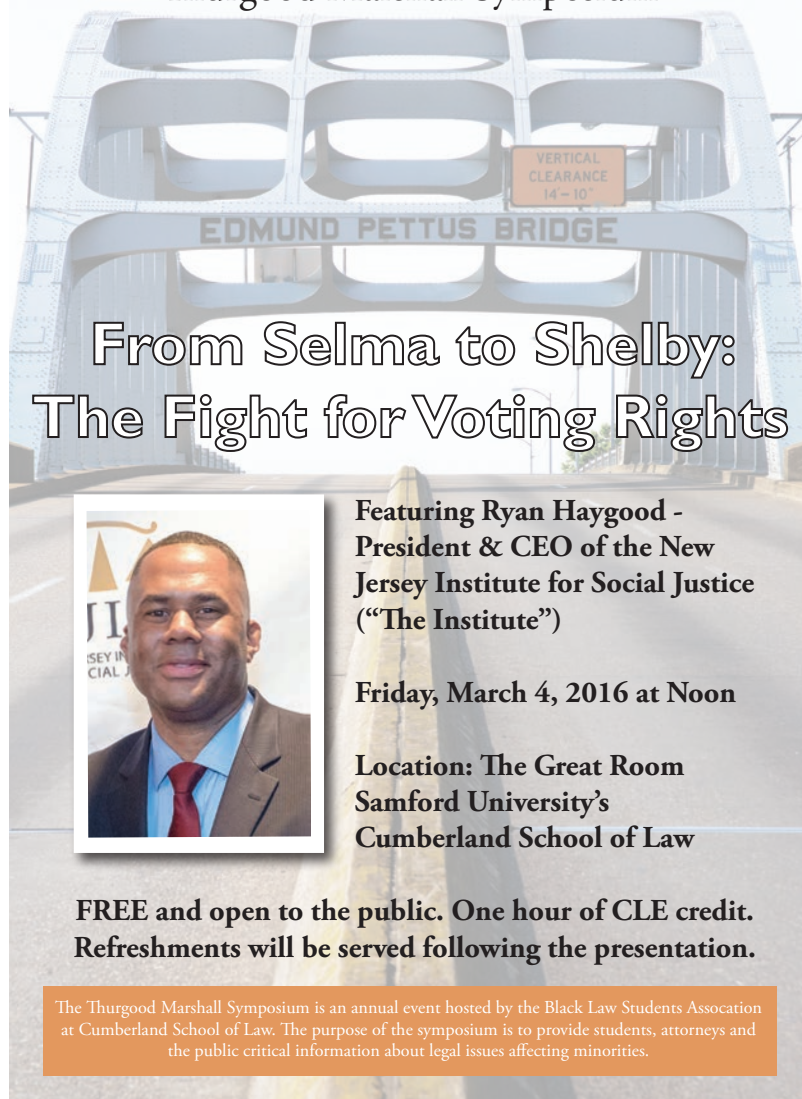
The Parham Williams Trial Competition had another great weekend. The top sixteen teams competed head-to-head in the courtroom. It was very apparent those sixteen teams listened to the feedback they received from the first two preliminary rounds and improved their case and their presentations. Please congratulate the following teams advancing to the Elite Eight:

Ricardo Simmonds / Jason Bruner
 Krista Tribble / Amy Chiou
 Tom Patania / Paige Caraway
 Katie Hilyer / Drew Bentley
 Andrew Banks / Barnes Heyward
 Tiffany Simms / Kayley Argo
 Carmen Weite / Alex Thrasher
 Abby Hayley / Jamal Aquil

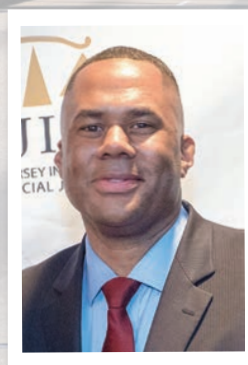
Thurgood Marshall Symposium to Address Voting Rights



Thurgood Marshall Symposium



From Selma to Shelby: The Fight for Voting Rights



Featuring Ryan Haygood -
 President & CEO of the New
 Jersey Institute for Social Justice
 ("The Institute")

Friday, March 4, 2016 at Noon

Location: The Great Room
 Samford University's
 Cumberland School of Law

FREE and open to the public. One hour of CLE credit.
 Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

The Thurgood Marshall Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Black Law Students Association at Cumberland School of Law. The purpose of the symposium is to provide students, attorneys and the public critical information about legal issues affecting minorities.

Writing Competition Open to Students and Faculty

Students and faculty are invited to participate in the 2016 American Inns of Court [Warren E. Burger Prize](#) writing competition. The submission deadline for the 2016 Warren E. Burger Prize is July 1, 2016. For more information, please contact [Cindy Dennis](#) at (571) 319-4703.



Plan Ahead

Career Development Events

Cumberland School of Law's
Annual Public Interest Career Fair

Wed., March 2, 2016
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Great Room

Please come by and meet various public interest organizations from around Alabama. They will be here to answer your questions and tell you about summer internship opportunities. Lunch will be served.

Bar Exam Meetings Mandatory for 3Ls

Cumberland is holding a series of three identical meetings about the bar exam in upcoming weeks. The meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. The meetings will be held in the Moot Courtroom at the following times and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Tuesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m.;
- Monday, March 14 at noon; and
- Thursday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.

All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).

Florida Student Bar Association to Host Annual Fish Fry

The Florida Student Bar Association will be hosting its Third Annual Fish Fry. The Fish Fry will be on Sat., March 5, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sidebar. Tickets will go on sale next week. For more information, contact [Joey Gomez](#).

Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 gave a talk on US robotics law in Tokyo, Japan at an event (pictured below) on Japan's robotic revolution, hosted by Japan's Ministry of Economy and Trade Industry (METI) on February 15.



Hartzog was quoted in a [WBRC story](#) about Apple's resistance to the FBI's request to help them break the security system of the iPhone.



Judge John Carroll '74 was quoted in an [article by WVTM13](#) about the time line for replacing Justice Scalia.

Carroll was quoted in an [article by ABC3340](#) about increasing minimum wage in Alabama.



Professor William Ross' commentary, "Why Obama Should Want to Make a Recess Appointment to the Supreme Court," was [published online](#) in JURIST on February 17.



Professor David Smolin was quoted in a [Biblical Recorder article](#) and a [Baptist Press article](#) about Justice Scalia's legal and Christian views.

Admissions News

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.

Applications are due by **Fri., February 26**. Top applicants will be interviewed in early March and Ambassadors will be chosen following the interviews. Contact [Jennifer Hartzog](#) for more information.

Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law

SPRING OPEN HOUSE


PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME



Friday, February 26, 2016 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- Tour the law school •
- Learn about the law school, clinical programs, career opportunities and more •
- Hear from faculty and current students during Q&A discussion panels •
- Hear about academic fellowships and scholarships •
- Gain a thorough understanding of the admission process •

To register for the open house, please follow this link:
<http://2016springopenhouse.eventbrite.com>
or call the law admission office at 800-888-7213.



Know someone interested in attending Cumberland? Invite them to the spring admission open house. For more information, contact [Jennifer Hartzog](#)

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:

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
amarovich@samford.edu or 205-726-2443



Save the Date:
Law Week 2016
March 7-12, 2016
Check your email for more information!



Photo of the Week



Cumberland BLSA members read to children at Oxmoor Valley Elementary School as we celebrate Black History Month. Pictured L to R (back): Oxmoor Valley Principal, Melvin Love; Brandi Russell; Travis Thomas. Pictured L to R (front): Shaye Hornbuckle, Miya Moore and Sharidan Hollis.

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