



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Rascal Day 2016

See [pages 5-7](#) for more photos from the event!

<< Lindsey Catlett and her dalmatian Lily met Cruella de Vil (Professor Belle Stoddard) at Rascal Day during last week's Law Week festivities. >> Rascal earned his Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree in 1937. His memory is celebrated each year at Rascal Day.



Williams Trial Competition Winners Announced

The Final Round of the Williams competition took place on Wed. March 9, and both teams performed very well while facing some tough competition from their opposing counsels.

Please congratulate the team of **Krista Tribble and Amy Chiou** for winning the Parham Williams Trial Competition!

On behalf of the Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board, it has been a pleasure hosting the Williams. If you are interested in trial advocacy, we invite you to compete in the Haley Trial Competition this coming summer and also try out for Cumberland's National Trial Team by competing in the Peterson Trial Competition next fall.

A big thank you to all the teams that competed in the Williams, and again, congratulations to Tribble and Chiou on a job well done!

Donworth Moot Court Competition Held This Week

Please join the Henry Upson Sims Executive Moot Court Board in congratulating the 2016 Donworth Freshman Moot Court semi-finalists.

The following semi-finalists were judged by local attorneys and Moot Court team members on their oral argument and advocacy skills. We had an amazing panel of competitors and making the cut for the top 16 came down to a fraction of a point. Please congratulate all of these fine oral advocates when you see them!

Semi-Finals are held on Tues.,

March 15 and Finals on Wed., March 16.

2016 Donworth Semifinalists (in no particular order):

- Sarah Emerson
- Tom Patania
- Gage Smythe
- Xan Ingram
- Stuart Lang
- Mallory Burrell
- Katie Flanagan
- Laney Gifford
- Lindsey Catlett
- Jaime Knight
- Shelby Scott
- Luke Kennedy
- Ricardo Simmons
- Wesley Walker
- Sidney Jackson
- Travis Johns

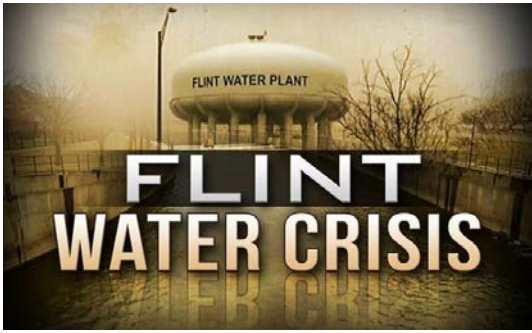
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Law School Announcements

#CumberlandCares



Join **WIL** and **BLSA** in raising money to support the people of Flint, Michigan. As you may know, they do not have clean water to drink, bathe, or cook with. Many people have gotten sick from the large amounts of lead present in their water.

Help us support a city that is lacking a resource we often take for granted, clean water. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

We will be in the Breezeway 3/3/16- 3/18/16.

If we are not in the breezeway, please drop donations off with Mrs. Charmayne Fillmore in room 215.

Apply Now for Summer Public Interest Fellowship

The 2016 [Summer Public Interest Fellowship application](#) is now available and can be completed online. The application deadline is **Tues., April 5, 2016**. Contact [Charmayne Fillmore](#) or [Cassandra Adams](#) for more information.

Spirit of Service Awards Now Accepted

Applications for the Spirit of Service award are now being accepted and are due on **Tues., April 12, 2016**. Faculty, students and staff are eligible and encouraged to apply for the award.

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



Graduation Announcements

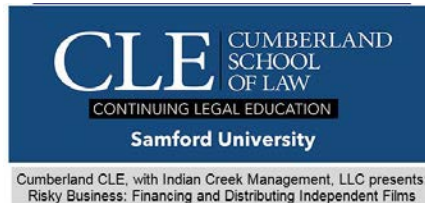


Bulldog Blastoff and Regalia - Students likely received an email from the university registrar's office regarding the Bulldog Blastoff scheduled for March 14. Graduates are welcome to participate but are not required to attend. Student Services will order regalia based on the information provided via survey last week. Once the regalia arrives, Mrs. Nelson will send notice of available pick-up times and locations.

Graduation Invitations - This year, we are excited to make available to you Cumberland graduation invitations via an external vendor. To place your order, carefully read, complete the attached order form, and bring it to Student Services along with your payment. The deadline to purchase invitations is March 18. There is no limit to the number of people you may invite.

Graduation Information - You may access [additional information online](#). Contact [Mrs. Nelson](#) with any questions.

Students Invited to Free Entertainment Law CLE



Students are invited to attend a CLE seminar free of charge on Fri., April 8. The "Risky Business: Financing and Distributing Independent Films" seminar explores how independent films are financed and distributed. The lunch hour will provide a great opportunity for networking. Mark Litwak is a veteran entertainment attorney. His practice includes work in the areas of copyright, trademark, contract, multimedia law, intellectual property, and book publishing. Students interested in Entertainment Law may find the seminar particularly relevant.

Fri., April 8, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Check-in at 8 a.m.)
Samford University's Sullivan-Cooney Field House
To register for the program, please email [Karen Larsen](#).

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

Law School Announcements

Course Registration to Open After Spring Break

Summer 2016 registration will open at 8:30 a.m. on Fri., April 1. Summer registration is completed completely online. There is no waitlist during the registration period. When classes close due to max enrollment, there are no exceptions or permission granted for extra seats in closed classes.

Fall 2016 Bid Point Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Tues. March 29, in the office of law student records. Registration forms and materials will be available beginning on the 29th. Registration will continue until 4:30 p.m. on Fri. April 1. The order in which student's registration materials are received during this time will not affect his/her priority in the registration process. If registration materials are turned in after 4:30 p.m. on April 1, the registration will be considered late and the

student will only be registered after all timely-submitted registrations have been processed. Beginning with the class of 2018, students will be required to take Business Organizations no later than the fourth semester and Wills, Trusts, and Estates no later than the fifth semester.

Prior to registration, please take a moment to check your university account to make sure there are no holds. If there is a hold on your account for any reason, courses cannot be entered and your registration will be considered as late.

Notification will be sent to all students when schedules and grids of summer and fall classes are available both online and in the office of law student records.

SBA Elections are Here

Campaigning begins this week!

Campaigning will begin on Mon., March 14 at 12:01 a.m. and will end Thur., March 31 at midnight. Candidates who attempt to campaign outside of those time limits will have their names removed from the ballot.

Elections will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thur., March 31.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any member of SBA or to any of the Senior Class Officers. Senior Class Officers can be reached via-email: [Joey Gomez](#) (President); [Stewart Alvis](#) (Vice President); [Weathers Veazey](#) (Secretary); [Richard Sarrell](#) (Treasurer).

Breakdown of the positions each class votes for:

Exclusive to 1L Class Votes:

2L SBA Representatives (4)
2L Honor Court Justices (6)

Exclusive to 2L Class Votes:

Senior Class President (1)
Senior Class Vice President (1)
Senior Class Secretary (1)
Senior Class Treasurer (1)
3L Honor Court Justices (6)

Current 1L, 2L, & 3L Classes Vote for:

SBA President
SBA Vice President
SBA Treasurer
SBA Secretary
ABA Vice Chair



Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog's '02 was quoted in a [story on Biometrics](#) in Wired.

Happy Spring Break & Easter!

- Classes will not be held Mon., March 21 through Fri., March 25 for Spring Break
- Samford University is closed for the Easter Holiday on Mon., March 28

This Week's Events

Career Development Events

How to Find a Summer Job Outside of OCI

Thur., March 17 11 a.m. Room 120

Featuring a panel of students:

Marissa Bahkshian, 3L

Cydney Reynolds, 3L

LaReisha Higginbottom, 3L

Lunch will be provided to all who [register](#) by Wed., March 16 at 10 a.m.

E-Discovery 101 with cicayda, A Bridge to Employment - What every law school graduate needs to know!

Thur., March 17 11 a.m. the Great Room

This event is for 3Ls only. Cicayda will be on campus to go through a brief e-discovery 101 and cover a day in the life of a doc review attorney.

Lunch will be provided to those who [register](#) by Wed., March 16 at 10 a.m.

University Addiction Support Group Meets Weekly

The 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. If you have questions or concerns, please see [Mrs. Nelson](#) in Student Services.

Plan Ahead

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 and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Thursday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m. - **LAST MEETING**

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

Representatives Present at Joint Degree Meeting

A meeting will be held on **Tue., March 29 at 9 a.m.** in Room 121 for anyone interested in joint degree programs. We will have representatives from all of our joint degrees in attendance and available to answer your questions.

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

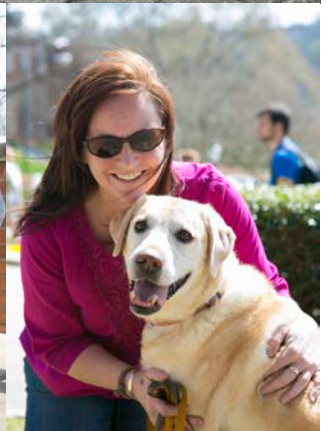
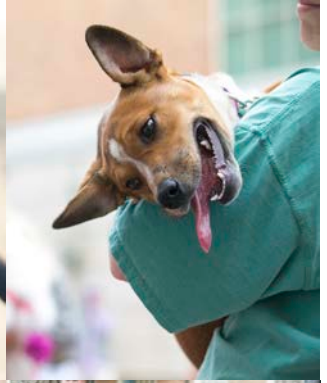
644 McDonnell Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

*Finger foods/appetizers served, cash bar available

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

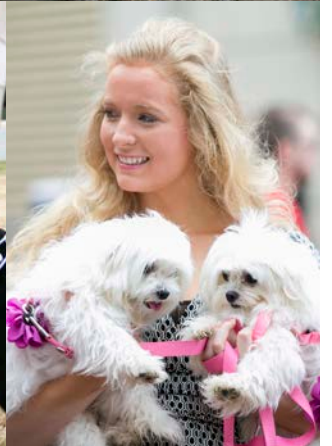
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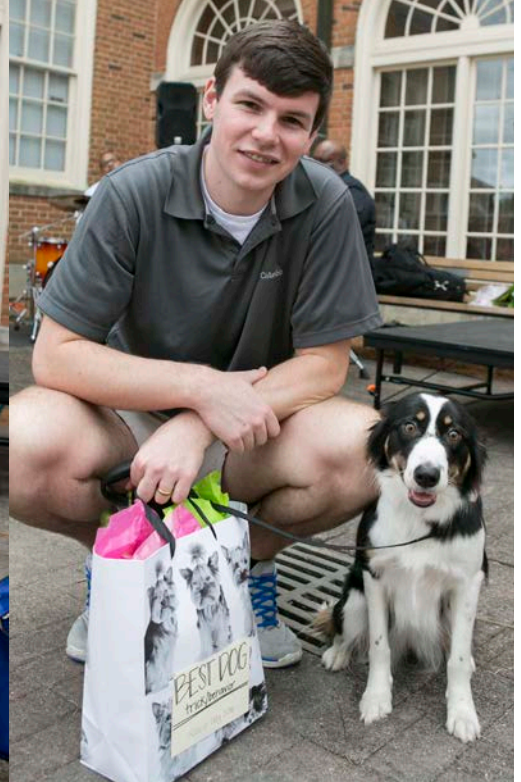


Rascal Day

Watch the [Rascal Day Video](#)



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Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion
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