



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Congratulations to the Following Students:

### Donworth Moot Court Competition Finalists and Winners

After a very challenging semi-final round argued in front of local attorneys and National Moot Court Team coaches, four finalists were selected to advance to the final round of the Donworth Competition. 2016 Donworth Moot Court Final Four: Laney Gifford, Travis Johns, Lindsey Catlett and Xan Ingram. Our panel of guest judges were extremely impressed with every finalist's performance.

The Henry Upson Sims Executive Moot Court Board extends a warm congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Donworth Freshman Moot Court Competition: Laney Gifford, Best Oralist and Lindsey Catlett, Runner-Up



*Judge Dave Procter of the Northern District of Alabama with Lindsey Catlett (left) and Laney Gifford(right).*

### Caruthers Fellows

Congratulations to the Caruthers Fellows for 2016-2017.

#### 3L STUDENTS

- Hayden Bashinski (Stoddard)
- Brooke Boucek (Baggett)
- Kevin Bufford (Stoddard)
- Emily Copeland (Stoddard)
- Kate Furek (Stoddard)
- Rebecca Guidry (Baggett)
- Zach Mardis (Shaw)
- Robert Matthews (Stoddard)
- Lee McLean (Schuck)
- Trey Perdue (Schuck)
- Curtis Seal (Stoddard)
- Haley Stencil (Shaw)
- Lindsey Voelker (Schuck)

- Paige Caraway (Schuck)
- Laney Gifford (Shaw)
- Matthew Hambrick (Baggett)
- Holly Howell (Shaw)
- Xan Ingram (Baggett)
- Harrison Jones (Baggett)
- Luke Kennedy (Shaw)
- Micah McKinney (Shaw)
- Madeline Moore (Shaw)
- Matthew Pettit (Baggett)
- Jillianne Pierce (Baggett)
- Trey Prosch (Schuck)
- Emily Schreiber (Schuck)
- Alex Thrasher (Shaw)
- Wes Walker (Schuck)

#### 2L STUDENTS

- Jamal Aquil (Stoddard)
- Kellianne Campbell (Schuck)
- Amanda L. B. Wineman (Baggett)
- Kathryn Worthy (Stoddard)

### Admission Ambassadors

Congratulations to the newly selected 2016-2017 Admission Ambassadors who will join returning ambassadors 3Ls Nick Gutierrez, Kevin Bufford, Sharidan Hollis and Adam Buddenbohn:

- 2L Anna Akers
- 1L Jamal Aquil
- 1L Mallory Bullard
- 1L Ranse Hare
- 1L Rodney Patrick
- 1L Carmen Weite



## Plan Ahead

### Spirit of Service Awards Now Accepted

The Law School annually recognizes students, faculty and staff who have completed 30 hours or more of public interest/pro bono legal work and/or community service during the academic school year. The recognition comes in the form of the Spirit of Service Award Certificate. You are encouraged to apply and receive recognition for the valuable contributions you have made.

Examples of qualifying work include: Street Law, VITA, Teen Court, Legal Services, Pro Bono Week, Project Homeless Connect, the 1L Service Project, work done through Law School organizations like the Community Services Organization, Women in Law, BLSA, and the Christian Legal Society, as well as work done through your favorite charitable organization or your church. You do not have to complete all 30-hours through the same organization.

The application process for the award operates on the honor system – the service hours you submit are the service hours that will be recognized. [Applications](#) are now being accepted and are due on **Tues., April 12, 2016.**

### 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.

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

### BBA Offers Special Program for Student Members

A Special Program for BBA Law Student Members will take place on Thur., April 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the The Bar Center. "[Transitions: From Law School to Law Practice](#)," is a non-CLE program specially designed for law students, but all are welcome to attend. Please [RSVP](#).

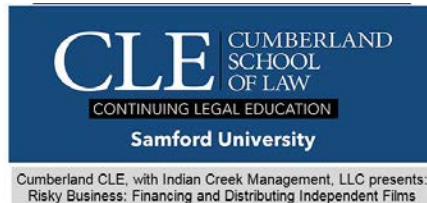
### ABA Offers Free Student Membership

The American Bar Association offers FREE membership to all law students. They provide valuable services, including the following benefits:

- The opportunity to build your resumes by participating in legal skills contests and applying for fellowships;
- The exploration of practice areas when you join up to five legal specialty groups, such as the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, for FREE; and
- Finding your first job by searching the ABA job board and gaining advice from experts at the career center.

You may contact [lawschoolinfo@americanbar.org](mailto:lawschoolinfo@americanbar.org) for more information.

### Students Invited to Free Entertainment Law CLE



Cumberland CLE, with Indian Creek Management, LLC presents: Risky Business: Financing and Distributing Independent Films

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

### Cordell Hull Event Features Three Judges in Panel Presentation

The Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum will be Tues., April 12 at noon in the great room. The event, "A Conversation: Restrictions Placed Upon Judicial Candidates' Freedom of Speech," will feature speakers Judge Joseph Boohaker, Judge Pat Ballard and Judge Shantá Owens in a panel presentation. The event is free to attend and open to the public.

### Fall 2016 Course Registration Now Open

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 opened 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.

Schedules and grids of summer and fall classes are available both [online](#) and in the office of law student records.

### Submit Nominations for Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award

To recognize the hard work and devotion of Cumberland's adjunct faculty, one adjunct professor will be selected each year to receive an award tentatively titled "Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award." The criteria and some of the procedures in place for selecting the Jackson Teaching Award recipients from full time faculty will be used.

The criteria for the Award considered by the Committee shall include (i) mastery of subject matter; (ii) ability to convey information effectively to students; (iii) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (iv) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (v) innovation in teaching techniques; and (vi) commitment to students.

Please [submit your nomination](#) in the form of a letter or email that describes why you believe your nominee deserves the award. The Jackson Award committee, which is composed of students and full time faculty, will select the recipient from your nominations. Nominations are due by Fri., April 1.

### Career Development Events

Have you ever wondered what career options exist outside of private practice? The Career Development Office invites you to attend the **Alternative Careers Panel**, featuring Cumberland Graduates: Breana Peterson of Alabama Power, Corporate Real Estate; Allison Dearing of Crisis Center Inc., Campus Violence Prevention and Response; and J.W. Carpenter of Birmingham Education Foundation, Executive Director.

Thursday, March 31, 2016  
Room 120  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch will be provided for all who [register](#).

Please RSVP by Weds. March 30 at 10 a.m.



## 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](mailto:amarovich@samford.edu) or 205-726-2443

### Alumnus Serves as Supreme Court Justice on Island of Palau

Ashby Pate '07 is currently a Supreme Court Justice on the Island of Palau. He will be returning to Lightfoot Franklin & White next month. He recently gave a [presentation](#) at the annual meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers about life and the profession.

### Samford Sponsors Chick-fil-A Networking Breakfast

Join the Samford Network for a breakfast on Thur. April 14 at 7 a.m. featuring Chick-fil-A Vice President and Corporate Talent, Dee Ann Turner as she discusses her new book "It's My Pleasure: The Impact of Extraordinary Talent and A Compelling Culture," which shares how Chick-fil-A has built a devoted talent and fan base that spans generations. [Register online](#). The event is free to attend, and is open to the public. For questions or more information, please [contact](#) Samford's Office of Alumni Programs and Annual Giving.

## Faculty Notes



On Friday, March 11, 2016, **Professor Brad Bishop** spoke on the topic "Legal and Ethical Issues for Courts to Consider in Handling Indigent Cases," to the Municipal Judges and Magistrates Annual Conference in Hoover.

On Monday, March 14, 2016, **Professor Bishop** was quoted in Route Fifty, a publication from Atlantic Media that covers state and local governments around the U.S. His contribution to the article was his response to the U.S. Department of Justice news release regarding fine and fee practices.



**Governor Brewer** was [inducted](#) into the Morgan County Leadership Hall of Fame on March 10.



**Professor Woodrow Hartzog's** '02 [essay](#) was published by MIT Technology Review critiquing the notion of "warrant-proof phones" that the government has developed in its recent fight against Apple.



#### Montgomery Alumni Luncheon

Join Dean Henry C. Strickland III,  
Thomas J. Methvin '88, local chapter president,  
fellow Cumberland alumni,  
and members of the judiciary  
for a luncheon honoring  
**J. Anthony "Tony" McLain '77,**  
*General Counsel of Alabama State Bar,  
for over 27 years of service to the State Bar*



The Warehouse  
130 Commerce Street, Suite 800  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:  
**Beasley Allen**

BEASLEY ALLEN, CROW, WATSON, PORTER & WILES, P.C.  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Please register by Friday, April 15,  
at <http://montgomeryalumni2016.eventbrite.com>  
Direct inquiries to 800-888-7248

# Event of the Week

## SBA Elections are Here

*Campaigning continues this week!*

Campaigning began 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



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