



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Student Organizations Featured Thursday

Student Organization Fair
The Great Room
Thursday, September 1
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Interested in joining or just learning more about a Student Organization? Curious as to what events each organization will be hosting this year? Just looking for something fun to do during the day?

Representatives from each organization will be available to provide information about their organizations and answer any questions you may have.

Professor, Students Participate in Agape Event



On Fri. August 19, Professor David Smolin and Cumberland students Megan Seaton, Laney Gifford, Abby Davis, and Ellen Larson participated in an event hosted by Agape, a local adoption agency, at Jones Law School in Montgomery. Professor Smolin interacted with government officials from the Republic of the Congo, a country that is in the process of possibly opening up for intercountry adoption and ratifying the Hague Adoption Convention. The agency sought out Professor Smolin because he is an international expert on the topic of facilitating safe adoption practices in the best interest of the child.

*In Observance of Labor Day,
the University will be Closed
Mon. September 5, 2016*

Have a safe Holiday!



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Graduate, Professors Honored Over Summer

2016 Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award

During May commencement, the law school presented the annual Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award to **Stewart Alvis**. The award, endowed by Governor Albert Brewer in honor of his father, is given to a member of the graduating class who most exemplifies the professionalism expected of Cumberland lawyers. Alvis was a member of the Cumberland Law Review, the National Trial Team and the Student Bar Association. While a student at Cumberland, he held various leadership positions including chief judge of the Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board.



2016 Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Awards

Eddie Jackson '76 and Richard Fikes '85 endowed the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award to allow the law school to recognize members of the law school faculty for their teaching excellence. A joint faculty-student committee selects the recipients of the award.

The 2016 Jackson Award for teaching first-year students went to **Professor William Ross** (left), the Lucille Stewart Beeson Professor of Law. The award for teaching upper level students went this year to **Professor Michael Floyd** (right), Director of International Studies at Cumberland.



2016 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Awards

The Lightfoot, Franklin & White law firm, under the leadership of Jere White '80, endowed an award for faculty scholarship. The award allows the law school to recognize faculty members who have published the most significant scholarly work over the past year. The award is selected by a committee composed of faculty and a member of the Lightfoot, Franklin & White firm.

The 2016 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Award went to **Associate Dean Brannon Denning** (left) for his article, "Judicial Doctrine as Risk Regulation" and to **Professor**

Paul Kuruk (right) for his article, Negotiating Competition Policy in Multilateral Trade Agreements: European Union Overtures to West Africa and the WTO."

2016 Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award

The Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award was established this year to recognize the hard work and devotion of Cumberland's adjunct faculty. Students were asked to submit nominations and a joint faculty-student committee selected the recipient of the award.

The inaugural Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award was given to **Professor Jay D. St. Clair**.



Law School Announcements

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Formed at Cumberland

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) is a new student organization that will be started at Cumberland. The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) is a national organization dedicated to protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system. The ALDF is involved in both litigating criminal and civil cases related to animal law, as well as legislative efforts. While the SALDF will be new here at Cumberland, the ALDF has a program within the organization that is dedicated to working closely with law students to advance the emerging field of animal law.

If you are interested in being a member of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund please send [Sara Leopold](#) an email so she can include you in future emails about our first meeting and other events throughout the year.

Final Four Selected in Negotiation Competition

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's Henry C. Strickland Negotiation Competition. There were some great rounds and the Judges had a lot of good things to say about each team's skill and professionalism.

Please congratulate this year's Final Four:

Jacey Mann
Benjamin Warren
Mallory Bullard
Matt Pettit

Law Review Welcomes New Members

The Cumberland Law Review Editorial Board and staff are pleased to announce the selection of new members. Please join us in congratulating the following 2L students who earned an offer of membership after successfully completing our write-on competition this summer:

Thomas A. Bailey
Allison E. Booth
Jason D. Bruner
Lindsey R. Catlett
Christian C. Feldman
Kriston Laney Gifford
Matthew H. Hambrick
Sean T. Herald
Xan P. Ingram
Sidney W. Jackson IV
John C. Kendrick
Jacob N. Moore
Thomas J. Patania
William Matthew Pettit
Haynes T. Russell
Emily E. Schreiber
Gage C. Smythe
Alexander G. Thrasher
Wesley M. Walker
Carmen E. Weite

Street Law Volunteer Program Holds Volunteer Orientation



The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education (ACLCE) in conjunction with the Cumberland Public Interest Project Program held an orientation meeting on Mon., August 29 for anyone interested in becoming a Street Law Volunteer. More than 35 Cumberland students attended the session led by Mike Milton. Another 10 students who could not attend had already expressed an interest in participating. Volunteers

will learn about Alabama laws for youth and how to teach six lessons about those laws during weekly training sessions over a period of six weeks. Using the lessons which have been learned, the volunteer will teach an assigned class of middle or high school students approximately one hour a week for the six weeks. More information can be obtained by contacting [Alan Stevens](#), Executive Director of ACLCE, or [Mike Milton](#), 2L

This Week's Events

PAD Attends Conference, Seeks New Members and Dues



On Sat., August 27, Cumberland students Megan Seaton and Ben Keown represented Cumberland's "Hull Chapter" at the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity District Leadership Conference at Georgia State University College of Law. Phi Alpha Delta is a professional and fraternal organization "advancing integrity...through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community." PAD kicks off fall recruitment this week.

Christian Legal Society Hosts First Meeting

Cumberland's Christian Legal Society (CLS) will be hosting their first meeting of the new academic year **Wed., August 31**, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 115.

The Christian Legal Society is an organization that provides students with opportunities to fellowship, serve, and be encouraged as they venture through law school and their faith together.

At this meeting, CLS will be sharing more information about the organization, our events, service opportunities, and more. We also can answer any questions you may have. Pizza will be served. If you can't come to the intro meeting but would like to be put on that list and receive future emails please let [Spencer Willson](#) know.

Phi Alpha Delta is tabling this week in the breezeway to recruit new members and to collect dues from returning members- due this Fri., September 2. Initiation will be September 22. PAD is the largest student organization at Cumberland and a great way to network in school as well as with alumni from all over the country.

If you are a new member or 1L, sign up for [PAD](#). You will pay your one-time \$85 dues online, then write a check for \$20 to Phi Alpha Delta and leave it in Kate Furek's student folder in the lounge.

If you are a returning member and already paid your \$85, then your returning member dues are \$20. The easiest way is to venmo \$20 to treasurer, @katefurek, with your name and class (ex: Miranda Taylor, 3L, PAD local dues). You can also pay by cash or check.

Next week, PAD will be hosting "What I Wish I Knew as a 1L" and will tell new 1L members all the secrets we learned the hard way when we were in your shoes.

Samford Bulldogs Begin Football Season Thursday



Samford's first football game is this **Thur., September 1** at 6 p.m. Students, Faculty and Staff are invited to the Bulldog Walk on Thursday afternoon

as the team makes the walk to Seibert Stadium to take on the Mars Hill Lions. The Bulldog Walk will take place at 4 p.m. on the Quad just outside the University Center.

Tickets are free to Samford students and employees with valid student ID.

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

Plan Ahead

Birmingham Bar Association Hosts Sports Law CLE

The Birmingham Bar Association's [sports law CLE](#), "Don't be Fumbled or be Intercepted: Legal Observations from the Sidelines" will be held next week. Enjoy insider tales on representing coaches, players, leagues and institutions and NCAA compliance matters. Panel includes Russ Campbell of Balch Sports (Balch & Bingham LLP), Jay Ezelle of Starnes Davis & Florie LLP, William H. Brooks of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Mark Ingram of UAB (Director of Athletics) and William H. King, III of Southeastern Conference. The 2-hour seminar runs from 3-5 p.m. on **Thur., September 8** at the Birmingham Bar Center, followed by a cocktail reception in the adjacent Noojin Courtyard from 5-7 p.m. Reception included in ticket price. [Register online.](#)

Women in Law to Hold First Meeting

The first meeting for Women In Law will be held on **Thur., September 8** at 10:30 a.m. in room 118 and should last about 30 minutes. If you are unable to make the meeting, email [Kaylie Eichholt](#).

Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Finals to be Held Sept. 11

The 2016 Gordon T. Saad Moot Court finals will be held on **Sun. September 11**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact [Haley Stencil](#) for more information.

Sideline Sundays Begin September 11

The Academic Support Program will host a Sideline Sunday event geared to first year students, but open to all students, at 4 p.m. on **Sun., September 11**, in Room 115. The session will center around tips for time management, preparing course outlines, and making the most of proofreading and editing.

Called to the Bar features Alabama Bar Association

The first Called to the Bar session for first year students will be held at 1:30 p.m., next **Thur., September 8**, in the Moot Courtroom. Justin Aday from the Alabama Bar Association will be speaking about Alabama Bar Student Registration and will be available to answer questions.

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FOOD, & GOOD COMPANY AT THE SECOND ANNUAL
CUMBERLAND FALL SOCIAL
 AN EVENT FOR LOCAL JUDGES, ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS

BIRMINGHAM



5:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 8
 CAHABA BREWING CO.
 4500 5TH AVE SOUTH BUILDING C
 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35222

Alumni News

Get Connected with Alumni

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:

Faculty and Students:
Please join us, if your schedule allows:

PLEASE JOIN US!
Thursday, September 1st

For a Cumberland School of Law Alumni Reception

Hosted by Edward Hadley '94, at



Bank of America Plaza
414 Union St., Ste. 1850
Nashville, TN 37219

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Parking in the Public Square Garage is recommended
Appetizers and beverages provided

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

Career Development Events

How to Have a Job by Graduation

Thur. September 1, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Room 120
We invite all 3Ls to join us for a discussion on how to maximize your last year of law school and to discuss any other issues that concern you. We will focus on how you can increase your chances of finding a job and how you can ensure your resume is strong before graduation. Lunch will be served to those who [register](#).

What I Wish I Knew as a 1L

Thur., September 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Great Room.

Phi Alpha Delta invites all 1Ls to come enjoy a free pizza lunch and to a panel discussion with upperclassmen to ask any questions regarding studying, final exams, and tips for a successful first year. Lunch will be served to those who [register](#).

Government Career Fair

Wed. September 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming these government employer representatives to Cumberland! They are coming to answer YOUR questions so be sure to ASK. Help us show them their time here was well spent and that Cumberland students are interested in learning more about summer and career opportunities in the local, state, and federal government sectors. Pizza will be served to students starting at 11 a.m.

Faculty Notes



Professor Alyssa DiRusso presented her work on using the MPT to assess learning gains in the panel on “Teaching the Knowledge, Skills, and Values of Trusts and Estates in the Age of Assessment” at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools. The presentation was August 6 in Amelia Island, Florida.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 participated in the Association of Pacific Rim University's (APRU) Summer Sessions at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. [The event](#) brings together government regulators, industry representatives, and academics from Asia to explore emerging digital economy issues, such as trade, intellectual property, privacy and cyber security.



Photo of the Week

The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education (ACLCE) in conjunction with the Family Court of Birmingham sponsors the **Jefferson County Teen Court program**. Teen Volunteers are recruited from all schools located in Jefferson County in grades 8 – 12. The 2016-2017 Teen Court is comprised of 28 teens who were selected after the submission of applications and an interview. They participated in 16 hours of training led by the Teen Court Coordinator, Rachel Terry Fleming, '03. In addition to the teen volunteers, adult volunteers from the Junior League of Birmingham participate as mentors, trainers, and supervisors at Teen Court Hearings. The Teen Court Induction program took place in the John Carroll Moot Courtroom on Thurs., August 25, 2016. Michael Miles, Jefferson County Treasurer, gave the charge to the Teen Court members, and Judge Michael Graffeo gave the Oath of Office. Greetings of support were given by Lindsay Hembree '06, the Junior League of Birmingham Program Chair and by Judge Lorraine Pringle, the Family Court Judge in the Bessemer area. For more information about the program, please contact [Alan Stevens](#).



(Top) The 2016-2017 Teen Court members were inducted at Cumberland last week. (Left) Lindsay Hembree '06 offers support to the Teen Court members. (Right) Judge Michael Graffeo gives the Oath of Office as Rachel Terry Fleming '03, Michael Miles, and Judge Lorraine Pringle listen.

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