



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Students, Alumni Honored With Profiles of Service

Congratulations SAAD Competitors, Winners



Cumberland alumni Justin Cureton '02, Marcie L. Foster '04, and James H. Fry '79, and current Cumberland 3L students Depri Hale and Jordan Thompson have been recognized by the Alabama State Bar.



From left to right, semifinalists Ashley Crank, class of 2016, Chip Slawson, class of 2017, and finalists: Adam Hoekenschnieder (2017), Zach Mardis (2017), David Manush (2017), and Evan Smith (2017) participated in the Saad Competition. Judge John Carroll, and Charlie Shah served as judges.

Congratulations to the following students who are recognized for their participation in the Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Competition :

- David Manush- Best Oralist
- Zach Mardis- Runner Up
- Best Brief - Zach Mardis
- Outstanding Briefs - Evan Smith, David Manush, Adam Hoekenschnieder, and Bob Matthews



Each has been featured in this year's Profiles in Service on the [Alabama State Bar website](#). During Celebrate Pro Bono Month (October 2016), posters will be on display within the law school to share the stories of the Cumberland honorees.

Depri Hale (top) and Jordan Thompson (bottom) have been recognized for their service.

SBA Campaigning, Elections Held This Week



Campaigning will end at 12:01 a.m. on September 15. Elections will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thurs., September 15. The following positions are open: 4 1L SBA Representatives; , 4 1L Honor Court Justices, and 1 2L SBA Representative. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with anyone on SBA, or you can email [Zach Mardis](#).

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](#)"



Law School Announcements

Vulcan Materials Co. Scholarship Awarded to AJTA Member

Each summer, members in the top one-third of Cumberland's rising 2L class are invited to participate in a competitive writing program for membership on the American Journal of Trial Advocacy. Afterward, the very best papers from the writing program are considered by a committee of faculty members for the prestigious Vulcan Materials Co. Scholarship Award for Outstanding Candidate's Paper. The winner of the 2016 Vulcan Award is Holly T. Howell for her paper written on *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*. Howell earns the \$1,000 prize made possible by Vulcan Materials Company, and her paper will be published in issue 40:2 of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy. The runner-up for this year's award is Allyson V. Swecker. Swecker wrote her paper on *United States v. Bravo-Fernandez*, which will also be published in issue 40:2.

The Journal extends a special thank you to Professors Mark Baggett, Lynn Hogewood, and Rusty Johnson, who took time out of their busy beginning-of-the-year schedule to read and vote on the top papers from the Writing Program to decide this award.

PAD Sales and Events

Phi Alpha Delta is selling Polar Drifter tumblers with a Cumberland School of Law vinyl sticker for \$20 for PAD members or \$25 for non-members. Stickers are available for \$8 (PAD members) or \$10 (non-members). To buy your tumbler and/or sticker, Venmo your payment to Kate Furek or leave a check in her folder in the student lounge. [Sign up online](#) before the sale ends on September 15.

PAD is teaming up with local photographer Kizzie Warren to give students the opportunity to take professional headshots on Mon., September 19. Headshots will be \$15 (PAD members) or \$20 (nonmembers). You MUST pay either by Venmo to @katefurek or by check to "Phi Alpha Delta" in Kate Furek's student lounge folder by September 16. Students may [sign up online](#). Email [Miranda Taylor](#) with questions.

PAD Initiation for all new members is **Thur., September 22 at 6 p.m.** in the Moot Courtroom. Attendance is mandatory! Dress is business professional. Celebrate after initiation at the PAD-sponsored bar review!

Students Eligible for Cash Prizes in Competition



Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC 2nd Annual Closing Argument Competition "In Summation 2016"

Cash Prizes for Top 3

1st Place \$1000
2nd Place \$750
3rd Place \$500

First Rounds

Thursday, 9/29/16 and Friday 9/30/16
Limited to first 20 applicants
Registration Opens 9/12/2016

Please sign up on below link:

<http://www.hgdcompetition.com/sessions/registration-opens/>

More information here:

www.hgdcompetition.com

Trial Advocacy Board Applications Now Accepted

This year The Trial Advocacy Board has opened up Membership to 1Ls as well as 2 and 3Ls. Membership applications and dues are due by **September 30**. Please turn them into the Trial Advocacy Board Office on the M Level. The Trial Advocacy Board represents five different facets of Trial Advocacy and ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution): Client-Counseling, Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration and Trial Advocacy. Each of the five have their own National Team which students will be able to try out for starting next Spring. Additionally, they conduct over 10 intra-school competitions (mainly for 2Ls and 3Ls), but there will also be some 1L competitions second semester. If you have any questions or just want to know more, please contact [Bianca Svensson](#).

This Week's Events

Arbitration Team Tryouts Held in Sept.

The 2016 Arbitration National Team tryouts will be held later this month. Arbitration is very much like a trial, except instead of standing up in front of a courtroom full of people, you're sitting at a conference table. As a Trial Board sponsored ADR competition, it counts toward the requirements to join the Trial Advocacy Board. Finalists are invited to join the Cumberland National Arbitration Team.

The first two rounds will be back to back on Fri., September 23, with one round starting at 2 p.m. and the evening round starting at 6 p.m. The final round will be the following morning, on Sat., September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Any 2L or 3L is eligible to compete. Participants will be paired with a partner for this competition. To sign up is fill in your information on the [Google Spreadsheet](#). There is \$10 signup fee that can be paid in the form of cash or check (made out to the Trial Advocacy Board). Please turn in your \$10 to Tracy Luke NO LATER THAN **Fri., September 16**. Contact [Rebecca Wright](#) with any questions.

BLSA Hosts General Meeting Thursday

The Cumberland Chapter of the Black Law Student Association will be hosting a general body interest meeting on **Thur., September 15, 2016 at 11 a.m.** in the Friendship Room of the Law Library. Ideas for the semester, as well as general ideas of what students would like to see from the organization will be discussed.

If you are interested in joining BLSA, but cannot make the meeting please [email](#) for general membership information. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Plan Ahead

Cumberland Organizations Hold Supply Drive for Grace House

Cumberland's Children's Center is partnering with CPICS and Women In Law to sponsor a supply drive for Grace House Ministries, Inc.

For almost 25 years, Grace House has been providing stable, Christian homes for girls who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Their residential group home campus in Fairfield currently houses 23 girls ages 6-21 who have been removed from their homes and placed in state custody. Their comprehensive approach seeks to end the social dependency, poverty, and cycle of abuse that is so prevalent in the lives of the girls that they serve by educating, equipping, and empowering them to become mature, Godly women.

The supply drive will run from **Monday, September 26 through Friday, October 7**. There will be a box in the breezeway for donations. Suggested donations are listed below.



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| <p>Cleaning Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishwashing liquid • Laundry detergent • Fabric softener • Bleach • Clorox Bleach for colors • Sani-flush • Scrub-free bathroom cleaner • Lysol Disinfectant Spray • Glade Air Freshener • Pine Sol (original scent) • Anti-bacterial hand soap refill • Furniture polish (dusting) • Glass cleaner • Comet/AJAX • Carpet deodorizer • Cotton wring-out mops (replace frequently) | <p>Toiletries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toothpaste • Tooth brushes (soft) • Mouthwash • Dental floss • Lotion • Body wash • Bar soap • Facewash • Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer • Wash rags • Deodorant • Shaving cream or gel • Razors • Cotton balls • Q-tips • Cough drops • Band-aids • Neosporin • Fingernail clippers • Shampoo and Conditioner • Tampons (Tampax Pearl - all sizes) • Panty liners • Maxi pads |
| <p>Paper Products/Home Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy paper • Toilet paper (Angel Soft 24 pack) • Paper towels (Sparkle 8 count) • Napkins • Paper plates • Paper bowls • Plastic/foam cups • Glad gallon freezer bags • Gallon storage bags • Zipper seal sandwich bags • Zipper seal quart storage bags • Aluminum foil • Wax paper • Plastic wrap • Dish rags/towels • Medicine/mouthwash cups • 13-gallon draw string kitchen trash bags • 30-gallon drawstring bags • 8-gallon bags | <p>Office Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy paper • Post-its • Note pads • Pens • Binder clips • Staples • Tape • Colored paper • Card stock • Stamps • Highlighters • Legal pad notebooks |

Career Development Events

Prosecutor's Day

The Great Room
Thur., September 22, 2016
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come enjoy a pizza lunch while you discuss possible career opportunities and learn more about work as a prosecutor. Help us show them their time here was well spent and that Cumberland students are interested in learning more about work as a District Attorney. Pizza will be served to students starting at 11 a.m.

Chocolate for Rejection (Letters)

The Career Development Office will trade chocolate for employment rejection letters.

No one likes rejection. It's a terrible feeling but rejection comes with a powerful silver lining. If you've been rejected that means you've tried. Don't let rejection letters slow you down. Take the letters as physical evidence that you're doing everything you can to pursue your desired career.

All you have to do for chocolate is to take your rejection letter and put it in our "Rejection Box." Additional prizes will be given out for the following:

- Student with the most rejection letters
- Student who receives the quickest turnaround for a rejection letter
- Student with the coldest or meanest rejection letter

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](#).

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!

Faculty Notes



In June, **Professor Wendy Greene** served as a paper discussant on the panel, Advancing Diversity with Feminist Legal Theory, during the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, LA. For the fourth consecutive year, Greene served as a Planning Committee

member for the 10th commemorative Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop. During the Workshop, hosted by the University of Iowa College of Law in July, Greene served as a plenary panelist and works-in-progress commenter. Over the summer, Greene was also nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the [American Society for Legal History](#); the elections are currently in progress.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 was recently quoted in a Fusion story, "[When an app tells companies you're pregnant but not that you miscarried.](#)"



You are cordially invited to join us for



*The Investiture of Woodrow N. Hartzog '03
as the
Starnes Professor of Law*

Thursday, September 29
11 a.m.

John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom, 1st floor, Robinson Hall
Cumberland School of Law
Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

*A reception will be held immediately following
in the Great Room, 2nd floor, Robinson Hall
Refreshments served*

Photo of the Week



Cumberland students and alumni attended the White Party at Regions Field on August 27 to support the Crippled Children's Foundation.

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