



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Hartzog to be Invested as Starnes Professor of Law on Thursday



W. Stancil Starnes, class of 1972, established an academic chair in the law school in honor of his father, Stancil R. Starnes, and in recognition

of both of their legal careers. The inaugural holder of the Starnes Professor of Law will be Professor Woodrow Hartzog. The investiture ceremony is scheduled **Thur., September 29 at 11 a.m.** in the Moot Courtroom. A reception will follow in the Great Room. Law students, faculty and staff are invited to attend both the ceremony and the reception.



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*

SBA Election Results Announced



Congratulations to the following students:

- 2L Representative: Amberlynn Nabih
- 1L Representatives: Averie Armstead, Denzel Okinedo, Michael Paul, Jorge Solis
- 1L Honor Court: Kim Fasking, Caleb Faulkner, Denzell Moton, and Courtney Stevens.



Congratulations to the 34 newly initiated members of Cumberland's Phi Alpha Delta, Hull Chapter. Students were initiated on Thurs., September 22.

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

Supply Drive for Grace House Begins This Week

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.



Cleaning Supplies

- 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)

Paper Products/Home Maintenance

- 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

Toiletries

- 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

Office Supplies

- Copy paper
- Post-its
- Note pads
- Pens
- Binder clips
- Staples
- Tape
- Colored paper
- Card stock
- Stamps
- Highlighters
- Legal pad notebooks

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

ALAP Director on Campus Thursday for Drop By Student Meetings

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be in Student Services (Room 124) on **Thursday, September 29 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](#).

This Week's Events

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](#).

Environmental Law Society Meets Thursday

The Cumberland Environmental Law Society is holding their first meeting of the semester this **Thur., September 29th at 7 p.m.** at Moe's BBQ in Lakeview. The club would also like to thank those who joined the club at the Shades Creek Cleanup.



*Kayla Currie,
president of the
Cumberland
Environmental Law
Society picks up
trash at the Shades
Creek Cleanup.*

3L, 1L Flag Football Game

The 3L class has challenged the 1L class to a game of flag football this evening, **Tues. September 27 at 8:30 p.m.** The game will take place at the Samford intramural fields.

Plan Ahead Career Development Events

How to Stand Out as a 2L Candidate

Tues., October 11

11 a.m. -noon, ROBH 114

What can you do to stand out? Come to our panel discussion with the experts. The panel includes Joshua Jones (Bressler, Amery & Ross), Clark Cooper and Greg Cook (Balch & Bingham), and Anne Marie Seibel (Bradley Arant). [RSVP online](#).



Pinstripes and Pearls

Tues., October 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Great Room at Cumberland School of Law

The Women Lawyers Section the Birmingham Bar are hosting Pinstripes and Pearls at Cumberland again this year. If you have attended in the past, the structure of this event will be different. To make it more personal, you will be broken into smaller groups and rotate around the room to meet each of the speakers. [RSVP](#) by Friday, September 30.

Chocolate for Rejection (Letters)

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

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

Faculty Notes



On Mon., September 19, **Associate Dean Brannon Denning** participated in the Constitution Day program at Case Western University in Cleveland, OH. Along with Professor Jonathan Adler from Case Western's law school, he discussed the issue of "Marijuana Legalization and Federalism" with student panelists and the audience in attendance. Three of Dean Denning's articles on the subject can be found [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).



Professor Wendy Greene was interviewed on the 11th Circuit's recent decision in EEOC v. Catastrophe Management Solutions for the Bloomberg BNA Employment Discrimination Report. In EEOC v. Catastrophe Management Solutions, the 11th Circuit held that an employer's rescission of a job offer to a Black female applicant because she refused to cut off her naturally locked hair did not constitute unlawful race discrimination under Title VII. You may find the [article and Professor Greene's contributions here](#)



This past Friday **Professor Woodrow Hartzog** '03 participated in the [Privacy Law Salon's Policymakers roundtable](#) at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. At this event, senior privacy officers from some of the most significant companies around the world come together to have candid discussions with key privacy regulators from agencies like the FTC, FCC, and HHS.



Professor Howard Walthall was quoted in this week's [article in Governing magazine](#) on the proposed Constitutional Amendment on November's ballot addressing the impeachment procedures under the Alabama Constitution.

Plan Ahead

Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum Session to Discuss Racial Tensions

The Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum presents a session on Racial Tensions in Law and Society.

Who - Judge Houston Brown and Judge John Carroll with Martha Cook moderating.

What - "Bridging the Gap: Walking with Experience."

When - Thurs., October 6, 2016 at 11 a.m.

Where - Cumberland Moot Court Room

1.3 CLE hours for Ethics

Reception to follow in the Great Room

Plan Ahead

Alabama State Bar Funds Mini-Grant

A \$500 mini-grant for law student organizations will be funded by the Alabama State Bar. Feel free to stop by the PIP office (Suite 215) to brainstorm ideas you might have for a pro bono project.



\$500 MINI-GRANT COMPETITION FOR LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Your student organization has the chance to have a pro bono project funded by a \$500 mini-grant from the Alabama State Bar. This is your opportunity to create, organize and implement a project to serve your community with the financial support of the Alabama State Bar. More information, as well as request for proposals and applications, can be found on the bar's website. Student organizations from every law school in Alabama will be submitting proposals for their pro bono project to be funded. The winning student organization will be announced by the Alabama State Bar on the last Monday in October.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRO BONO MONTH OR TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT VISIT:

WWW.ALABAR.ORG/FOR-THE-PUBLIC/PRO-BONO-MONTH

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2016, BY 5:00 P.M.



SAMFORD UNIVERSITY'S HOWARD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES presents the 2016 J. Roderick Davis Lecture

BRYAN STEVENSON
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

A Free Public Event
OCT. 4 | 7 P.M.
Wright Center Concert Hall
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Alumni News

Faculty, 3Ls Invited to Recess Event



All Cumberland School of Law Alumni and Friends Invited

Thursday, October 6

5:00-7:00 p.m.



Sponsored by:

Birmingham Bar Association, Noojin Courtyard, 2201 2nd Avenue North

\$10/person collected at the door

Beverages and light appetizers provided

No registration required!

Faculty and 3L students are invited to attend Alumni Recess (free of charge). This is a good networking event for those with aspirations to work in a specific location, especially students seeking local employment. 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!**

Photo of the Week



Professor Belle Stoddard '78 and current law student Jorge Solis '19 are both recipients of the Algernon Sidney Sullivan award.

Prof Stoddard received it in 1964 from the U. of South Carolina, and Solis received it when he recently graduated from Troy University. Prof. Stoddard received the book she is holding, entitled Algernon Sidney Sullivan, at the time she received the award, and she is pictured giving a copy to Solis as a gift.

About the award: Approximately 50 Southern universities present the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. This award program, sponsored by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, recognizes during commencement week one graduating senior and one member of the faculty, staff, or graduate student for their outstanding commitment to service. The New York Southern Society established the Algernon Sydney

Sullivan Awards in 1925 in memory of Mr. Sullivan, a southerner who became a prominent lawyer, businessman and philanthropist in New York in the late nineteenth century. According to Professor Stoddard, during the Civil War three sailors from a Confederate ship managed to get into New York harbor. They were caught and placed in a prison in the middle of New York Harbor. Someone WAY UP in the chain of command in the South looked for a lawyer to represent them and get them out of the brig and HOME. The only lawyer willing to represent the Southern men was Algernon Sydney Sullivan. He finally achieved their release. The award seeks to perpetuate the excellence of character and humanitarian service of Algernon Sydney Sullivan by recognizing and honoring such qualities in others: Recognition of Selflessness, Generosity of Service, Nobility of Character, Person of Integrity, Depth of Spirituality , and Person of Integrity.

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in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**