



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

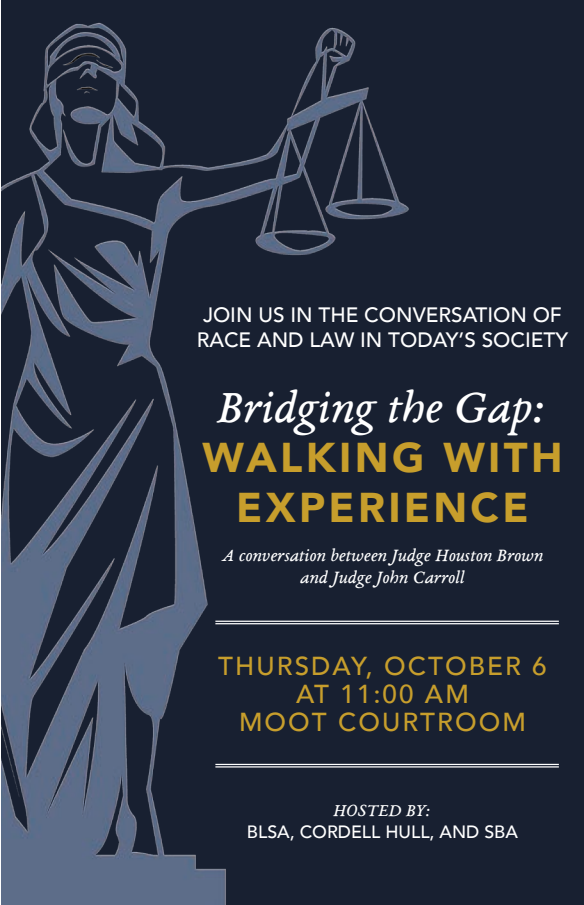
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JOIN US IN THE CONVERSATION OF RACE AND LAW IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

**Bridging the Gap:  
WALKING WITH EXPERIENCE**

*A conversation between Judge Houston Brown and Judge John Carroll*

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6  
AT 11:00 AM  
MOOT COURTROOM**

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HOSTED BY:  
BLSA, CORDELL HULL, AND SBA

## Conversation to Discuss Racial Relations

The Black Law Students Association, Cordell Hull, and the Student Bar Association would like to formally invite all students, faculty, and staff to attend "Bridging the Gap: Walking with Experience." Two Cumberland Alumni, Judge Houston Brown '73 and Judge John Carroll '74 have graciously accepted invitations to discuss the current state of the law in conjunction with race relations in America. Another Cumberland Alumna, Martha Cook '96, will be the moderator for the event. The panel will be discussing race and how it relates to the law, as well as, the social aspects of racial disparity.

Judge Houston Brown is a Birmingham native, having grown up during the Civil Rights Era in the "Dynamite Hill" Neighborhood. Judge Brown went to college and received his Bachelor of Arts from Talladega College. After he earned his B.A., Judge Brown went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law in 1973. Notably, he was the first African American to receive his entire legal education at Cumberland. Upon graduation, Judge Brown entered into private practice until 2000, when Governor Don Siegelman appointed him to the bench as a Civil Division Judge of the 10th Circuit in Jefferson County, Alabama. Judge Brown's fellow judges unanimously elected him to be the presiding judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit, making him the first African-American presiding judge in this circuit. He served in that position from 2000 until his retirement in 2015.

Judge John Carroll was born in Washington D.C. and earned his Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University in Massachusetts. After graduating from Tufts, Judge Carroll entered the military as a Marine Flight Officer during the Vietnam War where he flew over 200 combat missions. Judge Carroll returned home and earned his Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School in 1974, magna cum laude. After graduation, Carroll was named Legal Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama. Judge Carroll served as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Middle District of Alabama from 1986 to 2001, when he joined Cumberland as the Dean. After 12 years he stepped down as Dean of Cumberland in 2013, but continues to teach courses. Currently, Judge Carroll is involved as the special prosecutor for the impeachment proceedings of Judge Roy Moore.

"Bridging the Gap: Walking with Experience."  
Thurs., October 6, 2016 at 11 a.m.  
Cumberland Moot Court Room  
1.3 CLE hours for Ethics  
Reception to follow in the Great Room

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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

### Student Organizations Sell Variety of Cumberland Gear



**T**-shirts designed by Women in Law are being sold for \$20. Checks can be made payable to "Lakeshore Women's Foundation" and placed in **Adria Barnes'** folder or venmo to WomenInLaw. The last day for payment will be Wed., October 5.



**C**umberland PICS organization is selling pullovers for \$40. They are a heather grey quarter-zip with red stitching.

If you are interested in purchasing one please look PICS in the breezeway October 3 through October 13. If you are unable to stop by please contact **Depri Hale**. Cash, check and venmo payments will be accepted.



**C**umberland Society of the Arts, Women in Law and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund will be hosting a Bar Review Pup Crawl at Cahaba Brewing Company on November 3.

"Pup Crawl" Bar Review t-shirts (\$20) and frisbees (\$5) will be sold in the breezeway October 4 through October 6 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

## This Week's Events

### Sideline Sunday Focuses on Research Skills, Blue Book

The Academic Support Program will host a Sideline Sunday event geared to first year students, but open to all students, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, in the Great Room. The session will center around research skills and the Bluebook.

Also mark your calendars for confirmed and upcoming Academic Support Program events:

- Thur., October 20, 1:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom: How to Study with Stephen Chew
- Sun., November 6, 2 p.m., Great Room: Self-Care and Exam Preparation
- Thur., November 10, 1:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom: Alabama Lawyer's Assistance Program with Robert Thornhill and Samford's counselor, Rich Yoakum
- Thur., November 17, 1:30 p.m., Great Room: Exam Preparation and How to Take a Law School Exam
- Thur., December 1, 11 a.m., Room 114: Destress and Declutter your mind

Look for additional workshops to pop up as dates and locations are confirmed.

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!**

## Ala. 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](http://WWW.ALABAR.ORG/FOR-THE-PUBLIC/PRO-BONO-MONTH)

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



## Career Development Events

### Pinstripes and Pearls: Path to Success

Tues., October 4 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Great Room at Cumberland School of Law

The Women Lawyers Section of 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.

### 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.](#)

### Coffee Talk

Stop by the Career Development Office from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesdays for the weekly installment of “Coffee Talk.” The CDO will have free coffee available for everyone until the supply runs dry. During the weekly coffee hour, CDO will have a variety of guests available to chat with students over coffee. The dress and the conversations are meant to be casual. Just show up with questions and/or ready for coffee.

On **Tues. October 4**, [Anne Marovich](#), Director Alumni Relations at Cumberland spoke with students. On deck for **Tues. October 11th’s** “Coffee Talk” will be Professor Cassandra Adams. Dean Adams manages Cumberland’s Public Interest Program and is the Director of the Community Mediation Center. She will be available to chat with students about public interest stipends and how to get involved in pro bono as a law student.

### 1L Mock Interviews

The Mock Interview Program is scheduled for the evenings of **Tues., October 25 and Wed., October 26 at 6 p.m.** Cumberland’s Mock Interview Program is one of the largest in the country and can be very helpful to students. To register for Mock Interviews, please check your email for instructions. The deadline to registration is Monday, October 11.

### 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.”

## Plan Ahead

# Fall Mediation Competition

On **Sun., October 23**  
from **1 p.m. to -6 p.m.**

an Intraschool Mediation Competition will be held in the Friendship Room.

The deadline for signing up is Fri. October 14 at midnight.

There will be two preliminary rounds and one final round. Competitors will negotiate settlement agreements while judges act as neutral mediators. Each pair or team will be evaluated on a variety of factors including professionalism, creativity, communication, strategy, and effective use of the mediator.

After the two preliminary rounds, four individuals will move to the final round, and from there, winners will be chosen. Participants will be considered for a spot on the national Mediation Team.

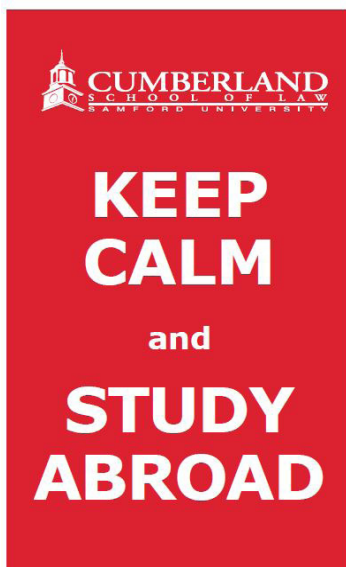
There is no need to prepare or research for this competition. Two days before the competition, you will receive the mediation problems. Your goal will be to negotiate professionally and leave with the most favorable agreement for your client.

Sign up by emailing [Travis Thomas](#) your name and your partners name. If you do not have a partner, another solo participant will be assigned to be your teammate. \$5 cash per person and participation agreements are required to participate.

## Plan Ahead

# Meeting Focuses on International Programs

Interested in learning more about Cumberland's International Programs? Join Professor Floyd, director of international studies for a general information meeting on **Thur., October 13 at 11 a.m. in room 114**. Food and drinks will be served.



Learn about Cumberland's Summer Study-Abroad Program in Cambridge, Summer Directed Research Program in London and the University of East Anglia LLM Scholarships available to graduating students.

For more information, contact [Professor Mike Floyd](#) or [Laura Taylor](#).

## Environmental Management Masters Offered as Joint Degree



Law Students that are interested in the Master of Science in Environmental Management program at Samford University are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Wed., October 12, at 5 p.m. in Propst Hall 033**. There is no commitment, just a time to learn more about the program and what we have to offer.

# Learn More About Externship Program

The Externship registration meeting will be held on **Tues., October 18, in room 121 from 10:30-11 a.m.**

Registration information and application packets will be available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the information packet will be on the table in suite 201 at the conclusion of the meeting. You can pick one up any time.

Externships give students an opportunity to work with experienced lawyers and to apply in a real setting what they have learned in the classroom. Cumberland offers externships in judicial, litigation, corporate, government, and public interest offices.

## 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](#).



# Photo of the Week



**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 is Professor Woodrow Hartzog.

Professor Hartzog's children give him their stamp of approval at the conclusion of his Investiture.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog is congratulated by Stan Starnes at the Investiture Ceremony.

*(top left) Photo by Professor LaJuana Davis.  
(remainder) Photos by Caroline Summers*

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