



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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October is Pro Bono Month

Cumberland's Celebrate Pro Bono 2016

Here's what you can do to get involved!

Presentation of 2016 Profiles of Service Law Student Honorees

Tuesday, October 11th at 11:00am

Law School Breezeway- Join us in the breezeway to congratulate the honorees and enjoy a special treat.

1L's - Follow this link to sign the Pro Bono Pledge

<https://www.alabar.org/for-the-public/pro-bono-month/pro-bono-pledge/>

Tuesday, October 11th at 11:00am

Stop in the breezeway to sign the Pro Bono Pledge! Or follow the link above and sign it on your own - The law school that has the highest percentage of 1L's that sign the Pro Bono Pledge, will win bragging rights for 1 year. *Cumberland has won every year. Keep up the winning tradition Class of 2019!*

2nd Annual Statewide Law Student Pro Bono Challenge - Kick-Ball Tournament

Thursday, October 13th at 7:00pm @ Jones School of Law (Montgomery, AL)

Law Students from Cumberland and Jones will compete to raise awareness and funds for pro bono in Alabama. Email CPICS President Depri Hale at thale@samford.edu.

2016 Wills Clinics

November 3 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Oxmoor Valley Community Center

(1992 Wenonah-Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, AL 35211)

November 4 - 9:00am-3:00pm

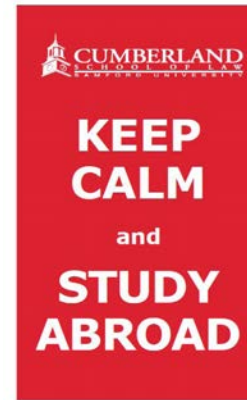
Bessemer Justice Center

(1851 2nd Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020)

Sign up for 1-2 hour slots by emailing ccmc@samford.edu or stopping by Room 215.



International Programs Discussed Thursday



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. The meeting will also highlight the international students that come to Cumberland through exchange agreements with NALSAR University of Law in India and the University of East Anglia in England as well as Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law Program, which typically draws Brazilian Judges to Cumberland in May.

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



This Week's Events

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.

Trial Advocacy Board Sells T-Shirts



The Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board is selling T-shirt this week in the Breezeway.

The design is above. The shirts are Comfort Colors and available in 3 different colors: blue, grey and red. Shirts are \$20 and can be paid for with cash, check, or Venmo to Cumberland Trial Board. For more information, contact [Bianca Svensson](#).

Georgia Student Bar Association Holds First Meeting Wednesday

The Georgia Student Bar Association is having its first meeting this Wed., October 12 at 6:30 p.m., at Post Office Pies in Avondale. Come out for pizza and to see what we have planned for the semester. Contact [Kayla Mosley](#) for more information.

Faculty Notes



Judge John L. Carroll '74 will be in Washington D.C from Thursday through Sunday at a meeting of the Uniform Law Commission. He is a member of a drafting committee which is drafting a Model Veteran's Court Act for use by state and local courts.



Professor Bob Greene was quoted in the October 4th Anniston Star regarding Alabama's suit against the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board for violations of the state water pollution law.

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

Law School Announcements

Sideline Sunday: Upcoming Events

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.

In Summation Competition Winners Selected



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

Finals of the In Summation Competition were held this past week. Congratulations to the following students:

- 1st Place: Alex Parish
- 2nd Place: Alyson Smith
- 3rd Place: Andrew Clay
- 4th Place: Tiffany Simms

Each participant was given a trial problem and asked to present a closing argument before a mock jury that included judges, lawyers and laypersons.

Samford's Events

- Samford University's Public Events
- Sporting Events
- Performing Arts Calendar

Click on event titles for more information!

BOOKS NOT BARS



PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH BY DONATING BOOKS TO INCARCERATED YOUTH IN ALABAMA

Throughout the entire month of October, **we are collecting new and gently used books for youth.**

Books must be soft-cover and appropriate for kids with 3rd -12th grade reading levels.

BOOK DROP-OFF

- Greater Birmingham Ministries
- Birmingham Bar Center
- Cumberland School of Law
- For a complete list of drop-off locations visit Facebook.com/SPLCALabama

If you'd prefer to make a financial contribution, please visit our Amazon Wishlist at <http://bit.do/booksnotbars>

DID YOU KNOW?

In Alabama, kids as young as 14 can be tried as adults and held in adult jails and prisons.

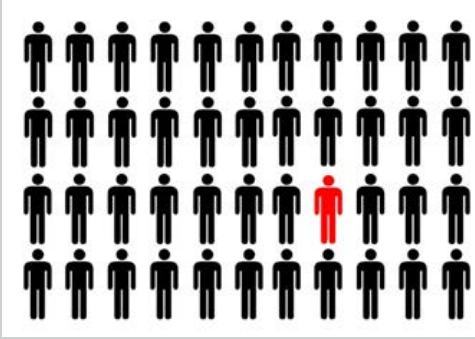
Despite their legal obligation to do so, few jails provide education to kids, making it even harder for them to reenter society.

Books help kids supplement their education and continue to grow and develop while they are incarcerated.

Check out <http://bit.do/joinAYJC> for more information and to get involved.

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.](#)

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 11**, Professor Cassandra Adams, Assistant Dean, Public Interest Program spoke with students. On deck for **Tues. October 18th’s** “Coffee Talk” will be Professor Lynn Hogewood, Director of the Academic Support Program .

Meet an Entertainment Lawyer

Mon., October 17

10-11 a.m. -noon, Great Room

Cumberland Society of the Arts invites you to meet an Entertainment Lawyer. Come listen to [John P. Strohm](#), Cumberland grad, as he discusses how to get the job you want while still keeping your hobbies. Strohm focuses his practice on entertainment and media matters, with a particular emphasis on the music industry. He was able to find his dream job by pursuing his hobbies. [RSVP online.](#)

Family Law Panel

Thursday, October 20

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Great Room, R207

Cumberland Children’s Center, Women In Law, and Career Development are hosting a Family Law Panel. Come enjoy free lunch and join the Q&A with guest speakers from all areas of Family Law. Do not miss this great opportunity to learn about the field and to network. [RSVP online.](#) Guest Speakers include: [Rachel Copeland](#), [Rachel King](#), and [Judge Julie Palmer.](#)

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.

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.

Cumberland to Host Ala. Court of Criminal Appeals and the Ala. Court of Civil Appeals

The Appellate Courts of Alabama, the Birmingham Bar Foundation and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law invite guests to observe the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and Alabama Court of Civil Appeals in a unique day of oral appellate arguments. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Tuesday, October 25
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center



The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals (top) and the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals (bottom) will have oral appellate arguments on campus on October 25

Alumni News

Admissions Office Announces Alumni Board

The Admission Office is pleased to present the second year of the alumni admission board. Serving on the board this year are 21 Cumberland lawyers from around the country. Board members are chosen by recommendation to the admission director and assist the admission office in recruiting new students to Cumberland School of Law. For more information on the Alumni Admission Board at Cumberland, please email [Jen Hartzog](mailto:Jen.Hartzog@samford.edu), Director of Admission.


Office of Admission
Alumni Board 2016-2017

Jennifer Bellamy '02 Washington, DC	Birmingham, Alabama
Kathleen Bowers '13 Birmingham, Alabama	Caroline Collins Muse '16 Birmingham, Alabama
Bill Dyer '92 Atlanta, Georgia	Julie Musolf '16 Auburn, Alabama
Deborah Ebner '81 Chicago, Illinois	Harriet Myrick-Jones '07 Jacksonville, Florida
Christie Estes '08 Birmingham, Alabama	Juan Ortega '98 Mobile, Alabama
Shardae Givan '13 Birmingham, Alabama	Michelle Ortiz Israel '12 Denver, CO
Jake Key '16 Lanett, Alabama	Breauna Peterson '13 Birmingham, Alabama
Judge Tom King, Jr. '76 Rosemary Beach, Florida	Mitch Relfe '14 Washington, DC
Jeffrey Lenobel '78 New York, New York	Mary Roberson '03 Opelika, Alabama
Yawanna McDonald '13 Birmingham, Alabama	Betsy Sue Scott '76 Reston, Virginia
Lydia Messina '15	Brittany Scott '14 Birmingham, Alabama

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



Alumni Reception ◊ Alpharetta, GA

PLEASE JOIN Cumberland School of Law alumni and Dean Henry C. Strickland III for an alumni gathering at

The Drake Closet
26 Old Roswell St.
Alpharetta, Georgia 30009


The Drake Closet is a high-end consignment boutique, supporting The Drake House. The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in north metro Atlanta, designed to assist families working toward self-sufficiency.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Appetizers and beverages provided

Cumberland Lawyers positively impact our communities in many ways. On October 18th, let us make an impact in the Greater Atlanta community by gathering *with a purpose*. If you will, please bring a new or gently used item of women's clothing (professional) or accessory (e.g., a blouse, skirt, dress, purse, scarf) to donate. Tax deductible monetary donations to The Drake House also accepted. Please do not feel obligated to give to attend this event; this is simply one way we can support the community. If you have questions about this particular cause, please visit www.thedrakehouse.org.

*Please convey plans to attend, by Friday, Oct. 14, to Anne Marovich at amarovic@samford.edu or 205-726-2443



Thank you Amy Refeca '01, [REFUGA LAW](#) for co-hosting this event!

Photo of the Week

Students Honored With Profiles of Service



Current Cumberland 3L students Depri Hale (top) and Jordan Thompson (bottom) have been recognized by the Alabama State Bar for their service.

Each has been featured in this year's Profiles in Service on the [Alabama State Bar website](#). The students were honored on Tues. October 11, during Celebrate Pro Bono Month. Posters are on display within the law school to share the stories of the Cumberland honorees.



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