



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## 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 the 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 Cumberland Law Review will publish a [summary of the briefs for the cases](#) to be argued on campus before both appellate courts. Summaries will be available on Wed. October 19. The Court of Civil Appeals case will be heard from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and the Court of Criminal Appeals case will be heard from 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.



Alabama Court of Civil Appeals

Left to Right Seated: Judge Craig Sorrell Pittman, Presiding Judge William C. Thompson and Judge Terri Willingham Thomas

Left to Right Standing: Judge Terry A. Moore and Judge Scott Donaldson



Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

Left to Right Seated: Judge Samuel Henry Welch, Presiding Judge Mary Becker Windom and Judge J. Elizabeth Kellum

Left to Right Standing: Judge Liles C. Burke and Judge J. Michael Joiner

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

## Emergency Readiness

In the event an immediate evacuation is needed, proceed to the Rally Point (Centennial Walk—center of the Quad, below the Davis Library/Bell Tower).

The *Alert Samford App* is designed to help employees and students be prepared to handle emergency situations.

Install Alert Samford at [www.samford.edu/go/alert](http://www.samford.edu/go/alert) from your mobile device and/or your computer.

## Called to the Bar Focuses on Studying

On Thursday, October 20, the Called to the Bar speaker is Dr. Steven Chew, the Chair of Samford's Psychology Department, who will present a talk entitled "How to Study Effectively." Dr. Chew is a nationally-recognized expert in cognitive psychology and the psychology of learning. He has won numerous teaching awards and was named the Carnegie Foundation's College Teacher of the Year in 2011. The talk will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.

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The official Facebook page is "[Cumberland School of Law](#)" and the official Twitter account is "[CumberlandLaw](#)"



# 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** ← This Week
- 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.*

### Cumberland's Celebrate Pro Bono 2016

*Here's what you can do to get involved!*

**2016 Wills Clinics**

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

Oxnoor Valley Community Center

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



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

Bessemer Justice Center

(1851 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020)



Sign up for 1-2 hour slots by emailing [ccmc@samford.edu](mailto:ccmc@samford.edu) or stopping by Room 215.

### Dean to Hold Bar Exam Meetings

Dean Strickland has scheduled open meetings at the following times to discuss the bar exam:

Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m.

Room 101 (Moot Court Room)

Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

Room 101 (Moot Court Room)

Thursday, Nov. 3 at 9 a.m.

Room 121 (Trial Court Room).

At each meeting, Dean Strickland will discuss the bar exam, bar passage rates, and steps for improving performance on the exam, and he will answer questions. The meetings are intended for second and third year students, but others may attend.

### Torts Illustrated Wins First Game

Cumberland's co-rec flag football team, "Torts Illustrated," won their first game in the play offs last week.

Front row (from left to right): Matthew Sellers, Sarah Walsh, Carmen Weite, Sherles Durham, Drew Bentley, Amberlyn Nabih, Katie Hilyer, Katie Turner, Candace Towns; Back row: Tony Bellan, Sean Herald, Zach Johnston, Jordan Thompson



### Faculty Notes



**Professor Michael DeBow** gave a talk on teaching "public policy" at the Johnson Center for Political Economy, Troy University, on October 7. DeBow also attended the "Free Market Forum" sponsored by Hillsdale College and the Acton Institute in Atlanta from October 13-15.

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

## Career Development Events

### 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 18**, Professor Lynn Hogewood, Director of the Academic Support Program spoke with students. On deck for **Tues. October 25th’s** “Coffee Talk” will be Deborah Young.

### 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.

## This Week’s Events

### IP Law Society Information Meeting

An informational session for the IP Law Society will be held **Thursday at 11 a.m.**, in the Friendship Room. The general IP field (patents, trademark, copyright, licensing, franchising, litigation, etc.), current job market, career opportunities, and upcoming events will be discussed. Snacks will be served. Please [RSVP](#). For more information, contact [Ariel Jebeles](#).

### Samford’s Events

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

**Click on event titles for more information!**

## 3L Graduation Announcements

**Composite Photographs:** Fraternal Composite will be on campus October 25-26 to photograph all graduating 3Ls for inclusion in a large composite to be displayed at the law school. Photographs from our internal facebook may not be used. Students **MUST** be photographed at this time in order to be included in the composite. Details are as follows:

- When:** Tuesday, October 25, 9 a.m. – noon; 2 – 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 26, 9 a.m. – noon
- Where:** Friendship Room, Law Library
- Attire:** Professional dress (waist up)
- Appointments:** Sign up in Student Services, Room 124



**Graduation:** Everyone is invited to attend December graduation ceremonies to be held December 17th at 10 a.m. in the Wright Center on the Samford campus. Details for graduates may be [found online](#).

**BOOKS NOT BARS**

**YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH**

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](https://www.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?**

• More than 100,000 young in AL can be tried to adults and held in adult jails and prisons.

• People their best education to do so, free jails provide education to help make a more better for their to mental society.

• Books help with improvement their education and contribute to grow and develop while they are incarcerated.

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

SPLC Southern Poverty Law Center

## Alumni News

# Alumnus Honored with Inaugural Samford Humanitarian Award



Stephen Moss '68, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. received the Samford University Humanitarian Award.

This is the first year that Samford is honoring someone with this award and he, along with a Divinity School graduate, was selected to receive it. Moss' bio about his private practice can be [found online](#). Outside his law practice, Moss (pictured at right) dedicates much of his personal life to helping veterans get medical, housing and legal assistance. Moss is our "Humanitarian of the Year" due to the extraordinary work he has accomplished on behalf of veterans. A [documentary](#) featuring Mission United/Moss will be aired on the Oprah Winfrey Network on Sat. Nov. 12th. It is part 1 of a 10 episode series titled "The Hero Effect."

### Upcoming Alumni Events:

Faculty and 3L students: **Interested in attending?**  
Please join us, if your **RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#)**  
schedule allows:



**PLEASE JOIN.....**

Dean Henry Strickland, alumni, and special guest judge-elect James T. Patterson (SU '82, CSOL '00)\*,

For a Cumberland School of Law Alumni Reception

Hosted by Daniel A. Dennis IV '06, president of Roberts Brothers, Inc., at



*A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate*

3601 Spring Hill Business Park  
Mobile, Alabama 36608

The Real Estate Center, Suite 101  
On the West I-65 Service Road between Dauphin Street and Old Shell Road

Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Appetizers and beverages provided

If you will attend, please respond: Anne Marovich [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu)

\*Mr. Patterson will be invested as a Mobile County Circuit Judge in January, 2017

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](#).

## Birmingham Business Journal Honors Alumni, Student

The Birmingham Business Journal has selected 3 Cumberland Alumni and one student for the following honors:

### 2016 Veterans of Influence:

Judge Carroll '74 / Cumberland School of Law / Marines  
David Fawal '90 / Butler Snow / Navy

### Rising Star Veterans of Influence:

Marshall Clay '11 / Welch Investments / Army  
Jordan Thompson '17 / 3L Cumberland / Army \*still in the service

## Alumnus Donates Co-Author Text



Alumnus Whitney Polson '04 co-authored the 4th edition of "Alabama DUI Defense" and generously donated a copy to Cumberland's Law Library.

*Greg Laughlin accepts a donated copy of a text that alumnus Whitney Polson co-authored.*

# Photo of the Week



**T**he Cumberland Society of the Arts and the Career Development Center welcomed John P. Strohm, '04 to campus Mon. October 17. Strohm discussed 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. [More information.](#)

*(left) Leah Johnson and Kayley Argo talk with alumnus John P. Strohm '04.*

*(below) Strohm shares his story with students during an event sponsored by the Cumberland Society of the Arts and the Career Development Center.*



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