



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Birmingham Business Journal Recognizes Alumni, Student



The Birmingham Business Journal recently recognized two Cumberland School of Law alumni, Judge John Carroll '74 and David Fawal '90, as "2016 Veterans of Influence," as well as one Cumberland School of Law alumni, Marshall Clay '11, and one current student, Jordan Thompson '17, as "2016 Rising Star Veterans of Influence." The honorees were recognized during a breakfast held on October 20 at the Harbert Center in downtown Birmingham.

*Pictured from L to R: Marshall Clay '11, Jordan Thompson '17, Dean Strickland, Judge John Carroll '74 and David Fawal '90.*

## Dean to Hold Bar Exam Meetings

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

- Tue., Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. Room 101 (Moot Court Room)
- Tue. Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. Room 101 (Moot Court Room)
- Thur., 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.

**Cumberland's Celebrate Pro Bono 2016**

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

**2016 Wills Clinics**

**November 3 - 9:00am-3:00pm**  
**Oxmoor Valley Community Center**  
 (1992 Wrennah-Oxmoor 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.

## EEOC General Counsel, David Lopez, to visit Cumberland Friday

Cumberland is pleased to announce that [David Lopez](#), General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, is coming from Washington, DC to join us at Cumberland on Friday, October 28. General Counsel Lopez will discuss his experience leading the legal department of a federal administrative agency, as well as the EEOC's work, careers in the EEOC, and the field of labor and employment law, generally. If you would like to attend, [please register](#) for an accurate headcount for brunch. All students, alumni, faculty and staff are invited.

Brunch with  
David Lopez  
Fri., October 28,  
10 – 11 a.m.  
ROBH 120



# 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](#).

## This Week's Events

The [Cumberland Society of the Arts](#) will be having a meeting Thur., October 27 at 11 a.m. in Room 120. The Pup Crawl and other future events will be discussed.

### 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 25**, Professor Deborah Young, spoke with students. On deck for **Tues. November 1st's** "Coffee Talk" will be Professor Woody Hartzog.

#### 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.

## Law School Announcements



Please join Samford University's Cumberland School of Law faculty & staff, graduates, families & friends for a breakfast reception honoring the

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW  
December 2016 Graduates**

Saturday, December 17  
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

**Cumberland School of Law**

Robinson Hall  
South Lobby

800 Lakeshore Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

**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](http://Facebook.com/SPLCALabama)

**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.

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

SPLC  Southern Poverty Law Center

## Law School Announcements

# Bufford Receives Leadership, Character Award



The Frances Marlin Mann Awards for Leadership and Character are presented each year by Samford University to honor students who display exemplary leadership and strong character. Student recipients are chosen from each of the academic schools and the university athletic program, with one student each year chosen to receive the Joe McDade Scholarship. Kevin Bufford received the Frances Marlin Mann Award for Cumberland.

The Frances Marlin Mann Awards for Leadership and Character recognize specific achievements. To be considered, students must consistently demonstrate:

- a life and character lived in the spirit of Christ;
- a contribution to the overall betterment and wellbeing of the University;
- participation in a wide range of campus life;
- leadership ability;
- an embodiment of the overall goals, mission, and spirit of the University; and
- commitment to the long range development and wellbeing of the University.

## Alumni News

# 2L, 3L Students Invited to Advisory Board Lunch

On Fri. October 28, the Cumberland School of Law Dean's Advisory Board will be at the law school for its Fall Meeting.

After the meeting, from noon – 1:15 p.m., 2L and 3L students are invited to meet and talk to board members over a light lunch on Brewer Plaza.

The board members are alumni representing a wide variety of practice areas, and many live and work out of state. The board members look forward to meeting you, talking to you about law school or your career interests. This is an informal opportunity for you to ask them about their career paths or legal practices.

# Connect with Mentor Through Alumni Office

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 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

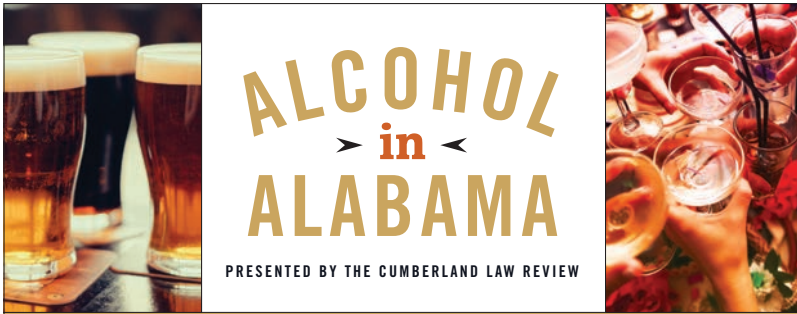
**Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
5:30pm – 7:30pm**

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

## Plan Ahead



**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

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| <b>REGISTRATION</b><br>begins at 11:00 a.m. | <b>CLE</b><br>12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | <b>ALUMNI RECEPTION</b><br>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
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Cahaba Brewing Company  
4500 5th Avenue South, Building C • Birmingham, Alabama 35222

Offers 3 hours of CLE credit. \$20 registration fee at the door. Lunch is provided.

➤ [RSVP to lawrev@samford.edu](mailto:lawrev@samford.edu) ◀

## Organizations Host Pup Crawl With Food Trucks, Fundraising



## Bake Sale to Benefit Camp SAM

Women In Law is hosting a bake sale in the breezeway on **Mon., October 31** and the proceeds will benefit Camp Smile-A-Mile. Camp Smile-A-Mile (Camp SAM) was established in 1985 to serve the children of Alabama battling cancer while also being a source of support for their families. Starting with a single, week-long camp that welcomed patients of all ages, Camp SAM has grown to include year-round programming and seven camp sessions each summer.



The Cumberland Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Women in Law, and Cumberland Society of the Arts are hosting a Pup Crawl on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing.

There will be food trucks for humans, as well as FETCH, the food trucks for dogs. We will also be collecting donations for the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

## Sideline Sunday: Upcoming Events

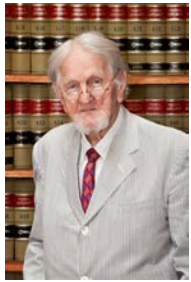
Mark your calendars for confirmed and upcoming Academic Support Program events:

- 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.*

## Plan Ahead

# Cook Selected as Cumberland's Lawyer in Residence



Cumberland School of Law has named well-known criminal defense attorney Bobby Lee Cook this year's Lawyer in Residence for the law school. Cook will speak to students on **Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m.** in Cumberland School of Law's John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University Law School in the 1940s, Cook began a criminal defense career that continues more than six decades later. He has tried thousands of cases, representing hundreds of accused murderers, money launderers, racketeers, bootleggers, high profile white collar criminals, and some very unpopular clients. Regarded as one of the South's best-known defense attorneys, it is widely believed that Andy Griffith's character in the television series "Matlock" was based on the professional life of Cook. A Google search of "Bobby Lee Cook" reveals over 13 million results. One of those results is a YouTube video in which Cook is dubbed "The Master of Reasonable Doubt."

In addition to criminal proceedings, Cook took a stand by representing labor unions at a time when many in the South viewed pro-labor organizations as "Communist sympathizers." In the late 70s, Cook represented the Rockefellers and Carnegies as plaintiffs in a land condemnation action. He used the jury's basic mistrust of government as a foundation for his case and the jury awarded millions above what the government offered. In recent years, Cook settled a case that directly benefitted hundreds of retired Georgia teachers. Cook represented the retirees who contended that the Teachers Retirement System ("TRS") incorrectly calculated their monthly retirement pay by using the wrong mortality tables. Cook recovered millions of dollars on behalf of the retired teachers, effectively reimbursing retirement funds upon which they were dependent.

Cook has been honored for his tenacity by hundreds of groups. He was the first recipient of the Traditional Excellence Awards given by the State Bar of Georgia, the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Small Town Lawyer Made Good Award by the State Bar of Washington.

Cumberland School of Law's Lawyer in Residence program annually invites a distinguished graduate or friend of the law school to visit campus, speaking to classes related to his or her area of expertise. The program allows students to augment the traditional curriculum with the experiences of current practitioners.

## Judge Dillard Hosted at Samford Alumni Showcase

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to host Judge Steve Dillard as our 2016 Alumni Showcase on November 11. Judge Dillard is a 1992 Samford alumnus (History) and is the 73rd Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia. He will be speaking about his journey from an undergraduate at Samford to his current position and what life is like in the Appellate Court. Judge Dillard is actively involved with Samford Athletics and is the Chair of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet Judge Dillard!

"From Samford to the Judiciary"

**Friday, November 11 from 1:30 – 2 p.m.**

DBH Room 112

## CVA to Host General



The Campus Veterans Association will be hosting General Charles Krulak. General Krulak will be speaking on faith based leadership in the **Moot Courtroom at noon on November 15.**

General Krulak served as the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1999. This speech will be worth one convocation credit for all Samford students and will last approximately one hour. For more information, contact [Stuart Lang](#), president of the Campus Veterans Association.

## Plan Ahead

### Try Pizza with PAD

PAD is hosting a Pizza Tasting on November 1 from 11 a.m. -12 p.m. in the Great Room. More details will be sent by email this week.

### Samford's Events

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

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

## Faculty Notes



**Judge John L. Carroll '74** will be in Atlanta this week attending a meeting of the electronic discovery working group of the Sedona Conference, one of the country's leading complex litigation think tanks. Judge Carroll is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Sedona Conference.



On Fri., October 21, **Professor Wendy Greene** participated in the Seton Hall Law Employment and Labor Law Scholars' Forum honoring the life and works of Professor Michael Zimmer, an internationally renowned labor and employment law scholar who passed away in 2015. At Seton Hall, Professor Greene presented an invited contribution entitled, "Channeling Zimmer: A Reflection on the Protected Class Paradigm and the Plausibility Pleading Standard in Race Discrimination Cases," which will be published in The Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal housed at Chicago-Kent College of Law.



**Professor Woodrow Hartzog '03** led two panels at the [Annual Privacy and Security Conference](#) in Washington, DC. His two panels are titled "Privacy's Blueprint: How Should the Law Regulate Privacy by Design?" and "Japanese Data Protection Law."



**Adjunct Professor Judge Gary Pate '76** was hired by NBC to be the wheelchair rugby analyst on NBC's broadcast of the Paralympics that took place in Rio September 14-18, 2016. The actual broadcast was in New York City at NBC studios. Judge Pate was the color analyst, or sports commentator who assists the play-by-play announcer. He is pictured with Ed Cohen, the play-by-play announcer.

Judge Pate has been on staff with [USA Wheelchair Rugby](#) since 2009. In the summer of 2012, he traveled to the Paralympic Games in London. Pate, a retired domestic relations judge, began teaching as an adjunct professor at Cumberland in 1987, and he teaches Domestic Relations and Advanced Domestic Relations.

# Photo of the Week



*The Cumberland Children's Center, Women In Law, and the Career Development Office hosted the Family Law Panel on Thur., October 20.*



*The speakers included (in the photo from left to right) attorney Rachel King, Judge Dorothea Batiste, Professor Rachel Copeland, and Judge Julie Palmer.*

*Photos courtesy of Kaylie Eichholt*

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