



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Pup Crawl Held Thursday



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.

In Summation Winners Honored

Congratulations to the closing Argument Competition, "In Summation 2016" Winners. Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC, held the second annual competition at Cumberland in October.

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

From left to right: Andrew Clay, Alyson Smith, Alexandra Parish and Tiffany Simms were selected as competition winners.



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 Wenonah-Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, AL 35211)



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

Bessemer Justice Center

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



Cumberland Wins Pro Bono Pledge Competition

Cumberland placed first, beating Alabama and Faulkner in number of 1L pledges

Dean to Hold Bar Exam Meeting

Dean Strickland has scheduled open meetings to discuss the bar exam. The final meeting will be held **Thur., Nov. 3 at 9 a.m. in room 121** (Trial Court Room).

At the 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.

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

National Teams Hold Interest Luncheon for 1Ls

The Cumberland National Teams are holding an informational luncheon for 1L students on **Thur. November 3, at 11 am in the Great Room.**

If you are curious about, or interested in Cumberland's travelling National Teams, join the teams for lunch!

All of Cumberland's National Teams including Trial Team, Moot Court Team, and ADR (which includes negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and client-counseling teams) will be discussed.

Lunch and information will be provided on the various teams, what team members do, how you can get involved, and the 1L competitions that will be held next Spring 2017.

This is a great opportunity to learn about all of the National Team options Cumberland has to offer and ask any questions you might have.

Career Development Events

Lunch with a Judicial Law Clerk

Thu., November 3, 2016
11 a.m. – noon., ROBH 120



Join the Career Development Office and Phi Alpha Delta as they host Cumberland alumna Alison Dennis '14, who has generously agreed to return to Cumberland to present the Annual Lunch with a Judicial Law Clerk Program.

Ms. Dennis currently serves as a judicial law clerk to United States District

Judge Abdul K. Kallon and previously served in the same capacity for United States District Judge C Lynwood Smith Jr.

During the program, Ms. Dennis will discuss her day-to-day work, the benefits provided by a judicial clerkship, and the application timeline, and will also provide tips for identifying judges, applying to open positions, and making the most of the clerkship experience.

[RSVP online.](#)

Sideline Sunday: Upcoming Events

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

- Sun., November 6, 2 p.m., Great Room: join Lynn Hogewood for tips on 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
- Mon., November 14, 1:30 p.m., Great Room: How to Take a Law School Exam led by Will Thompson 3L (and additional second and third year students)
- 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.

← This Week

Law School Announcements

2L, 3L Students May Compete in Client Counseling Competition

Are you interested in competing in Cumberland's Client Counseling Competition? 2L and 3L students must try-out if they want to be selected for the National Client Counseling Team, even those that were members last year.

The Client Counseling competition is set up like client intake, where you and a partner will be given a brief idea of what your "client" is coming in for and you will be responsible to greet them, make them feel comfortable and inquire more into what their needs are in seeking out legal counsel. You will get the problem a couple days before so you and your partner can prepare.

The competition will be held on November 17, 2016. The first round will be held at 5 p.m. and the final round will follow shortly after about 7 p.m. You can sign up by emailing [Depri Hale](#). The cost is \$5 a person or \$10 a team and you can bring cash or check or venmo to Cumberland Trial Board along with you and your partner's name. If you do not have a partner, we will assign one. Those that try-out and are selected for the team will be members of the National Client Counseling Team.

National Mediation Team Selected

Congratulations to the new members of the National Mediation Team:

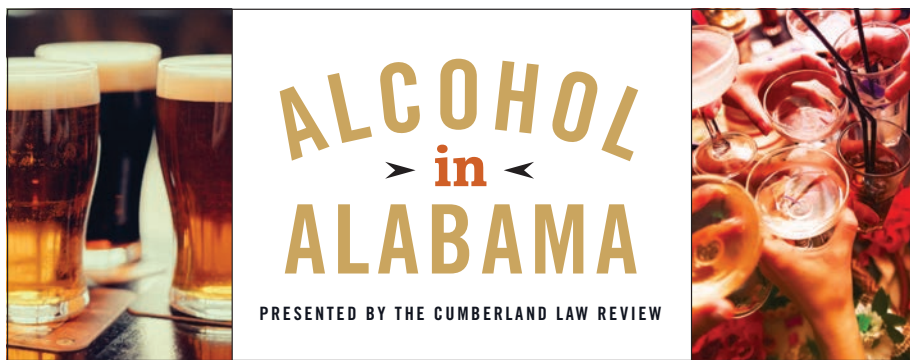
- Kevin Bufford
- Paige Caraway
- Miranda Cooley
- Sarah Emerson
- Ranse Hare
- Ryan Hawks
- Travis Johns
- Branden Moore
- Constantin Post
- Scott Woodard

Thanks to all of the students that competed in the mediation competition. The coaches were thoroughly impressed.

Graduation

Announcements

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](#).



ALCOHOL
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PRESENTED BY THE CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW

Thursday, November 17, 2016

REGISTRATION begins at 11:00 a.m.	CLE 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	ALUMNI RECEPTION 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** ◀



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

Students May Attend Free CLEs

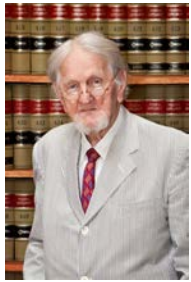
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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Students can attend CLE seminars for free (aside from the Jere White seminar which is excluded). This week's seminar

about Worker's Comp is Fri., November 4 at Cooney Hall. For more information, contact the [CLE office](#).

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

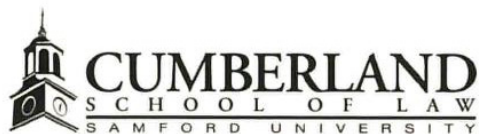


The Campus Veterans Association will be hosting General Charles Krulak. General Krulak will be speaking on faith based leadership in the **Moot Courtroom at noon on November 15.**

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.

Alumni News

Upcoming Alumni Events: Interested in attending?



Augusta, Georgia Alumni Luncheon

Please join

Judge James G. Blanchard Jr. '68,
Judge William D. Jennings III '77,
Judge Pamela J. Doumar '87,
Judge Bobby L. Christine '95
Sam G. Nicholson '78,
Dean Henry C. Strickland III, and
local Cumberland School of Law alumni
for a luncheon

Thursday, December 1, 2016
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Augusta Country Club
Wallace House
655 Milledge Road
Augusta, GA 30904

Please convey plans to attend by Monday, November 28,
to Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations,
at amarovic@samford.edu or 205-726-2443.

If there are any 3Ls from the Augusta, GA area and
wish to attend, please contact Anne Marovich.

RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#)



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

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

Faculty and 3L students:
Please join us, if your schedule allows:

Law School Hosts Open House During Homecoming

On Fri., November 11 the Law School will host an open house from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for guests on campus for Samford's Homecoming. Admissions Ambassadors will be greeting and touring guests.

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](#).

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

Nominate Full-Time, Adjunct Faculty for Annual Teaching Awards

Cumberland has a long history of outstanding teaching, and superior teaching is a critical part of the school. In order to foster and recognize outstanding teaching at Cumberland, two alumni provided a generous gift to endow the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award. Two Jackson Teaching Awards are given each year--one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses.

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by [sending an email to Dean Strickland](#) which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. The criteria are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

You may nominate someone whose course you are currently taking, someone whose course you have taken in the past, or someone with whom you have had other contact that demonstrates outstanding

teaching in relation to the criteria above.

A joint committee of faculty and students will choose the winners, and we will announce the winners in the spring. A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible to receive that award again for a period of three years. The faculty members who currently are ineligible to receive the award in a category because they have received it in the past three years are Professors Evans, Greene (Bob) and Ross (First Year Courses) and Professors Floyd, Walthall and Young (Upper Level Courses). The names of all of the award winners are on a plaque outside the Great Room.

Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award. In your nomination, please specify which award you are nominating a professor for – the First Year Award or the Upper Level Award and briefly explain why you think the nominee is deserving. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester.

The hard work and devotion of Cumberland's adjunct faculty will be recognized by the selection of one adjunct professor each year to receive an award titled "Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award." Dean Strickland solicits your help in selecting the winner of this award by asking for nominations of a deserving adjunct professor.

The criteria and some of the procedures in place for selecting the Jackson Teaching Award recipients from full time faculty will be used. The criteria for the Award considered by the Committee shall include (i) mastery of subject matter; (ii) ability to convey information effectively to students; (iii) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (iv) commitment to excellence in the classroom;

(iv) innovation in teaching techniques; and (v) commitment to students.

A faculty member who recently has won the award is not eligible to receive that award again for a period of three years. Professor Jay D. St. Clair is thus ineligible to receive the award this year.

Please submit your nominations to [Dean Strickland](#) or to [Ms. Kathy Walton](#) by the end of the fall semester, explaining why you believe your nominee deserves the award. The Jackson Award committee, which is composed of students and full time faculty, will select the recipient from the nominations.

Photo of the Week



The Alumni Office celebrated Halloween with a visit from a former alumna.

Photos courtesy of Ms. Pam Nelson

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