



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## A Note from the Dean



I hope you all had a pleasant and meaningful holiday. Having been in the building during the break, I am glad you are back on campus to bring the building back to life. I look forward to the rooms and hallways being full with classes, meetings, trial and ADR team practices, and of course study.

The last two weeks were sad ones for the Cumberland family as we lost two of our greatest. J. Anthony (Tony) McLain passed away on January 1, and Governor Albert Brewer died on January 2. Their many accomplishments are outlined in numerous tributes published and posted during the last two weeks. Both men were extraordinary lawyers and models of professionalism, civility, responsibility, and service. They both loved Cumberland and served the school tirelessly.

Among the email exchanges in which we mourned the loss of these dear friends and great servant leaders, one Cumberland alumnus said "It is now up to us to pick-up where these two Godly men left off." One of the great benefits of living on an academic calendar is that we have the luxury of starting over every semester. As we do so this year, may we all strive to pick-up where Tony and Governor Brewer left off — in terms of integrity, civility, kindness, and selfless service.

## Trial Advocacy Board Hosts 1L ADR Competition



The Trial Advocacy Board, with the help of Professor LaJuana Davis, hosted the first annual 1L Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition during the mini-term. The competition was broken into a Client Counseling portion and a Negotiation portion. Each session allowed 1L competitors to apply what they have learned from class to their first exposure to ADR in a competitive setting. The winners are as follows:

### Client Counseling:

- Team Jacob Snow and Stephanie Gushlaw and Team David Hamm and Brooke DiSalvo tied for first place.
- Team Emily Hopper and J.R. Thomas came in second place.

### Negotiation:

- Team Caleb Faulkner and Kacey Cooper took first place.
- Team Stephen Alsleben and Lisa Cagle took second place.



## This Week's Events

The Federalist Society is hosting  
**Professor Stephen Ware** on  
**Thursday January 12th in room 114.**  
 The presentation is titled  
*"What Should Conservatives and Libertarians  
 Think of Plaintiffs' Lawyers?"*



## Summer Associate Programs at Law Firms

RSVP HERE:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/  
 recruiter-panel-tickets-29519873737](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recruiter-panel-tickets-29519873737)

**Thursday, January 12th**  
**9:00 am – 10:00 am**  
**Great Room, R207**

PRESENTERS:

Barrie Wilson (Balch),  
 Renee Clements (Starnes),  
 Brittany Roper (Sirote),  
 and Emily Chandler (Maynard)

Recruiters from the Birmingham area will be on campus to present the do's and don'ts of OCI season and to answer your questions. Recruiters from Baker Donelson, Balch Bingham, Bradley, Burr Forman, Lightfoot, Sirote, and Starnes will be on campus for the program.

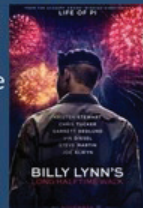
Cumberland Society of the Arts  
 Presents:

**LAURA LUNDY  
 WHEALE**

January 12, 2017  
 10:30 A.M.  
 Great Room

Laura Wheale is a Cumberland Alumna and actress, most recently featured in the newly released movies Sully and Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk.

Join Cumberland Society of the Arts and the Career Development Office as Laura speaks on how to balance life as a lawyer while continuing to follow your dreams.



Career Development Office

# OPEN HOUSE

January 10-13,  
 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Individualized Career Counseling for 2Ls and 3Ls (By Appointment)

To schedule an appointment, email Caroline Young ([charbin@samford.edu](mailto:charbin@samford.edu)) with the Subject Line: **3L Career Counseling.**

Students may come by the Career Development Office anytime they need assistance developing an individual and customized plan for your legal career. However, the CDO highly recommends students utilizing the 3L Open House period to develop your plan early.

# Plan Ahead



**KEEP CALM**  
**and**  
**STUDY ABROAD**

## Interested in learning more about Cumberland's Study-Abroad Programs?

Join Professor Floyd, Director of International Studies, for a general information meeting.

**Thursday, February 2**  
**11 a.m.**  
**room 114**

*Food and drinks will be served.*



THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TRIAL ADVOCACY PRESENTS

## Technological Tools for an Efficient Esquire

**Keynote Speaker:**  
Andrew Arruda, CEO of ROSS Intelligence

**January 27, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.\*

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**  
**Alma Asay:** Founder & CEO, Allegory Law, Inc.  
**Clare Foley:** Vice President Litigation Solutions, Opus 2 International  
**Mary Juetten:** Founder & CEO Traklight  
**Roe Frazer:** Founder Cicayda; Frazer Law

\*Legal technology vendor fair taking place throughout the morning

FREE event offering 3 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics credit  
 John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom, Samford University's Cumberland School of Law  
 Please RSVP to [jttrialad@samford.edu](mailto:jttrialad@samford.edu)

**Samford University**  
Cumberland School of Law

## Alumni News

### The Office of Alumni Relations is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- **The Distinguished Alumnus Award** is given to a Cumberland graduate who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.
- **The Young Alumnus of the Year Award** is given to a graduate who graduated within the last 15 years, and to someone who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.
- **The Volunteer of the Year Award** is given to a graduate who has provided exceptional volunteer service to the law school and its constituents. The recipient has distinguished himself/herself by assisting in multiple facets of the law school program.
- **The Friend of the Law School Award** is given to a person who is not a graduate of Cumberland, but who has, through financial and other means of support, made a significant investment in Cumberland and its future.

Please send your nomination to Anne Marovich at [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu).

Any information you can provide about the nominee is appreciated. Awards will be announced April 1, 2017.

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

THE BIRMINGHAM BAR FOUNDATION  
*presents*  
**A Conversation with**

**DEAN A. STRANG**  
Noted Criminal Defense Attorney  
*featured in*  
**MAKING  
— A —  
MURDERER**  
**MARCH 16, 2017 - 7 P.M.**  
Lyric Theatre | Birmingham, Alabama  
Tickets: \$30 | Students Tickets: \$20

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON TICKETMASTER.**  
For more information, visit [www.bbfound.org](http://www.bbfound.org) or call (205) 251-2231.

## Law School Announcements

### Cumberland Community Mourns Loss of Brewer and McLain



**J. Anthony “Tony” McLain** ('77), long-time Alabama State Bar General Counsel, passed away on Jan. 1. He served as president of Cumberland's National Alumni Association and was the recipient of the school's distinguished alumnus award.

**Albert Brewer**, former Alabama governor, Cumberland law professor, and founder of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA), died Jan. 2.



“Cumberland School of Law and the state of Alabama have lost two of their greatest,” said Dean Henry C. “Corky” Strickland, III. “Beyond these giants’ great accomplishments, they were both among the kindest and most caring men I ever knew. We will miss them dearly.”

*Top: J. Anthony “Tony” McLain;  
Below: Governor Albert Brewer*



### England Accepts Position in New York

**Ken England**, Assistant Dean for Administration, recently accepted a position as Vice President of Administrative Services at Corning Community College in New York. His last day will be January 13, 2017. Although Ken will be deeply missed, his new position represents a significant promotion with exciting career opportunities. Please congratulate Ken on his ongoing success!

## Faculty Notes

On December 1, 2016, **Assistant Dean Cassandra Adams** was the opening plenary speaker at the 2016 Fulbright Scholar Regional Seminar, held in Montgomery, AL. Her topic, “Visions of the New South Realized,” was well received by the group of more than 80 Fulbright Scholars studying in the US from all over the world.

**Professor Alyssa DiRusso** presented as part of the Trusts and Estates panel at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Francisco on Thursday, January 5. Her presentation was based on her recent publication, “The Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax and Sociological Shifts in Generational Length: Proposing a Generation-Inflation Index for Taxation,” 41 ACTEC L. J. 307 (Fall 2015/Winter 2016). Professor DiRusso served as Chair of the AALS Section on Trusts and Estates through the end of the annual meeting and now serves on its executive committee.



*Assistant Dean  
Cassandra Adams*



*Professor Alyssa  
DiRusso*

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## Faculty Notes



Ars Technica recently published an essay authored by **Professor Woodrow Hartzog ('03)** and Danielle Citron titled “Five unexpected lessons from the Ashley Madison breach”: <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2016/12/op-ed-five-unexpected-lessons-from-the-ashley-madison-breach/>. He was also quoted in the MIT Technology Review article “Should Amazon Echo Help Solve a Murder?”: <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/603278/should-an-amazon-echo-help-solve-a-murder/>. Finally, Hartzog was cited in a story in the Christian Science Monitor titled “Can this clothing defeat face recognition software? Tech-savvy artists experiment.”



**Professor Tracey Roberts's** article, “Tax Relief for Domestic Violence Survivors,” has been published in the December / January 2017 issue of the Domestic Violence Report. Her paper, “Plato’s Laws and the Demands of the Socratic Dialogue,” has been accepted for presentation at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, March 31 and April 1 at Stanford University.

**Professor William G. Ross** was quoted in the January 1 Washington Times about the possibility that Obama would make a recess appointment of Judge Garland to the Supreme Court during the inter-session recess of Congress on January 3.

**Top:** Professor Woodrow Hartzog;

**Below Left:** Professor Tracey Roberts;

**Below Right:** Professor William G. Ross

## Photo of the Week



Professor Mike Floyd, Pam Nelson, Laura Taylor and Laurie Zimmer (standing) welcome international exchange students to Cumberland for the spring semester.

*Seated L to R: Michael Pyefinch, Shannen Sell, and Taylor-Jo Ings return from the University of East Anglia in England to complete their year-long exchange program and Deekshitha Tompaku joins us from NALSAR in India for the spring semester.*

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