



Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

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Cumberland Team Advances to Final Round of NTC Regional Tournament

This past weekend, a team from Cumberland School of Law made the Final Round of the National Trial Competition Regional Tournament. The team of Curtis Seal and Bianca Svensson beat teams from St. Thomas University School of Law, the University of Florida Levin College of Law, the University of Alabama School of Law and Faulkner University's Jones School of Law on the way to the Final Round. Seal and Svensson lost a close, hard-fought final round by

one vote against the host school, Stetson University School of Law, narrowly missing becoming the tenth Cumberland team to advance to nationals in the past nine years. Drew Bentley and Keith Stephens served as witnesses for the team. The team of Drew Panella, Kingsley Okpara and Amanda Wineman also participated in the competition. Kingsley Okpara won Best Opening Statement for the preliminary rounds. Ben Keen served as the witness for this team. ([Read More](#))

Cumberland Team Advances to National Finals of ABA Negotiation Competition

For the second year in a row, a team from Cumberland advanced to the National Finals of the American Bar Association Law Student Division Negotiation Competition. The competition took place February 3rd and 4th in Chicago at the ABA Headquarters. Cumberland was represented by Kevin Bufford (3L) and Jacey Mann (2L). This was Kevin's second trip to the National Finals. Kevin and Jacey went up against teams from the University of Houston and the University of Georgia in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the semi-final round, where they faced competition from Western New England School of Law. ([Read More](#))



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This Week's Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The Mann Center will be offering a free Lunch-and-Learn for students who would like to learn more about Impact America.

NOON - 1:00 P.M.

THE HOWARD ROOM OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER

Impact America is an organization which seeks to help families facing the challenges of poverty. Impact America's founder and president, Stephen Black, will discuss post-grad and internship opportunities with the organization. He is the grandson of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, and he grew up in New Mexico after most of his family left the state in the 1950s and 60s following his grandfather's role in controversial Civil Rights decisions, including Brown v. Board of Education. Despite growing up over 1,000 miles away, from a very young age he was fascinated by Alabama and the legacy of his family's commitment to public service in their home state. He came to Alabama in the late '90s after finishing Yale Law School and after just a few years, his journey led him to public service. You can read more about Impact America [here](#). If you're planning to attend the Lunch-and-Learn, please email (kadams9@samford.edu) by noon Tuesday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The CDO is sponsoring and co-sponsoring several events in February and March.

THIS WEEK'S EVENT:

ADLA SKILLS PROGRAM

Enjoy a pizza lunch and listen to Stephen Still discuss interviewing skills and how to job search outside of OCIS!

Thursday February 9

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ROBH 120

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adla-skills-program-interviewing-and-job-searching-outside-of-ocis-tickets-31452863361>

Plan Ahead



Meet an International Trade Lawyer

Featuring: Alan Enslen of
Maynard Cooper and Gale

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
11AM
ROOM 123
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

SPONSORED BY:
CUMBERLAND INTERNATIONAL
LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

This year's Project Homeless Connect Outreach Day will be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Boutwell Auditorium from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Law student volunteers are needed to conduct intake interviews for those coming to PHC for legal assistance. This is a great way for law students to gain insightful experience while making an immediate impact on our community! Volunteers are asked to wear their red Cumberland Volunteer t-shirts and jeans, and to bring their laptop. If you do not have a t-shirt, please stop by ROBH 215 to acquire one.

In addition, all volunteers are asked to attend a brief mandatory training for the event on **March 2, 2017 in the Great room from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** Two hour time slots have been published for you to select the time that best fits you. If you desire to stay longer than the two hours allotted, please email ccmc@samford.edu with your desired volunteer time. Please use the link below to sign up electronically via "SignUp Genius" for the time slots that work best for you!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409044BAAA82AA6F94-phcsign2

Plan Ahead

Women in Law is hosting a **Valentine's Day** bake sale!

Tuesday, February 14
in the breezeway

The proceeds of the bake sale
will go to First Light, an organization
that helps homeless women and children.



The Cumberland Air & Space Law
Society is hosting
MR. PIERCE LEHR,
Director of Boeing Space
Systems, as a guest speaker on
Feb 21st at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Room.

2016/17 HUNGRY HEARTS TOUR

Samford University
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Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC is delighted to present these remarkable productions:

Friday, February 17
ROMEO AND JULIET
7:00 p.m. • Great Room
(live musical prelude at 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, February 18
TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA
7:00 p.m. • Great Room
(live musical prelude at 6:30 p.m.)

Free Admission.
Space is limited.
R.S.V.P. by February 10
to Caroline Young
charlin@samford.edu
(205) 726-2797

(Photos from top to bottom) Josh Clark as Romeo and Zoe Speers as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*; Harper as Crab (adopted in 2011 from Mercy Rescue and Adoption, North Vernon, IN) and Andrew Goldwasser as Laurence in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Photos by Michael Bailey.



GRACE HOUSE
ministries, inc.
giving hope to girls in crisis

PICS, Cumberland Children's Center, and Women In Law are co-hosting a supply drive to benefit Grace House that will run from **Monday, February 20 to Friday, March 3**. Donations will be collected in the breezeway.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Dishwashing liquid
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- Bleach
- Clorox Bleach for colors
- Sani-flush
- Scrub-free bathroom cleaner
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Glade Air Freshener
- Pine Sol (original scent)
- Anti-bacterial hand soap refill
- Furniture polish (dusting)
- Glass cleaner
- Comet/AJAX
- Carpet deodorizer

- Cotton wring-out mops (replace frequently)

PAPER PRODUCTS/ HOME MAINTENANCE

- Copy paper
- Toilet paper (Angel Soft 24 pack)
- Paper towels (Sparkle 8 count)
- Napkins
- Paper plates
- Paper bowls
- Plastic/foam cups
- Glad gallon freezer bags
- Gallon storage bags
- Zipper seal sandwich bags
- Zipper seal quart

- storage bags
- Aluminum foil
- Wax paper
- Plastic wrap
- Dish rags/towels
- Medicine/ mouthwash cups
- 13-gallon draw string kitchen trash bags
- 30-gallon drawstring bags
- 8-gallon bags

TOILETRIES

- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes (soft)
- Mouthwash
- Dental floss
- Lotion

- Body wash
- Bar soap
- Facewash
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Wash rags
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream or gel
- Razors
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips
- Cough drops
- Band-aids
- Neosporin
- Fingernail clippers
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Tampons (Tampax Pearl -

- all sizes)
- Panty liners
- Maxi pads

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Copy paper
- Post-Its
- Note pads
- Pens
- Binder clips
- Staples
- Tape
- Colored paper
- Card stock
- Stamps
- Highlighters
- Legal pad notebooks

Plan Ahead

Future CDO events:

• **Family Law Panel** (panel-style discussion; speakers TBA), **Thursday, February 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., ROBH 120, RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-law-panel-tickets-31688182206>**

• **PAD's Lunch with a Lawyer**

(Come listen to Jeremy Richter and David Graves as they discuss the differences between plaintiff and defense work and what makes a good associate in the respective fields. Lunch will be served to those who RSVP.) **Thursday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., ROBH 120, RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pads-lunch-with-a-lawyer-tickets-31452677806>**

• **Public Interest Fair**

(Dress professionally and come to speak to Public Interest from Birmingham and the surrounding areas. We will be confirming the attendance list in the coming weeks and will keep you posted on which employers are attending.) **Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m. – 2p.m., Great Room, RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-interest-fair-tickets-29574062818>**

Law School Announcements



LOVE CUMBERLAND?

Apply to be an Admission Ambassador

Now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year
(Current 1L and 2L students may apply)

Check your email for the online application or visit the admission office.



The law faculty recently nominated students for inclusion in the 2016-17 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Criteria for selection were GPA; participation and leadership within school organizations or extracurricular activities; community involvement; and future leadership ability or potential. It is an honor to be selected, and we congratulate this year's Cumberland nominees:

- Anna W. Akers
- Christian W. Borek
- Adam Scott Buddenbohn
- Kevin W. Bufford
- Emily B. Copeland
- Kayla A. Currie
- Katherine M. Furek
- Hunter S. Garnett
- Jonathan A. Griffith
- Rebecca M. Guidry
- Nicolas A. Gutierrez
- Ariel H. Jebeles
- Romulo Enrique Lander Mendoza
- Howard G. Perdue III
- Patrick Jordan Perry
- William S. Pylant
- Guice Slawson III
- Haley A. Stencil
- Jordan M. Thompson
- Darcy O. Townsend
- Stephen Kyle Weaver

The Cumberland Christian Legal Society would like to congratulate our new executive board for the Spring 2017 semester:

- **President: Spencer Willson**
- **Vice President: Sarah Emerson**
- **Chaplains: Madeline Pendley, Spencer Wilson**
- **Secretary: Madeline Pendley**
- **Treasurer: Caleb Faulkner**
- **Philanthropy: Laura Burford**
- **Social Chairs: Laura Burford, Sarah Emerson**

For students interested in joining CLS, our club meets every **Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Room 114** for devotion, fellowship and sweet treats. Contact Spencer Willson at swillison@samford.edu for more information.

Every winter, the Law Library asks our students to provide us with feedback on how well we are doing our job. To that end, we have a short survey we'd like for you to take a few minutes to complete. The Law Library uses the responses we receive as part of our planning process. A year hasn't gone by in which we haven't made some change based on student survey responses, from permitting food in the law library, to purchasing new furniture (including soft seating, library chairs, and standing desks), managing access in accord to student wishes, adding scanners, and increasing the number of study rooms available. The survey will remain open through noon on Friday, February 10 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSBLL-2017>. **Thank you for your input!**

Alumni News



**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 or call (205) 251-2231.

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.

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

Alumni News

3L students are invited to join Cumberland School of Law alumni, Dean H.C. Strickland and others at Samford University for a men's basketball game and pre-game supper.

Saturday, February 25
The Pete Hanna Center

Supper begins at 5 p.m.
tip-off begins at 6 p.m.

Email Anne Marovich to reserve your spot today at amarovic@samford.edu.



Faculty Notes

• Interviews with **John Carroll '74** regarding President Trump's travel ban and possible SCOTUS nominees aired on WBRC FOX 6 News and WVTM Channel 13 News on January 30.

• **Woodrow Hartzog '03** was quoted in a BNA story about Japan's new data protection law on February 2: <https://www.bna.com/alert-sunrise-coming-b57982083235/>

• **William G. Ross** published two commentaries in JURIST on February 3 regarding the Senate's role in confirming executive officials and the Gorsuch nomination. He was also interviewed by WBRC Fox 6 News regarding the Supreme Court nomination process, which aired on January 29.

Photo of the Week

Pictured from L to R, Cumberland Negotiation Team member Kevin Bufford, coach Brian Turner '95, and Cumberland Negotiation Team member Jacey Mann.



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Send them to [Polly Manuel](#)
for inclusion in upcoming editions
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