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ABA Regional Mediation Competition

Two Cumberland teams competed in the ABA Regional Mediation Competition at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, VA over the weekend. The teams, including students Miranda Taylor, Ryan Hawks, Ranse Hare and Scott Woodard, along with 10 other teams from VA and FL law schools, competed in a two-day regional competition with the winner of the competition advancing to the National Competition to be held in San Francisco, CA. Hare and Woodard placed third overall and Taylor and Hawks placed second overall. The Cumberland teams performed better than any teams in school history at this competition. Last year, Cumberland teams beat their record with two teams in the top five, and this year they achieved two teams in the top three. The teams were coached by Krista Cowley '15 and Virginia Miller '00.



From left to right: Ryan Hawks, Miranda Taylor, Krista Cowley '15, Scott Woodard and Ranse Hare

Gabrielli Family Law Competition

Over the weekend, the Cumberland team of Taylor Akers, Adam Hoekenschnieder, and Evan Smith advanced to the Quarter-Finals as the sixth seed overall of the Gabrielli Family Law Competition in Albany, New York. The Gabrielli Family Law competition is a national event open to only 24 invited teams that compete using written and oral advocacy skills. The team was coached by Anne Lamkin Durward '95.



From left to right: Evan Smith, Anne Lamkin Durward '95, Taylor Akers and Adam Hoekenschnieder

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



This Week's Events

Career Development
Office
➤ Public Interest Fair ◀
Wednesday, March 8
Great Room
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dress professionally
& bring copies of your
resume!

The American Constitution Society, Cumberland School of Law Chapter, invites you to join us for our first Interest Meeting and Happy Hour Social on Thursday, March 8 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Octane (2821 Central Avenue, Homewood, AL). Come learn about ACS and find a way to serve your interests with us. At the very least, come have a drink and tell us about your spring break plans! There will be light refreshments and drink specials for Cumberland students. If you can't make it to the meeting but still have questions, need more information, or want to join, feel free to contact kfasking@samford.edu, mherd1@samford.edu or alero@samford.edu.



Law School Announcements

Please join Cumberland Law Review's Volume 47 Editorial Board in congratulating the Volume 48 Editorial Board!

- Editor-in-Chief - Lindsey Catlett
- Executive Editor - Gage Smythe
- Managing Editor - Sean Herald
- Student Material Editor - Laney Gifford
- Online Managing Editor - Sidney Jackson
- Online Research Editor - Xan Ingram
- Acquisitions Editor - Matt Hambrick
- Copy Editors - John Kendrick, Matt Pettit
- Research Editors - Christian Feldman, Alex Thrasher

We look forward to seeing what your board will accomplish!

Please congratulate the 2017 - 2018 Office of Phi Alpha Delta!

- Chief Justice - Jackson Young
- Vice Justice - Megan Seaton
- Clerk - J.R. Thomas
- Treasurer - Wesley Walker
- Marshal - Callie Brister
- Class Representatives - Ashtyne Cole, Julia Malueg, Branden Moore, Evani Patel, Luke Killam

Thank you to all PAD members who took the time to participate in electing the new officers!

Law School Announcements

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy Volume 40 Editorial Board is proud to announce selection of the editors who will lead the AJTA in 2017 - 2018. We are confident these rising 3L members will do a terrific job! Please join us in extending congratulations.

- Editor-in-Chief - Holly T. Howell
- Executive Editor - Charles M. Hearn
- Research & Writing Editors - Mallory C. Bullard, M. Grace Moore, Amanda L. Wineman
- Articles & Symposium Editor - Allyson V. Swecker
- Articles & Online Editor - Jillian C. Pierce
- Student Materials Editor - Jacey G. Mann



**KEEP
CALM
and
STUDY
ABROAD**

The deadline has passed for Cumberland's Cambridge Study-Abroad Program but we do still have some spaces available. Please see us as soon as possible if you are interested!

Applicants in good academic standing are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited, but there are still some openings.

Detailed information and application forms are available [here](#).



Don't forget to take the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE)!

1. Results inform decisions that benefit students
2. Your responses are compared with other law schools
3. The more students respond, the more valuable the data

Look for an email invitation on March 6th!



Law School Announcements

May Graduation Announcements

Graduation Ceremony:

Everyone is invited to attend spring graduation ceremonies to be held **May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Wright Center on the Samford campus.**

Tickets are not needed.

Details for graduates may be found at <https://www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/graduation>.

Graduation Fair:

A Graduation Fair will be held on **March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., in the Howard Room located in the University Center.**

At that time, students may order graduation announcements, register for door prizes and enjoy free food. Undergraduates will receive their caps and gowns; law students will order via a survey sent from Law Student Services and will pick up their regalia at a later date.

Graduation Reception:

Please join Cumberland School of Law faculty, staff, family and friends for a reception honoring the May 2017 graduates on **Friday, May 12, 2017** from **4:15 – 5:30 p.m.** at Brewer Plaza, 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.

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

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.

Faculty Notes

• Last week, the Yale Law Journal published **Woodrow Hartzog's** essay with Neil Richards, "Privacy's Trust Gap," a review of Finn Brunton and Helen Nissenbaum's book "Obfuscation: A User's Guide for Privacy and Protest." In the review, Professor Richards and Professor Hartzog offer a trust-based approach to privacy programs in the modern age.

<http://www.yalelawjournal.org/article/privacy-trust-gap-a-review>



Photo of the Week



This past weekend, Cumberland students had the opportunity to participate in Project Homeless Connect at Boutwell Auditorium. Pictured in the photo are Cumberland students, volunteer lawyers and staff at the Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program.

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