



Samford University  
Cumberland School of Law

# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## This Week's Events

### REGISTRATION AND CURRICULUM PLANNING PROGRAM

First-year students will not want to miss the Registration and Curriculum Planning program scheduled Friday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. This is a critical meeting for 1Ls to begin selecting 2L courses and to understand how to register. Dean Denning will speak to students about the registration process and curriculum planning; and Pattie Harris, Director of Student Records, will discuss joint degree programs. Attendance is **mandatory for all current first-year students.**

### ► Joint Degree Interest Meeting ◀

Friday, March 24

Room 121

9 a.m.

Representatives from joint degree programs will be available to discuss their programs.

All interested students are encouraged to attend!

The Federalist Society is hosting the Mises Institute's Mark Thornton this Thursday, March 23 at 11 a.m. Join us for lunch and a presentation on "The Drug War Versus Capitalism" in Room 118. To learn more about Mark Thornton prior to his presentation, visit <https://mises.org/profile/mark-thornton>.



## Plan Ahead

### RASCAL DAY 2017

On Thursday, March 30 at 11 a.m., the law school will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends of the law school (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial



Walk to the Angel Patio on the east side of Robinson Hall. After a moving eulogy delivered by Professor Howard Walthall, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including Best Dressed Dog, Best Trick, Dog Most Resembling its Owner, Smallest and Largest Dog, and Dog That Most Represents the Spirit of Rascal.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940 and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford campus, and again interred at Blackacre on the west side of Robinson Hall.

**Make sure you and your pet come out for a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal!**



## Law School Announcements

**Congratulations to the newly named Admission Office Ambassadors. These students will join the program for the 2017 - 2018 school year:**

- 1L Averie Armstead
- 1L Caroline Crowley
- 1L Stephanie Gushlaw
- 1L Michelle Herd
- 2L Branden Moore
- 1L Denzell Moton



**KEEP  
CALM  
and  
STUDY  
ABROAD**

There are still some spaces available in Cumberland's Cambridge Study-Aboard Program for this summer. The dates of the program are July 2 - August 3, 2017. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested!

Applicants in good academic standing are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**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 a final email invitation on Tuesday, March 21!**





## 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.](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

### Alumni Reunion Reception

Friday, April 7  
 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Florentine

All faculty are invited to attend.

Please email Laura Patterson at [lpatter2@samford.edu](mailto:lpatter2@samford.edu) to register.

Thank you!



## Faculty Notes

- Last week, Woodrow Hartzog gave two talks at the University of Melbourne in Australia. The first talk was to the Melbourne Law School on his forthcoming book, “Privacy’s Blueprint: The Battle to Control the Design of New Technologies.” The second talk was a free public lecture titled “Obscurity as a Means of Identity,” hosted by the University of Melbourne School of Historical and Philosophical Studies.
- An online *Wall Street Journal* article published on March 13 titled “One Lawyer, 6,905 Hours Leads to \$1.5 Million Bill in Spring Suit,” referred to William G. Ross’ books on attorney billing.



## Photo of the Week



*On Wednesday, March 1, a group of first-year students attended the Birmingham Committee on Foreign Affairs panel discussion on “The Hermit Kingdom on the Brink,” relating to developments in North Korea. L to R: Adam Leroy, Steve Alsleben, Michelle Herd and Julianne Zilahy.*

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