



Samford University
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Third-Year Student Announcement

TO ALL THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS

There are two more opportunities this week to attend meetings about the bar exam. The identical meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. Bar exam passage rates are down across the country. These meetings will help you understand the challenge, organize your effort, and prepare effectively so that you and your class—with hard work—will pass the bar exam this summer. **The meetings will be held at the following times and will last approximately an hour:**

Wednesday, April 12
at 1:30 PM in Room 118

Thursday, April 13
at 10:30 AM in Room 118

All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).

This Week's Events

Trial Journal and Law Review Information Lunch for 1Ls

- Cumberland 1L students are invited to an informational meeting **Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 11 AM** in the Great Room. BBQ from Johnny Ray's will be served! Students in the top 15% of the first-year class after this year will be eligible to write for Law Review membership this summer. 1Ls in the top 33.3% of the class will be invited to write for Trial Journal membership. No matter where you are in the class right now, a superior performance this semester can move you up farther than at any other time in law school! If you cannot attend the lunch, send your summer contact information using [this online form](#) as soon as possible. Feel free to email the [Trial Journal](#) or the [Law Review](#) with any questions.

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
PASS THE
BAR EXAM**

The Academic Support Program invites
the July 2017 Bar Examinees to a

Bar Prep Boot Camp

on **Friday, May 19, at 9:00 AM in Room 118,**
or on **Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 2:00 PM in Room 118.**

Kick off your Bar exam preparations with tips about
organization, time management, stress management and
success, through your Bar Prep course and the Bar Exam.

Law School Announcements

The Spirit of Service Award is Cumberland's way of recognizing students, faculty, and staff who have completed 30+ hours of public interest/pro bono legal work and/or community service throughout the academic year. You are encouraged to apply and receive recognition for the valuable contributions you have made. Recipients are presented with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their valuable contributions. Examples of qualifying work would include but is not limited to: Street Law; Celebrate Pro Bono Month; Project Homeless Connect; the 1L Service Project; work done through law school organizations; SBA; the Christian Legal Society; or work done through your favorite charitable organization or church. ***Note: You do not have to complete all 30 hours in one organization; hours can be distributed throughout different organizations.*** The application process for the award operates on the honor system - the hours you submit are the hours that will be recognized.

Applications are now being accepted and are due on
Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

If there are any other questions or concerns regarding the Spirit of Service Award, please contact Ashaunte T. Gaillard at agaillard@samford.edu.

May Graduation Announcements

Graduation Ceremony:

Everyone is invited to attend spring graduation ceremonies to be held
May 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM
in the Wright Center on Samford's campus. Tickets are not needed.

Details for graduates may
be found at

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/graduation>.

Graduation Reception:

Please join Cumberland School of Law faculty, staff, family and friends for a reception honoring the May 2017 graduates on

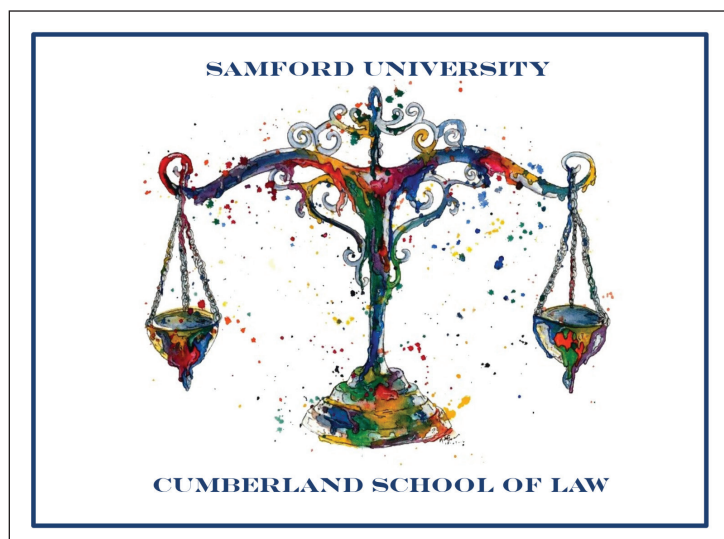
**Friday, May 12, 2017
from 4:15 – 5:30 PM**

on Brewer Plaza,
Cumberland School of Law.

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The Cumberland Society of the Arts is selling 2017 graduation invitations, thank you cards & blank note cards. Please contact the CSOA at csoa@samford.edu for more design options and pricing!

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Faculty Notes



Left: Alyssa DiRusso
Middle: Tracey Roberts
Right: William G. Ross

- Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professor of Law **Alyssa DiRusso** published two similar tax planning articles that went to press recently: "Wealth Management Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government," *Probate & Property*, Vol. 31, No. 2, p. 46-49 (March/April 2017) and "Clients Thinking Calexit? Consider Taxexit (Tax Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government)," *The Practical Tax Lawyer*, Vol. 31, No. 2, p. 29-33 (Winter 2017)

- Visiting Professor of Law **Tracey Roberts** has been invited to present her paper "Environmental Opportunities in Comprehensive Tax Reform" at Columbia Law School's Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship May 4 and 5, 2017.
- Lucille Stewart Beeson Professor of Law **William G. Ross** was a guest commentator for JURIST last week with his article, "The Enduring Constitutional Legacy of the First World War." You can find the commentary here: <http://www.jurist.org/forum/2017/04/William-Ross-first-world-war.php>

Photo of the Week



Classmates from the Class of 1967 celebrating their 50th reunion at the home of Chervis and Martha Isom

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