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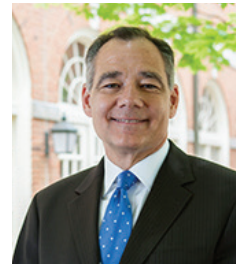
Dean's Message

Every year seems to fly by, but this academic year seems to have passed faster than most. I thank you all for your dedication and hard work that made this a successful year and for your comradery and professionalism that continued to sustain the culture and legacy that is Cumberland.

- I wish everyone a pleasant and productive summer.

• Our spring graduates, of course, will be preparing for bar exams. That will require a tremendous commitment of energy and time from graduation until the exam. I think you will find the early days of your bar review courses somewhat enjoyable as you begin to realize how much you have learned in the last three years and to discover that you really understand most of it. As the days turn to weeks, though, the process becomes at best tolerable. As that happens, you must keep pushing; do not let your focus and commitment wane. Your diligence and perseverance will pay off with success on the bar exam.

• Finally, I wish for our graduates satisfying and successful careers and lives. Remember that your first job is not your career—only part of it. It may take some of you longer to find your ideal jobs than others, but I am confident that with work you will find your niche. As you pursue your goals across the country and around the world, remember that you have friends here on a hillside in Homewood, Alabama who care and want to help. Please stay in touch. Godspeed.



Plan Ahead



**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.

Get Connected to Cumberland School of Law for all the latest updates.

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



Law School Announcements

The American Inns of Court organization began in the 1980s and is now considered the nation's premier organization for promoting ethics and professionalism. The American Inns of Court are modeled on the English Inns of Court where senior lawyers and judges act as teachers and mentors to newer lawyers and law students. We, at Cumberland, are fortunate to have an Inn of Court chartered here at the law school. It is named after Judge James Edwin Horton, a Cumberland graduate who is a wonderful example of judicial courage. Rising third year Cumberland students have the opportunity to be members of our Inn of Court. The Inn generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The meetings last until 7:00 PM and feature outstanding programs on ethics, professionalism and what it means to be a lawyer. In the first semester we meet in September, October and November and in the spring semester, we meet in January, February, March and have a social gathering in April. The meetings have food and appropriate beverages. Lawyers and judges pay dues to be members but there is no charge to law students. If you join, you will:

- Become a member of a pupillage group of lawyers, judges and law students who meet informally and who also plan programs
- Have the opportunity to be mentored by a senior lawyer or judge
- Receive great programming on ethics and professionalism issues
- Have the opportunity to network with some of the finest lawyers and judges in our area.

The application process is simple. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Inn of Court, simply send an email to Judge John Carroll at jlcarrol@samford.edu with a short statement about why you are interested in joining. Also attach a resume. The application deadline is **Wednesday, April 26th**.

Restricted access in the law library is now in effect through Wednesday, May 10. **During the period of restricted access, all persons entering, including Cumberland School of Law students, must present photo identification. Staff insisting on such identification are doing so under the instruction of the law library director. Any concerns should be directed to Greg Laughlin at glaughli@samford.edu or 726-2430.** During this period, the law library will be closed to all but the following patrons in order to accommodate the study needs of law students during their exam period: Cumberland School of Law students, faculty, and staff, Samford University paralegal students, Samford University faculty and staff, and lawyers and other professionals who are routinely given access to the law library for their work. Others may be permitted access upon prior approval of the law library director if they need immediate access to an information resource that is only available within the law library.

Extended Hours

Monday - Friday

7:00 a.m. - 12 mid

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 12 mid

Sunday

1:00 p.m. - 12 mid

Intersession

Wed., May 10

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 11

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 12

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat., May 13 &

Sun., May 14

Closed

Mon., May 15 to

Fri., May 19

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 20 &

Sun., May 21

Closed

Mon., May 22 to

Fri., May 26

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 27 to

Mon., May 29

Closed

Tues., May 30

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Law School Announcements

May Graduation Announcements

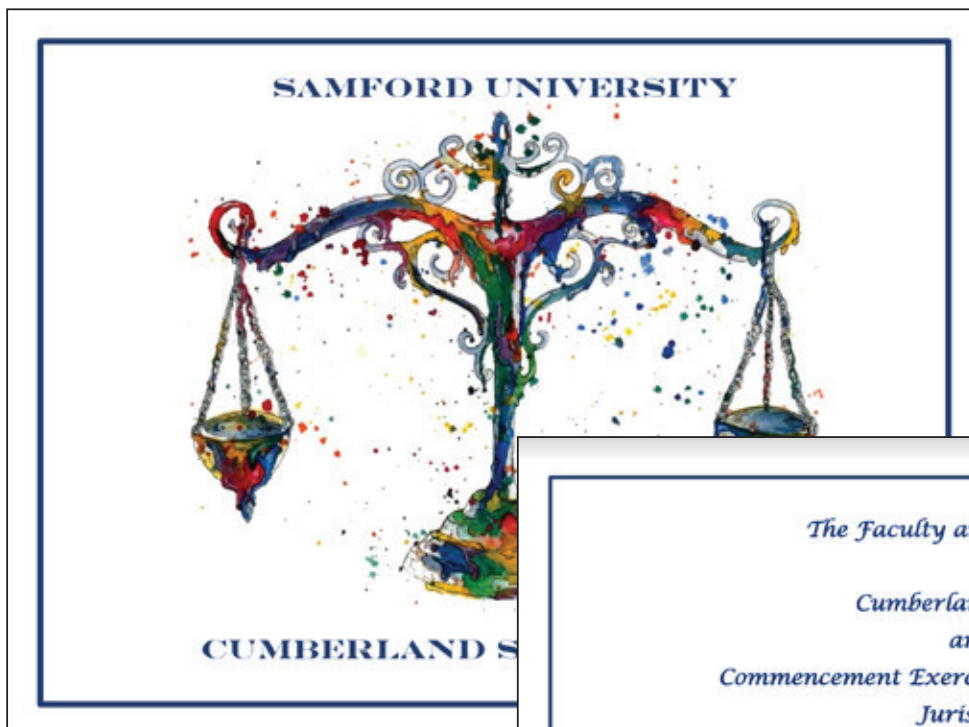
Graduation Ceremony:

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.

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!

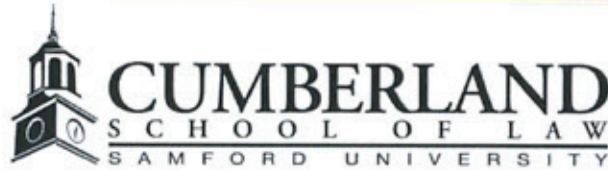


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Alumni News



Montgomery Alumni Luncheon

Join Dean Henry C. Strickland III,
Thomas J. Methvin '88, local chapter president,
fellow Cumberland alumni and members of the judiciary
for a luncheon honoring
The Honorable James H. Fry '79.



Mr. Fry is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve and the Alabama National Guard. He retired in 2000 as a JAG Officer and went on to serve as a judge for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. He served as the Executive Director of Legal Services Alabama, and retired from that position in January 2017 after 10 years of service.

When asked what he wants law students and new lawyers to know, Mr. Fry said, "I believe that the essence of our profession is plain and simply the pursuit of the truth. Through Legal Services Alabama, I have been blessed to work to help those lost in the shadows of the courthouse that they may have their chance to enjoy the light of justice."

The Warehouse
130 Commerce Street, Suite 800
Montgomery, AL 36104

Friday, April 28, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:

Beasley Allen
BEASLEY, ALLEN, CROW, METHVIN, PORTIS & MILES, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
helping those who need it most since 1879

Please register by Tuesday, April 18 at
<https://cumberlandmontgomeryalumni2017.eventbrite.com>
Direct inquiries to 800-888-7248.

All Cumberland faculty and students are invited. Email Anne Marovich at amarovic@samford.edu to register.

Alumni News

Cumberland faculty and students are invited to join the Samford Black Alumni Association for the annual African American Alumni and Friends Luncheon.

Wednesday, May 3

12:00–1:00 p.m.

“The Club”

1 Robert S. Smith Drive

Birmingham, AL 35209

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

The event is complimentary and guests are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with other Samford friends in the Birmingham community and to learn more about efforts and opportunities with the Samford Black Alumni Association, an extension of the Samford University Alumni Association.

[Register Here »](#)

The Samford University Alumni Association invites Cumberland faculty and staff to connect with former alumni who received their undergraduate degree from Samford as well as their juris doctor from the Cumberland School of Law at a Spring Reception

Thursday, May 4

5:00–6:30 p.m.

**The Howard Room at Samford University’s
Ralph W. Beeson University Center.**

A brief update about Cumberland and Samford will be offered, including exciting changes, programs and initiatives. This is also Cumberland’s 170th year of legal training and Samford’s 175th anniversary. Reconnect at this alumni reception on campus! The event is complimentary and refreshments will be served.

[Register Here »](#)

Faculty Notes

- On Monday, April 24th, Judge John L. Carroll ’74 received the 2017 Brewer-Torbert Public Service Award by Alabama Appleseed. The award recognizes one who demonstrated a substantial commitment to public service and the improvement of lives of Alabama citizens.

Right: Judge John L. Carroll



Photo of the Week



The admission ambassadors and admission office staff gathered for their annual end-of-year party on Sunday, April 23.

Want to see your photos featured?

Send them to [Erin Carroll](#) for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter