



Samford University
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The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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A Note From the Dean

I am excited to welcome the Cumberland classes of 2018 and 2019 back to campus, and I trust you will join me in welcoming the Class of 2020 to their first year at Cumberland. The 149 students in the class of 2020 hail from 15 states and are graduates of 54 colleges and universities. We also welcome a second-year transfer student, four visiting students from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, and one visiting student from NALSAR University in India. The class of 2018 of course arrived last week for orientation, and on Friday worked on service projects throughout the Birmingham area.

I hope this continued weekly newsletter will help connect all of us who make up Cumberland School of Law and thereby maintain and nurture the sense of community that is part of Cumberland's unique culture. The newsletter will serve to alert everyone to upcoming events and opportunities and to celebrate the many successes of Cumberland students, faculty, and staff. I hope students particularly will use the newsletter to learn about and take advantage of the many programs and extracurricular activities available to enrich your education, to become full participants in the legal profession, and to network with lawyers and other professionals.

Plan Ahead

2L Professional Orientation - Jim N' Nick's Lunch

THURSDAY, August 31st,
11-11:50 a.m. in ROBH 118

- Join CDO for lunch as we discuss your next career steps as a 2L. RSVP for catering purposes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/career-development-11239742277>

3L Professional Orientation - Jim N' Nick's Lunch THURSDAY, August 31st, 10-10:50 a.m. in ROBH 118

- How will you find employment after graduation? What if you have no clue what type of law to practice? What if you aren't sure where you will live after graduation? No matter where you are in your career plans, we can help you prepare for life after graduation now. Come discuss job opportunities after graduation and the next steps in your career path. RSVP for catering purposes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/career-development-11239742277>

This Week's Events



Government Career Fair
Cumberland School of Law
Thursday, August 24

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Great Room

Come to our annual Government Career Fair to meet federal and state representatives. Be sure to dress professionally and bring an updated resume. Some employers are also participating in OCIs. *Check Symplicity for more details.* RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/career-development-11239742277>

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

AJTA Welcomes New Members

With pleasure, the Editorial Board and staff of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy announce the selection of new members. Please join us in congratulating the following 2L students, who have been extended Journal membership based on their successful completion of the AJTA Writing Program this summer:

Anthony R. Anello
Averie L. Armstead
J. Austin Boyd
Callie D. Brister
Jonathan H. Brown
Lisa K. Cagle

Haleigh E. Chastain
Mary Margaret Clark
Courtney B. Crampton
Kimberly S. Fasking
Caleb A. Faulkner
Stephanie M. Gushlaw

Tiffany A. Jones
Ellen A. Larson
Suzanne R. Norman
Charles C. Smith
Julianne N. Zilahy

The Cumberland Law Review is pleased to extend membership to the following 2Ls based on their outstanding performance in the Summer Write-on Program:

Allison R. Bendall
Hannah N. Cory
Emma A. Cummings
Makenzie M. Ervin
Garrett L. Hartley
Catherine L. Henderson

Emily A. Hopper
Jennifer B. Jayjohn
Molli A. Masaniai
Emily Menees
Corbin C. Potter
Anna C. Saunders

Craig A. Shirley
Alex C. Sidwell
Brenton L. Thompson
Sydney H. Willmann
Jessica Wolinsky

Cumberland's Public Interest Program & Community Mediation Center News

On Tuesday, August 18, 2017, Cumberland's Public Interest Program (PIP) and Community Mediation Center (CCMC) hosted a delegation of professionals from Germany. The delegation was sponsored by the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership program and was hosted locally by Global Ties Alabama.

- The focus of the delegation's visit to the U.S. was "Countering Violent Extremism." The delegates met with Assistant Dean Cassandra Adams, and Cumberland graduate, Brian Hayes (2016). The table talk centered on the use of mediation and facilitated dialogue to quell violence and build/rebuild community relationships.
- Members of the delegation were from the following German organizations: Office Director, Berlin Senate for Interior Affairs; Youth Coordinator, Hesse Muslims for Democracy

and Diversity; Counselor for Youth on Religious Extremism; Head, Advice Center Bavaria, Violence Prevention Network; Counselor for Muslim Inmates, Kempten Correctional Facility; Chief Inspector, State Migration Commissioner of the Hesse Police, State Office of Criminal Investigation.



Alumni News



Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law
Dean H.C. Strickland
and the attorneys of Lanier Ford,
invite you to an

*Alumni reception with special
guest U.S. Magistrate Judge
Herman "Rusty" Johnson Jr.*

Thursday, August 31, 2017

5:30–7 p.m.

2101 Clinton Ave W, Huntsville, AL 35805



Hors d'œuvres and beverages generously provided by Lanier Ford.

If you will attend, please email Anne Marovich at
amarovic@samford.edu by August 28, 2017.

**Students
are invited
to attend!**

Faculty Notes

Professor Alyssa A. DiRusso presented three times at the SEALS conference (Southeastern Association of Law Schools):

- ▶ *Inequality, (Re) Distribution of Wealth, and the Federal Tax System: Taxexit (Tax Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government)*
 - Panel Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in Boca Raton, Florida (August 2017).
- ▶ *Pedagogy and Assessments in Tax Courses*
 - Discussion Group at Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in Boca Raton, Florida – Moderator and Proposer (August 2017).
- ▶ *Beyond the Socratic Method in Trusts and Estates*
 - Discussion Group at Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in Boca Raton, Florida – Presenter (July 2016).



Photo of the Week



Thanks to the Cumberland Class of 2020 for donating 584 hours of service to our community on 1L Service Day.
Wednesday, August 16, 2017



Want to see your photos featured?

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