



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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This Week's Events

Lunch & Learn with a Staff Judge Advocate

Thursday, September 28 | 11 am – 11:45 am | Great Room

Pizza lunch provided for those who RSVP!

Join Career Development and Military Justice Society for a Q & A with LT Malloy. She will speak specifically about the NAVY JAG experience, application process, and what life is like in the military.

RSVP: <https://lunchlearnwithajag.eventbrite.com>

Plan Ahead

Registration: Law Spring 2018 804 Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy

- Prerequisite: Basic Skills in Trial Advocacy (800)
- Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy has a limited enrollment of 12 students who are seriously committed to developing sophisticated advocacy skills. The course will emphasize practical advocacy skills in a courtroom setting, as well as the integration of modern technological resources to enhance presentation to a jury.
- Students will be selected for the course by the professor. Your overall GPA, grade in Basic Skills, and your Evidence grade will all be used in the selection process. If you are currently in Basic Skills, your grade will be estimated.
- If you would like to take Advanced Trial, please email Mrs. Tracy Luke at tnluke@samford.edu by noon, October 11th, to be placed on the list. Selected students will be notified prior to registration.

Registration Spring 2018 Externships

- Opportunities to receive class credit and work for a federal judge, government offices, the District Attorney, public interest offices, and corporations are available through the externship program for Spring 2018.
- An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, in room 120 at 8:30 am. Application packets, including the application and a list of placements, will be available at the meeting. If you do not attend the meeting, you may pick up a packet in suite 201 after the meeting is over.
- Law 906 – Externship 1 is required for everyone participating in their first externship. (1 hr graded credit) along with the placement course portion (2 p/f credits).
- Minimum GPA of 2.8 is required for all externships.



Plan Ahead

Cumberland's Public Interest & Community Service organization is hosting a dodgeball tournament on **Thursday, September 28th from 4-9 pm in the Bashinsky gym.**

The tournament will raise money to fund a Cumberland Summer Public Interest Fellowship and our annual Christmas drive, which provides gifts for children under the care of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The tournament is open to all students, faculty and staff members of Samford's graduate schools. To register, email CPICS at cpics@samford.edu.



Students are invited to attend the 5th Annual Veterans Disability Symposium on Friday, November 3, 2017 in Birmingham, Alabama.

This year's theme is "The Invisible Wounds of War: The Unseen Moral, Mental, and Physical Injuries Challenging Today's Veteran." The

The Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar & Alabama State Bar presents

PATH TO SUCCESS: Transitioning from Law Student to Lawyer


2017

Tuesday, October 3rd
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Cumberland School of Law
Great Room 207


Join us for small group discussions with attorneys from small, medium, and large firms, in-house counsel, public office, and non-traditional jobs. We will have a dinner, a raffle, and networking time after the small group discussions. All students are welcome.

RSVP by September 25th at
<https://2017pathtosuccess.eventbrite.com>


Why should you attend?



Raffle for items including Kendra Scott Jewelry and Target gift cards!



Networking Opportunity



McAlister's Deli Catering

Symposium will be held at the Lakeshore Foundation Conference Center, and is co-sponsored by The Deep South Center for Occupational Health & Safety at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Alabama — School of Social Work, and Friedman Law Firm, P.C.

The Symposium will be kicked off by Dr. Stuart Hoffman, Scientific Program Manager, VA/ORD Rehabilitation Research and Development Service.

A distinguished faculty, many of whom are Veterans themselves, will participate in panel discussions on Traumatic Brain Injury, Moral Injury, and Veterans Reintegration.

Please click on this link to see details on all the speakers and to register your attendance: http://www.soph.uab.edu/dsc/disability-veterans-symposium_2017

The Symposium will include a continental breakfast and lunch at the venue.

Plan Ahead

Presidents' Roundtable

- The next Presidents' Roundtable is scheduled for **8 am on Tuesday, October 3rd in the Bishop Conference Room.** Presidents of all organizations should make plans to attend.

Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program

- Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be on campus **Thursday, October 28** to meet with students who have questions regarding character and fitness for the bar. Please stop by Student Services between **9 am and 11 am** if you would like to speak with him about any concerns or if you just want to know a friendly face from the Alabama State Bar!

Cumberland Law Review
&
The American Journal of Trial Advocacy
• PRESENT •


A BALLPARK OVERVIEW: THE FIELD OF SPORTS LAW



**Friday
OCTOBER
13TH**
8:30 TO 11:45 AM

3 FREE CLE CREDITS
Register by Emailing JTrialAd@samford.edu

SCHAEFFER EYE LOUNGE • REGIONS FIELD
• BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA •
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:45AM



KEEP CALM and STUDY ABROAD

We are having an Informational Meeting about Cumberland's International Programs on **Thursday, October 12th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Bishop Conference Room, 226.** Lunch will be provided.

Law School Announcements

SUPPLY DRIVE FOR ANIMAL VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY



GREATER BIRMINGHAM
HUMANE SOCIETY

Large metal food bowls
Medium and large collars
Leashes
Dog food
Toys
Fleece blankets
Large dog crates
Jumbo and gallon-sized Ziplock bags
Rolled newspapers
Cleaning Supplies
Office supplies



GBHS has an Amazon Wishlist! If you go through Amazon Smile a portion of the sales tax will be donated to the shelter.

COLLECTION BIN IS IN THE BREEZEWAY NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 20TH

Cumberland Community Mediation Center & Public Interest Programs News

Can you volunteer at a Pro Bono Month Wills Clinic? Attorneys and law students are needed to volunteer for one of BBVLP's three Wills Clinics for low-income clients, co-sponsored with the Cumberland School of Law. We will use an easy wills preparation software



program to complete documents. Notaries will be present. We will be ready to help and law students will also help with the software. Take part in October's Pro Bono Month by signing up today!

- ▶ **October 4th, Tarrant City Courthouse**
9-11:30 am (6 attorneys needed)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm (6 attorneys needed)
1:30-3:30 pm (6 attorneys needed)
- ▶ **October 5th, Oxmoor Valley Community Center**
9-11:30 am (6 attorneys needed)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm (6 attorneys needed)
1:30-3:30 pm (6 attorneys needed)
- ▶ **October 6th, Bessemer Courthouse**
9-11:30 am (6 attorneys needed)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm (6 attorneys needed)
1:30-3:30 pm (3 attorneys needed)

Click [here](#) to sign up or email kbrown@vlpbirmingham.org to learn more.

Cumberland Law Students: You are invited to participate in the Poverty Simulation Seminar sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Task Force. It's a great opportunity to learn about the struggles individuals face that are living at or below the poverty level. It is an eye-opening experience. I hope you can/will participate.

- The Poverty Simulation Seminar is designed to showcase the challenges facing those living at or below the poverty level. Seminar participants will deal with maintaining employment, caring for children or elderly family members, seeking public assistance, dealing with transportation issues and other challenges faced by low-income citizens who live in urban areas. The simulation will provide a worldview changing experience and show participants the emotional toll and frustration faced by people living in poverty. The simulation is designed to help lawyers understand the realities of poverty. Participants will roleplay the lives of people living in poverty. Participants will have the task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during four 15-minute "weeks."

The ASB Pro Bono Celebration Task Force is proud to offer The Poverty Simulation Seminar – Two hours of FREE MCLE

**WHEN: Thursday, October 12th
8:30 – 11 am**

**WHERE: Alabama Fire College
2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

**REGISTRATION: No fees required,
but space is limited**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION:
<https://eventbrite.com/e/povertysimulation-seminar-tickets-37389718655>**

Photo of the Week



Pictured (from left):

**Attorney Bill Fuller (c/o 1981; Jinks, Crow & Dickson, P.C.),
AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins, Dr. Monique Witherspoon (Samford University Asst.
Professor & Director of M.S.E. Educational Leadership Program), and Cassandra W. Adams
on September 18, 2017 at the AARP Alabama Leadership Reception**

Want to see your photos featured?

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