



Samford University  
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# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## This Week's Events

### "Bankruptcy Law Update" seminar

Friday, October 6th

Students are invited to attend the Friday, October 6th "Bankruptcy Law Update" seminar. The seminar will be held in Samford's Cooney Hall. If you are interested in practicing Bankruptcy Law, the seminar is a good opportunity to network with attorneys who practice in the area.

To confirm your attendance, please contact Karen Larsen ([klarsen@samford.edu](mailto:klarsen@samford.edu)) in the office of Continuing Legal Education.

## 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](mailto: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 11th, 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.

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](#)"



# Plan Ahead

## Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be on campus **Thursday, October 26th** 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!



**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.

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](mailto:JTrialAd@samford.edu)

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

## 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 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](http://www.soph.uab.edu/dsc/disability-veterans-symposium_2017)

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



## 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](mailto: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>**

# Cumberland Community Mediation Center & Public Interest Programs News

## Happy Celebrate Pro Bono Month, 2017!

It's time to sign the Law Student Pro Bono Pledge. This competition, sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Task Force, is between the five law schools in Alabama. The Alabama State Bar Association will award "bragging rights" to the Alabama law school that has the highest percentage of their 1L class to sign the pledge.

Follow this link to sign the pledge: <https://www.alabar.org/for-the-public/pro-bono-month/pro-bono-pledge/>

On September 27th, Cumberland's Public Interest Program hosted the Open World Delegation Kosovo delegates. The delegates engaged in discussions led by Judge John Carroll and Justice Drayton Nabers of the Mann Center here on campus. Their day climaxed with a lovely lunch and tour of the campus.

*(pictured to the right)*



# Photo of the Week



*Cumberland's Public Interest and Community Service organization hosted a dodgeball tournament to raise money for the Cumberland Summer Public Interest Fellowship and their annual Christmas drive on September 28th.*

**Want to see your photos featured?**

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