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A Note from the Dean



With classes ending Friday and exams beginning Tuesday, this likely will be the last newsletter of the fall semester. I know everyone is hard at work finishing courses and preparing for exams. I wish you all strength and perseverance as we complete the semester and exams, and I wish you peace and happiness as the exam season becomes the Christmas season. I hope the Christmas holiday allows everyone to reconnect with family and friends and with the truly important things in life.

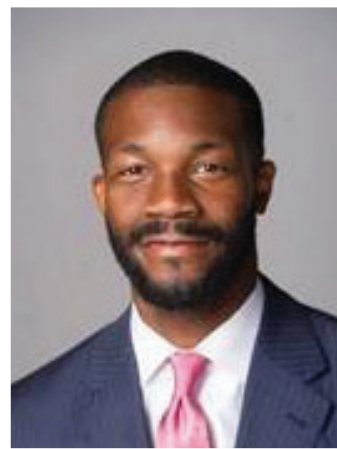
Merry Christmas!

This Week's Events

Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be on campus **Thursday, November 30th** 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!

Announcements



On Tuesday, November 28, Cumberland alumna **Randall Woodfin '07** was inaugurated as the mayor of Birmingham.



Announcements

We are fast approaching many end-of-term events, including evaluations and exams. Please take a moment to note a few highlights, and let Pam Nelson know if you have any questions at pjnelson@samford.edu.

► ALTERNATES:

(1) You must gain permission from your professor no later than **noon on the last day of classes** (Friday, December 1) if you plan to take an exam at an alternate time.

(2) Your professor is responsible for the submission of an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer; students may not turn in their names or an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer. This process is handled administratively by the professor or his/her assistant.

(3) A list of all alternate exam envelope submissions will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Associate Dean's office on December 4. You need to check the list for your name and information. If you receive permission from your professor for an alternate but your name does not appear on the list, you need to contact your professor.

► COMPUTER SOFTWARE:

(1) You will need to download the new version of the Exam4 software at <http://exam4.com/>. **ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS HAVE EXPIRED**, including the midterm version. Complete download instructions are on our website at https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/files/Extegrity_Instructions.pdf.

(2) **THE NEW COMPUTER EXAM SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 5, AFTER WHICH DOWNLOADS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE.** If you plan to take your exams via computer, you must download within this window.

(3) Complete several practice tests (choosing the “[F17 Practice Exam](#)” option from the course dropdown box). You may take as many practice exams as you wish, but **always** choose the **practice** exam course selection when taking a practice exam.

(4) Submit the practice tests wirelessly.

(5) Notify me prior to the beginning of the exam period if you notice any problems with your technology. Technology assistance will be more limited once exams begin.

► EXAM SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES:

(1) Be sure to check the exam schedule at https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/files/2017_fall_exam_schedule.pdf and arrive at your exam on the correct date and at the appropriate time.

(2) All students should arrive in their scheduled room fifteen minutes prior to the start of any exam. This allows time to sign in, pick up materials, launch computer software, complete information on the return envelope, etc.

(3) We will supply bluebooks (for handwriters) and scratch paper. You must bring to the exam room your writing utensils, ear plugs and any materials your professor allows. Please note that you cannot have any earplugs or earphones that have the CAPABILITY of playing anything in your ear, even if disconnected.

(4) Complete exam procedures are located on the Cumberland website at <https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/files/Exam-Policies-Procedures.pdf>. Everyone is encouraged to read through ALL of the procedures, even if you have taken exams at the law school previously, to make sure you are in compliance.

Announcements



Please join Samford University's
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faculty, staff, graduates, families, and
friends for a reception honoring the

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
December 2017 Graduates

Saturday, December 16
9:45a.m.—11:00a.m.

Cumberland School of Law

Robinson Hall
South Lobby

800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229



On Monday, November 20th, The United States District Court Northern District of Alabama held the Investiture Ceremony for The Honorable Herman N. (Rusty) Johnson, Jr. as Magistrate Judge. Chief Judge Karon O. Bowdre (1981) presided over the ceremony and Judge John L. Carroll (1974) served as Special Master.

Pictured from left: Asst. Dean Cassandra Adams, Judge John L. Carroll, Judge Rusty Johnson and Dean Corky Strickland

Photo of the Week



WHAT I WISH I KNEW AS A 1L

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AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TRIAL ADVOCACY



On Thursday, November 16, the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* hosted the event “What I Wish I Knew as a 1L,” which gave students practical study tips as they prepare for finals.

Want to see your photos featured?

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