



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cumberland's BLSA Hosts Thurgood Marshall Symposium



A reception and book signing by both presenters will follow the symposium at noon. Mack's book, "Representing the Race: The Creation of the Civil Rights Lawyer" and Lee's book, "The Gentle Giant of Dynamite Hill: The Untold Story of Arthur Shores and His Family's Fight for Civil Rights" will be available for purchase at the event.

The Thurgood Marshall Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Black Law Students Association at Cumberland School of Law. The purpose of the symposium is to provide students, attorneys and the public critical information about legal issues affecting minorities.

[More details](#)

The 21st annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium, "Representing the Race: The Creation of the Civil Rights Lawyer," features Harvard Law School Professor Kenneth W. Mack and Judge Helen Shores Lee.

Mack will discuss his recent collective biography of African-American lawyers working in the era of segregation. His work focuses on the tension that ensued between their racial identity and their professional identity as lawyers.

Lee will present details from her book about her father, Arthur Shores Lee, and his civil rights legal battles and work with Thurgood Marshall.

Date: Friday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Moot Courtroom

Free and Open to the Public

Approved for 1.8 free hours of CLE

RSVP not required



AJTA Welcomes New Members

The editorial board and membership of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy are pleased to announce that the following 2L students have been extended membership based on their successful completion of the Journal's Third Semester Writing Program:

J. Desiree Dodd
Mark A. English
Elise K. McFall
John M. Parker

In addition to achieving an outstanding class rank, these students had to complete a rigorous writing assignment and Bluebook exam while attending classes over the last three weeks. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment.



Young Alumni Honored by 'Birmingham Business Journal'

The "Birmingham Business Journal" recently announced its Top 40 Under 40 for 2015. Four Cumberland alumni were chosen and featured in the Journal with the following highlights of their legal careers:

Kelly Thrasher Fox '01

Attorney at Hand Arendall LLC

What you need to know: Fox, 38, has taken a leadership role at Hand Arendall, helping to build new practice areas, recruit attorneys and lead business development areas. She also works closely with entrepreneurs throughout all phases of a business.

Staci M. Pierce '10

Attorney at Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC

What you need to know: Pierce, 39, already had a thriving career prior to joining Baker Donelson as a second-career associate and quickly established herself as a leader in the firm. After tenures at RFMS Inc. and Urban Energy Enterprises LLC, she came to Baker Donelson and was immediately leading some of the firm's most elite transactions.

Jason Walters '02

Partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

What you need to know: Walters, 37, already has a career many longtime attorneys would envy. He made partner in six years, developed a national litigation practice representing Fortune 500 life and health insurance companies, has clients in more than 30 states and scored a number of key wins.

Tripp Watson '10

Entrepreneur attorney at The Watson Firm

What you need to know: Watson, 30, has been a change agent in Birmingham on several fronts. He's been an active, progressive voice aiming to move the region forward - taking a stand on big issues like Uber. But he's also developed a boutique law practice focusing on the area's growing entrepreneurial scene.

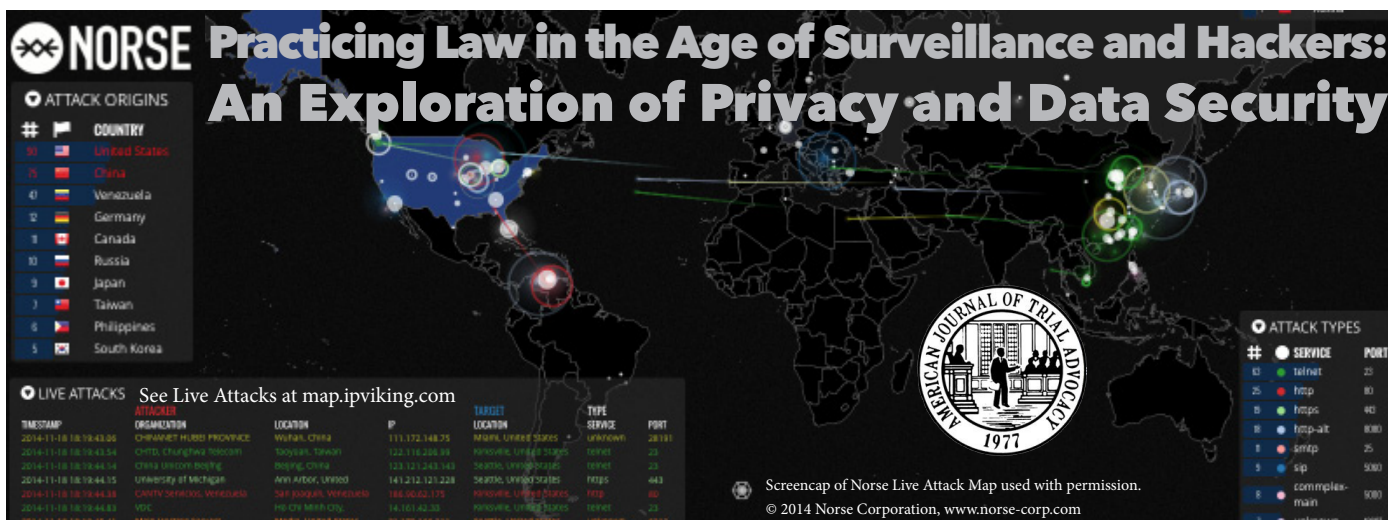
Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events

Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations, at amarovic@samford.edu.



Reunion Details

- **Thu., Feb. 19 @ 5:30-7 p.m.**
Montgomery, Ala., Event /Samford Business Network Reception at Jack Ingram Motors (217 Eastern Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36117)
- **Thu., March 19 @ 6 p.m.**
Washington, D.C., Cumberland/Brock/Samford Business Network Alumni Reception at PricewaterhouseCoopers (1730 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C.)
- **Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**
Montgomery Area Alumni Luncheon Honoring Judge Joel Dubina '73 at Alley Station (130 Commerce Street, Montgomery, AL 36104)
- **Thu., April 23 @ 5:30- 7 p.m.**
Alumni Reception, Roswell, Ga., McCalla Raymer law firm



This lively symposium includes a broad and theoretical exploration of privacy and data security for legal practitioners in a post-Snowden age.

In addition to data security concerns, the event will also address privacy and confidentiality related issues in the era of mass surveillance and what that means for confidential client communications. This symposium will push at the boundaries of existing privacy and security law and explore what the future of privacy and data security in the digital age might and should look like. [More details](#)

Date: Friday, Feb. 27,
from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Moot Courtroom

Free and Open to the Public
Approved for 3 free hours of CLE

Please RSVP to jtrialad@samford.edu

Students Invited to Apply to be a Caruthers Fellow

Submit Applications to Professor Stoddard by Fri., March 13

Applications to be a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow for the 2015-16 academic year are now being accepted. The deadline for Application is March 13, 2015. Caruthers Fellows serve for two semesters. There are no separately scheduled class sessions for the Fellows, but the Fellows have responsibility along with the L.L.R. faculty in teaching research skills and citation. Fellows provide additional assistance to their assigned faculty members as needed. This additional assistance may include working with first year students on an individual basis in the library to assist them in honing their research skills. It may also include checking citation format and proper attribution in submitted assignments. Fellows will receive two hours of graded credit each semester. Caruthers Fellows are expected to be available during Orientation to welcome incoming 1L students and to provide assistance to the L.L.R. faculty.

Successful applicants must be second or third year law students at Cumberland School of Law who have either a 3.0 cumulative gradepoint average or are in the top 35% of their class. It is also desirable that the applicants have knowledge of and experience with information technology systems as they relate to training in legal writing and legal skills. In addition to possessing excellent legal reasoning and writing skills, the successful applicants must possess outstanding interpersonal skills as this position involves working closely with the law school students, faculty and administration.

Interested students should submit a resume and short application letter to [Prof. Stoddard](#). The letter of application should include a statement of the reasons for the applicant's interest in participating as a Caruthers Fellow in the Lawyering and Legal Reasoning course. If you are a rising 3L who applied as a 2L, please submit your updated resume and letter of interest.

HILSA Sponsors 'Paper Chase' Movie Screening

The Hispanic Law Student Association will sponsor its first social activity: "The Paper Chase" movie screening and a conversation with Professor Walthall on Tuesday, **Feb. 24** from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in room 114. Popcorn, pizza and refreshments will be served. The screening will be held in connection with the Contracts course, but all law students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate. Please RSVP to [Tereza Sampaio](#).

Deposition Preparation Event to be Held

The Alabama Defense Lawyers Association and Career Development Office are hosting "How to Prepare for and Conduct a Deposition," featuring: Stephen Still, hiring partner with Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP. Lunch will be provided for all who register! Please [RSVP](#) by Wed., February 25 at 10 a.m.

<p>Thursday, February 26 Room 120 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>

ALAP Director on Campus for Drop-In Discussions with Students

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program, will be in Student Services (Room 124) on **Feb. 26 and March 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Students are welcome to drop by and speak with him regarding character and fitness issues related to the bar. Appointments are available but are not necessary.

Law Library Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary during Law Week

The Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library first opened its doors twenty years ago in 1995. A 20th anniversary celebration will be held on Wednesday, **March 4** from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Beeson Law Library — Friendship Room

Cumberland Society of the Arts Calls for Submissions to Literary/Law Creative Review

The Cumberland Society of the Arts is calling for submissions to start a Literary/Law Creative Review. The Society is accepting works of short fiction, poems, nonfiction essays, creative articles about law or related topics, literature reviews/criticisms, plays, screenplays, musical compositions or reviews of albums and fashion industry related articles for Volume 1. The group is also seeking artists and photographers to design or submit a photo that will be featured on the cover of the review.

All submissions are due by midnight on **March 15** and can be e-mailed directly to [Brittany Harris](#). Please include your name, what year law student you are, and where you are originally from before coming to law school Attach files as a .doc or .docx.

Faculty Colloquia Presentations Tomorrow

There are two presentations to the Cumberland faculty on Wednesday Feb. 18. These presentations will be in the Bishop Conference Room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP today to Laurie Zimmer at x2411 or lzimmer@samford.edu

- **Achieving Habitable Premises: a Chapter from Property: Examples & Explanations (5th ed.)**
Prof. Joseph Snoe Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.
- **The Scope and Potential of FTC Data Protection**
Prof. Woodrow Hartzog Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Cumberland's Calendar

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

February

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

This Week's Events

Wed., Feb. 18, 2:30 p.m.
Faculty Colloquia, BCR
 Professor Joseph Snoe:
 "Achieving Habitable
 Premises: a Chapter from
 Property: Examples and
 Explanations (5th ed.)"

Wed., Feb. 18, 3:00 p.m.
Faculty Colloquia, BCR
 Professor Woodrow
 Hartzog: "The Scope and
 Potential of FTC Data
 Protection"

Thu., Feb. 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 Office of Alumni Relations
**Cumberland/Samford
 Business Network Alumni
 Reception** Montgomery

Fri., Feb. 20, from 10 a.m.-
 12:30 p.m.
 Black Law Students Assoc.
"Representing the Race"
 Thurgood Marshall
 Symposium
 Moot Courtroom
Free & Open to Public

FEBRUARY

Tue., Feb. 24, from 4:30 -7:30 p.m.
 Hispanic Law Student Association
"Paper Chase" movie screening,
 Room 114

Thu., Feb. 26 @ 9-11 a.m.
 Student Services
**Alabama Lawyer's Assistance
 Program Director available**
 Robert Thornhill, Room 124

Thu., Feb. 26 @ 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Office of Career Development
**Ala. Defense Lawyers Association
 Presentation "How to Prepare for
 and Conduct a Deposition,"**
 Mr. Stephen Still of Starnes, Davis,
 Florie, LLP, Room 120 [RSVP here](#)

Thu., Feb. 26 @ 11 a.m.
 Tennessee Student Bar Association
Interest Meeting, Room 114

Fri., Feb. 27 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
American Journal of Trial Advocacy:
**"Practicing Law in the Age
 of Surveillance and Hackers"**
Symposium
 Moot Courtroom **Free & Open to
 Public** [More details](#)

Fri., Feb. 27, from 2-5 p.m.
 Office of Law Admission
Open House

Fri., Feb. 27
 Office of Law Admission
**Applications Due, 2015-16 Admission
 Ambassador Program**, Apply [online](#) or
 if you'd like a paper application instead,
 please visit the Office of Law Admission.
[Details are in an earlier newsletter](#), page 4.

Fri., Feb. 27 to Sun. March 1
ABA Mediation Competition

MARCH

Mon., March 2
**Cambridge, England Study Abroad
 Application Deadline**

Mon.-Fri., March 2-6
Law Week

- Mon., March 2, **Freshman Follies**
- Thurs., March 5, **Rascal Day**
- Fri., March 6, **Barristers Ball**



Cumberland's Calendar continued

MARCH continued

Wed., March 4 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Law Library 20th Anniversary Celebration, Friendship Room

Fri., March 6
Faculty Exchange, BCR

Mon., March 9, from 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Lunch with a Lawyer
 Stephen Black, Founder of Impact Alabama, Great Room

Tue., March 10
Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application Available

Tue., March 10, from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Public Interest Career Fair, Great Room

Thu., March 12
Called to the Bar - Registration & Planning

Fri., March 13
Caruthers Fellows Application Deadline

Sun., March 15
 Cumberland Society of the Arts
Submission Deadline
bharris@samford.edu

Mon.-Fri., March 16-20
Spring Break

Thu., March 19
 Office of Alumni Relations
Washington, D.C. Cumberland/Brock/Samford Business Network Alumni Reception

Thu., March 26 @ 9-11 a.m.
 Student Services
Alabama Lawyer's Assistance Program Director available
 Robert Thornhill, Room 124

Thu., March 26 @ 11 a.m.
Joint Degree Informational Meeting, Room 120, Anyone interested in participating in a joint degree program should make plans to attend

Fri., March 27
Cumberland Law Review
"Bullying and The Internet: The New Face of School Safety and Civil Liability" Symposium
Free & Open to Public
Tue., March 31
Fall Registration Starts

APRIL
Wed., April 1
Summer School Registration Begins Online

Thu., April 2 @ 1:30 p.m.
Called-to-the-Bar: "Life as a Corporate Lawyer," Lee Thuston, Moot Courtroom

Fri., April 3
Fall Registration Ends

Mon., April 6
Easter Holiday/Closed

Tue., April 7
Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application Due

- Mandatory Meeting: Great Room @ 4:30 p.m.

Thu., April 9
Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

Fri. & Sat., April 10-11

- Office of Alumni Relations
Reunion Weekend
[More Details](#)
- Office of Law Admission
Admitted Student Weekend

Thu., April 16 @ 11 a.m.
Trial Journal & Law Review 1L Luncheon, Great Room

Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
 Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Luncheon, honoring Judge Joel Dubina '73, Montgomery

Thu., April 23 @ 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
 Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Reception, Roswell, GA

Tue., April 28
Classes End

Wed., April 29
Study Day

Thu., April 30
Exams Start

MAY
Wed., May 13
Exams End

Fri., May 15
Commencement

Tue., May 26
Summer Classes Begin

Do not see your event listed?

The first step is to confirm your room reservation with [Mrs. Kathy Walton](#) in the Dean's Office.
The second step is to send your event details to [Mrs. Laura Taylor](#).

Samford's Events

- Samford University's Public Events
- Sporting Events
- Performing Arts Calendar

Samford Arts Free for Samford Students, Faculty and Staff

Mnozil Brass

Thu., Feb. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

Eisenhower Dance Motown in Motion

Tue., March 3 @ 8 p.m.
Wright Center

Mummenschanz

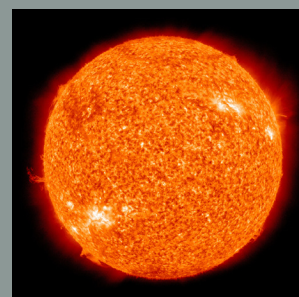
Fri., March 6 @ 8 p.m.
Wright Center

Regina Carter and Southern Comfort

Mon., March 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

The Skin of Our Teeth

March 26-28 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center



Energy Forum

Fri., April 17
@ 8:30 a.m. -
4:30 p.m.
Moot
Courtroom

H.T. Chen & Dancers

Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m.
Wright Center

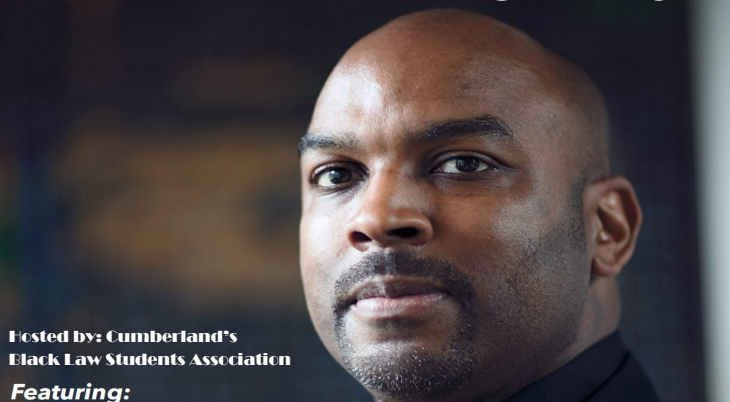
Annie Moses Band

Thu., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center

Click on event titles for more information

Thurgood Marshall Symposium

Representing the Race: The Creation of the Civil Rights Lawyer



Hosted by: Cumberland's
Black Law Students Association

Featuring:

- **Kenneth W. Mack**, Harvard Law Professor & Author
- **Judge Helen Shores Lee**

Friday, Feb. 20, 2015
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



**Location: Moot Courtroom, Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law**

Book signing and Reception in the Great Room at 12:00p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Approved for 1.8 free hours of Continuing Legal Education Credit (CLE)
No RSVP required

www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/events

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CONVOCATION CREDIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Photo of the Week

Cumberland's Black Law Students Association will host the 21st Annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium this Friday. Join Honorable Helen Shores Lee, daughter of Civil Rights Activist and Lawyer Arthur Shores, and Harvard Professor Kenneth Mack as they discuss the struggles of African American lawyers during the Civil Rights Era and how they overcame racism and segregation within the public sector.

