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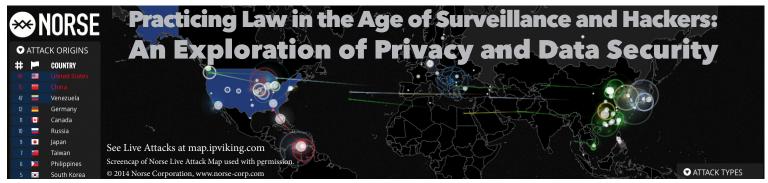
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AJTA Sponsors Privacy and Data Security Symposium

riday's symposium, sponsored by the American Journal of Trial Advocacy, 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.

The symposium will consist of a keynote speaker and two panel discussions, headed by contributors from across the country to present an interesting debate. Cumberland professor Woodrow Hartzog will serve as the event Moderator. More details

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

Location: Moot Courtroom

Panel: "Discovery and Cooperation: Attorney Obligations When Interacting with Others" Keynote: "Privacy and Data Security for Lawyers" Panel: "Protecting Client Data in an Age of Uncertainty" Speaker details



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

Please RSVP to jtrialad@samford.edu

Cumberland Team Places as Semifinalists in Bankruptcy Competition

The Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board congratulates the team of Tyler Flores, Kaila Wilson, and Weathers Veazey for their placement as semifinalists in the Cristol, Kahn, Paskay Cup Florida/Eleventh Circuit Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition on Feb. 20-21. This competition is held at the University of Miami and is sponsored by the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. In two weeks, the team travels to New York to compete in the Duberstein Bankruptcy Competition.

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Performances and Shakespeare CLE Celebrate Donors



Cumberland held a Donor Appreciation Weekend February 14-15 to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Pride. Promise. People. Capital Campaign.

Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, opened the fast paced, lively weekend with the first of four events, the CLE, Shakespeare and the Law. "Shakespeare and the law. Upon first hearing, this may seem to be an odd choice of material for a CLE program. After all Shakespeare was not a lawyer. But, there is much to be learned from him. To start with, in my opinion, Shakespeare was the greatest writer in the history of the English language. Words – whether written or spoken – are the tools of our trade as lawyers. So time spent reading a Shakespeare play or watching one performed is never time wasted," Thomas said.



Ralph Alan Cohen (*pictured left*), co-founder of the American Shakespeare Center, took CLE participants in the John Carroll Moot Court Room along with a merry band of actors on a journey through

"Doctor Faustus" and contract formation, "Hamlet" and justice and justification and "Much Ado About Nothing" on motive and examinations.



Top: John Haley, Kim West and Dean Henry Strickland celebrate Donor Appreciation Weekend. Above: (from right to left) Andrew Goldwasser as Dr. Faustus presents Mephistopheles' Deed of Gift of Body and Soul to Judge Thrash, with Emily Josh-Powell and Ralph Cohen.



The Great Room was transformed into an Elizabethan theatre for the weekend. The three performances were attended by approximately 435 donors. Guests enjoyed "Doctor Faustus," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Hamlet." Sunday's "Hamlet" matinee included a Talk Back with the actors about the tragedy of the Prince of Denmark.

Thank you again to our gracious donors who made the Cumberland Capital Campaign Pride. Promise. People. so successful. Thank you also to the sponsoring law firms of Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt and Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton who made the Donor Appreciation Weekend possible.



Top: Kim West and John Haley discuss the CLE with Judge Thrash. Above: (from right to left) Andrew Goldwasser as Dr. Faustus presents Mephistopheles' Deed of Gift of Body and Soul to Judge Thrash, with Emily Josh-Powell and Ralph Cohen.







Guests of the February 15 matinee participate in a Talk Back session with the actors of "Hamlet."

This Week's Events

HILSA Movie Screening Social Held Today

The Hispanic Law Student Association will sponsor its first social activity: "The Paper Chase" movie screening and a conversation with Professor Walthall today, Feb. 24 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in room 114. The movie tells a story of a 1L and his experience with a demanding Contract professor. 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.

Admission Ambassador Applications Due Friday

The Office of Law Admission is seeking rising second- and third-year students to serve as Admission Ambassadors and represent the law school to prospective law students and their families. The general responsibilities of the Ambassadors will be to meet with and educate prospective students about Cumberland School of Law. Apply online or visit the Office of Law Admission for an application.

Deposition Preparation Event to be Held Thursday Morning

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 tomorrow, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.

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

ALAP Director on Campus Thursday for Drop-In Meetings

Robert Thornhill, Director of the Alabama Lawyers
Assistance Program, will be in Student Services
(Room 124) on Thursday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, 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.

Tennessee Student Bar Association Interest Meeting Held Thursday

The Tennessee Student Bar Association is holding an interest meeting Thursday, Feb. 26 at 11:00 am in Room 114. If anyone has questions, feel free to text Joy Baxter at (615)-796-3154.

Plan Ahead



Submissions Requested for Literary/Law Creative Review

he 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.

Annual Public Interest Career Fair Scheduled in March

The Career Development Office is hosting the Annual Public Interest Career Fair on Tuesday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Great Room. Students will be able to meet with various public interest organizations from around Alabama. The organizations are here to answer questions and promote their summer internship opportunities to students. The following organizations will be at the event. Additional public interest groups will be announced soon.

- Alabama Appleseed Center For Law & Justice
- Alabama Poverty Project/ Alabama Possible

- Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Baker Donelson Pro Bono Fellowship / Help Project
- Birmingham Aids Outreach
- Birmingham Volunteer Lawyer Program
- Family Court Of Jefferson County
- Legal Services Of Alabama
- Legal Aid Society Of Birmingham
- Southern Environmental Law Center
- Young Women's Christian Association
- Gasp
- Greater Birmingham Ministries
- Alabama Department Of Labor

Students Invited to Apply to be a Caruthers Fellow

Submit Applications to Professor Stoddard by Fri., March 13

pplications to be a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow for the 2015-16 academic year are now being accepted. The deadline for application is March 13. Fellows have responsibility along with the L.L.R. faculty in teaching research skills and citation. 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.

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.

Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events

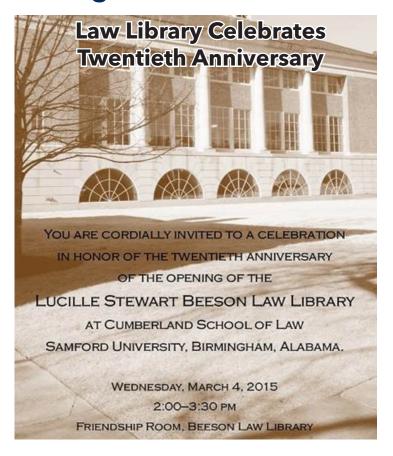
Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations, at amarovic@samford.edu.



Reunion Details

- Thu., March 19 @ 6 p.m.
 Washington, D.C., Cumberland/Brock/
 Samford Business Network Alumni Reception at PricewatershouseCoopers (1730 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C.)
- Fri.-Sat., April 10-11 Reunion Weekend
 Fri., April 10, all alumni reunion reception at the historic Tutwiler Details and Registration
 Sat., April 11, Open House 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
 Montgomery Area Alumni Luncheon Honoring
 Judge Joel Dubina '73, hosted by Beasley Allen, 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

Looking Ahead: Law Week 2015



Cumberland Classic Golf Tournament Registration Begins Celebrate Law Week on the Green

umberland School of Law is hosting the Fifth annual Cumberland Classic Golf Tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Oxmoor Valley in Homewood on Friday, **March 6**. The tournament is a scramble composed of four golfers per team. Each golfer will pay a registration fee of \$75.00 (cash, check or card) to compete in the tournament. The registration fee covers all greens fees, cart fees, and lunch. Golfers will also have the opportunity to purchase mulligans and compete in a closest-to-the-hole contest.

The golf tournament is about having fun and enjoying the game of golf with other students, Cumberland grads, and friends of the law school. Please consider joining in for a great day on the links, no matter what shape your game is in. To register, come to the Law Week table in the breezeway this week. For more information, contact David Trice, Senior Class Treasurer of the Student Bar Association.

Dogs Invited to Cumberland During Law Week's Rascal Day

n Thursday, **March 5** at 11:00 a.m. the Law School will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends

of the Law School, along with their dogs, will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to the Angel Patio on the east side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. Judges will be awarding prizes in several categories.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law



school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. See page 8 for more photos from previous years.









Cumberland's Calendar

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

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American Journal of Trial Advocacy:

"Practicing Law in the Age of Surveillance and Hackers" Symposium, Moot Coutroom 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
- Thu., March 5, 11:00 a.m. **Rascal Day**
- Fri., March 6, Cumberland Classic
 Golf Tournament & Barristers Ball,

Wed., March 4 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Intellectural Property Presentation,

Michael Crook, head of portfolio and planning research at UBS; Brock Forum, School of Business

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

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.

Cumberland's Calendar continued

MARCH continued

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

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Wed., May 13
Exams End

Fri., May 15

Commencement

Tue., May 26

Summer Classes Begin

Looking Ahead-Fall 2015

Thu.-Fri., Aug 6-7

ADLA Trial Academy

Mon. - Fri. Aug. 10-14

First Year Orientation

Mon. Aug. 17 Classes Begin

Wed. Nov. 4

Supreme Court Oral Arguments,

Wright Center

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

H.T. Chen & Dancers Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m. Wright Center



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

Annie Moses Band Thu April 23 @ 7:3

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

Click on event titles for more information

Photo of the Week



















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