This Week’s Events

During January, students who plan to sit for the Alabama State Bar must complete bar applications. In order to help with this, Justin Aday will be on campus to speak with students on Wednesday, January 18th, at noon in Room 121. Please make plans to attend.

Plan Ahead

Interested in learning more about Cumberland’s Study-Abroad Programs?

Join Professor Floyd, Director of International Studies, for a general information meeting.

Thursday, February 2
11 a.m.
room 114

Food and drinks will be served.

Reminder from Phi Alpha Delta:

Be on the lookout for your LexisNexis reps every Monday for your weekly “table tip!”
Plan Ahead

The law school has made arrangements with BarBri, Kaplan and Themis in order to help students pay for bar review courses.

This year’s 2017 graduates may take review courses with one of these three vendors for a total cost of $650 plus applicable book deposits, taxes and shipping. Books, taxes and shipping fees are NOT part of the tuition charges.

To assist students in making a bar review vendor decision, Cumberland has planned informational meetings to allow bar review vendors to describe their courses and services at the following times:

- **BarBri:** Tuesday, January 24 at noon in Room 120
- **Themis:** Tuesday, January 31, noon in Room 120

After the meetings have been held, students will receive a survey to make bar review vendor choices. Students are strongly encouraged but not obligated to choose a vendor; however, please note that students who elect to take advantage of these arrangements with Kaplan, BarBri or Themis by selecting one of these courses, will be obligated to pay the university their share of the cost ($650).
Plan Ahead

2016/17 HUNGRY HEARTS TOUR

Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC is delighted to present these remarkable productions:

Friday, February 17
ROMEO AND JULIET
7:00 p.m. • Great Room
(live musical prelude at 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, February 18
TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA
7:00 p.m. • Great Room
(live musical prelude at 6:30 p.m.)

Free Admission.
Space is limited.
R.S.V.P. by February 10 to Caroline Young charbin@samford.edu (205) 726-2797

Law School Announcements

LOVE CUMBERLAND?

Apply to be an Admission Ambassador

Now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year
(Current 1L and 2L students may apply)

Check your email for the online application or visit the admission office.

PHI ALPHA DELTA PRESENTS “Dress to Impress”

A panel of hiring attorneys will speak about interview techniques and dress code.

Thursday, January 26
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
in the great room

On January 18th, Samford University is holding their 2016 Annual Service Award Luncheon at The Club. Several Cumberland faculty and staff members will be honored for their years of service:

Woodrow Hartzog (5 years)

Laura Patterson (5 years)

Bob Greene (10 years)

John Carroll (15 years)

Michael Floyd (25 years)

Pattie Harris (25 years)
Law School Announcements

Law School Welcomes New Staff Members

Ashaunte Gaillard is serving as program assistant for the Public Interest Program and the Community Mediation Center. She is from Mobile, AL and graduated from the University of South Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in English and secondary education. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in communication management at UAB. She enjoys reading, running, and exploring new crockpot recipes!

Deborah Burch is serving as our newest administrative assistant. She comes to us from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where she served as Executive Assistant to the Director of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities/Dean of the Department of Child and Family Studies. Prior to that she served as Secretary to the Treasurer/CFO at Marywood University in Pennsylvania. She brings with her a great wealth of experience and a passion for higher education.

Alumni News

THE BIRMINGHAM BAR FOUNDATION presents
A Conversation with
DEAN A. STRANG
Noted Criminal Defense Attorney
featured in
MAKING A MURDERER
MARCH 16, 2017 - 7 P.M.
Lyric Theatre  |  Birmingham, Alabama
Tickets: $30  |  Students Tickets: $20

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON TICKETMASTER.
For more information, visit www.bbfound.org or call (205) 251-2231.
The Office of Alumni Relations is seeking nominations for the following awards:

➤ The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to a Cumberland graduate who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.

➤ The Young Alumnus of the Year Award is given to a graduate who graduated within the last 15 years, and to someone who has distinguished herself/himself in the practice of law, service to the community, and leadership in the profession.

➤ The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a graduate who has provided exceptional volunteer service to the law school and its constituents. The recipient has distinguished himself/herself by assisting in multiple facets of the law school program.

➤ The Friend of the Law School Award is given to a person who is not a graduate of Cumberland, but who has, through financial and other means of support, made a significant investment in Cumberland and its future.

Please send your nomination to Anne Marovich at amarovic@samford.edu. Any information you can provide about the nominee is appreciated. Awards will be announced April 1, 2017.

Samford Black Alumni Association 2017 Kick-Off Reception

• Tuesday, January 24 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Samford University’s Cooney Hall (Brock School of Business), Regions Community Resource Room (4th Floor).

• This event will promote opportunities to partner with the Samford Black Alumni Association and Samford University in the Birmingham area, highlight upcoming SBAA events, and network with guests in attendance. The event is FREE and open to faculty/staff/students, and light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

• REGISTER HERE: http://alumni.samford.edu/s/1575/gid2_alumni/16/interior.aspx?sid=1575&pgid=1720&gid=2&cid=3712&ecid=3712&post_id=0

Nashville Alumni Reception

• Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Nelson Mullins in Nashville, TN. All students invited to attend free of charge. Please contact Anne Marovich at amarovic@samford.edu or 205-726-2443 for more details.
Alumni News

Cumberland School of Law  SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

2017 Birmingham Alumni Luncheon  • FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017 •
Samford University, 4th floor, Regions Room, Cooney Hall (Brock School of Business)

11:30 a.m. DOORS OPEN
12 p.m. LUNCH BUFFET
Special Guest, Mr. Brian Hilson, President and CEO, Birmingham Business Alliance
1 p.m. ADJOURN
$15/PERSON

Register by January 13:
http://2017cumberlandbhamlunch.eventbrite.com

3L students invited to attend free of charge. Please contact Anne Marovich at amarovic@samford.edu or 205-726-2443 if you plan to attend.

Faculty Notes

Tracey Roberts and her colleague, Roberta Mann (Oregon) have had their book proposal, Tax and the Environment, accepted for publication by Lexington Books, an Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield. The edited volume will provide a comparative and international focus on environmental taxation.

Photo of the Week

Caption: On January 12, the Cumberland Society of the Arts hosted Laura Lundy Wheale, a Cumberland alumna and actress, most recently featured in the newly-released movies Sully and Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk. Wheale spoke on how to balance life as a lawyer while continuing to follow your dreams.

Laura Lundy Wheale is pictured (from L to R) between CSOA officers Leah Johnson and Kayley Argo.

Want to see your photos featured? Send them to Polly Manuel for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Dean’s Newsletter.