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Cover: Adjunct faculty members Leslie R. Barineau ’85, Donald Jackson and U.S. District Court Judge R. David Proctor. With this issue, we launch a continuous feature of our adjunct faculty members. Both alumni and non-alumni, our adjunct faculty give depth to our curriculum and offer diverse perspective to our law students.
from Dean Strickland

Cumberland School of Law has always sought to provide a practical legal education that teaches theory and analysis but also prepares students for practice. While primary responsibility for that mission lies with the school’s outstanding full-time faculty (many of whom were profiled in the last issue of the Cumberland Lawyer), our adjunct faculty are also critical to accomplishing that mission.

Adjunct faculty play a critical role. All law schools use adjunct faculty, mostly to teach highly specialized courses within their area of expertise. Our adjunct faculty serve that role but they also make up an important part of our core mission. They teach many of our skills courses and coach advocacy teams that are a major part of the law school’s success in preparing students for practice. They also bring practical, client-based insight to more traditional courses like Advanced Domestic Relations, Estate Planning, Insurance, Mergers and Acquisitions, and others. The law school is fortunate to be able to draw on the talents of the Birmingham Bar, which has a sophistication and depth one ordinarily would expect to find only in cities several times Birmingham’s size.

As changes in our profession and in legal education continue, our adjunct faculty will be even more important. The great recession, new technology, globalization, and changes in the legal profession have wrought profound changes in the legal marketplace and those changes do not appear to be slowing. The changes have not only altered the practice of law, they appear to have reduced the number of recent law school graduates needed in some traditional practices. Those same changes, though, are creating new career opportunities that did not exist just a few years ago. One of the law school’s great challenges in the next few years, therefore, is to assure we provide our graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to secure jobs and succeed not only in 21st century law practice but also in other emerging legal careers. Our adjunct faculty—drawn from law firms, corporate legal staffs and other ventures—play an important role in keeping our students and the law school as a whole abreast of the changing legal industry.

The cover of this issue of the Cumberland Lawyer thus features three of our outstanding adjunct professors: Leslie R. Barineau ’85, who teaches Workers Compensation; Donald M. Jackson, who teaches Sports Law; and United States District Judge R. David Proctor, who currently teaches Complex Litigation. This issue also contains a profile of Professor Barineau. We will make this a regular feature of the Cumberland Lawyer, profiling other Cumberland adjunct faculty in future issues.

This issue of the Cumberland Lawyer also catalogs a number of accomplishments and innovations at the law school this year. These range from an outstanding line-up of speakers and events to the continued successes and recognition of our trial teams and the Cumberland Public Interest and Community Service Organization to the launch of our innovative Master of Science in Health Law and Policy program. I think the accomplishments and events described in these pages show that the law school continues to be a vibrant, strong and special place.

Dean Henry “Corky” Strickland III
After more than two years of planning, Cumberland School of Law announces the August 2015 launch of its master of science in health law and policy. This will be the first fully online program offered by the law school, as well as its first degree program for nonlawyers. These two important firsts demonstrate the law school’s commitment to innovation and collaboration.

Through this new degree, health-care professionals and others may expand their knowledge and skills in the area of health law, and gain a marketable expertise in this increasingly complex field. The degree will also benefit recent graduates who plan to enter the field of health-care compliance or administration, as well as attorneys interested in health law or policy.

“The demand for professionals who can move into health-care compliance and related roles is exploding,” Dean Henry C. Strickland said. “Our new health law and policy degree will enable people in the health-care industry to take advantage of that burgeoning demand. It will also provide recent college graduates with almost any major an entry into that field.”

With input from health law and compliance experts both on campus and in the community, Cumberland School of Law was able to develop a curriculum that could earn accreditation from the Compliance Certification Board® (CCB). Samford University earned that accreditation and is one of only eight universities nationally to be accredited by the CCB. This accreditation will enable students to sit for one of four credentialing exams offered by that organization upon graduation.

Experienced faculty from Samford’s Cumberland School of Law and College of Health Sciences, as well as compliance professionals from the community, will participate in the program. The program includes coursework in health law, regulatory affairs, public policy, insurance and health-care administration, with a particular emphasis on health-care compliance. The online program takes two years to complete, with students completing two classes per term through fall, spring and summer of their first year. The second year includes two classes in fall and in spring, and a final summer course. Two or three on-campus weekends are planned.

The school will welcome its first cohort for the new degree in August 2015 at an on-campus welcome and orientation. Students will have the opportunity to meet program faculty and administration as well as spend time with fellow students. Health-care professionals from the Birmingham area will join the group to share their expertise and answer questions from students.

For more information or to apply, go to samford.edu/go/healthlaw or contact Laura Tomlin, managing director, at laura.tomlin@samford.edu or 205-726-2543.
On Jan. 15, 2015, a grateful community gathered inside the courtroom of the presiding judge of Alabama’s 10th Judicial Circuit to honor a man whose last name has become synonymous with public service for residents of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Judge J. Thomas King, Jr. ’76, retired Jan. 18, 2015, after almost 14 years of service on the bench as a circuit judge in the Civil Division of Alabama’s 10th Judicial Circuit. Presiding Judge Houston Brown ’73, master of ceremonies at King’s retirement, noted that King is only the most recent to retire in a family with a long history of public service to Jefferson County.

Son of the late senator Tom King and grandson of the late circuit judge Alta L. King, Thomas King, Jr., graduated from the University of Alabama in 1971 as a distinguished military graduate and received his commission as a second lieutenant through ROTC. From 1972 to 1973, he served in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service to his country. After returning from Vietnam, King enrolled in Cumberland School of Law. He continued his military service after graduation, ultimately rising to the rank of brigadier general in the Alabama Army National Guard prior to his retirement in 2003.

Following graduation from law school, King served in a variety of private practice capacities, including at King and King (1976–91); as vice
president and corporate counsel for Collateral Mortgage Ltd., New South Federal Savings Bank, and Southwide Insurance Company (1991–96); as partner with Corley, Moncus & Ward P.C. (1996–98); and in private practice (1998–2001), where he represented clients such as the Alabama Public Service Commission. In addition to serving in a variety of professional capacities in his 25-year career, King is also a past president of the Young Lawyers’ Section of the Alabama State Bar, and was a contributing writer to the *Alabama Lawyer* from 1981 to 1982.

In 2001, King was appointed to the bench by Governor Don Siegelman, following his grandfather’s and father’s footsteps into public service and joining his brother, probate judge Alan L. King ’82, on the bench as the third generation of the King family to serve the residents of Jefferson County in an elected capacity.

Following my 2012 graduation from Cumberland School of Law, I was given the opportunity to work for King as a law clerk. Shortly after taking the bench, King became the first Jefferson County circuit judge to institute a policy of employing lawyers, rather than law students, as law clerks for a one-year commitment, after which it was expected that the law clerk would find employment and another lawyer would be given the same opportunity. All 10 law clerks working for King that year left their clerkship employed by a law firm, including four Cumberland School of Law graduates.

During my 13 months working alongside King, I gained what he aptly described in my interview as “six figures of experience.” I was able to participate in an unofficial law clerk record of 18 jury trials, and countless other bench trials and dispositive hearings—a record I proudly share, given that 99 percent of cases settle prior to trial.

One thing that remained consistent during my time with Judge King was that all parties were treated fairly, equally and with respect, whether the matter involved millions of dollars with sophisticated litigants and experienced counsel, or was a district court appeal involving only several hundred dollars with two pro se litigants. King often quoted another Cumberland School of Law graduate, circuit judge James Garrett ’71: “Every case is important to the litigants involved.”

I came to know King as someone who believed in the swift administration of justice and who never shied away from difficult matters or decisions. Reluctant to grant continuances, and not one to sit on a matter for too long without issuance of an order, King was a firm believer that circuit judges “are in the business of making decisions.” He would often continue by stating that if one party didn’t feel he made the right decision, then it should appeal to a higher court. Those who did exercise this right were often disappointed, as King’s appellate record, a matter of which attorneys and circuit judges are keenly aware, was impeccable throughout his career.

Although there was a sense of loss among the standing-room-only crowd gathered on Jan. 15, 2015, wishing a happy retirement to one of Jefferson County’s and Alabama’s most well-respected jurists, the overall mood was one of admiration for King. Though the members of the bar will certainly miss King on the bench, they all wished him well in his next major matter: retirement to the beach. As King’s former law clerk and fellow Cumberland School of Law graduate, I can only say thank you and congratulations on a job well done.
Beeson Law Library

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20th ANNIVERSARY

by Edward L. Craig, Della H. Darby and Rebecca M. Hutto


The library first opened its doors March 1, 1995, 18 months after breaking ground in October 1993. In February 1995, the law library staff utilized a caravan of carts to transfer 159,464 volumes and 66,200 microform volume equivalents from the old law library (now the Great Room) to the new. The new building provided 42,500 square feet of library space with 32,750 linear feet of shelving, three computer labs, seating for 474 and 13 conference/seminar rooms.

The construction of a new law library was made possible thanks to a generous gift by Lucille Stewart Beeson. Described by former Samford president Thomas E. Corts as the definitive “gracious, Southern lady,” Lucille Stewart Beeson was one of the first women admitted to the Georgia Bar after graduating from Atlanta Law School in 1928. Her philosophy of legal education is embodied in the phrase, “Seek wisdom to temper justice with compassion,” which is carved at the entrance to the law library. As part of the law library project, Beeson commissioned the statue Justice and Mercy that graces the courtyard between the law library and Robinson Hall.

Being of modest height, Beeson requested that there be some furniture to accommodate those of similar stature. A table in the southwest corner of the first floor and a study carrel in the northwest corner were placed in response to her request. She also named the second floor conference room the Friendship Room in honor of her special friends. The library was dedicated Feb. 15, 1996, with the Honorable Gerald R. Ford presenting the address.

Greg Laughlin, director of the law library and associate professor since July 2008, noted how much law libraries have changed in the past few decades. Twenty years ago, academic law libraries collected printed case reports of all federal and state court opinions from across the United States. Today, few law libraries do so. Like most academic law libraries, the Beeson Law Library only collects printed state court opinions from its home state and a few surrounding ones. In our case, that is Alabama and the surrounding states as published in the Southern Reporter. The same applies for state statutory law and case law citation services. For all of these, the law library relies on online databases.

The same applies to academic law reviews. The law library has cancelled most of its print subscriptions and relies on HeinOnline for all but a handful of current academic law reviews. This revolution in how legal information is obtained has reversed a decades long trend in rapidly escalating cost in collection development. The law library now spends 20 percent less on information resources than it did at its peak in 2007-2008.

The use of photocopiers is another example of how law libraries have changed in the past few decades. When the Beeson Law Library opened, it had photocopy rooms on three floors. At its peak, patrons made more than 655,000 copies a year. In the current year, the law library is on course to have fewer than 3,000 copies made. Patrons now access online much of the material they formerly photocopied out of books and they use scanners for materials found in print resources, which they either email to themselves or save to USB thumb drives. This dramatic drop has permitted the law library to convert all but one of its former copy rooms into study rooms, something that is in high demand.

The one thing that hasn’t changed is the law library’s commitment to patron service. Throughout its long history, Beeson Law Library has been known for the high quality of its service. Annual surveys show that the law students consider the quality of support to be excellent in overwhelming numbers. ☑
Adjunct Faculty are Indispensable Part of Legal Education

Adjunct faculty are an indispensable part of legal education at Cumberland School of Law. I deeply appreciate the willingness of alumni and friends to take time to share their experiences and expertise with our students.

Adjuncts not only enrich our curricular offerings generally, they also enable us to offer courses in cutting-edge subjects and infuse their courses with a crucial practice-oriented perspective. In addition to drawing on the talented ranks of the local bar, we are also fortunate to have current and former members of the federal and state judiciary teach everything from courses in the interpretation of legal texts to pretrial procedure and complex litigation.

In addition, all our adjuncts offer unparalleled opportunities for students to interact closely with members of the bench and bar, enabling them to get a head start on building their professional networks.

On behalf of Dean Strickland, faculty and staff, let me express my profound gratitude to all of our adjuncts for the work they do.
Cumberland School of Law is indebted to the many Alabama attorneys and judges who contributed their time and expertise to planning and speaking at our continuing legal education seminars during 2014. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the following individuals.

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On February 27, 2015, Cumberland School of Law hosted a symposium on privacy and data security entitled, “Practicing Law in the Age of Surveillance and Hackers.” Sponsored by the American Journal of Trial Advocacy, the program included a broad and theoretical exploration of privacy and data security for legal practitioners. Topics addressed privacy- and confidentiality-related issues in the era of mass surveillance, and the future of privacy and data security in the digital age.

James R. Silkenat, immediate past president of the American Bar Association, presented the keynote address. He is a partner in the New York office of Sullivan & Worcester.
Two panels featured speakers who represent various aspects of the symposium topic. Panel I focused on “Discovery and Cooperation: Attorney Obligations when Interacting with Others,” and included Brian Levine, Sarah Hutchins, Mark Jenkins and Dera Nevin.

Panel II was on “Protecting Client Data in an Age of Uncertainty,” and included Carrie Goldberg, Drew Simshaw and Harvey Rishikof. Woodrow Hartzog, associate professor and an internationally recognized expert in the areas of privacy, media and robotics law, moderated both panels.

On March 27, 2015, the Cumberland Law Review presented a symposium on “Bullying and the Internet.” It was led by individuals with personal experience in the issues to be examined. From the mother of a daughter who committed suicide as the result of cyber-bullying to the parent of an autistic child, speakers presented evidence from a perspective not normally available. Speakers included Tina Meier of St. Louis, Missouri; attorney Adele P. Kimmel of Washington, D.C.; and Gina Lowe and James Gallini from The Gallini Group in Birmingham.

Go to samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/events for information on upcoming symposia.
Birmingham’s most satisfying weekend of theatre took place Feb. 14–15, 2015, at Cumberland School of Law. That’s when a roving band of actors from the American Shakespeare Center (ASC) presented plays in the manner of their original performance—without lights, without sets and without prosenium—as a celebration of the law school’s successful capital campaign. The law school’s first Donor Appreciation Weekend featured performances of Christopher Marlowe’s Doctor Faustus, and William Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing and Hamlet. The law firms of Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff and Brandt as well as Hare, Wynn, Newell and Newton sponsored the event.

Kim West, a lawyer practicing at Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff and Brandt, was instrumental in organizing ASC’s appearance. She teaches perhaps the world’s only course on Shakespeare and the law at Cumberland School of Law. West invited Dr. Ralph Alan Cohen, cofounder of the ASC and author of ShakesFear and How to Cure It: A Handbook for Teaching Shakespeare, to be part of this year’s event.

Donor Appreciation Weekend signaled the conclusion of Cumberland’s five-year, $15 million capital campaign. The law school raised more than $17.2 million in the largest fund-raising campaign in the school’s 168-year history.
Patrick Earl as Hamlet, Ben Gorman as Claudius, and Stephanie Holladay as Gertrude in Hamlet.

Drs. Chriss and Harriett Doss, Josh Innerst as Fortinbras, Price of Norway from Hamlet.

Josh Innerst leads a Talk Back with the American Shakespeare Center Actors after Hamlet at Cumberland School of Law.
A team from Cumberland School of Law made the final four of the National Trial Competition (NTC) in Houston, Texas. More than 325 teams participated at the regional level with the top two teams from each region winning the right to participate in the national finals. For the sixth time in seven years, Cumberland School of Law won the Southeast Regional.

The team of Spenser Templeton ’15 and Matt Woodham ’15 defeated teams from American University Washington College of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law and Loyola Los Angeles School of Law before losing a 4-3 decision in the semifinal round to eventual national champion Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Paige Duncan ’15 and Max Smith ’15 were also members of the team who provided invaluable contributions to the preparations for this competition. The team was coached by Jim Roberts ’94, Sara Williams ’06 and Ross Massey ’11.

This was the 40th anniversary of the NTC, the oldest and largest mock trial competition in the country. The NTC is sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

As part of the celebration, the top 16 law schools, based on number of appearances at the national finals over the past 40 years, were invited to an event recognizing their success. As one of the top five schools in number of appearances at the national finals, Cumberland School of Law was honored to participate in this special celebration.
Professor Wendy D. Greene’s latest article, “Categorically Black, White, or Wrong: Misperception Discrimination and the State of Title VII Protection” published in the Michigan Journal of Law Reform, is the recipient of the Law and Society Association’s 2015 John Hope Franklin Prize. The prize was established in 2010 to recognize exceptional scholarship in the field of race, racism and the law and is awarded annually. It is named for John Hope Franklin, a professor of history and law whose interdisciplinary research documented the history of racism and its effects, whose scholarship had national and international influence, and whose commitments to intellectual freedom, professional service and civic activism were resolute. The awards luncheon was held during Law and Society’s annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, in May.

“This article is a part of an ongoing and larger project, which I have been working on over the past three or four years,” said Greene. “The research and writing for ‘Categorically Black, White, or Wrong’ was funded by a summer research grant. Three law students have served as research assistants for this project, and it benefited greatly from presentation at several conferences.”

The article has been influential in recent judicial opinions and is serving as the basis of CLE presentations before state and national employment lawyers associations. “Without the support of the law school and university, the development and promotion of this article would not have been possible,” Greene said.
A glimpse at faculty activities from March 2014 to March 2015

Cassandra Adams, director of Cumberland Community Mediation Center and Public Interest Programs, was a guest speaker at the Calhoun County Bar Association meeting Sept. 18 in Anniston, Alabama. She presented “Ethical Issues and Working With Pro Bono Clients.” Adams also spoke at the Bar Commissioners meeting Sept. 19 in Montgomery, Alabama, giving a report on the upcoming Pro Bono Month activities. She traveled to Havana, Cuba, as a member of the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution delegation to learn about the country’s use of mediation and arbitration Nov. 8-15, 2014. In Cuba, the delegation met and exchanged information with several groups and organizations.

Mark Baggett spoke at a faculty colloquium Nov. 5 in the Bishop Conference Room. The topic of his presentation was “Mark Twain’s Legal Burlesques.”

Brad Bishop ’71 was a speaker at the semiannual Municipal Court Judges CLE Seminar Aug. 22. His presentations were on two laws passed in the recent session of the Alabama Legislature: expungement of criminal records and the requirement that ignition interlock devices be placed on the cars of those convicted of DUI.

Judge John Carroll ’74, was given Cumberland School of Law’s 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He served as dean and Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law for 13 years while teaching and actively participating on numerous local, state and national committees. Prior to his tenure at Cumberland School of Law, Carroll was a Marine Corps officer, a federal magistrate judge, the legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center and law professor at Mercer University.


Mike DeBow attended the annual conference of the Association of Private Enterprise Education in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 13-15, 2014. He presented a paper on “Corporate Social Responsibility and Regulated Utilities: Evidence from the Electric Power Industry.” He also participated in a seminar on academic leadership at Baptist universities conducted at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, May 18-22, and spoke at the Celebration of Scholarship Symposium: Dwight Lee’s Contributions to Economics, held at the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business, Dallas, Texas, May 24. DeBow joined the Center for College Affordability & Productivity (CCAP) as an associate director on Aug. 25, 2014. He remains a full-time professor at the law school.


Brannon Denning’s book Developing Professional Skills, Constitutional Law was published in May 2014 by West Academic Publishing. His 2014 articles include “Judicial Doctrine as Risk Regulation” (Tenn. L. Rev. with Michael B. Kent, Jr.), and “Anti-Evasion Doctrines and the Second Amendment” (81 Tenn. L. Rev.). His article “Anti-anti-evasion in Constitutional Law” was published in 41 Florida State University Law Review 397 (with Michael B. Kent, Jr.).

Denning moderated “Commercial Speech, the First Amendment, and Alcoholic Advertising” at the Center for Alcohol Policy’s Annual Law & Policy Conference Sept. 4, 2014, in Chicago. Also in September 2014, he presented his paper, “Vertical Federalism, Horizontal Federalism, and Legal Obstacles to State Marijuana Legalization Efforts,” at the Marijuana, Federal Power and the States conference at Case Western University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. He presented “What to Consider if You’re Considering Law School” Sept. 22, 2014, at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He rounded out September as a panelist at a Conference for Aspiring Law Professors at the Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe.


Denning’s article “Wynne: Lose or Draw?” with Norman R. Williams contributed to a roundtable considering Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Wynne, argued before the Supreme Court on Nov. 12, 2014.

Denning’s article, “One Toke Over the (State) Line: Constitutional Limits on Pot Tourism Restrictions,” 66 Fla. L. Rev. 2279 (2014), was published Jan. 12, 2015, in the Florida Law Review. The article examines the constitutionality of Colorado’s restrictions on the amount of marijuana nonresidents can buy per visit to a marijuana dispensary under the dormant Commerce Clause doctrine and the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV, section 2.

In January 2015, Case Western Reserve University Law Review published Denning’s article “Environmental Federalism and State Renewable Portfolio Standards.” The article discusses how constitutional federalism principles interact with (and perhaps limit) state mandates to utilities to include a certain percentage of renewable energy as part of utilities’ generation efforts.

Denning, along with professor Mike DeBow, wrote “Williams-Yulee v. Florida Bar, the First Amendment, and the Continuing Campaign to Delegitimize Judicial Elections” on Williams-Yulee v. Florida Bar, a case the Supreme Court will hear this term concerning the constitutionality of a state ban on personal solicitation of campaign contributions by candidates for judicial office. The article appeared in the Vanderbilt Law Review.


In summer 2014, two of DiRusso’s...

**D. Wendy Greene's** article, "Title VII: What’s Hair (and Other Race-Based Characteristics) Got to Do With It?" 79 U. Colo. L. Rev. 1355 (2008), was recently cited in an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in EEOC v. Freeman, a case challenging the legality of an employer’s use of criminal background checks in the hiring process under Title VII.

Greene, along with William G. Ross, won the 2014 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Award, which recognizes faculty members who have published scholarly work over the past year.

In May 2014, Greene delivered a continuing legal education presentation entitled “Redress and Inequality: Transnational Race, Racial Classification, and Race-Conscious Affirmative Action in Brazil and the United States” in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, at the National Bar Association International Affiliates meeting. She also presented her paper “Plessy Revisited: The Strategic Deployment of Multiraciality in Historic and Contemporary Equality Litigation and Discourse” in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Law and Society Association annual meeting.

In June 2014, Greene presented “Transnational Race and Racial Ideology and the ‘Multiracial Distraction’ in Brazilian and American Social, Political, and Legal Discourse” at the American Association of Law Schools Workshop on Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law in Washington, D.C. At the University of Wisconsin School of Law, she presented a work-in-progress titled “Title VII: Standing in a ‘Post-Racial’ Era” at the Lutie A. Lytle Eighth Annual Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop. She also served as the cochair of a one-day Aspiring Law Professors Workshop, a Works-in-Progress commentator, and a panelist on the Workshop’s opening plenary session: “Finding and Developing Ideas for Publishable Articles.” Greene was an invited, special commentator at St. Thomas University School of Law—Miami for an inaugural workshop where junior faculty receive substantive feedback and critique on their summer research and writing agendas from senior faculty who serve in faculty development and research positions at their respective institutions.

Greene attended the National Bar Association Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, July 28–30, 2014. She moderated two continuing legal education panels: “The Jurisprudence of Equality: 50 Years of Interpreting, Construing, and Implementing the 1964 Civil Rights Act” and “In Pursuit of Social Justice: Critical Perspectives on Personhood and the Law.” During the National Bar Association’s annual meeting, Greene was elected treasurer of the National Bar Association Law Professors Division.

In October, she served as the inaugural scholar-in-residence at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami. While in residence, she engaged the law school community on her scholarly endeavors pertaining to race, gender and the law. In particular, she taught a one-week course highlighting her expertise on grooming codes discrimination titled, “The Contemporary Workplace: Appearance Discrimination, Dress Codes, and the Law.” She also presented “Hair Equality: Afro-Descendant Women in the Americas and Their Struggles Against Hair Discrimination” to the University of Wisconsin Law School faculty as a part of the law school’s Ideas and Innovations Faculty Workshop Series. She delivered a CLE presentation, “Some Things Old, Some Things New: (Re)Emerging Issues of ‘Race’ in Title VII Race Discrimination Cases,” Oct. 10, 2014, during the Alabama State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section’s annual seminar.

Greene’s article “Title VII: What’s Hair (And Other Race-Based Characteristics) Got to Do With It?” was cited by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in its appellate brief filed with the 11th Circuit last week in EEOC v. Catastrophe Management Solutions, Incorporated, a Title VII race discrimination case challenging the defendant-employer’s rescission of a job offer to an African-American plaintiff after she refused to cut off her dreadlocks. Earlier this year, in a pretrial response motion for this case, the EEOC also included excerpts of Greene’s articles, “What’s Hair Got to Do With It?” and “Black Women Can’t Have Blonde Hair . . . in the Workplace,” in support of its argument that the employer’s adverse employment decision constituted intentional race discrimination.

In January, Greene was elected chair of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Women in Legal Education—the largest section within the AALS—and an executive committee member for the AALS section on Employment Discrimination.

In February, Greene was an invited speaker for the Georgetown University...
Law Center’s Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives inaugural symposium on “The Myoinhan Report: 50 Years Later.” At Georgetown Law, Greene presented an essay, “Progressive Post-Racialism, Racial Democracy, and The Myoinhan Report: Through a Comparative Critical Race Theoretical Lens,” which will be published in the journal’s first issue. Greene was also featured in George Washington University Law School’s winter 2015 magazine. In November 2014, Greene was honored by her undergraduate alma mater, Xavier University of Louisiana, as one of 40 recipients of Xavier’s inaugural Young Alumni Award; she was selected from nearly 300 nominees.

In February 2015, Greene presented her book project in progress, “Hair Equality: Afro-Descendant Women in the Americas and Their Struggles Against Hair Discrimination” to the faculty at Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina, and presented the same to the Cumberland School of Law faculty March 10.

Her latest article, “Categorically Black, White, or Wrong: ‘Misperception Discrimination’ and the State of Title VII Protection” published in the Michigan Journal of Law Reform, is the recipient of the Law and Society Association’s 2015 John Hope Franklin Prize, which recognizes exceptional scholarship in the field of race, racism and the law. The awards luncheon will be held during the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Seattle in May 2015.

Robert Greene participated in a “Coffee Talk on Local Hotspots: the Middle East and Ukraine” Oct. 31 as part of Samford’s 2014 homecoming. He provided his observations on the current crisis in Ukraine based on his experiences and contacts as a Fulbright Scholar in Ukraine in 2008 and 2010.

Woodrow Hartzog ’02 provided testimony at a Congressional Oversight Committee hearing on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and its Section 5 Authority: Prosecutor, Judge and Jury on July 24, 2014. His article “Website Design as Contracts” was recently cited by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Nguyen v. Boeing & Noble related to the validity of online terms of use as contracts.

Hartzog research with a team of engineers, scientists and philosophers from West Point on automated law enforcement was recently the subject of an article in Wired magazine. Wired also published two essays by Hartzog and Evan Selinger on Facebook’s emotional manipulation study and about the EU’s “right to be forgotten.”

The Bloomberg story “Russian Hackers’ Challenge Is Finding Any Value in 1.2 Billion Stolen Hartzog” He was also quoted in the Bloomberg news story “Apple Probes Report iCloud Was Hacked to Gain Stars’ Nude Photos.” His article, “Deconstructing the Relationship Between Privacy and Security” was published in the September issue of IEEE Technology and Society.

Hartzog published an essay in Forbes with coauthor Evan Selinger titled “Two Reasons Why Extreme Social Surveillance Doesn’t Replace Privacy.” He was quoted in the Forbes article, “Car hacking: how big is the threat to self-driving cars?” His article, “Chain Link Confidentiality,” was reviewed by Frank Pasquale in Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Love. Hartzog’s essay with Danielle Citron “The Decision That Could Finally Kill the Revenge Porn Business” was published in The Atlantic.

Hartzog delivered a talk on “Surveillance as Loss Obscurity” at the Washington & Lee Law School as part of their law review symposium on “Surveillance in the Post-Snowden Age.” An essay, coauthored with Evan Selinger, is forthcoming in the Washington & Lee Law Review. His research was recently featured on the website Tue/Night in the article “Hiding in Plain Sight: Why Obscurity Matters More Than Privacy.”

In March 2015, Hartzog was quoted in an article from The Hill about the Wyndham Hotel’s challenge to the FTC’s regulation of data security and in an article on NPR about Internet memes and legal responses. He also moderated a panel on “The Emerging Policy and Ethics of Human-Robot Interaction” as part of a workshop he co-organized at the HRI 2015 conference in Portland, Oregon, and gave a presentation at the University of Pennsylvania Law School as part of the speaker series hosted by the Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition.

Donald Jackson, who teaches the sports law courses, was recently quoted in a nationally distributed article by Raycon Media, “Northwestern Union Ruling May Mean Big Change for College Sports,” and a Columbus Dispatch article “College Athletics: NCAA under Growing Scrutiny in Courts.”

Paul Kuruk made a presentation on regional investment policy at a conference organized by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Dec. 16–20,
2014, in Accra, Ghana. Participants at the conference included trade ministers, senior government officials, business executives and academics from the 15 member countries of ECOWAS. In his presentation, “The Relevance of Regional Investment Codes in Facilitating Trade and Investment in a Global Economy,” Kuruk discussed the major determinants of foreign investment flows, identified national regulatory practices that could constrain investment flows to the West Africa region and highlighted principles for harmonizing the varying national regulations under a regional investment code to make the ECOWAS region more competitive.


William Ross won the 2014 Lightfoot, Franklin & White Faculty Scholarship Award, which recognizes faculty members who have published scholarly work over the past year. Ross spoke to faculty of Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina, Sept. 29, 2014, about the constitutional issues involved in the controversy over American membership in the League of Nations in 1918-20, a subject about which he published an article in Volume 55 of the *Journal of American Legal History*. Part of this article will appear as a chapter in his book, *World War I and the American Constitution*, which is scheduled for publication by Cambridge University Press.

In October, Ross was a speaker and panelist at a symposium on immigration at the Cambridge Forum in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Parts of the forum have been broadcast by various NPR affiliates and can be seen on YouTube. The symposium addressed issues discussed in the book *Immigrant Struggles, Immigrant Gifts* (George Mason University Press, 2012), to which he contributed a chapter.

Grace Simms, information technology librarian, was a guest speaker at the 2014 Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey, California, Oct. 26. Her presentation included the latest apps and techniques for searching online.


Smolin won the Outstanding Scholar in Adoption Award, St. John’s University Adoption Initiative (in collaboration with Montclair State University), presented at the eighth Biennial Adoption Conference, St. John’s University, New York, May 2014. Smolin presented at the International Forum on Intercountry Adoption and Global Surrogacy, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, August 2014; at the Annual Conference of the Christian Alliance for Orphans, Chicago, May 2014; and gave the keynote speech, “Legislating What We Know, Against the Rising Tide of the Demand for Children,” American Adoption Congress Annual Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2015.

Joseph Snoe and coauthor Barlow Burke will draft the fifth edition of *Property: Examples and Explanations for Wolters Kluwer Law & Business*. The trustees of Samford University, upon the recommendation of the dean, provost and president, voted to designate Snoe to hold the title of the Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professorship in Law, which was endowed to recognize and support outstanding teacher-scholars in the area of tax law.

Snoe was recently quoted in the *Anniston Star* article “Regional Medical Center’s Roots at Issue in Today’s Struggle with City.”

Henry C. Strickland attended Cumberland School of Law alumni receptions at the North Carolina Bar Association Convention, the Florida Bar Convention and the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting this summer. He delivered bar review lectures for BarBri on state and federal civil procedure in Cleveland, Ohio; Columbia, South Carolina; Louisville, Kentucky; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and on conflict of laws in Birmingham; Detroit, Michigan; and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. In addition, he taped BarBri’s national conflict of laws lecture for UBE states.

Strickland was the guest speaker at the Birmingham Bar Association fall breakfast. The event was presented by the Pro Bono Committee of the Birmingham Bar and honored lawyers who made extraordinary commitments to pro bono service during the year. Strickland pointed to data showing that despite all pro bono efforts, low- and middle-income Americans still lack access to legal services. He encouraged all segments of the bar to work together to devise innovative approaches—including use of new technologies and help from law students—to bridge that gap.

Howard Walthall was honored at the Alabama Appleseed 2014 Brewer-Torbert Award luncheon for his pro bono service as a part of the Constitutional Revision Commission. The ceremony was held in Birmingham at the Harbert Center.

Walthall was given one of the 2014 Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Awards for his service in upper-level courses. Eddie Jackson ’76 and Richard Fikes ’85 endowed the award to allow Cumberland School of Law to recognize members of the law school faculty for their teaching excellence. A joint faculty-student committee selects recipients.

Deborah Young taught an intensive course on evidence at Vermont Law School July 8–Aug. 3, 2014, as a visiting faculty member.
April 10–11, 2015, we enjoyed alumni reunion weekend, specifically honoring the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010. The weekend started with a reception at the historic Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham and ended with individual class reunion parties all over town. Prior to the open house on Saturday, members of the classes of 1965 and 1970 enjoyed breakfast at the law school with Dean Henry C. Strickland, Professor T. Brad Bishop ’71, family and friends. It was a gorgeous day for the law school to open its doors for alumni, admitted students and their guests. Everyone enjoyed lunch on Brewer Plaza, choosing their favorite dessert from the Johnny Ray’s pie truck, Dreamcakes truck and the Steel City Pops cart.

On one side of the plaza, two law students sang and played guitar; on the other side, faculty members competed in a bean bag toss. Pam Nelson, director of student services, and seven faculty competed for a donation from Marsh Rickard Bryan for a school fund of their choice. The competition was fierce. Professors Bishop and Jill Evans prevailed for the Evans Environmental Law Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who has demonstrated interest in a career in environmental law.

The school is grateful for the generous support of Wettermark & Keith and Freedom Court Reporting for sponsoring the alumni reception; to Marsh Rickard Bryan for hosting and sponsoring the faculty bean bag toss, and to many others who planned and hosted individual class reunion parties.

In 2016, the school will honor those who graduated in class years ending in 1 and 6. All alumni are invited to the annual reunion reception and open house. More information will be mailed this fall.
At left, Professor T. Brad Bishop ’71, Associate Dean Brannon P. Dennings, Professor Joseph Snoe, and Dean Strickland compete in the bean bag toss competition sponsored by Marth Rickard Bryan.

Below, guests relax on Brewer Plaza.
Members of the Class of 1995

Members of the Class of 2000

From left, Larry Noe ’75, his wife, Beverly. Hank Hutchinson ’75 and his wife, Linda

Rick Johanson ’75 and Anne Marovich

Students Evan Chaput ’16 and Collin Hatcher ’16 perform during reunion
Will Graham, Megan Day, Charlie Day ’00, Cristina Graham ’00 and Erica Woodford ’00

Far left: Professor LaVone Warren and Pam Nelson, director of student services, concentrate on tossing the bean bags.
Roy Gonas is taking the Cumberland School of Law brand to some of the most strategic places in the world. From The Hague in the Netherlands to Finland to City of London College to National University Odessa Law Academy, Gonas is making the most of his education as a key expert in international law.

A native of South Bend, Indiana,
Gonas followed his brother, Sam, to Cumberland School of Law. He immediately noted an atmosphere where students were respected, treated as colleagues and mentored for their leadership qualities.

“It was a wonderful atmosphere under the leadership of Dean Arthur Weeks,” Gonas said. “In my career, I had been to places where the students were a distant priority next to faculty and administration. It was a great privilege to come to an institution where the administration and faculty looked at each individual’s leadership potential and applied that student’s assets to a law career.”

A military veteran, Gonas approached law school as “a time to absorb, engage and learn sociologically.”

Early lessons he learned at Cumberland School of Law remain important to him today. “I have been privileged to mentor students who have said that I motivated them in their careers,” Gonas said. “You never know who you are going to touch.”

As a student, Gonas shared an old house in Southside with classmates Ray Grubbs from Christianburg, Virginia, who retired as a judge in Roanoke in 2010 after 22 years on the bench, and Henry Ray, who now lives in Mobile, Alabama.

“The character education that Cumberland provided extended in many directions,” Gonas said. “I noticed the downright decency of students when I came here, the mannerism and professionalism. These are the strengths of Cumberland that help its graduates avoid disappointment. It was a fantastic education in law and also in life.”

Gonas’s international law resume is impressive. He studied under the internationally renowned barrister, author, and professor of law, Clive Schmitthoff, at London City College, and at the Hague Academy of International Law. His experience and connections at the Hague, the seat of government in the Netherlands, and in London helped prepare him for his career not only as a practicing lawyer in Florida, but as a lecturer in international commercial arbitration in places such as the National University Odessa Law Academy, the Universities of Lviv and of Kyiv (Ukraine).

“I’m there for my students,” Gonas says of his heavy lecturing schedule. “I am trying to bridge gaps across international law, and it sometimes takes me three days to gain their respect. But eventually, they will ask to come see me and contact me after I leave with questions. Friendships develop over time, and I take an interest in their careers.”

Taking the Law School to New Places

Roy Gonas ’69

The Hague, Netherlands
Cumberland’s Public Interest and Community Service Organization (CPICS) has been awarded the 2015 Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Award in the Law Firm/Group Category. The award recognizes the outstanding pro bono efforts of attorneys, mediators, law firms and law students who are actively donating time to the civil representation of those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel and recognizes individuals who encourage greater legal representation in an acceptance of pro bono cases. Throughout the past academic year, CPICS amassed over 1,000 service hours.

Some of the CPICS members, (from left to right) Elise McFall, Emily Irvin, Sam Boukli-Hacene, Lee McLean, Jessica Carlin, Amanda Herren, Depri Hale and Rae Bolton, share their accomplishments with Dean Strickland (center).

Birmingham Bar Foundation Inducts 2015 Fellows

The Birmingham Bar Foundation inducted its 2015 Class of Fellows and Life Fellows Feb. 28, 2015. The members were selected for this honor because of the commitment and leadership they have demonstrated in the legal community. This group of attorneys and judges have demonstrated a spirit of excellence in their field of practice, and have enhanced the general prestige of the profession through Bar and civic leadership.

Cumberland School of Law congratulates the following inducted alumni:

Hon. Karon O. Bowdre ’80
Clark R. Hammond ’84
Steven F. Casey ’79
Hon. Tom King, Jr. ’76
Honora M. Gathings ’78
John A. Lentine ’87
Charles W. Gorham ’68
Hon. John E. Ott ’81
John W. Haley Jr. ’75
J. Gusty Yearout ’71

The alumni pictured were inducted as 2015 Life Fellows because of their ongoing commitment to the foundation’s mission, and have pledged to renew their support of its charitable work.

2015 Life Fellows: George “Jack” Neal ’77, Ted Stuckenschneider ’77, S. Shay Samples ’76, and Joseph Fawal ’77
Cumberland School of Law Wins National Trial Competition, Southeast Regional

On Feb. 7–8, 2015, a Cumberland School of Law team won the Southeast Regional at the National Trial Competition (NTC) in Orlando, Florida. This win was the law school’s sixth NTC regional championship in seven years. The third-year student team of Spenser Templeton, Matthew Woodham, Paige Duncan and Maxwell Smith competed in the National Finals in Houston, Texas (see page 14).

The second-year student team of Stewart Alvis, Collin Hatcher, Amanda Herren, Priyanka Patel and Hope Beaton advanced to the semifinals.

Awards were given for various performances during the preliminary rounds. Woodham won best closing argument for his prosecution close, receiving three perfect scores for his closing. One scorer noted that she had never given a perfect score until Woodham.

Team Places in Semifinal Round at Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament

In October 2014, Cumberland School of Law students participated in the first trial tournament of the 2014–15 academic year at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Allison Taylor ’03 coached the third-year student team of Kendall A. Lee, Paige A. Duncan, John R. Spade and Spenser H. Templeton. The team won all ballots except one through the preliminary rounds. The team faced Barry University in the quarterfinal round and swept all ballots. During the semifinal round, the team competed against Florida Coastal and lost by a split ballot.

Cumberland School of Law Teams Sweep American Association for Justice Regional Tournament

A team from Cumberland School of Law took first place in the regional component of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition March 20–23, 2014, in Atlanta, Georgia.

As in 2012, 2011 and 2008, it was an all Cumberland School of Law final as two teams took first and second place. Rush Thrift, Spenser Templeton, Matt Woodham and John Spade took top honors in the region over the other competing Cumberland School of Law team of Rebecca Hall, Carl Williams, Ben Odendahl and Jessica Brookshire. Michael Rasmussen ’76 coached both teams.

The team of Thrift, Templeton, Woodham and Spade competed at the national finals April 10–13, 2014, in Santa Monica, California, where they advanced to the quarterfinal round, losing to Syracuse University. At the completion of the 2014 AAJ competition, Cumberland School of Law finished eighth in the nation of 220 teams who started in the regional tournaments.

Cumberland School of Law Team Places Second and Receives Two Awards in South Texas

A team from Cumberland School of Law took second place out of 30 teams at the South Texas College of Law Mock Trial Challenge March 27–30, 2014, in Houston.

Third-year students Alex McFall, Blake Milner, Jackson Neal and Genevieve Turner were coached by alumni Bains Fleming ’07 of Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner, and Ross Massey ’11 of Gaines, Gault, Hendrix, PC.

Milner received the top advocate in the preliminary rounds award. McFall received the best advocate in the final round award, taking home a pair of spurs.

In the preliminary rounds, Cumberland School of Law defeated teams from Nova Southeastern University, Fordham University, University of Georgia, George Mason University, Faulkner University and the University of South Carolina. After beating Georgia State University in the semifinal round, Cumberland School of Law continued to the championship against the University of Georgia, narrowly missing first place by a 4-2 vote.

15th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition

Congratulations to the trial team for their first place finish at the 15th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition hosted by Michigan State University.

2014 Summer Haley Trial Competition Winners

Austin L. Nichols and Kyle A. Scholl

2014 Summer Mediation Competition Winners

First place: Whitney M. Dyer and Cydney Reynolds
Second place: Jordan H. Hudspith and Asher Kitchings

Arbitration Competition Top Honors

Mark English

2014 Albert P. Brewer Client Counseling Competition

First Place: Anna Reilly
Runner Up: Mary McDaniel
Finalists: Alan Moore and Elise McFall

2015 Janie L. Shores Moot Competition Finalists

First Place: Justin Mitchell
Runners-up: Shadi Jaraysi, Elise Washington and Rob Ireland
Dear Alumni,

This issue of the Cumberland Lawyer includes a highlight of a valued adjunct faculty member, Ms. Leslie R. Barineau ’85 (see page 8). Many of our adjuncts are alumni, but not all. Having members of the judiciary and practicing bar who received their J.D. degrees elsewhere adds rich perspective and diversity to our academic environment. Barineau is an alumna and one of our longest serving adjunct teachers. We will introduce other adjunct faculty in upcoming issues.

Summer is upon us, and it’s a popular time for moving and change. If you move your residence or change employment, please update us so we can continue to provide you with communication about Cumberland School of Law news and upcoming events. In addition, if you send us news about your professional achievements, marriage or a birth, we will include it in our monthly e-newsletter, Cumberland Connections. Email me at amarovic@samford.edu, or go to samford.edu/cumberlandlaw and click on the “Alumni and Friends” tab to find the “Update Your Info” link.

Thank you for staying connected. We have a strong Cumberland School of Law network across the globe!

Very truly yours,

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A New Role for Polly Allen Manuel ’11

We are pleased to announce that Polly A. Manuel has assumed the role of coordinator of marketing and communication for the law school. Polly transitioned to her new role this month, but she has been a member of the admission staff since 2013. Prior to her hire at the law school, Polly held marketing and communications-related positions in both the banking and nonprofit industries. She holds a B.A. in journalism from the University of Mississippi and a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law. Polly is primarily responsible for coordinating the law school’s communication and marketing initiatives including publications, advertising, public relations, and internal and external communication strategies.

Summer 2015 Alumni Events

June 18 Asheville, North Carolina
June 24 Tampa, Florida
June 25 St. Petersburg, Florida
June 25 Boca Raton, Florida (reception)
June 26 Boca Raton, Florida (breakfast)
July 16 Point Clear, Alabama

For details and registration, email amarovic@samford.edu.

All alumni and law students are welcome.
Richard W. Moore ’77
2015 Distinguished Alumnus

Upon graduation from Cumberland School of Law, Richard W. Moore ’77 entered private practice in Mobile, Alabama, and Cleveland, Ohio. From 1985 to 2003, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Alabama, prosecuting white-collar crimes, corruption and general federal crimes. He also served as coordinator of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force in the Southern District, as senior litigation counsel and as chief of the Criminal Division while in the U.S. Attorney’s Office. From 1997 to 1998, Moore was an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Oxford University, Oxford, England, where he conducted an independent study on the prosecution of complex international fraud cases.

In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Moore to serve as the first presidentially selected inspector general of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). As the TVA’s inspector general, he is responsible to the federal government to provide oversight for the operation, expenditures and legality of the nation’s largest utility. He has served as watchdog over the TVA during one of the most troubled periods of the agency’s existence. During his tenure, Moore oversaw the investigation of and litigation arising from one of the largest environmental disasters in this nation’s history.

At the conclusion of the litigation last year, Moore was recognized and commended by members of Congress who followed the TVA trial. A lawyer who was involved with the litigation said that “Moore’s work to bring transparency to the TVA has helped to bring a new culture to the agency and a visible change in the agency’s policies on environmental issues.” Moore’s key to success is placing the utmost importance on building relationships based on trust.

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

Khristi Doss Driver ’00
2015 Young Alumnus

Khristi Doss Driver ’00 is assistant to the executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer for Southern Company. A native of Blount County, Alabama, she splits her work week between Birmingham and Atlanta.

Before joining Southern Company, Driver was an equity partner of a midsized law firm. Her professional achievements and community service include election to the Birmingham Bar Association’s executive committee; serving as a member and secretary of the board of directors of the Women Lawyers’ Section of the Birmingham Bar Association; past president and member of the board of directors for Hoover City Schools Foundation; trustee and member of the board of directors of the Hoover Chamber of Commerce; executive committee member of the Birmingham Bar Foundation; member of the board of directors for Magic City Art Connection, barrister of the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court, Women’s Forum Speaker for Claims and Litigation Management; and member of the Governmental Affairs Committee for the Birmingham Business Alliance. She has also received a Distinguished Service Award from the Women Lawyers’ Section of the Birmingham Bar Association, was invited into The Women’s Network, named a Top 40 Under 40 by the Birmingham Business Journal, and received a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers.

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

Khristi Driver ’00
Kimberley West
2015 Friend of the Law School

Kimberly R. West received the 2015 Friend of the Law School Award for her vision, leadership and financial support, which enhanced the ability of the law school to thank donors with a truly unique and world-class event. The law school held a donor appreciation weekend in February to celebrate the successful conclusion of the “Pride. Promise. People.” capital campaign. The law school’s great room was transformed into an Elizabethan theatre for the weekend for three performances. Guests enjoyed Doctor Faustus, Much Ado About Nothing and Hamlet. Sunday’s Hamlet matinee included a talkback session with the actors about the tragedy of the Prince of Denmark. Without West and her recruitment of cosponsors—law firms Wallace Jordan and Hare Wynn—Cumberland School of Law would not have been able to provide such a remarkable and gracious celebration.

West brings her love of Shakespeare to the law school classroom as an adjunct faculty member. She created and teaches a unique and innovative course, Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy, perhaps the only known law course that teaches courtroom skills by delving deeply into Shakespeare’s plays. Other law schools have asked West about using trial scenes in Shakespeare’s canon as a means to enhance professional, practical skills.

In addition to practicing law as a member of Wallace Jordan, West is a recognized Shakespearean scholar. She is a member of the Shakespeare Association of America (SAA) and the International Shakespeare Association. She has given papers at the Blackfriars Conference, the Prague Shakespeare World Congress and at SAA Conferences in Toronto, Canada, and Washington, D.C. She has written articles published in various Shakespearean journals. She has been invited by the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon to participate in the Shylock Project in Venice in honor of the 400th anniversary of the penning of The Merchant of Venice.

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.

Billy Coplin ’77 owns a law practice in Demopolis, Alabama. He has served in the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates since 1997 and currently represents the Alabama State Bar in the House. He is a sustaining member of the Alabama Association for Justice as well as the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives.

This year, Coplin was instrumental in assisting with and planning the annual symposium presented by the Cumberland School of Law American Journal of Trial Advocacy. Held Feb. 27, 2015, the symposium entitled “Practicing Law in the Age of Surveillance and Hackers: An Exploration of Privacy and Data Security” was hugely successful and well attended. Coplin contacted and secured the keynote speaker, James R. Silkenat, immediate past president of the ABA, as well as other renowned lawyers to serve as panelists, including Brian Levine, senior counsel and national HCIP coordinator at the U.S. Department of Justice, and Harvey Rishikof, chair, advisory committee, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security.

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.
1966
Judge A. Benjamin Strand, Jr., retired in September 2014 as general sessions, juvenile and probate judge for Jefferson County, Tennessee. He then served as interim executive vice president of Jefferson County (Tennessee) Chamber of Commerce through December 2014. He joined O’Neal Parker & Williamson PLLC, Knoxville, Tennessee, as a mediator.

Charles W. Gorham was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Gorham & Carson LLC.

1969
Orrin K. “Skip” Ames was named vice chancellor for the Dothan campus of Troy University, Dothan, Alabama.

Joseph P. Bounds retired February 2014 after 20 years as juvenile and domestic relations judge for the Virginia 23rd Judicial District, Roanoke. He is a facilitator for the Virginia Judicial Evaluation Program.

Roy B. Gonias of Coral Gables, Florida, a Fulbright Specialist grantee, returned as a visiting lecturer to teach a certificate course on international commercial arbitration in October 2014 at the University of Lviv, Ukraine.

1971
James W. “Jimmy” Rane of Abbeville, Alabama, was named 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Alabama Broadcasters Association. He is president pro tempore of the Auburn University board of trustees and CEO of Great Southern Wood Preserving Inc.

J. Gusty Yearout was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Yearout & Traylor PC.

1973
Houston L. Brown was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He was honored in March 2015 with an award by the National Conference for Community and Justice. He is presiding judge of the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit, Birmingham.

1974
John L. Carroll was named the first recipient of the John L. Carroll Service Award during May 2014 Commencement ceremonies in recognition of the retiring dean’s service to Cumberland School of Law. Samford University trustees approved this new service recognition award. Also, Carroll served as interim director of the Alabama Ethics Commission. He remains on the faculty of the law school.

James I. Cohn was honored as a distinguished alumnus during a December 2014 Cumberland School of Law alumni reception in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a U.S. district court judge, Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale.

Julian Mann III was presented a 25-Year State Service Award at the November 2014 meeting of North Carolina administrative law judges. He is director and chief administrative law judge for the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, Raleigh.

W. Reagan Potney, Jr., was honored as a distinguished alumnus during a December 2014 Cumberland School of Law alumni reception in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a county court judge, Monroe County, Florida.

James L. Sumner, Jr., retired as director of the Alabama Ethics Commission.

1975
John F. Cosgrove (deceased in 2006) was honored with the renaming of a street in Cutler Bay, Florida. On July 3, 2014, Southwest 184th Street/Eureka Drive was renamed John F. Cosgrove Way.

David E. French was honored as a distinguished alumnus during a December 2014 Cumberland School of Law alumni reception in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a circuit court judge, 15th Judicial Circuit, West Palm Beach, Florida.

John W. Haley was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He was also a 2015 inductee into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is with Hare Wynn Newell & Newton LLP.

James E. Hill, Jr., was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to the Alabama House of Representatives for District 50. He is with Hill Weisskopf & Hill PC, Moody.

Alfred J. Horowitz was honored as a distinguished alumnus during a December 2014 Cumberland School of Law alumni reception in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a circuit court judge, 17th Judicial Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

C. Michael Quinn opened a law firm, the Law Offices of C. Michael Quinn, Birmingham.

Dennis A. Ross was reelected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for Florida’s 15th Congressional District.

Robert L. Shields is a partner with Campbell Guin Williams Guy & Gidiere LLC, Birmingham.

1976
J. Thomas King, Jr., was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He retired in January 2015 as a judge with the 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division, Birmingham.


Mark A. Newell is a partner with Armbrrecht Jackson LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

James B. Newman was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He is with Helmsing Leach Herlong Newman & Rouse PC, Mobile.

Stephen Shay Samples was inducted as a Life Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Hare Wynn Newell & Newton LLP.

Betsy Sue Scott is president-elect of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association for the July 2015–June 2016 term. She is with the Law Office of Betsy Sue Scott, Reston.

1977
William T. Coplin was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He is a sole practitioner in Demopolis, Alabama.

J. Wayne Cropp joined, as of counsel, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Joseph A. Fawal was inducted as a Life Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Fawal & Spina.

Steven N. Payne retired from Citi Community Capital, San Francisco.

William R. Goodman III was elected to the bench for the Tennessee 19th Judicial District’s Division II Circuit and assumed office Sept. 1, 2014.

James S. Lloyd retired from Lloyd Grey Whitehead & Moore PC, Birmingham.

George M. “Jack” Neal, Jr., was inducted as a Life Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Sirote & Permutt PC.

J. Theodore Stuckenschneider was inducted as a Life Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with the Law Offices of Ted Stuckenschneider PC.

1978
Honora M. Gatlings was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. She is with Gatlings Law, Birmingham.

1979
James H. Anderson was appointed a special circuit court judge for Alabama’s 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery. The special appointment, made by presiding circuit court judge Charles Price, was effective for 180 days beginning Sept. 15, 2014.

Steven F. Casey is a member of the Leadership Birmingham 2014-15 class. He was elected the 2015 president of the Birmingham Bar Association and was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Jones Walker LLP.

Michael E. Immler assumed the role of executive vice president and chief strategy officer for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

1980

Eugenia Mabry (Singleton) Benedict concluded a litigation practice in Gainesville, Georgia, and became an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. She resides in Josephine, Alabama. Evan H. Jenkins was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for West Virginia’s 3rd Congressional District.

1981

Barry H. Bauman retired as executive director with Lawyers for Civil Justice, Washington, D.C. Michael E. Immler assumed the role of executive vice president and chief strategy officer for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

1982

Roger L. Bates was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He is with Hand Arendall LLP, Birmingham. Eva M. Davis is a staff attorney with the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee, Tallahassee.

1983

George E. Barnhill was elected district attorney for the six-county Waycross Judicial Circuit of Georgia Nov. 4, 2014. He served as chief assistant district attorney for 20 years prior to the election.

1984

LaBella S. Alvis was named to the 2014 Benchmark Litigation’s Top 250 Women in Litigation national roster. She is with Christian and Small LLP, Birmingham. Peggy S. Biebly is assistant to the executive vice president of Economic Development Council of Tallahassee/Leon County Inc., Tallahassee, Florida.

1985

Leslie R. Barineau was named treasurer in August 2014 of the American Bar Association’s National Conference of Bar Foundations (NCBF), and will become president of the NCBF August 2017. She is with Barineau & Barineau, Birmingham.

1986

Martin E. “Marty” Bernstein retired as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation after 25 years of service. He is a member of an over-50 softball team that won the New Jersey state championship tournament; the team members also participated in a cancer research fundraiser.

1987

James C. Campbell and Clark H. Henderson ‘71 are founding partners of Campbell & Henderson PLLC, Shalimar, Florida. Evan H. Jenkins was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for West Virginia’s 3rd Congressional District.

1988

Karon O. Bowdre was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. She is chief judge with the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham.

1989

Kathleen K. Barr was appointed by the Judicial Circuit of Georgia Nov. 4, 2014. He was elected district attorney for 20 years prior to the election. L. Chandler Vreeland of Marietta, Georgia, was reelected chancellor of the John Collins Arley was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for District 14 Nov. 4, 2014.

1990

Eugenia Mabry (Singleton) Benedict concluded a litigation practice in Gainesville, Georgia, and became an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. She resides in Josephine, Alabama. Evan H. Jenkins was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for West Virginia’s 3rd Congressional District.

1991

Barry H. Bauman retired as executive director with Lawyers for Civil Justice, Washington, D.C. Michael E. Immler assumed the role of executive vice president and chief strategy officer for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

1992

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1995

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1996

Katherine N. Barr was appointed by the American Bar Association to serve a one-year term as a member of its Commission on Disability Rights. She is with Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham.

1997

Thomas R. Jones was named a partner with Pitts Williams & Jones, Selma, Alabama. Robert D. Keahey joined the international North American lead in managed care. He is a professional practitioner in Milton, Florida.

1998

S. Greg Burge was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is with Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham.

1999

Wendy Brooks Crew is a founding member of Crew Gentile PC, Birmingham. Richard T. Davis is counsel with Wallace Jordan Ratiff & Brandt LLC, Birmingham. Debra Taylor Lewis is a member of the Leadership Birmingham 2014-15 class. She is with Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham.

2000

Franklin G. “Frank” Shuler was named the 2014 Distinguished Lawyer by the South Carolina Bar’s Employment and Labor Law Section Council. He is with Turner Padget Graham & Laney PA, Columbia.

2001

James D. Ingram was selected as associate chief counsel for Asset Forfeiture Division, Office of Chief Counsel for the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, Washington, D.C.

2002

Frederick T. Kuykendall III is of counsel with Hausfeld LLP, Washington, D.C.

2003

Bryan E. Morgan is director of career services at Faulkner University’s Jones School of Law, Montgomery, Alabama.

2004

John E. Ott was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is chief magistrate judge with the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham.

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2006

Glenn E. Goldberg was selected to serve on the board of directors for Broward Workshop (a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, cooperative business organization serving Broward County, Florida). He is with Greenberg Traurig LLP, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

2007

Clark R. Hammond was inducted as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He is with Wallace Jordan Ratiff & Brandt LLC.

2008

Thomas R. Jones was named a partner with Pitts Williams & Jones, Selma, Alabama. Robert D. Keahey is a founding partner with Williams & Keahey LLC, Grove Hill, Alabama.

2009

Robert P. Mackenzie III is the 2015 president-elect of the Birmingham Bar Association. He is with Starnes Davis Florie LLP.

2010

Barbara F. Olschner opened a mediation and limited litigation practice, Barbara F. Olschner PA, Fairhope, Alabama.

2011

Mark A. Sanderson is a professional musician, singer and recording artist with Mark Sanderson Music, Gate City, Virginia. Prior to retiring in 1997, he practiced law in Birmingham and was an assistant district attorney in Colbert County, Alabama.

2012

William R. Wade was sworn in June 2014, as president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a sole practitioner in Milton, Florida.

2013

Mark T. Waggoner successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court April 28, 2014, in the case reported at Lane v. Franks, 134 S. Ct. 2369 (2014). He is with Hand Arendall LLP, Birmingham.

2014

Kenneth E. White joined the international insurance brokerage firm Willis Group as its North American lead in managed care. He will work nationally from the firm’s office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

2015

James C. Campbell and Clark H. Henderson ‘71 are founding partners of Campbell & Henderson PLLC, Shalimar, Florida. Evan H. Jenkins was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for West Virginia’s 3rd Congressional District.

2016

Helen Shores Lee was named a 2014 Alumnus of the Year by Samford University. She is with the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division, Birmingham.

2017

Horace C. “Trey” Ireland III received the 2014 Lawyer of the Year Award from the Birmingham Chapter of the NALS Association for Legal Professionals. He is with Porterfield Harper Mills Motlow & Ireland PA, Birmingham.

2018

Richard E. Smith was inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is with Christian & Small LLP, Birmingham.

2019

L. Chandler Vreeland of Marietta, Georgia, was reelected chancellor of the John Collins Arley was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for District 14 Nov. 4, 2014.
John A. Lentine received the 2014 Roderick Beddow, Sr., Award from the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He was also named as a 2015 Fellow of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. He published an article, “Gideon at 50: A Broken Promise,” in the American Journal of Trial Advocacy, Vol 37:2. He is with Sheffield and Lentine PC, Birmingham.

Theodore J. Leopold is cochair of the American Association for Justice Police Misconduct Litigation Group. He served on an expert panel at the Florida Workers’ Advocates 2014 Educational Conference. He presented at the Treasure Coast Association meeting in October 2014. He is with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Jane Opitz Shuler joined the South Carolina House Ethics Committee as counsel.

Anna E. Williams of Mountain Brook, Alabama, was elected in 2014 to Samford University’s board of overseers.

Edward H. Merigan, Jr., was appointed March 21, 2014, by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Fort Lauderdale. He also was honored as a distinguished alumnus during a Dec. 2014 Cumberland School of Law alumni reception in Fort Lauderdale.

Thomas J. Methvin was named the 2014 March of Dimes River Region Citizen of the Year. He was named by the Alabama State Bar as recipient of the 2014 Harold Albirton Pro Bono Leadership Award. He is with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery.

Jennifer S. Nichols is deputy district attorney with the Shelby County (Tennessee) district attorney’s office, Memphis.

Caroline M. Rolls was among the performers March 11, 2015, for a Lenten recital series featuring Bach at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon, South Carolina.

James W. Lampkin II was named a principal with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Ernest W. Lee II was named the Savannah-Chatham Public School System's 2016 Teacher of the Year in advance of the upcoming school year, and will be considered for the 2016 Georgia Teacher of the Year award. He teaches at Windsor Forest High School, Savannah.

W. Daniel “Dee” Miles was appointed by U.S. District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson to the Financial Institutions Steering Committee for the multidistrict litigation for the Target data breach. He is with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Thomas L. Oliver II was selected the 2014–15 vice chairman of USALAW Network and is in line to serve as its 2015–16 chairman. He is with Carr Allison, Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

Robert B. Aderholt was reelected Nov. 4, 2014, to the U.S. House of Representatives for Alabama’s 4th Congressional District.

Glen A. Murphy is a member with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, Charleston, West Virginia.

Sharon Donaldson Stuart was elected in 2014 to Samford University’s board of overseers. She was named to the 2014 Benchmark Litigation’s Top 250 Women in Litigation national roster. She is with Christian and Small LLP, Birmingham.


David P. Dearing was named a principal with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

S. Scott Harmon received the 2014 Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases from the board of directors for the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation. He is with the Florida State Attorney’s Office 13th Judicial Circuit, Tampa.

John D. McAfee was honored April 2014 at the Claiborne County Good Scout Awards Dinner for his outstanding leadership and kindness, locally and statewide. He was also honored with retirement awards for service in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is with the 8th Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, Tazewell.

David F. Miceli was named a shareholder with Simons Hanley Confray, Alton, Illinois.

Michael C. Skotnick joined, as of counsel, Simpson McMahan Glick & Burford PLLC, Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Lonnie A. Washington was sworn in as a trustee of Alabama State University January 2015. He is with Washington Lloyd & Henderson PC, Bessemer, Alabama.

Jennifer Panetta Webb is a staff attorney with OS National LLC, Duluth, Georgia.

William B. “Bill” Dyer III was promoted to Commander with the 153d Legal Operations Detachment at U.S. Army Reserve Legal Command. He is with Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

Jill H. Lee was appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley to complete a term as district attorney for the Alabama 18th Judicial Circuit, Cullman, Alabama, effective Oct. 1, 2014.

Bradley P. Ryder is a July 2014 graduate of Gary Spence’s Trial Lawyers College, Dubois, Wyoming. He is a sole practitioner in Huntsville, Alabama.

Weston F. Smith is a shareholder with Masterson Hoag & Smith PA, Saint-Petersburg, Florida.

Bill D. Bensinger is a partner with Christian & Small LLP, Birmingham.

Robert V. Cornish, Jr., spoke at the Knowledge Group’s October 2014 webcast entitled “Hot Topics in National Futures Audits 2014.” He is with Phillips Lyttle LLP, Washington, D.C.

Leslie M. Kroeger was reelected to the board of directors and executive committee of the Florida Justice Association. She is with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens.

Anne C. Palmer of Birmingham wrote a children’s book, The Very Best Gift, which features illustrations by Lauren Faraino.

Mary Margaret Bailey was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. She is with Frazer Greene Upchurch & Baker LLC, Mobile.

M. Mark Bajalia is a partner with Bajalia Sanders & Bajalia PL, Jacksonville, Florida.

Rusha C. Smith was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. She is with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Birmingham.

LaBarron N. Boone was named a 2014 Fellow of the Alabama Bar Foundation. He is with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery.

Anne Lamkin Durward was elected the 2015 secretary-treasurer of the Birmingham Bar Association. She is with Massey Stoster & Nichols PC, Birmingham.

Michael I. Fish was elected a Fellow of the College of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers. He is with Fish Nelson & Holdren LLC, Birmingham.

Brian A. McDaniel was elected to the bench for Georgia Southern Circuit Court and took office Jan. 1, 2015. He was senior assistant district attorney for the Georgia Southern Circuit District Attorney’s Office, Moultrie.

Gary A. Pickren is a founding partner of Blair Cato Pickren Casterline LLC, Columbia, South Carolina.

J. Brian Slaughter is a partner with Rutter Mills LLP, Norfolk, Virginia.

Jeffrey P. Watson is deputy general counsel with Adecco Group NA, Jacksonville, Florida.

Sidney S. Welch was named to the American Bar Association’s health law section governing council. She is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

Patrick J. Ballard was elected Nov. 4, 2014, to Alabama’s 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division, Birmingham.

Douglas A. Baymiller is vice president and general counsel at American Auto Shield LLC, Lakewood, Colorado.
Christopher S. Berdy is a member of the Leadership Birmingham 2014-15 class. He is with Butler Snow LLP.

Christopher A. Bottcher spoke at the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers conference February 2015 in Houston, Texas. He is with Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham.

R. Cameron “Cam” Ward was appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley as chairman of the Prison Reform Task Force. He is the state senator for Alabama Senate District 14 and executive director of the Industrial Development Board of Alabaster.

Leslie S. White joined, as of counsel, Dean Mead Egerton Bloodworth Capouano & Bozarth PA, Orlando, Florida.

2019

J. Kevin Abdoney was appointed a judge in July 2014 by Florida Governor Rick Scott for the Florida 10th Circuit Court, Bartow.

Angela G. “Angel” Campbell was elected president of the Loudoun chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. She is with McCandlish Lillard, Fairfax.

Michael A. Garfield is vice president and division counsel at Black Knight Financial Services, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mary Martha Parisher received funding as a winner in the Alabama Launchpad competition during the 2014 Innovation Week Birmingham. She owns Chenioidical LLC, Birmingham, a national events company.

Ernesto D. Sigmon and Barry W. Walker ‘97 are founding partners of Walker Sigmon Law, Birmingham.

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1998

G. Courtney French was named a board member of the Homewood City Schools Foundation. He is with Fusion Petway & French LLP, Birmingham.

Cynthia Ransburg-Brown was named a board member for the YMCA of Greater Birmingham. She is with Sirote & Permutt PC.

Eric D. Stevenson is a founding partner of Stevenson Klotz, Pensacola, Florida.

1999

John B. Critchfield is corporate counsel at the Chattanooga, Tennessee, auto plant for Volkswagen Group of America Inc.

R. Ryan Kirby is a staff attorney with Western Construction Group, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Frank W. Myers, Jr., was sworn in February 2015 as an attorney adviser with the U.S. Government. His first appointment is with the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

Angela Collier Shields is an attorney with Smith Spies & Peddy PC, Birmingham.

Jason W. Smith is an assistant district attorney for the North Carolina 5th Judicial District, Wilmington and Burgaw.

2000

Christopher T. Cohron was named the 2004 Commonwealth’s Attorney of the Year by the Kentucky Prosecutors Advisory Council. He is Commonwealth’s attorney for the Kentucky 8th Judicial Circuit, Bowling Green.

Shayana B. Davis is owner and managing member at BoydDavis LLC, Birmingham.

Khristi Doss Driver is assistant to executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer at Southern Company, Birmingham.

Mary Margaret “Meg” Williams Fiedler was named assistant clerk of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, Montgomery.

J. Matthew Haynes, Jr., is an attorney with McCandlish Holton PC, Richmond, Virginia.

Marcus A. Jaskolka is an associate with Gaines Gault Hendrix PC, Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

Robert R. Maddox was elected a fellow of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. He is with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Birmingham and Washington, D.C.

Tamara A. Smith is a partner with Pennington & Smith PLLC, Birmingham, Alabama.

Zachary M. Ward is a founding partner of Cowhey + Ward LLC, Tallahassee, Florida.

2002

Kent E. Altom was named an executive committee member of the Georgia State Bar’s real property section. He wrote five articles (styled as letters of assistance from a partner to associates), published in the Daily Report legal periodical for Fulton County, Georgia. He is with McCalla Raymer LLC, Roswell.

James A. Barnes IV is an associate with Oxendine Price & Associates, Raleigh, North Carolina.

M. E. “Buck” Dougherty III is a partner and member with Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP, Memphis, Tennessee.

Timothy P. Kelum is an attorney with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Memphis.

Ellen M. McNeil is an attorney with Siniard Timberlake & League PC, Huntsville, Alabama.

Lea Richmond IV was appointed to a three-year term to the Alabama Pattern Jury Instructions Committee—Civil. He is with Carr Allison, Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

J. Vincent Sweiny II is a partner with Sweiny & Bellenger LLC, Birmingham.

Mathew P. Teague was named a principal with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Robert B. Tidewell was sworn in as associate magistrate judge for Cherokee County, Georgia, January 2012. He remains with the Tidewell Firm, Canton.

Jason A. Walters was named a 2015 Top 40 Under 40 by the Birmingham Business Journal, honoring Birmingham’s outstanding young professionals. He is with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

2003

Emily L. Baggett was elected bar commissioner for the Alabama 8th Judicial Circuit for a three-year term ending in 2017. She serves as city prosecutor for the City of Decatur, Alabama.

Katherine M. “Katie” Klos is director of legal affairs with Delta Gamma Fraternity, Columbus, Ohio.

R. Burns Logan is corporate counsel for claims and litigation at CH2M Hill, Englewood, Colorado.

Jason R. “Jay” Smith joined, as partner, Leitman Siegal & Payne PC, Birmingham.

2004

Jeremy D. Cutlip is senior compliance manager at Gainsco, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.


J. Shane Givens was appointed November 2014 municipal court judge for Centre, Alabama.
Robert C. Lee became special prosecutor for the Republic of Palau in December 2014. He was sworn in by R. Ashby Pate ’07, associate justice for the Supreme Court, Republic of Palau.

Christie J. Strange was named a partner with Porterfield Harper Mills Motlow & Ireland PA, Birmingham.

2005

Jeffrey F. Cowley is first vice president and regional trust adviser, SunTrust Bank, Tampa, Florida.

Matthew I. Goforth is an attorney with Goforth & Hale LLC, Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Anna L. Hart is an attorney with Beckum Kittle LLP, Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

Scott B. Holmes is an associate city attorney for the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Travis G. McKay, Jr., is a trial attorney with Shunnarah Injury Lawyers PC, Birmingham.

Jennifer Champ Wallis is an attorney with Manning Kellor & Ramirez LLP, Los Angeles.

Amy A. Weems is a claims attorney at GEICO, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

2006

Ray A. Carle is in-house counsel with the commercial mortgage loan department, Protective Life Corporation, Birmingham.

Jacqueline B. Denton is senior manager of tax services with KraftCPAs PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee.

James F. Exum III was named a partner at Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan PLLC, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Brent N. Jones was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. He is a senior trial counsel with the Government Trial and Appellate Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, and is assigned to Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

R. Cade Parian was named to the 2014 National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. He is with the Parian Law Firm LLC, Carrollton, Georgia.

Mary Beth Sierra was named a partner with The Coulter Law Firm LLC, and the firm name was changed to Coulter & Sierra LLC, Atlanta, Georgia. She serves on the board of directors for Lekotek of Georgia, a nonprofit organization for special needs children.

Sara L. Williams is a trial attorney with Shunnarah Injury Lawyers PC, Birmingham.

2007

Joshua B. Baker was named a shareholder at Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham.

John W. Gray III is a founding partner of Gray Lawrence & Jenkins LLC, Birmingham.

John H. Henson is assistant general counsel with LendingTree Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina.

Stephanie Houston Mays was named a shareholder at Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham.

Katherine T. Powell joined the editorial board of the Alabama Lawyer. She is with Butler Snow LLP, Birmingham.

Lindsay H. Sisco is an assistant attorney general with the civil litigation and state services division, Tennessee Attorney’s General’s Office, Nashville.

Lacy D. Smith was named a partner with Armbrecht Jackson LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

Tyrus B. Sturgis is an instructor of communication and journalism at Auburn University. He is with Bernard Sturgis LLC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Philip M. Swartzfager is legislative director for Congressman Bruce Poliquin (2nd District of Maine), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Ariel Denbo Zion was promoted to counsel at Bloom Sugerman Everett LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

2008

Benjamin H. Barron was named a partner with Lee Livingston Lee & Nichols PC, Dothan, Alabama.

Jason W. Bobo was named a partner at Cabaniss Johnston Gardner Dumas & O’Neal LLP, Birmingham.

Casey F. Cogburn is an attorney with James McElroy & Diehl PC, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nhan-Ai Thuy Du is an assistant district attorney with Gwinnett County District Attorney’s Office, Juvenile Court, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Nicole C. Leet was elected State Bar of Georgia secretary for the Atlanta Young Lawyers Division in 2014. She is with Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske LLP.

Brooke M. Nixon is of counsel with Rosen Harwood PA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Robyn L. Owens is field counsel at Liberty Mutual Insurance, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Sigfredo “Freddy” Rubio was appointed attorney for the Birmingham City Council. Rubio is with Rubio Law Firm PC, Homewood.

J. Ashley Sawyer is an associate with Hedgepeth Heredia Crumrine & Morrison, Atlanta, Georgia.

Amber M. Whillock was named a partner at Starnes Davis Florie LLP, Birmingham.

Jonathan E. Williams is an associate with the Office of the Public Defender for Jefferson County, Birmingham.

Charlotte Sonn Wolfe is director and employee relations specialist (Americas) for UBS Financial Services Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.

2009

Zachary D. Alsobrook is a founding partner with Alsobrook & McCormick LLC, Opelika, Alabama.

Janice R. Ballard is owner of Ballard Law Office, Birmingham.

BriTanya D. Banks is an associate at Meredith Shearer & Associates, Marietta, Georgia.

Brad J. Booth was named a board member of Red Mountain Grace, a nonprofit organization providing resources to out-of-town patients and caregivers receiving medical care in Birmingham. He is with Carr Allison, Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

K. Lindsay Bridges received the 2014 Alabama State Bar award from the Alabama Small Business Development Center Network. She is with the Small Business Development Center at Auburn University.

David Tyler “Ty” Brown was named a partner with Marsh Rickard & Bryan PC, Birmingham.

Ashley Dismukes Chester is corporate attorney at Upstream Rehabilitation, Birmingham.

Elisabeth A. DeVitt was a volunteer judge for the November 2014 Earle Zehmer Mock Trial Competition, Tampa, Florida. She is with Shapiro Goldman Babboni & Walsh, Bradenton, Florida.

Emily Bass Franke is an attorney with Slepian Schwartz & Landgaard, Peachtree City, Georgia.

Lisha L. Graham was named a shareholder with White Arnold Dowd PC, Birmingham.

Jessica Jones Hepson is a deputy district attorney with the 10th Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office, Birmingham.

Hannah B. Lanson is a partner with Campbell Guin Williams Guy & Gidiere LLC, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Allison J. Miller was appointed municipal court judge for Ranburne, Alabama, effective Jan. 1, 2015. She was elected the 2014–15 president of the Calhoun/Cleburne Counties Bar Association. She is with Allison J. Miller Attorney at Law LLC, Heflin, Alabama.

Jeffrey C. Morman is an associate tax lawyer with Rosen Harwood PA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Jessica T. Patrick received the Nashville CABLE 2014 Athena Young Professional Leadership award. She is with Ogletree Deakins, Nashville, Tennessee.

David T. Rohwedder is an associate with Butler Wooten Cheeley & Peak LLP, Columbus, Georgia.

Christina M. Saunders is an associate with Lloyd Gray Whitehead & Moore PC, Birmingham.
Jessica J. Thomas is a labor and employment attorney at Remington Outdoor Company, Nashville, Tennessee. She is also an adjunct professor at Belmont University’s College of Law.

Thomas K. White is an attorney with Fidelis Law PLLC, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Larry Young, Jr., is global IT contracts manager for Schlumberger Limited, Houston, Texas.

2010

Ashley E. Adams is assistant athletics director for compliance at Academy of Art University, San Francisco.

Kristen L. Burge is an associate with Beahm & Green, New Orleans.

A. Todd Campbell is an associate with Campbell Guin Williams Guy & Gidiere LLC, Birmingham.

H. Finhold “Finn” Cox is an associate with Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Mobile, Alabama. He was with Vickers Riis Murray & Curran LLC, which merged with Maynard Cooper & Gale.

W. Osborne Crosby is counsel to the office of Congressman Rodney Davis (13th District of Illinois), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Candace M. Deer is an associate with Wilson & Berryhill PC, Homewood.

Matthew E. Dye is an associate with Ferguson Frost Moore & Young LLP, Birmingham.

Mallory Beaton Earley is a risk resource adviser at ProAssurance Corporation, Birmingham.

Kurt S. Fischer is a trial attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Birmingham.

Rachel L. Goodson is a grants and contracts officer at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Kiel A. Gross is an account manager with Healthcare Bluebook, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Lauren J. Hartin of Prhattville, Alabama, is founder of Blanket Fort Hope, a nonprofit organization dealing with matters surrounding human trafficking.

Andrew S. Herring is an associate district attorney for the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office, Birmingham.

Caroline W. Jackson is an assistant city attorney for the city of Birmingham.

Whitney Henry Kimerling was named by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Middle Tennessee to the 2014 class of Nashville’s Top 30 Under 30 in recognition of professional accomplishments and community involvement. She is with Lewis Thomason King Krieg & Waldrop PC, Nashville.

Casey J. King is an associate with Wrady & Michel LLC, Birmingham.

Eddie Koen, Jr., is the Colorado executive director for College Track, located in Aurora. This multistate nonprofit organization works to empower students from underserved communities to graduate from college.

Vanessa A. Leo is an attorney with Topping & Associates LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

Clifford T. Nelson is a career law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Katherine P. Nelson of the Southern District of Alabama, Mobile.

Brian O. Noble is an associate with Littler Mendelson PC, Birmingham.

Staci M. Pierce was named a 2015 Top 40 Under 40 by the Birmingham Business Journal, honoring Birmingham’s outstanding young professionals. She is with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC.

Lauren K. Roland is an AVP for bankruptcy at First Bank, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Brittany Adkins Schaffer was named by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Middle Tennessee to the 2014 class of Nashville’s Top 30 Under 30 in recognition of professional accomplishments and community involvement. She is with Loeb & Loeb LLP, Nashville.

Tanya P. Solomon was promoted to corporate counsel with Bloomin’ Brands Inc., Tampa, Florida.

Ryan N. Stringfellow is a contract manager with TransCore, Nashville, Tennessee.

Margaret W. Vinsant opened a solo practice, Law Office of Margaret W. Vinsant, Knoxville, Tennessee.

J. E. “Tripp” Watson III was named in September 2014 at TEDxBirmingham Salon regarding what cities can learn about attracting and retaining young professionals. He was named a 2015 Top 40 Under 40 by the Birmingham Business Journal, honoring Birmingham’s outstanding young professionals. He is with the Watson Firm.

Ralfella M. Woodall is assistant director of nursing for Millennium Home Health Care, Woodbridge, Virginia.

2011

Jesse K. Anderson is an associate with Hill Hill Carter Franco Cole & Black PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Charlie G. Baxley is associate counsel with Hoar Construction LLC, Birmingham.

Jordon T. Beard was promoted to chief of the juvenile division with the Public Defender’s Office, Jacksonville, Florida.

Courtney L. Calhoun is an associate attorney with Littler Mendelson PC, Birmingham.

Kevin M. Coleman is vice president and associate counsel for securities regulation and corporate governance with Regions Financial Corporation, Birmingham.

Lauren A. Craig opened a law firm, Law Office of Lauren Craig LLC, Trussville, Alabama.

F. B. “Beau” Darley III was named an associate with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

J. Andrew Fulk is an attorney with Goldasich & Associates LLC, Birmingham.

Clayton H. Garrett is an associate with Sirote & Permutt PC, Birmingham.

Clark H. Henderson and James C. Campbell ’87 are founding partners of Campbell & Henderson PLLC, Shalimar, Florida.

Ashlee A. Hightower is a legal editor in the health-care group of Bloomberg BNA Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

Mathew R. Hill is an ERISA attorney with PlanTech LLP, Birmingham.

Ruby Brown Jackson is a contract attorney with Tyree Hyche & Dixon, Birmingham.

Alexander R. Maggioni is associate counsel with Detling Law Group LLC, Marietta, Georgia.

J. Ross Massey is a trial attorney with Shunnarah Injury Lawyers PC, Birmingham.

Alexander E. Munderloh is in-house counsel at Comprehensive Pain Specialists, Franklin, Tennessee.

Joshua F. Reif is corporate counsel at BBVA Compass, Birmingham.

Molly M. Savage is deputy state public defender in Weld County, Greeley, Colorado. She is with the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender.

J. Patrick Warfield is an associate with Burr & Forman LLP, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Marriages


John S. Baker IV '09 and Jennifer A. Smith '09 were married May 30, 2014. They reside in Birmingham.


Rachel Berganske '09 married Adam Keller Dec. 13, 2014. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia.


Leslee Champion '13 and Blake Hungerford '13 married Dec. 13, 2014. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia.


Melissa Ferguson '02 married Keith Fullen Oct. 12, 2014. They reside in Roanoke, Virginia.

Michael Fish '95 married Natalie Innerarity in February 2014. They reside in Birmingham.

Matthew Flanagan '06 married Katie Kauppl August 16, 2014. They reside in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Katherine "Katie" Garret '12 married James Gibson May 10, 2014. They reside in Birmingham.


Jessica Jones '09 married Ryan Hebson April 26, 2014. They reside in Birmingham.

Lauren King '10 married Josh Sprayberry Aug. 23, 2014. They reside in Georgia.


Chad Marchand '00 married Shay Robinson Owen July 3, 2014. They reside in Mobile, Alabama.


Matt Phelan '10 married Dr. Virginia Planz June 14, 2014. They reside in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.


Frank Thompson '00 married Laurel Posey Dec. 31, 2014. They reside in Columbia, South Carolina.

Andrew D. Watts '05 married Mary Alice Denning Dec. 20, 2013. They reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee.


Births

Anson and Michael Alfano '08, a daughter, Audrey Catherine, born Jan. 19, 2015.


Lorie and Joshua S. "Josh" Bearden '03, a daughter, Vera Kelley Cooper, July 23, 2014.

Jessica Simpson and Jonathan Bedwell '11, a son, Andrew Scott, Oct. 8, 2014.

Jonathan and Haley Adams Bozeman '09, a daughter, Norah Annabelle, June 12, 2014.

Justin and Apryl Clark Bradshaw '10, a son, Logan Wyatt, July 22, 2014.

Adam and Casey Culbreathe '09, a daughter, Claire Rebecca, Aug. 14, 2014.

Bill and Laura Cunliffe '12, a son, Graham Oliver, April 23, 2014.

Matthew and Taylor Stewart Dobbs '05, a son, Parker Harrison, April 14, 2014.


Nicole and Craig Greaves '99, a daughter, Scarlett, May 7, 2014.

Carrie and Mike Griffin '03, a daughter, Arden Reina, Aug. 12, 2014.

Elizabeth and David Hayes '10, a son, George, Dec. 26, 2014.

Kendra and Andrew Hill '14, a daughter, Lila Brooke, June 10, 2014.

Anna Mugg and R. Andrew Jones '13, a daughter, Violet Olivia, April 9, 2014.

Paul and Elizabeth Jones '08, a daughter, Juliette Elizabeth, Sept. 8, 2014.


Reanna Todd and Matthew Lehneretz '11, a daughter, Katrina Grace Lehneretz, Aug. 12, 2014.
Brooke and Brian Malcom ’08, a daughter, Julia Catherine, June 23, 2014.

Abby Milner and Jon Mann ’11, twin daughters, Emerson Allene and Annabel Evans, Nov. 4, 2014.

Michael and Lauren Sanderson Miller ’13, a daughter, Finley, July 23, 2014.

Michael and Jessica Whately O’Connor ’09, a son, John Michael III, Sept. 29, 2014.

Crystal Royall and J. Gary Pate ’76, twins, son John Willard “Will” and daughter Clara “Riley,” June 13, 2014 (which is also Judge Pate’s birthday).

Joseph and Stephanie Martin Pollard ’05, a son, Joseph Michael, July 22, 2014.

Jennifer Reid ’07 and Anthony Egbe, a daughter, Tru Alexandria Grace, June 30, 2014.

Jeremiah Rogers ’09 and Alyssa Slocum, a daughter, Addison Page, June 10, 2014.

Jared and Heather Flanagan Ross ’06, a son, Jacob Matthew, July 22, 2014.


Gavin and Andrea Schutt ’10, a son, Greyson Gavin, Aug. 22, 2014.

Michael A. and Mary Beth Sierra ’06, a son, James Robert III, April 8, 2014.

Gavin and Andrea Shaw ’10, a son, James Robert III, April 8, 2014.


Steve and Heather Ward ’10, a daughter, Ruth Grace, Aug. 11, 2014.

Amy and Timothy Wasylyka Jr. ’04, a daughter, Maggie Grace, May 19, 2014.


Haley and Christopher Yearout ’11, a son, James Gusty, June 15, 2014.

Christy Lanter and Larry Young, Jr. ’09, a son, David Tytan, July 27, 2014.

In Memoriam

Leslie Bunn Adams ’71 of Birmingham died March 6, 2014.


James Steven Clem ’91 of Mobile, Alabama, died July 19, 2014.


John Stephens Creel ’71 of Birmingham died April 8, 2014.


Brenton L. Dean ’98 of Auburn, Alabama, died March 13, 2015.


John Gregory Evans ’95 of Mobile, Alabama, died June 14, 2014.


Wayne W. Fitzgerald ’50 of Cynthiana, Kentucky, died May 10, 2014.


James Houston Greer ’83 of Pelman, Alabama, died March 22, 2015.

George H. Guy, Jr. ’60, of Atlanta, Georgia died Jan. 6, 2014.

Scott K. Hedeen ’81 of Dothan, Alabama, died Dec. 21, 2013.


Jason H. Hicks ’13 of Hoover, Alabama, died April 11, 2014.


James W. Mims ’80 of Sylacauga, Alabama, died Nov. 28, 2012.

Patrick Noah Norman ’02 of Birmingham died March 30, 2014.


Thomas Howard Sherk ’80 of Dadeville, Alabama, died Nov. 25, 2014.


O. James Shuck ’74 of Waycross, Georgia, died Oct. 4, 2014.

Herbert B. Sparks, Jr. ’84, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, died Nov. 4, 2014.

Chad Edward Stewart ’99 of Montgomery, Alabama, died April 26, 2014.


Tommie W. Wilson ’84 of Pell City, Alabama, died March 6, 2015.


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