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WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS NOW AVAILABLE!

Wireless internet access is now available in Robinson Hall, and the Beeson Law Library, as well as several other community locations around campus. Some of you may have already seen the wireless connections show up when you viewed the available networks on your wireless network card. You should find two wireless connections listed for Samford's wireless network. The one labeled **SamfordWireless** only connects to the on-campus network. It may be used to check emails, check grades, etc. through the Samford Portal. The other network labeled **SamfordSecure** requires your Samford username and password to access. It allows access to any internet site currently allowed by a current on-campus wired internet connection.

In order to access the **SamfordSecure** wireless network, there are just a few configuration steps you must take to allow you to authenticate to this wireless network. The configuration process has been posted on the internet by the University at <http://www.samford.edu/busafair/cts/support/wireless.htm>.

One known issue we must make you aware of, is the ability to seamlessly move about the building while your laptop is connected to the **SamfordSecure** wireless network. Currently, if you connect to the wireless network in one room, then attempt to connect to it in another area of the building, you may notice when you go to certain parts of the building your connection to the wireless network will be "dropped". This issue is being investigated by Computer and Telecommunications Services. For now, the simple work around to this issue is to click on the yellow "credentials" balloon that will pop up near your clock and type your username and password again (step 10 of the **Windows XP instructions**).

If you have difficulty configuring or connecting to the wireless networks in Robinson Hall or the Beeson Law Library, you may seek assistance from the University Personal Technology Group at 205-726-2662, support@samford.edu, or you may contact me at jmwhitco@samford.edu.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

Mr. **Nikolas T. Nikas, Esq.**, President and General Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund will deliver his speech entitled, ***“What Every Law Student Needs to Know About Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem-Cell Research”*** to the Federalist Society on Tuesday, **February 7** from **4:00 – 5:00 PM** in room 121 (Trial Courtroom). A Q & A period will follow with pizza and refreshments to be served at the conclusion of his speech. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. The Society will also hold a general interest meeting at the end of the event, so all students wishing to join or learn more about the Federalist Society should attend.

More information about Mr. Nikas can be found by visiting

<http://www.bdfund.org/about.asp>.

Joe Kennedy – President, Federalist Society

CAREER SERVICES

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

BEGIN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

There will be employment opportunities for 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, therefore all students need to review the On-Campus Employer Schedule. The schedule can be found online in the Career Services section of Cumberland’s website.

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Alex Bolla will speak to the Cumberland faculty, **Thursday, February 9**, at **11:00 AM** in the Dean’s Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 7 to Rhenae Kennedy at 726.2411 if you plan to attend.

The title of Professor Bolla’s presentation will be ***“Sales Law – On-Line Course.”*** Please plan to attend.

BIOTECHNOLOGY, LAW & ETHICS SYMPOSIUM ON BIOFUELS

“BIOFUELS AND THE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY”

Friday, February 10, 2006

Moot Courtroom

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Center for Biotechnology, Law and Ethics

Cumberland Law Review

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The conference, which is free and open to the public, will consider the role of bioenergy in the context of an emerging new energy economy. The conference will first present broad public policy issues involved in energy issues, including the traditional petroleum-based energy economy, energy policy and the 2005 Energy Act, and global climate change and energy. The second half of the conference will highlight emerging issues related to bioenergy and biofuels in both utilities and transportation sectors.

As the United States, and indeed the entire world, experiences greater scarcity and demand for energy, and increasing environmental concern, the need for alternative energy sources is becoming increasingly apparent. The United States is particularly well situated to employ bioenergy as a supplement to traditional forms of energy as it transitions to a new energy economy. This conference will help clarify current energy dilemmas and the possible role of bioenergy as an alternative source of energy.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Morning Program:
An Overview of Energy Issues and Policy**

8:45 AM
Introductions / Welcome

9:00 – 9:50 AM

The Traditional Energy Economy
Jacqueline Lang Weaver

10:00 – 10:50 AM

Energy Policy: A Human Rights Perspective
David M. Smolin

11:00 – 11:50 AM

Global Climate Change and Energy Policy
John R. Christy

11:50 AM – 12:20 PM

Q & A: Energy Issues and Policy
Jacqueline Lang Weaver, David M. Smolin, John R. Christy

12:20 – 1:30 PM

Lunch

Afternoon Program:

Bioenergy: The New Energy Economy

1:30 – 2:20 PM

National Security, Cost and Environmental Analysis of Bioenergy
Michael Dworkin

2:30 – 3:20 PM

A Strategy for Developing
Stationary Biodiesel Electric Generation
Karl R. Rábago

3:30 – 4:20 PM

Challenges and Opportunities in
Developing Bioenergy Alternatives
Michael J. Smolin

4:20 – 4:50 PM

Q & A: Bioenergy and the New Energy Economy
Michael Dworkin, Karl R. Rábago, Michael J. Smolin

Students are welcome to attend a session at a time and come and go as needed to accommodate class schedules.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled ***“Mastering Trial Advocacy”*** for Friday, **February 10, 2006** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center (formerly HealthSouth Conference Center) in Birmingham, Alabama.

THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS PROGRAM INCLUDE:

Stephen D. Heninger

Heninger Burge Vargo & Davis LLP, Birmingham

David H. Marsh

Marsh, Rickard & Bryan, PC, Birmingham

Jere F. White, Jr.

Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham

James W. Parkman III

Parkman, Adams & White, Dothan

W. Stancil Starnes

Starnes & Atchison LLP, Birmingham

W. Michael Atchison

Starnes & Atchison LLP, Birmingham

Robert P. MacKenzie III

Starnes & Atchison LLP, Birmingham

Students are invited to sit in at the seminar!

THURGOOD MARSHALL SYMPOSIUM

The annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium sponsored by Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will take place Thursday, **February 16 at 11:00 AM** in the Moot Court Room. We are excited to have **Jock Smith**, a man of many accomplishments, as the speaker. Not only is he an exceptional trial attorney who currently serves as a partner at Cochran, Cherry, Givens & Smith, P.C., but he is also the author of ***Climbing Jacob's Ladder: A Trial Lawyer's Journey on Behalf of 'the Least of These.'*** He has remarkable insights into law and rights based both on his experience as a lawyer and on his own family's journey through the difficult struggle for civil rights. In addition to his numerous professional accomplishments, Smith is also a collector of over 800 game-worn uniforms of professional athletes such as Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Michael Jordan.

Each year BLSA hosts this event in honor of Black History Month. All faculty, staff, students, local attorneys, judges, and Cumberland alumni are invited to attend. Jock Smith's bio is on line at www.jocksmith.com.

REGIONAL ABA REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION COMPETITION

Cumberland will be a host school for the **Regional ABA Representation in Mediation Competition**. The competition will be held **February 25 and 26, 2006**. The team members selected to represent Cumberland are **Monica Nelson, Kimberly Perkins, Andrew Schilder, and Keith Walker**. We will have fourteen teams from law schools across the southeast here competing.

AJTA ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy has just ended its January Writing Program, which offers the opportunity of membership to 2L students in the top 1/3 of their class who either transferred into Cumberland or moved up in the rankings after their third semester. Students have two weeks to research and write a paper and complete a Bluebook Exam.

Based on their successful performance in this year's Program, the Journal is pleased to offer membership to the following 2L students:

**John Barton Allen
Damon J. Boiles III
Zachary L. Burgreen
Jamie K. Durrett
Peyton Neal Zarzour**

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

The Admissions Office will be open on **Saturday, February 18**, from 9-12. Six prospective students have already scheduled appointments and we'd like to have at least 3 students here to help with tours that morning. If any Cumberland students are interested in helping us welcome our visitors and provide tours that day, please contact Ms. Gigi Gauthier at mggauthi@samford.edu.

Thank you for all you do to support our recruitment efforts.

STUDENT SERVICES

Samford University has an online posting of the names and hometowns of all May 2006 graduation candidates. All law students need to check their information at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/gradcandsMAY06-name.html> for accuracy and send corrections via e-mail to Debbie Crowson (dkcrowso@samford.edu).

SPANISH LEGAL HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS

The Alabama State Bar in cooperation with Legal Services Alabama plans to initiate the state's first spanish language legal assistance line in the next few months. They will be seeking volunteers who are fluent (or at least very proficient) in both Spanish and English to help staff the phone line. Current plans are to house that line (at least in part) at the LSA Disaster Relief call center already located on the second floor of the law school, but those plans are not yet final.

The hotline will serve as a lawyer referral service for Spanish-speaking people, including referral of indigent callers to appropriate LSA or volunteer lawyers. The State Bar is compiling a list of Spanish-speaking lawyers to whom referrals will be made.

If you have Spanish language proficiency and are interested in helping with this project, please send your name, telephone number, and e-mail address to Ms. Rhenae Kennedy at rmkenned@samford.edu.

We will compile the list of potential volunteers and their contact information and make it available to the applicable State Bar committee and the LSA. They likely will schedule a meeting for volunteers some time in March or April as the hotline becomes operable.

As for an update on the Hurricane Relief Call Center, the center is receiving calls and providing assistance. To date, the volume of calls has not grown to the point that they need volunteer assistance. That could change in the coming months. If so, we will contact those who express an interest in assisting.

MERCEDES MARATHON

This year's running of the Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon will take place on Sunday, **February 12** at 7:00 AM. The races start and end at Boutwell Auditorium. Professor Don Cochran is the pre-race law school favorite. Please let the Dean know if you are running either race. As was the case with the Run for the Cure, the Dean will take any student who beats him in the half-marathon out to dinner.

Good luck to all who are running!

NOTARY PUBLICS

The following is a list of certified Notary Publics in Robinson Hall:

Teresa Mauldin ~ Room 134

Jeanette Lincecum ~ Room 202D

Rhenae Kennedy ~ Room 127

Eva Click ~ Room 106

Anna Kinman ~ Room 220A
