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LAW WEEK MARCH 6 – 11, 2006

QUIZ BOWL

Congratulations to the faculty members, led by Professor Brannon Denning, who were the winners of the Student / Faculty Challenge in yesterday's Quiz Bowl!

WILLIAMS FRESHMAN TRIAL COMPETITION

The finals of the **Parham H. Williams Trial Competition** will be held at **2:00** on Wednesday, **March 8** in the **Moot Courtroom**. The finalists in the competition are **Josh Andrews, Sigfredo Rubio, Heath Brooks** and **Chris Wooten**. **Dean Parham Williams**, founder of Cumberland's 1L competition and former Dean of Cumberland School of Law, will be the presiding judge.

RASCAL DAY

On Thursday, **March 9** at **11:00 AM**, the Law School will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends of the Law School (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk (line up @ 10:55 AM) to the Riley Road entrance of the Law School.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940, and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford Campus, and again interred at Blackacre, on the west side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including the Best Dressed Dog, the Best Trick, the dog most resembling its owner, the smallest and largest dog, and the dog that most represents the spirit of Rascal.

Make sure you and your pet come out for a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal, Cumberland's own CJD.

FRESHMAN FOLLIES

The **Freshman Follies** will be held Thursday, **March 9** at **4:30 PM** in the **Moot Courtroom**.

PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

The **Community Service Organization** and **Career Services** are having a **Public Interest Career Fair** on **March 7** from **11 AM – 1:00 PM**. The fair will be held in the **Great Room** and lunch will be provided. The participants are:

Legal Aid Society of Birmingham

Southern Poverty Law Center

Volunteer Lawyers Program of Alabama

Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers

YWCA

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program

FBI of Birmingham

Jefferson County D.A.'s Office

National Labor Relations Board

U.S. Attorney's Office

U.S. Postal Inspection Office

Shelby County D.A.'s Office

Students that are interested in the public interest stipend are encouraged to attend.

ATLA REGIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

Cumberland fielded two teams in the ATLA Regional in Montgomery this weekend. Sixteen teams were in the regional. Cumberland's teams placed fifth and sixth. Team members were **Bains Fleming, Margaret Haydon, Lindsay Haynes, Ben Hodges, Lauren Goodman, Gaillard Ladd, Mary Leah Singletary, and Tyrus Sturgis**. The teams were coached by **Mike Rasmussen**.

JUDGE JAMES O. HALEY FEDERAL TRIAL COMPETITION

Please join us in congratulating the finalists of the Spring James O. Haley Federal Trial Competition.

Holli Akins & Will Motlow (State)

v.

Janay Johnson & Latonia Williams (Defense)

The finals will be held on Sunday, **March 5**, at **2:00 PM** in the Moot Courtroom. Please come out and show your support.

ABA NATIONAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION

Cumberland has two teams competing in Charleston, SC, **March 9 - 12**, in the Regional ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team members are **Kayann Hayden, Cecil Jones, Victoria Turner, Charles Greene, Erica Powell, and Douglas Patterson**. The team members are coached by **Mark Pratt**.

CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW 2006 – 2007 EDITORIAL BOARD

The *Cumberland Law Review* is pleased to announce the selection of the 2006-2007 Editorial Board. The new Editors, who will be responsible for publishing Volume 37 of the *Cumberland Law Review*, are as follows:

Editor in Chief ~ Ashby Pate

Executive Editor ~ Allison Case

Managing Editor ~ Walker Stewart

Articles Editor ~ Mike Higgins

Student Materials Editor ~ Tanya Kassis

Symposium Editor ~ Kyle Hankey

Copy Editor ~ Trevor Jones

Copy Editor ~ Neal Farmer

Research Editor ~ Thomas Richie

Research Editor ~ Andy Thomson

Writing Editor ~ Michael Birch

Writing Editor ~ John Howard

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPS AND GOWNS

A representative from the Samford Bookstore will be in the **Florida Room** on Wednesday, **March 8, noon to 3:00** to measure graduates for caps and gowns.

INVITATIONS

Jostens is holding a Graduation Expo **March 13 - 15** outside the Samford Bookstore. Representatives from the company will

be available 10 - 6 on Monday and 10 - 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday to assist students wishing to order graduation invitations.

PROGRAM

Students may visit the Samford website (<http://www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/gradcandsMAY06-name.html>) to verify the spelling of their name and hometown for the commencement program. Corrections should be addressed to Debbie Crowson (dkcrowso@samford.edu).

ACCEPTANCE DAY

On Saturday, **March 11**, the Admissions Office will host its annual **Acceptance Day** program for admitted applicants from 9:30 AM -2:30 PM. During this exciting day, admitted applicants from many parts of the country will visit the law school, experience our collegial community, and learn more about the outstanding education they will receive at Cumberland. Sessions will include a student panel and mock class as well as presentations covering career services, financial aid, and our extensive alumni network. Concurrent sessions will also address advocacy training, joint degree programs, student organizations, study abroad programs, and the Public Interest Law Project. Information about apartments will be available beginning at 8:30 and continue throughout the day.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming members of the Cumberland School of Law Class of 2009!

ASIAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Asian genes are not required.

Come join the **Asian Law Student Association (ALSA)** on Tuesday, **March 14, 2006** Room 120, at 5:00 PM.

Within the last five years, many global corporations such as Honda and Mercedes have been attracted to the state of Alabama. In addition, the ease of opening a small business has

attracted many Asians to Birmingham. Finally, with the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the heart of downtown, the Asian culture is flourishing as more Asians from around the world come to obtain their professional degrees. As a result, the Asian population in our State has seen a tremendous increase.

We invite you to join us as we discuss the impact of this new growth on Birmingham's legal community and its ramifications on legal issues.

Our goals are:

- To cultivate diversity throughout the Birmingham legal community and Cumberland School of Law
- To provide a forum for Cumberland professors, students, and staff to express concerns and provide resources for networking within the community.
- To act as a liaison between the Birmingham legal community and minority students of Cumberland.

Remember, everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and make some new ones!

SUMMER 2006 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

Summer stipends are available through the Henry G. and Henry U. Sims Foundation to students who commit to performing 8 – 10 weeks of otherwise uncompensated public interest or public service legal work in the Greater Birmingham Area during the Summer of 2006. Other limited resources are available for placements outside of Birmingham.

Applicants should submit an application with the following information:

- The name of the agency or organization with whom you intend to work (must serve the Greater Birmingham Area)
- A description of the work
- The name and title of the supervising attorney
- A statement about why you are interested in exploring Public Interest Law as a career option

Awards will be based on:

- The educational benefit of the proposed work experience
- The benefit to the community of the proposed work experience

- The student's expressed interest in pursuing a career in public interest work

Applications should be turned into Vice Dean Lewis by **March 17, 2006**. Past recipients have worked for: Legal Services of Metro Birmingham, Legal Aid Society, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, Jeff Co Drug Court & DHR. Please see Dean Lewis (room 134) if you have any questions or would like to discuss development of a placement. Applications are available in the Dean's office.

ALTERNATE EXAM DATES

Alternate exam dates for spring 2006 are as follows:

Friday, April 28, 6-9
Tuesday, May 2, 6-9
Thursday, May 11, 2-5
