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Judge John L. Carroll, Dean

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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.

WILLIAMS FRESHMAN TRIAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Heath Brooks** and **Chris Wooten**, the winners of the 2006 Williams Freshman Trial Competition which was held in the Moot Courtroom last week in conjunction with Law Week. **Dean Parham Williams**, founder of Cumberland's 1L competition and former Dean of Cumberland School of Law was the presiding judge.

ABA REGIONAL NATIONAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION

Cumberland had two teams competing in Charleston, South Carolina, March 9 – 12, in the Regional ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team members were:

**Kayann Hayden
Cecil Jones
Victoria Turner
Charles Greene
Erica Powell
Douglas Patterson**

Although the teams did not advance to the National finals, they represented Cumberland well. The teams were coached by **Mark Pratt**.

FALL 2006 REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for the Fall 2006 semester takes place Tuesday, **March 14** through Friday, **March 17** at **2:00 PM**. Registration forms, class schedules, and other information are available in the Office of Law Student Records (Room 106). Class schedules and other information are also available on the Cumberland website. All registration forms properly submitted to the Office of Law Student Records by Friday, March 17 at 2:00 PM will receive equal treatment and will have priority over forms submitted thereafter. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Hubbard or Ms. Click in the Office of Law Student Records.

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!

AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Richard Jaffe, a local criminal defense attorney will be speaking at the law school on Thursday, **March 16** at **11:00 AM** in the Trial Courtroom. Mr. Jaffe will be discussing issues surrounding the death penalty such as racial disparity and mitigation evidence. Mr. Jaffe has tried numerous capital cases

and is one of the top criminal defense attorneys in Birmingham. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to come and join in a discussion with Mr. Jaffe.

CUMBERLAND DEMOCRATS MOVIE NIGHT!

The Cumberland Democrats will be showing "*Enron: The Smartest Guys In the Room*" this Thursday, **March 16** in the Moot Court Room at **6:00 PM**. Discussion will follow. Everyone is invited. For a plot summary of this film, visit:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0413845/plotsummary>

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Joe Snoe will speak to the Cumberland faculty, Friday, **March 17, 2006** at **11:00 AM** in the **Dean's Conference Room**. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 14 if you plan to attend.

The topic of Professor's Snoe's presentation is "*The Effects of a Proposed Product Rule and of ERISA's Fiduciary Prohibitions on ERISA Preemption Jurisprudence.*"

FACULTY PRESENTATION

On March 16th, **Judge John Carroll** will be a featured speaker in New York at the Electronic Evidence Thought Leadership Series sponsored by Kroll - OnTrack, one of the countries' leading electronic discovery and computer forensics companies. The topic will be "*Judicial Reflection and Inside Perspectives - How Zubulake I-V Changed the Practice of Law.*"

CONGRATULATIONS

... to **Casey Allender**, a first year law student here at Cumberland, who has been offered the **Federal Bureau of Investigation Honors Internship** in Washington, DC for this summer. This is a great honor for Mr. Allender and for Cumberland!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

3L LUNCH AND BAR TALK

BarBri will provide lunch and important Bar information for all third-year students at an informal luncheon at **12:15** on Tuesday, **March 28** in the **Great Room**. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

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
