



# E-Newsletter

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## 2006 ALABAMA APPELLATE COURTS ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Alabama Supreme Court** and the **Alabama Court of Civil Appeals** will be holding Oral Arguments at the Wright Center from **9:00 AM to NOON** on Tuesday, **April 4, 2006**. The event is co-hosted by **Cumberland School of Law** and the **Birmingham Bar Foundation**, the charitable arm of the Birmingham Bar Association.

All Cumberland students are invited and urged to attend. Students are welcome to come and go as needed in order to accommodate class schedules. The schedule for the Oral Arguments is as follows:

**9:00 – 9:25 AM**  
**Call to Order and Introductions**

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**The Alabama Supreme Court**  
*Jack Cline v. Ashland, Inc.*

**10:40 – 10:50 AM**  
**Call to Order and Introductions**

**10:50 – 11:50 AM**  
**The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals**  
*Ryan’s Family Steakhouse dba Fire Mountain Restaurant  
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For more information pertaining to the cases, please go to:

[http://cumberland.samford.edu/cumberland\\_programs.asp?ID=765](http://cumberland.samford.edu/cumberland_programs.asp?ID=765)

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## CORDELL HULL SPEAKERS FORUM

The Cordell Hull Speakers Forum is proud to present Steve Suitts on **April 5, 2006**. In his presentation, Mr. Suitts will discuss his recent biography on Hugo Black. He will offer fresh, dramatic insights into Black's character, philosophy and ethics. Mr. Suitts will chronicle Black's struggles with family tragedies, profound racism, bi-racial poverty and Alabama-style conflicts over American ideals of justice.

The biography, "*Hugo Black of Alabama: How His Roots and Early Career Shaped the Great Champion of the Constitution*," has received praise from scholars and legal historians all across the country. Mr. Suitts has presented the biography in a variety of venues, including the Alabama Judicial College, Auburn University, Berry College, and the Library of Congress, to name a few. The Library of Congress website for Mr. Suitts' presentation is available at:

<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2005/05-259.html>

Mr. Suitts is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he studied political science, American studies, and economics. In late 1972, Suitts became the first executive director of the Alabama Civil Liberties Union, and he later served on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia. Today, in addition to lecturing on Hugo Black, Mr. Suitts serves as the program coordinator at a regional education foundation and remains an adjunct lecturer at the Institute for Liberal Arts of Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Suitts will speak at **11:30 AM** in the **Moot Court Room** at Cumberland, and a book signing will follow. He will have books available for purchase on location. A BBQ lunch will be provided in the Great Room for all persons attending the presentation.

More information on Mr. Suitts and his book, "*Hugo Black of Alabama*" is available at <http://www.hugoblack.com>.

## CALLED TO THE BAR

For several years, the Eric Robert Rudolph case occupied the nation's attention. Rudolph was charged with bombing an abortion clinic in Birmingham and eluded arrest in the mountains of North Carolina for several years. He was finally arrested and returned to Birmingham where he ultimately pled guilty. Two Cumberland

graduates figured prominently in Rudolph's prosecution and defense. **Will Chambers '90** is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Alabama. He was on the prosecution team. **Bill Bowen '72** is a former Chief Judge of the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and is a practicing lawyer in Birmingham. He was on the defense team.

At the *Called to the Bar* program at **11:00 AM** on **April 6** in the **Moot Court Room**, Chambers and Bowen will talk about their perspectives on the Rudolph case.

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

**Professor Howard Walthall** will speak to the Cumberland faculty, Friday, **April 7** at **11:00 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 4 to Rhenae Kennedy at 726.2411 if you plan to attend.

The title of Professor Walthall's presentation is "*Towards a Non-Hermeneutical Account of Distinctive State Constitutional Identities: Differing State Approaches to the 'Consent' of the Governed in Constitutional Revision.*" Please plan to attend.

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE

The Admissions Office will be open Saturday, **April 8**, from **9:00 - 12:00**. Any students interested in giving tours to visitors Saturday morning are asked to please contact Mrs. Crystal Grier at [cmgrier@samford.edu](mailto:cmgrier@samford.edu) or 726.2702. The opportunity to meet current students makes our prospective students' visit to Cumberland all the more enjoyable and memorable. Thank you for helping the Admissions Office with student recruitment.

## HESBURGH LECTURE SERIES

The 2006 Hesburgh Lecture Series will be held Monday, **April 10** at **7:00 PM** in the **Moot Courtroom**. **Dean David T. Link**, Dean of Law Emeritus at the University of Notre Dame Law School, will be the featured speaker. The topic for the lecture is "*Professional Ethics – Revival of the Legal Profession.*"

The lecture, co-sponsored by **Cumberland School of Law**, the **Notre Dame Club of Alabama** and the **St. Thomas More**

**Lawyers' Society**, is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the Great Room. CLE credit is pending.

## **LAW REVIEW – 1L LUNCHEON**

The Cumberland Law Review is proudly hosting a 1L luncheon on Tuesday, **April 11** at **11 AM** in the **Great Room**. All first year students are urged to attend. Free lunch will be provided by Jason's Deli.

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

LexisNexis is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social on the Angel Patio on Thursday, **April 13** from **11 AM – 12:30 PM**. Students can stop by to view firm products and enjoy some free ice cream! This event is worth at least 400 points. Additional point opportunities are available at the event.

## **HOW TO DEVELOP A LAW PRACTICE SEMINAR**

**Thursday, April 13, 2006**  
**4:00 PM**  
**The Great Room**

This is the seventh year that **Charlie D. Waldrep, Esq.** with Waldrep, Stewart & Kendrick in Birmingham has visited the law school to present his workshop entitled "***How to Develop a Law Practice.***" Mr. Waldrep is a Cumberland graduate and is often a speaker at various classes. He has been most willing to give of his time to present this valuable workshop on the tools needed to develop a law practice, whether solo or in a law firm. He has prepared a handbook which is given to those in attendance. This handbook contains all the information he will discuss plus many samples of forms, letters, etc. needed by lawyers.

Please plan to attend this worthwhile seminar. Pizza will be served. Please stop by the Career Services Office to register to attend.

**A reservation is needed by Friday, April 7.**

# **JACKSON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

Eddie Jackson '76 and Richard Fikes '85 contributed \$100,000 to Cumberland to endow the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award. This award allows the Law School to recognize members of our outstanding faculty for their teaching excellence.

The winners of the award for this year are Professor Bo Cole (First Year Courses) and Professor Howard Walthall (Upper Level Courses).

***Congratulations to Professors Cole and Walthall!***

## **2006 – 2007 CUMBERLAND TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD**

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board for the 2006 – 2007 academic year!

**Lindsay K. Haynes**  
Chief Judge

**Matt Thompson**  
Director – Herbert W. Peterson National Team Competition

**Jed McKeehan**  
Associate Director – Herbert W. Peterson National Team Competition

**Aaron Ryan**  
Director – Judge James O. Haley Federal Court Competition

**Lauren Goodman**  
Associate Director – Judge James O. Haley Federal Court Competition

**Jim Sears**  
Director – Parham Williams Freshman Trial Competition

**Mary Leah Singletary**  
Associate Director – Parham Williams Freshman Trial Competition

**Janay Johnson**  
Director – Negotiation Competition

**LaTonia Williams**

Associate Director – Negotiation Competition

**Garrick Vickery**

Director – Mediation Competition

**Josh Shirley**

Associate Director – Mediation Competition

**Tyrus Sturgis**

Director – Albert Brewer Client Counseling Competition

**Bains Fleming**

Associate Director – Albert Brewer Client Counseling Competition

**Cameron McEwen**

Director – Arbitration Competition

**Margaret Haydon**

Associate Director – Arbitration Competition

General Board Members:

**Ben Hodges**

**Allison Case**

**Will Motlow**

**Margie Younce**

## **ROBERT B. DONWORTH MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board is proud to announce the winner and runner-up from each argument presented in the **2006 Robert B. Donworth Moot Court Competition**.

*Butler v. Hutton*

1st Place - **Brian Duncan**

2nd Place - **Sheri Britton**

*Roper v. Jemison*

1st Place - **Rhett Owens**

2nd Place - **Mac Bracewell**

*Gray v. Garcia*

1st Place - **Brooke Garner**

2nd Place - **Fisher Wise**

*Yolinski v. Channel 6 News*

1st Place - **Jeremy Jacobs**

2nd Place - **Morgan McCue**

## NEGOTIATION COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to **LaMonica Orr** and **Charlotte Sonn**, winners of the Spring 2005 Negotiation Competition. Congratulations also go to finalists **Jennifer Gillespie** and **Janese Caruthers** and all the teams that competed.

## CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

**Phi Alpha Delta** has extended its Children's Book Drive to **Friday, April 7**. New or used children's books are needed. A collection box for donations is located in the breezeway. The books will be donated to the Better Basics organization. For more information about the organization, please visit [www.betterbasics.org](http://www.betterbasics.org). New books will be given to individual children, while used books will be donated to school libraries.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION PROJECT

This week, **April 3** - Friday, **April 7**, the Community Service Organization will be participating in the **YWCA Mother's Day Flower Sale** and taking orders for gifts and flowers. The sale benefits KIDS Korner - the YWCA child care program for children whose families reside in area shelters for the homeless.

Please stop by our table in the breezeway and support this wonderful cause! Groups from all over Birmingham participate in this sale to help provide almost one third of the cost of the child care program. Let's make the Cumberland contribution a big one!

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sunday **April 9, 2006**, the ABA and the Community Service Organization, in conjunction with Hands On Birmingham, will be hosting the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** out in the main quad here at Samford. The agencies invited this year are Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Salvation Army, Urban Ministries, Grace Off Ministry,

Children's Village, and the YWCA. We plan to accommodate up to 50 children (and their parents/chaperones). This is an annual event and it is always a lot of fun.

How can you help right now? We need donations of plastic eggs and candy (hard candy that will fit into the plastic eggs is best, because chocolate will melt in the sun). There are 2 bins out in the breezeway waiting for your donation.

**Volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.**

**The sign-up sheet is located in the breezeway.**

**Thank you for your help!**

**CSO and ABA**

## **SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD**

The law school annually recognizes students, faculty and staff who have completed 30 hours or more of public interest legal work, community service or public service during the school year. The recognition comes in the form of the Spirit of Service Award (a certificate suitable for framing) and an appreciation luncheon. This year, the luncheon will be held April 19. The certificates will be presented at that time.

You are encouraged to apply for the award. Examples of qualifying work would include Street Law, VITA, Teen Court, Legal Services, work done through the law school organizations like the Community Services Organization, Women in Law, BLSA and the Christian Legal Society as well as work done through your favorite charitable organization or your church. All 30 hours do not need to have been completed through the same organization. The application process for the award is very easy (the award operates on the honor system) and the applications are available in the Dean's office.

**The applications must be turned in to Kathy Walton  
in the Dean's office on or before April 10.**

## **DROP / ADD**

Online drop / add is open at this time for Summer 2006 and Fall 2006. Or, if you prefer, you may complete a drop / add form the Law Student Records office.



# SPRING 2006 EXAM PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

Spring 2006 exam procedures will be essentially the same as last semester, except for two changes in the procedures for laptop exams:

1. Students **do not have to sign up** to use laptops on exams. They simply must download the **new version** of Extegrity before **April 26**, practice, and report to the designated exam room.
2. Students using laptops may either **submit their exam answers via wireless** transmission or save answers to floppy disks to be turned in.

Complete Spring 2006 exam procedures (including information about alternate exam times and use of laptops) will be posted on the law school website ("Exam Information" under the "Academics" menu) and sent via e-mail. Some highlights and critical deadlines, however, are set forth here.

Alternate Exam Times. As before, students will be permitted to take an exam at one of three alternate exam times **only if** (i) the student receives permission from her professor before **April 18**, and (ii) the professor submits the necessary materials to the Office of the Associate Dean by **April 26**. The available alternate exam times are:

Friday, April 28 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Using Laptop Computers on Exams. Students must **download the new version of Extegrity between April 18 - 26**, take a practice test, and practice either submitting the practice test wirelessly or saving it to a floppy disk (using the same computer and floppy drive the student will use on actual exams). Students then may report to the designated computer exam room on the appropriate date (students do **not** have to sign-up to use their laptops).

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