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CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

The United States Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. Every year on that anniversary date, universities throughout the country celebrate Constitution Day. This year, the law school will lead the University Celebration because the theme of the Constitution Day presentations is Judicial Independence.

Because Constitution Day falls on a Sunday, the celebration will be on Monday, **September 18** at 3:00 PM in the Moot Court Room. The program will begin with a 30 minute video presentation featuring Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy and Stephen Breyer. Following the video presentation, you will hear from Judge William Pryor of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Justice Bernard Harwood of the Alabama Supreme Court. There will also be a question and answer period.

Please make plans to attend this important event which stresses the importance of having an independent judiciary.

CUMBERLAND'S NATIONAL ARBITRATION TEAM SELECTED

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Mitchell** and **Bobby LeMoine** as the newest members of Cumberland's National Arbitration Team. They will join **Jennifer Reid**, **Sarah Correro**, and **Cameron McEwen** as participants in the Regional Arbitration Competition at the University of Miami School of Law on October 13-14 in Coral Gables, Florida.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEETING

The Cumberland Community Service Organization will be holding their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, **September 19**, at 11:00 AM in room 123. We will be discussing community service projects for this year. We encourage everyone who is interested in volunteering or would like to be active in the CSO to attend.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FAIR

The Student Organizations Fair will be Thursday, **September 21** from **11 AM to noon** in the **Great Room**. All students are encouraged to stop by and talk to the leadership from each of the organizations in order to find an area in which they might want to participate.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS 2L and 3L STUDENTS

The bidding deadline for employers interviewing on campus the week of October 2 – 6 is Monday, September 18. Please check your e-mail frequently for announcements from the Office of Career Services regarding fall recruiting.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "*Effective Appellate Brief Writing*" for Friday, **September 22, 2006** from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Cumberland School of Law in the Moot Courtroom.

Students and full-time faculty may attend at no charge. Students may purchase materials for \$10 (actual cost).

Speakers for the program include:

Belle H. Stoddard

Assistant Professor and
Director of Lawyering Skills and Legal Reasoning,
Cumberland School of Law

Elizabeth A. Kleinberg

Instructor, Lawyering Skills and Legal Reasoning,
Cumberland School of Law
Staff Attorney, Burr & Forman, LLP

Robert Boliek

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law,
Cumberland School of Law

The Honorable Greg Shaw

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

J. Mark Baggett

Associate Professor of English and Law,
Cumberland School of Law

The Honorable R. Bernard Harwood, Jr.

Associate Justice, Alabama Supreme Court

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For additional information, contact Cumberland CLE at (205) 726-2391 or 1-800-888-7454, or e-mail us at lawcle@samford.edu.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER

Cumberland Law School's Community Mediation Center, in cooperation with the Jefferson County Family Court, will hold a training workshop titled, "**Volunteer Attorney Mediation Training**", on **September 29, 2006**. The location for the workshop will be at Family Court. The workshop begins at 8:00 AM and concludes at 12 Noon.

Presenters for the workshop include:

The Honorable J. Brian Huff
Jefferson County Family Court

Mrs. Cassandra Adams
Director of Cumberland Community Mediation Center (CCMC)

Ms. Janis Sorrell
Programs Director

Jeffrey McGee
Court Administrator, Jefferson County Family Court

The workshop is open to all practicing attorneys. CCMC has applied for approval of CLE credit. When approved, this workshop will offer 3 hours of CLE credit (1 hour of which will be for Ethics).

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN

CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND AND FORTALEZA, BRAZIL

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW'S MASTER OF COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM

The planning process for the July 2007, study-abroad programs for our law school is proceeding in an absolutely grand manner. Students can view the curriculum for each of the programs on Professor Cole's bulletin board and on the internet in the near future. Cumberland has been extremely fortunate in arranging both pertinent and popular courses to be offered at each location. An informational meeting concerning the programs will be offered on **October 19, 11:00 AM** in room **120** of the law school building. A slideshow will be offered concerning the Fortaleza program location and several individual professors will be available to over-view their courses. Students who have an interest in obtaining information concerning these truly outstanding opportunities should plan to be present.

Professor Cole, the director of the law school's international programs, will travel to Sao Paulo during the week of November 20 to present a paper to the judges of Sao Paulo and also conduct an organizational meeting of our MCL graduates in

Brazil to establish a Cumberland alumni chapter of our law school alumni association. We will again welcome Master of Comparative law candidates to our Birmingham campus in June 2007 and the candidates will participate in one of our study-abroad programs during July.

STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION ON FEDERAL JURISDICTION

The **North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** is sponsoring a \$500 prize to be awarded to the best student paper on an issue related to federal jurisdiction. Entries will be judged by the Cumberland Law School faculty.

Requirements and Eligibility

Entries must be the law student's own work and must not have been published at the time they are submitted. Papers may have been submitted for a grade previously for a course or for directed research.

Format

Entries must be suitable for publication in a law review. Citations must conform to current Bluebook style. Papers must be printed on 8 ½ by 11 inch white paper and must not exceed 35 pages in length, including footnotes, set in 12 point Times New Roman font with double spacing for the text (the notes may be single spaced) and one inch margins.

To enter, submit two copies of the paper as a packet with a removable cover sheet indicating the student's name, address, telephone number, the title of the paper, and a paragraph describing the student's interest in the field. Judging will be blind, so please exclude any identifying information from the paper itself.

Submission

Entries should be submitted to Jeannette Lincecum in room 202D of the Law School by 4:30 PM on **November 29, 2006**, the last day of regular classes.

Please direct any questions to:

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