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# E-Newsletter

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## CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

### NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM

The 2006 – 2007

National Trial Team Members Are:

Josh Andrews

Dillon Barker

Baird Beers

Heath Brooks

Bains Fleming

Lindsay Haynes

Ben Hodges

Janay Johnson

Patrick Johnson

Heather Piper

Sigfredo Rubio

Aaron Ryan

Jim Sears

Mary Leah Singletary

Charlotte Sonn

**Tyrus Sturgis**

**LaTonia Williams**

**Chris Wooten**

## **CLE SEMINAR**

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "***Consumer Protection in Alabama***" for Friday, **September 29, 2006** from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center (formerly the HealthSouth Conference Center) in Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Speakers for the program include:

**Earl P. Underwood, Jr.**

Law Offices of Earl P. Underwood, Jr.  
Fairhope, Alabama

**A. Wilson Webb**

Managing Attorney – Alabama Consumer Law Group, PC  
Gadsden, Alabama

**David R. Donaldson**

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**Kenneth J. Riemer**

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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](mailto: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).

## **FACULTY PRESENTATION**

### **PROFESSOR ROBERT BOLIEK**

Professor **Robert Boliek** has been invited to participate in a community poetry reading entitled "***My Favorite Poem.***" The

event is sponsored by the Alabama Writers Conclave, the Birmingham Art Association, and the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

Other participants include Birmingham police chief Annetta Nunn, actress and author Jane Treschel, Pulitzer Prize Winner Joey Kennedy, and Alabama Poet Laureate Sue Walker, among others.

Professor Boliek will read *"In Memory of W. B. Yeats"* by W.H. Auden. The reading will take place in the Lecture Hall at the Alabama School of Fine Arts on Friday, **September 29, 2006**, at 7:00 PM. Admission is free.

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Alyssa DiRusso will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **September 29** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. She will be the first presenter in a series of faculty research presentations. Lunch will be served; however, lunch will be ordered only for those who RSVP by Wednesday morning, September 27.

The topic of Professor DiRusso's presentation is *"He Says, She Asks: Gender, Language, and the Law of Precatory Words in Wills."*

## ALUMNI EVENTS

The Alumni office is hosting several events during the month of October. If anyone is interested in attending or would like more details, please contact Mary T. Miller at:

[mtmiller@samford.edu](mailto:mtmiller@samford.edu)

Events are as follows:

**Memphis, TN Alumni Dinner**  
October 3

**Nashville, TN Alumni Reception**  
October 10

**Jackson, MS Alumni Reception**  
October 17

Tallahassee, FL Alumni Luncheon  
and  
Jacksonville, FL Alumni Reception  
October 24

## **NEWS FROM THE ALABAMA CENTER FOR LAW AND CIVIC EDUCATION**

The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education will be receiving a major grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to develop a national adaptation model for its *Play by the Rules: Alabama Laws for Youth* program for teaching the law to seventh graders. Adjunct professor Nathan Johnson, with the Bradley Arant law firm, is providing copyright support pro bono.

In the fall of 2007, there will be a national conference on *Play by the Rules* to be held here in Birmingham. Participants from other states will examine the program for adaptation to their states. Connecticut is currently working with the Center to create such an adaptation. Ukraine, an international partner of the Center, produced such an adaptation last fall.

Judge Carroll serves on the Center's board of directors as well as on the steering committee for this program, which has been used by Cumberland's Street Law program for the past six years. A complimentary copy of the fifth edition of the book will be placed in your box soon. For more information, contact Jan Bedford.

## **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:

**Professor Marcia L. McCormick**

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