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E-Newsletter

JUDGE JOHN L. CARROLL, DEAN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2006

First time takers from the Class of 2006 had a 93.3% passage rate on the July 2006 Alabama Bar Examination.

FALL 2006 NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

Please join the Trial Advocacy Board in congratulating the winners of the Fall 2006 Negotiation Competition:

Jonathan Williams
and
Fisher Wise

Also, congratulations to the runners up:

Baird Beers
and
Sean Mims

All four finalists are candidates for Cumberland's 2006 National Negotiation team.

Thank you to all teams who participated in the competition. Congratulations on the "extra-curricula effort" to expand and improve your advocacy skills.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following first year students who were elected to serve in the Student Bar Association and on the Honor Court.

Competition on Federal Jurisdiction

- Tuition Scholarships for Graduate Law Degrees

Student Bar Association 1L Representatives

Lisha Li
Jeremiah Rogers
Brian Spellen
Jessica Thomas

Honor Court Justices

Bryan Boudreaux
Carin Brown
Julie McMakin
Leah Parker

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

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

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

October 2 is the deadline to sign up for on-campus interviews with Chason and Chason (interviewing October 13) and for interviews occurring during the week of October 16 - 20.

October 9 is the deadline to sign up for interviews occurring during the week of October 23-27.

FLU VACCINE

Student Health Services has received the new shipment of flu vaccine and will be immunizing students in the clinic on **October 3** and **October 5** from 1 – 4 PM. Cost of the vaccine is \$25. This can be paid at the time of service with check / cash or billed to the student's account.

Vaccine will be available on a first-come first-served basis. If you have any questions, you may contact the office at 726.2835.

CHRISTY SHERBROOK

Christy Sherbrook ('06) has joined Scott Simpson to coach Cumberland's National Arbitration team and will travel with the team to the Regional Competition in Coral Gables, Florida this October 13 - 14.

WOMEN'S FUND OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM'S "VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE"

As Presenting Sponsor of the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham's *Voices Against Violence*, the law firm of **White Arnold Andrews & Dowd, P.C.** would like to extend an invitation to the members of the **Cumberland Women in Law** organization to attend an event to be held Thursday, **October 5** from 5:30 to 7:30 at the **Birmingham Museum of Art**.

This fundraising project has been organized to help fight domestic violence in our community. Funds raised will be given to non-profit organizations that work with victims of domestic violence.

To RSVP:

Please contact Rachel Morris

716.2073 or rmorris@waadlaw.com

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Marcia McCormick will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **October 6** at **11:00 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 4 to Rhenae Kennedy at 726.2411 if you plan to attend.

The topic of Professor McCormick's presentation is "*The Equality Paradise: Paradoxes of the Law's Power to Advance Equality.*"

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF PRE-LAW ADVISORS CONFERENCE

Gigi Gauthier, Director of Admissions, will present at the Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors (SAPLA) conference on **October 6**. Joining law school admissions professionals from Case Western Reserve University, Duke University, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Miami, she will participate in a lively discussion addressing what pre-law advisors need to tell students not to do when they want to make their applications stand out from others.

PATENT BAR EXAM SEMINAR

Career Services is hosting a seminar for those interested in taking the Patent Bar Exam on Thursday, **October 12** at **5:00 PM** in the Great Room. **Mark Dighton** with the Practicing Law Institute will be the presenter.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "*Bankruptcy Law Seminar*" for Friday, **October 13, 2006** from 8:30 AM to 4:45 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:

John P. Whittington, Program Chairman
Interim General Counsel and Secretary
HealthSouth Corporation, Birmingham, AL

The Honorable Jack Caddell
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District, Northern Division, Decatur, AL

The Honorable Dwight H. Williams, Jr.
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Alabama, Montgomery, AL

The Honorable Benjamin G. Cohen
Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District, Southern Division, Birmingham, AL

The Honorable Tamara O. Mitchell
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District, Southern Division, Birmingham, AL

William G. Ross
Professor, Cumberland School of Law,
Samford University

Michael D. Floyd
Professor, Cumberland School of Law,
Samford University

David B. Anderson
Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, L.L.P.
Birmingham, AL

Ira Genser
Senior Director
Alvarez & Marsal, LLC
Atlanta, GA

The Honorable James J. Robinson
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District, Eastern Division, Anniston, AL

The Honorable C. Michael Stilson
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District, Western Division, Tuscaloosa, AL

Valrey W. Early III
United States Bankruptcy Administrator
Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

Cumberland now offers online registration and payment. Go to <http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle> and click on "Schedule of Events". In addition to our live seminars, the CLE department now offers online courses. Go to <http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle> and click on "Online Courses."

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

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

On Saturday, **October 14** from 9:00 – 11:30, the Admissions Office will host the first of four upcoming Information Sessions for prospective students. By meeting students and professors, visitors will learn how Cumberland's exceptional faculty, collegial community, location in Birmingham, talented students and emphasis on advocacy training contribute to our students' success upon graduation.

If any students would like to participate in Information Sessions, please contact the Admissions Office for details by emailing law.admissions@samford.edu or by calling 726-2702.

2006 RACE FOR THE CURE

Every year, the Women in Law organization sponsors a team in the **Race for the Cure**, a nationwide event to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer. This year, **Women in Law** has an excellent opportunity to join with the **Birmingham Bar Women's Section Pinstripes and Pearls Team** in support of this event. So put on your running shoes and join us as we help the fight for a cure on **October 14** in Linn Park, downtown Birmingham. You may run or walk the 5K race.

Sign up on line at:

<https://www.kintera.org>

This is a great way to meet new classmates and support a good cause.

In addition, there will be special awards for those who can run faster than the Dean.

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.

Cumberland 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

mlmccorm@samford.edu

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE LAW DEGREES

Cumberland has the opportunity to provide tuition scholarships for ten graduates of our law school, including two full-tuition scholarships and eight half-tuition scholarships, to obtain graduate law degrees at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England.

Students who would like to apply for one of the tuition scholarships should provide Professor Cole with a current resume, including class standing at this time, and a short essay (no more than ten double-spaced pages), which addresses how obtaining one of these scholarships and pursuing a graduate law degree at UEA is compatible with the student's plans for future professional activities. Please do not hesitate to e-mail Professor Cole with questions concerning this opportunity.

cdcole@samford.edu

The resume and essay, which will constitute the application for one of the tuition scholarships, should be delivered to Professor Cole on or before the first day of final exams at the end of this fall, 2006 semester. All applications will be given to Dean Carroll for his selection of the scholarship recipients.
