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LUNCH WITH A REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY

On Monday, **November 13, 2006**, attorney **Herbert M. Newell, III** will be the guest speaker for an informal lunch in the Great Room. Mr. Newell is an alum of Samford University and the Cumberland School of Law. He has practiced in Tuscaloosa since 1981 and is the founding member of Newell Associates, LLC. His firm is an underwriting agent for Stewart Title Guaranty Company and is approved as closing attorney for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Chicago Title, Lawyers Title Insurance Company, and Mississippi Valley Title Insurance Company.

If you are interested in Real Estate law and would like to attend this luncheon, please sign up in the Career Services Office, room 222. The luncheon will be from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM and lunch will be provided by Career Services. **Since lunch will be served, registration is required.**

SAVEFIRST: INCOME TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

This year, Cumberland students wishing to provide tax return preparation services for low-income individuals have an opportunity to work (and train) with SaveFirst, an Alabama nonprofit that partners with colleges and universities to involve students in tax preparation and financial literacy projects. SaveFirst works in connection with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and the IRS. Students who are interested in the program will receive training in low-income tax form preparation and will prepare returns from mid-January through mid-February (timed to coincide with the rush of low-income

- BLSA and CSO Thanksgiving Canned Food and Clothing Drive
- The AJTA Annual Faculty & Staff Holiday Dessert Spread
November 29, 2006
- Fall 2006 Exam Procedures & Deadlines
- 2006 Federal Bar Association, North Alabama Chapter
Cumberland School of Law Student Competition on Federal Jurisdiction
- Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2006 Federal Bar Association, North Alabama Chapter and Cumberland School of Law Student Writing Competition on Federal Jurisdiction
- Tuition Scholarships for Graduate Law Degrees

individuals eager to receive the earned income tax credit). Preparing tax returns for needy individuals is a great way to see tax law in action while doing good for your community.

On **Tuesday, November 14**, **Stephen Black** (the President and founder of the organization) and **Sarah Louise Smith** (the coordinator of the program) will be visiting Cumberland to explain this opportunity to interested students. They will visit a few classes, and will also be available to talk to students who drop by RH 239G (Professor DiRusso's office) from **11:00 - 12:30** on Tuesday. If you would like additional information, please contact Professor DiRusso.

ALUMNI EVENTS

The Alumni Office is hosting the following events during the month of November. If anyone is interested in attending or would like more details, please contact:

Mary T. Miller

mtmiller@samford.edu

Orlando, Florida Alumni Luncheon
November 14

Tampa, Florida Alumni Reception
November 14

ATTENTION 1LS! CAREER SERVICES ORIENTATION

The **mandatory** 1L Career Services Orientation will be held at **11:00 AM** on Thursday, **November 16, 2006** in the **Moot Courtroom**. In the program, the Career Services Office (CSO) staff and the 2L and 3L members of the Career Services Advisory Board will discuss:

- Legal hiring practices
- How to best position yourself for employment opportunities during and after law school and how the CSO can help you in this process
- How to prepare for, and be competitive in, the 1L On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) program that will take place in early spring

You must attend this program to participate in Spring OCI, so be sure to sign in when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The Cumberland Federalist Society will host Alabama Solicitor General, Kevin C. Newsom, on Thursday, **November 16 at 11:00 AM** in the **Trial Courtroom** – Room 121. General Newsom will provide an overview of the current U.S. Supreme Court term, followed by a question and answer period. **Lunch will be provided.**

General Newsom is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Samford University. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and then for Justice David Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court. He then worked in the Washington D.C. office of Covington & Burling, while also serving as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He has been the Alabama Solicitor General since 2003, where he has argued several cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and has received high praise by legal scholars for the amicus briefs written while in office.

LAW, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY LUNCH TIME TALK

**Cumberland School of Law's
Law, Science and Technology Society
Presents**

A Lunch Time Talk with

**Alane Barnes
General Counsel, BioCryst Pharmaceuticals**

**Thursday, November 16, 2006
11:00 AM
The Dean's Conference Room**

Alane Barnes is a Cumberland School of Law alumnus who previously worked at the UAB Research Foundation on the development and licensing of UAB intellectual property assets. She recently joined the Birmingham-based pharmaceutical

company, BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc as their general counsel.

Lunch provided by RSVP

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jgkerr@samford.edu

HEALTHCARE, ETHICS, AND LAW PRESENTATION

The Healthcare, Ethics, and Law Institute of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, will be hosting a presentation entitled "***The Morning-After Pill and Justice***" on Thursday, **November 16, 2006** from **3:00 to 4:00 PM** in **Brock Forum**. This program will be a conversation about recent legal, ethical and public policy debates and proposals resulting from pharmacists' refusals to fill prescriptions for emergency contraceptives.

The program will be led by Bruce D. White, D.O., J.D., the director of the Healthcare, Ethics, and Law Institute. For more information, please contact Paula Polinski at pmpolins@samford.edu or 726.2820.

LAW SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Law School Advisory Board will meet **Friday, November 17, 2006** in the Friendship Room.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "***Emerging Issues in Estate Planning including The New Alabama Trust Code***" for Friday, **November 17, 2006** from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the **Cahaba Grand Conference Center** in Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Program Chairperson

Nancy C. Hughes

Hughes & Scalise, PC
Birmingham, Alabama

Speakers for the program include:

Robert L. Loftin, III, Esq., CPA, CFP

Robert L. Loftin LLC
Birmingham, Alabama

J. Reese Murray, III

Trust Department
AmSouth Bank
Birmingham, Alabama

Leonard Wertheimer, III

Feld, Hyde, Wertheimer, Bryant & Stone, PC
Birmingham, Alabama

Ralph H. Yeilding

Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP
Birmingham, Alabama

Candace B. Peebles

Crittenden Firm
Birmingham, Alabama

Bruce F. Rogers

Bainbridge, Mims, Rogers & Smith, LLP
Birmingham, Alabama

William S. Pritchard, III

Pritchard, McCall & Jones, LLC
Birmingham, Alabama

S. Frances Heidt

Attorney at Law
Birmingham, Alabama

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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.

WILLIAM DANIEL NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Cumberland will be represented by a team at the William Daniel National Mock Trial Competition in Atlanta, Georgia November 17 - 19, 2006. Team members are:

**Josh Andrews
Baird Beers
Janay Johnson
Aaron Ryan
Chris Wooten**

The team is coached by **Mike Rasmussen**.

ABA NATIONAL ARBITRATION COMPETITION

Team members **Sarah Correro, Bobby LeMoine, Cameron McEwen, and Jennifer Reid** will be traveling to Austin, Texas to compete in the National Finals of the ABA Arbitration Competition, November 17 - 19, 2006.

The team is coached by **Christy Sherbrook** and **Scott Simpson**.

BUFFALO-NIAGARA MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to **Lindsay Haynes** for being awarded a Best Advocate Award in the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Tournament this weekend. Although the team did not win the competition, they did very well. The team members were **Dillon Barker, Lindsay Haynes, Sigfredo Rubio, and Mary Leah Singletary**. The team was coached by **Robin Beardsley**.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR COLE

Professor Bo Cole will travel to Sao Paulo, Brazil on November 17, 2006 to meet with potential Master of

Comparative Law candidates for our University. He will also conduct meetings with our MCL graduates and current students to establish a Cumberland School of Law, Samford University Alumni Chapter for our MCL program, meet with the Dean and President of the UniFMU law school, and make a formal presentation of a paper he has prepared treating "***Discipline and Removal of Judges in the Federal and State Judicial Systems in the United States***" at the Instituto Dos Advogados De Sao Paulo.

The topic of Professor Cole's paper was requested by the Instituto due to the current effort in Brazil to respond to a perceived need to establish a new means of judicial discipline and removal.

FACULTY PRESENTATION

JUDGE CARROLL

Judge Carroll will be moderating a panel discussion on November 16, at the Advanced E-discovery Institute 2006 sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center. The subject of the panel will be "***What to Do When Litigation Starts: Preservation Issues, Initial Disclosures and the Initial Conference.***"

FACULTY CANDIDATE VISITS

Two faculty candidates will be visiting Cumberland within the next week. **Tiffani Darden** will be visiting on Friday, November 17th. Ms. Darden is a graduate of Texas A & M University and holds a law degree, magna cum laude, from Tulane Law School and an LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law. She is currently a law clerk to the Honorable Carl Stewart who is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The second candidate is **Wendy Greene**. Ms. Greene is a cum laude graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans. She is also a graduate of Tulane Law School and will receive her LL.M. from George Washington University School of Law in December.

BLSA and CSO THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD and CLOTHING DRIVE

The **Black Law Students Association** and the **Community Service Organization** are sponsoring a canned food and clothing drive to benefit Urban Ministries, Inc., an organization that works to prevent homelessness brought on by inadequate incomes and emergency situations. Please help support this cause by donating non-perishable food items (i.e. canned foods) or clothing. Boxes are set up in the **breezeway** and the **Student Lounge** through **November 17** for donations.

ANNUAL FACULTY & STAFF HOLIDAY DESSERT SPREAD

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy is pleased to host the **Twenty-second Annual Holiday Dessert Spread** between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on **Wednesday, November 29**. The editorial board and members of the Journal invite Cumberland faculty, administration, and staff to visit the Journal offices and enjoy special treats to begin the holiday season.

FALL 2006 EXAM PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

Fall 2006 exam procedures will be essentially the same as last semester. The only real changes are the following:

- We ask that students arrive at the designated exam room **15 minutes prior to the start of the exam**
- Upon arrival and before the start of the exam, students using laptops should set up their computers, plug them into electrical outlets, verify the stand-by feature is disabled, launch the *Extegrity* software, complete screens 1-5 of the software (entering zero (0) for the amount of time on screen 3), click the "Begin Exam" button on screen 6, and then wait for the proctor to begin the exam
- THE TIMER IN THE *EXTEGRITY* SOFTWARE WILL NOT BE USED. PROCTORS WILL KEEP TIME AND WILL ANNOUNCE

- THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF BOTH COMPUTER AND HAND-WRITTEN EXAMS.

Complete Fall 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 may take an exam at one of three alternate exam times **only if** (i) the student receives permission from her professor before **November 20**, and (ii) the professor submits the necessary materials to the Office of the Associate Dean by **November 29**. The available alternate exam times are:

Monday, December 4
from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, December 7
from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 13
from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Use of the scheduled alternate exam times is not a right. Permission to use the alternate times is in the discretion of the professor.

Using Laptop Computers on Exams. Students must **download the NEW VERSION of Extegrity, take a practice test, and practice submitting the practice test.**

2006 FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT COMPETITION ON FEDERAL JURISDICTION

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring a \$500 prize to be awarded to the student with the highest grade in the Federal Courts class offered this spring.

Please contact Professor Marcia L. McCormick with any questions:

mlmccorm@samford.edu

HARVEY S. JACKSON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Two Cumberland Alumni have provided a generous gift to endow the ***Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award***. Two awards are given annually - one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses. The winners are chosen by a joint faculty-student committee. The winners in 2006 were Professor Bo Cole (First Year Courses) and Professor Howard Walthall (Upper Level Courses). The winners in 2005 were Professor Brad Bishop (First Year Courses) and Professor Bill Ross (Upper Level Courses). The previous winners are not eligible for this year's award.

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending a letter or e-mail to the Dean which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award which are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester.

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 Jeanette 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.
