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E-Newsletter

JUDGE JOHN L. CARROLL, DEAN

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:

- Mastery of the subject matter
- Ability to convey information effectively to students
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching
- Commitment to excellence in the classroom
- Innovation in teaching techniques
- 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.

FACULTY CANDIDATE VISITS

There will be two faculty candidates visiting the law school this week. The first candidate, **Eboni Nelson Cohen** will be at the law school on **November 29**. Ms. Cohen is a summa cum laude and phi beta kappa graduate of Wake Forest University and holds her law degree from Harvard University. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Law at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University.

The second candidate, **Matt Green** will be at the law school on **November 30**. Mr. Green is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore School of Law. He has clerked for Judge Deborah Kasanow of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and Judge Eric Clay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is currently enrolled in the LL.M. program at Columbia University School of Law where he will receive his LL.M. degree in May of 2007.

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.

BOOK DRIVE

Women in Law is collecting new and gently used children's books to donate to needy grammar schools in the area. There will also probably be a gathering (with pizza) sometime after finals to wrap the books. So, if you have some books at home that the children in your lives have outgrown, or happen to pick one up while you're out and about, the drop boxes are with Sue Walker in the Office of Career Services (room 222). You can also give books to **Professor Marcia McCormick**.

The last day of classes, **November 29**, is the deadline.

COURSE / FACULTY EVALUATIONS

Students are encouraged to complete Faculty / Course evaluations for all their courses. Evaluations may be completed online anytime before **Wednesday, November 29 at 11:59 PM**. To complete evaluations simply access the law school website from any computer, click "Faculty Evaluations" in the box in the upper right portion of the screen, and follow the instructions. While SBA representatives are visiting all classes to facilitate online evaluations in class, students are free to complete evaluations outside class on any computer. Please be sure to complete the evaluations, because they are important tools for maintaining and improving the quality of the teaching at Cumberland.

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.

WORLD AIDS DAY PROGRAM

Black Law Student Association

hosts a

WORLD AIDS DAY PROGRAM

December 1, 2006

Noon – 1 PM

Cumberland Law Library - 2nd Floor

The Friendship Room

Guest Speakers providing information on the legal issues of HIV/AIDS patients & legal career opportunities including:

- Anil Mujumdar, Esq., Whatley, Drake, & Kallas, LLC
- Nicholas Carlisle, Esq., Equal Justice Works Fellow, ADAP

Special Presentations on HIV/AIDS in Alabama, including statistics and life stories by:

- UAB SHAPE HIV Educators
- PPA Junior Board

**HIV Testing Conducted by the Jefferson County
Department of Health**

Reception following the program.

This will be a GREAT study break and a GREAT lunch.

Join us!

THANKS

As the semester draws to a close, I want to thank all of the faculty, staff and students for their hard work. To everyone, good luck with finals.

Judge Carroll

**END OF SEMESTER
SCHEDULE**

Please note the following schedule during the last 2 weeks of classes:

- Monday, November 27: Constructive Thursday (Thursday classes meet instead of Monday classes)

- Tuesday, November 28: Constructive Friday (Friday classes meet instead of Tuesday classes)
- Wednesday, November 29: Last Day of Classes

FALL 2006 EXAM PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

Complete Fall 2006 Exam Procedures (including information about alternate exam times and use of laptops) are posted on the law school website (“Exam Information” under the “Academics” menu) and e-mailed to all students. Some critical reminders from those procedures are below.

Alternate Exam Times

Time for obtaining a professor’s permission to use one of the three scheduled alternate exam times has passed. Students who obtained permission to use an alternate exam time should check the master list of scheduled alternate exams (posted outside the Associate Dean’s office beginning November 29) to verify that his or her professor has submitted the appropriate materials for the alternate exam.

Exam Day

Please remember to ***arrive at your designated exam rooms 15 minutes before the scheduled exam time.***

Using Laptop Computers on Exams

- ***Download the NEW VERSION of Extegrity*** (versions from past semesters will not work), 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 need not sign-up to use their laptops.
- Upon arrival and before the start of the exam, set up your computer, plug it into an electrical outlet, 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.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "***Annual Employment Law Update***" for Friday, **December 1, 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 Chairman
Mac B. Greaves
Burr & Forman, LLP
Birmingham, Alabama

Moderators and speakers for the program include:

Alicia K. Haynes
Haynes & Haynes
Birmingham, Alabama

James P. Alexander
Bradley Arant Rose & White, LLP
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The Honorable U. W. Clemon
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

The Honorable Mark E. Fuller

Chief Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

The Honorable Virginia E. Hopkins

United States District Court
Northern District of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

John D. Saxon

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