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HONOR COURT OFFICERS 2007 – 2008

Chief Justice: Tondra Moore

Deputy Justice: Adam Baker

Secretary: Carin Brown

Congratulations to the new Honor Court officers!

2007 SPRING MEDIATION COMPETITION

Congratulations to the team of **Chris Wooten & Heather Piper** for winning the 2007 Spring Mediation Competition hosted by the Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board. Runners-up were **Tondra Moore & Steven Owens**, who also displayed great skill in mediation advocacy in advancing to the finals.

2007 – 2008 TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD

Please join the 2006 - 2007 Trial Advocacy Board in congratulating the following new members of the Board. These individuals have proven themselves to be great leaders and great advocates and will carry on Cumberland's tradition of excellence in trial advocacy.

Chief Judge
Chris Wooten

Director, James O. Haley Federal Competition
Heather Piper

Associate Director, James O. Haley Federal Competition
Patrick Johnson

Director, Parham Williams Freshman Trial Competition
Heath Brooks

Associate Director, Williams Freshman Trial Competition
Sigfredo Rubio

Director, Herbert W. Peterson National Team Competition
LaMonica Orr

Associate Director, Herbert W. Peterson National Team Competition
Adam Russell

Director, Mediation Competition
Tondra Moore

Associate Director, Mediation Competition
Steven Owens

Director, Negotiation Competition
Jason Goggins

Associate Director, Negotiation Competition
Baird Beers

Director, Client Counseling Competition
John Nelson

Associate Director, Client Counseling Competition
Dillon Barker

Director, Arbitration Competition
Bobby LeMoine

Associate Director, Arbitration Competition
Elizabeth Mitchell

General Members
Sean Mims
Jonathan Williams

JUSTICE JANIE SHORES HONORED

Justice Janie Shores was honored by the law school at the oral argument session held by the Alabama Supreme Court at the Wright Center on April 12, 2007. She joined the faculty at

Cumberland in 1966 as its first female faculty member and served as a professor until 1974 when she was elected as the first female justice on the Alabama Supreme Court. She served in that position until her retirement in 1999. While on the Alabama Supreme Court, she was given serious consideration for an appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

In honor of Justice Shores, her portrait, which is on loan from the Alabama Supreme Court, will be placed in a prominent part of the law school.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Bill Hart, with **SummerClerk.Com** will be in the breezeway on Monday, April 16th beginning at 10:00 AM. He will have free give-away gifts and will be demonstrating this new job search site that may prove to be beneficial in finding employers to contact, as well as profile matching with the right employer for you. Make sure you drop by and meet Bill to learn more about SummerClerk.Com.

CAREER SERVICES HOSTING BBQ LUNCH

The Career Services Office invites Cumberland's faculty and staff to attend a free Full Moon Barbecue Lunch with the 3Ls at 11:30 on Wednesday, **April 18, 2007** in the **Great Room**. The CSO is sponsoring the lunch to thank the 3Ls for completing their job survey and to congratulate them on their upcoming graduation. The price of admission (for the 3Ls) is one completed job survey.

Each year, the CSO surveys the 3Ls to determine their post-graduation plans and to calculate employment-related statistics for the class. The survey data is then reported to certain law school directories and to the law school-ranking entities (*US News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*). The job survey is very important to the law school, as the survey results are a significant part of the criteria by which we are ranked. Also, we are penalized in the rankings for each student who does not respond to the survey.

The job survey also asks for contact information the CSO uses to inform new graduates of job opportunities in their chosen location and area of practice. The survey is available in hard copy in the Career Services Office.

PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR GRADS WHO COMPLETE THE JOB SURVEY

The Career Services Office will hold a series of prize drawings for December 2006, May 2007 and August 2007 graduates who complete the job survey. The first item drawn will be a free week of lodging in a beachfront condominium in Ormond Beach, Florida (near Daytona) from 8/25 – 9/1. This drawing will be conducted at the Cumberland National Alumni Graduation Brunch on May 19. All 3Ls who complete a job survey by May 19 will be entered in the drawing.

Please complete a survey regardless of whether you are employed by graduation. To qualify for the drawing, your survey must be filled out completely. If you filled out a survey, but did not have enough information to do so completely, please give us the missing information so we can amend your form and include you in the drawing.

Drawings for additional items will be held in the months following the July bar examination. Details will be announced at the Graduation Brunch.

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Brannon P. Denning will speak to the Cumberland faculty on Thursday, **April 19, 2007** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be ordered for those who RSVP to Rhenae Kennedy by Tuesday afternoon April 17, 2007. Ms. Kennedy may be reached at x2411 or rmkenned@samford.edu.

Professor Denning's topic will be: "Is the Dormant Commerce Clause Expendable: A Response to Edward Zelinsky."

WORKS IN PROGRESS PROGRAM

Joseph F. Morrissey, Assistant Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law, will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **April 20, 2007** at noon in the Dean's Conference Room. The topic of Professor Morrissey's presentation will be "Rhetoric and Reality: Investor Protection and the Securities Regulation Reform of 2005."

More information about Professor Morrissey can be found by visiting the following website:

<http://www.law.stetson.edu/faculty/morrissey.asp>

Lunch will be provided.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR BOB GREENE

Professor Bob Greene has been selected as a Fulbright scholar grantee to Ukraine. He will lecture at the National Law Academy in Odessa, Ukraine for a semester in 2008.

Professor Greene has been invited to speak at the annual seminar of the Environmental Law Section of the Alabama State Bar on June 15, 2007. His topic will be "The Latest in Environmental Justice." Professor Greene is a former Chairperson of the Environmental Law Section.

PROFESSOR DAVID SMOLIN

Professor David Smolin was a guest speaker at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina on April 13, 2007 at a conference entitled "Stem Cells: Diffusing the Rhetoric." The conference was sponsored by that law school's Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute, with financial sponsorship by the North Carolina Research Campus. The topic of Professor Smolin's presentation was "The Cultural Contexts of the Stem Cell Debate."

JUDGE JOHN CARROLL

Judge John L. Carroll will be a featured speaker at the Attorney General's Spring Continuing Legal Education Seminar on April 19, 2007 at the State Capitol in Montgomery. The topic of Judge Carroll's presentation will be "Electronic Discovery."

COURSE / FACULTY EVALUATIONS

Students are encouraged to complete Faculty/Course evaluations for all their courses. Evaluations may be completed online anytime before Tuesday, **April 24, 2007** 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.

Remember that a high level of participation will be rewarded with the following prizes:

- **Pizza Party** for every class that achieves a 75% response rate by April 16;
- **iPod Drawing** for a 30GB Video iPod for all students in classes that achieve an 85% response rate by the end of April 24.

Please be sure to complete the evaluations, because they are important tools for maintaining and improving the quality of the teaching at Cumberland **and** you may be eligible for some great prizes!

RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR CLE

The final program in Cumberland's new CLE series will be held in the **Moot Court Room** in Robinson Hall on the Samford campus on **April 26, 2007**. The program features two one-hour sessions, beginning at 5 PM. Participants may register for one or both hours.

Overview of April 26, 2007 Program

Employment Law Update

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Immigration Reform and Employment Issues

Michael L. Thompson

Lehr Middlebrooks & Vreeland, P.C.

6:10 – 7:10 PM

Employment Discrimination

Donna E. Brooks

Lehr Middlebrooks & Vreeland, P.C.

You may register for one hour (\$30) or both hours (\$60) of the program. Call 1.800.888.7454 or 205.726.2391 for more information and to register. You also may register online at:

http://cumberland.samford.edu/cumberland_cle.asp?ID=5

Students are invited to attend free of charge.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commencement for the class of '07 is scheduled for Saturday, **May 19, 2007 at 1:00 PM** in the Wright Center on the Samford Campus. Everyone is welcome. Graduates need to arrive at Reid Chapel no later than 12:00 in order to receive instructions and line up for the procession. If an inclement weather plan is in effect, there will be signs posted at both entrances into the campus and all entrances of the chapel, instructing graduates to report to the lower lounge of the Wright Center.

Arrangements have been made with **Zap Photo** for a professional photographer to take pictures of the graduates receiving their degrees. The photographer will contact the graduates after commencement at their home addresses. Please **contact them** at **205.345.2686** if you have any questions. **Brennan Productions & Custom Video Labs** will make a video of Commencement. If you would like to purchase a copy of this video, in either VHS or DVD format, you may **contact them directly** at **205.823.0088**.

Graduates may pick up their caps and gowns from the bookstore on May 17 or 18 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please remember that when wearing academic regalia the correct dress is dark clothing and black shoes.

Several parties and receptions are planned in honor of the graduates:

- The graduation brunch sponsored by the Alumni Association will be held at the Wynfrey Hotel at 10:00 – 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 19. For tickets or information, please contact the Alumni Office at 726.2444.
- A graduation reception will be held at the law school immediately following the commencement ceremony. Graduates and their families are welcome.
