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AWARDS DAY

The Cumberland School of Law's Awards Day Luncheon is held annually to honor and recognize students who are recipients of various awards. Congratulations to the following students who were presented awards at this year's luncheon on April 19, 2007.

*Alabama Chapter American Association for Justice (AAJ)
Serve & Protect the Public Award*
Lindsay Haynes

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Award
Bains Fleming

*Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)
Thurgood Marshall Team Outstanding Advocate Award*
LaMonica Orr - Mock
Michelle Butler - Moot

Alabama State Bar Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section Award
Collin Davis

Alabama State Bar Family Law Section
LaTara Johnson

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship
Victoria Dye

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Award
Tyrus Sturgis
Mary Leah Singletary
Heather Piper
Chris Wooten

American Law Institute, American Bar Association (ALI-ABA)
Stephanie Houston

*Balch & Bingham/Harold A. Bowron
Labor and Employment Law Award*
Meridith Hamilton

BAR/BRI Bar Review Award
Adam Clayton
Veranita Waller

Class of 2007 Peer Scholarships
Lisa Knapp
Patrick Johnson
Nicole Leet

Constangy, Brooks & Smith Diversity Scholar Award
LaMonica Orr

*Dean's Award for Commitment to Public Interest Law
and Public Service*
Bill Jones

Donaldson Civil Procedure Award
Daniel Strowe

George M. Stewart Banking Award
Amber McGowan Whillock

Goozée & King Writing Award
Stacy Wilhite

Hand Arendall Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy
Douglas Patterson
Brooke Malcom

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award
Neal Zarzour

Judge Paul O. Moyle Writing Award
Appellant: **Virginia Brasher**
Appellee: **Nicholas Gaxiola**

M. Alan Stephens Award in Tax
Timothy Hicks
Christie Strange
Christian Wilson

National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Stephanie Houston

Papantonio Trial Advocacy Award

LaTonia Williams

*Richard E. Davis Book Scholarship
in honor of Richard E. and Marjorie P. Butte*

Alan Kirk

Michael Alfano

Starnes & Atchison Freshman Competition Award

Winning Team:

Jessica Thomas

Christin French

Runner-up Team:

William Scully

Anna Smith

Stone/Parker Award

Jakarra Jones

Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar Association

Veranita Waller

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES - 2007 INDUCTEES

Judson Clark Brandt • Zachary L. Burgreen • Janese Michelle Caruthers

Allison Michelle Case • Bricker Scott Daughtry • Ariel Barbara Denbo

Jill Marie Downey • Laurie Michelle Durham • Jamie Kaye Durrett

Victoria Laine Dye • W. M. Bains Fleming III • Charles Greene

Margaret Haydon • Lindsay Kay Haynes • Kelli Byers Hooper

Jessica Lane Housch • Stephanie Lashun Houston • John Thomas Howard

Janay Marriel Johnson • Cecil Judson Jones, Jr. • William Curtis Jones

Jakarra Jenise Jones • Eddie L. Koen, Jr. • Jared Heath Loftin

Terry Cameron McEwen • Harriet D. Myrick-Jones • Mary Blanche Neese

Monica Teresa Nelson • Robert Ashby Pate • Jennifer Hadrick Reid

Aaron Charles Ryan • Todd Stephen Salter • Tanya Kassis Shunnara

Mary Leah Singletary • Walker Steven Stewart • Tyrus Bernard Sturgis

Katherine Leigh Taylor • Andrew John Thomson • Veranita J. Waller

K. Scott Warrick • Andrea L. Weed • LaTonia Marie Williams

SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students, faculty and staff at Cumberland who completed 30 hours or more of public interest legal work, community service or public service during the 2006-07 academic year. A luncheon honoring the recipients of the Spirit of Service Award was held April 17, 2007.

Michelle N. Butler

Allison M. Case

Jill M. Downey

Laura C. Herndon

Jeremy J. Jacobs

William C. Jones

Justin H. Kelly

Eddie L. Koen Jr.

Lydia Karen Knizley

Nicole C. Leet

Terry Cameron McEwen

Tondra L. Moore

Pamela J. Nelson

LaMonica V. Orr

Jennifer Hadrick Reid

David M. Smolin

Casey Jo Tidwell

K. Scott Warrick

LaTonia M. Williams

CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM OFFICERS

Congratulations to the officers for the 2007–08 Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum.

Chair: **Jared Kerr**

Vice-Chair: **Brian Spellen**

Secretary: **Andy Saag**

SPRING ARBITRATION WINNERS

Congratulations to **Heath Brooks** and **Heather Piper** for winning the Spring Arbitration Competition. Congratulations should also be extended to **Chris Wooten** and **John Nelson** for their success as finalists. Both teams did a great job!

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!

EXAM SOFTWARE

REMINDER: In order to use laptops on exams, students **must download the NEW Extegrity Exam Software BEFORE APRIL 26.**

After that date, the software will not be available and you will have to handwrite your exam.

Also, be sure to practice with the new software and test it using the submission procedures you plan to use (making sure you test the same hardware you will be using on the exam).

Please refer to the General Policies & Procedures for final exams on the web site by clicking on the following link:

http://www.samford.edu/schools/law/records/pdf/2007/spring/2007_Spring_Gen'I_Exam_Policies.pdf

FACULTY COLLOQUIA

PROFESSORS BOLLA AND MARTIN

Professors **Alex Bolla** and **Ed Martin** will speak to the Cumberland faculty on Wednesday, **April 25, 2007** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be ordered for those who RSVP to Rhenae Kennedy by Monday, April 23.

Their topic will be:

Constructing On-Line Courses

PROFESSOR BISHOP

Professor **Brad Bishop**, the final presenter of this year, will speak to the Cumberland faculty on Thursday, **April 26, 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 24.

Professor Bishop's topic will be:

The Law Relating to Shoplifting

Ms. Kennedy's contact information is:

726.2411 or rmkenned@samford.edu

FACULTY NEWS

Professor **Charles D. (Bo) Cole** will participate in a conference by the Center for International Legal Studies in Little Rock, Arkansas during April 25 – 28, 2007. The subject of the conference is "The Internet: Governance and the Law." Professor Cole will serve as the Panel Chair for panels and discussion on April 26.

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.

BIOTECH FELLOW AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE APPLICATIONS

The Center for Biotechnology, Law and Ethics is inviting student applications for two kinds of positions: Biotech Fellow and Biotech Research Associate.

Both positions involve assisting the Center and Center Director (Professor David Smolin) with the work of the Center. This work includes research and writing related to biotechnology and bioethics issues; planning and execution of the annual conference; organization of the Center offices, and ongoing work on a web site.

Biotech fellows receive a \$5,000 fellowship. We will primarily be recruiting rising second year students (current first year students) for one Biotech Fellow position, in order to ensure that this class has the opportunity to compete for this position. The Fellow selected would begin their work during the summer; however, it is not necessary for the Fellow to be present in Birmingham this summer, as e-mail and other means of communication can be used. This position is designed to be compatible with the student's involvement in other responsibilities, including classes, clerkships, student organizations, etc. At the same time, it is best if students have an interest in this area, because there will be some commitment of time.

The position of Biotech Research Associate is based on the desire to make the educational and training opportunities of the Biotech Center available to a broader group of interested students. This position does not presently have any financial component. Only students willing to work for the Center on a volunteer basis should apply for this position. These positions will be filled depending on the level of interest and applications are welcome from rising second and third year students. Biotech Research Associates are equal partners in the work of the Center; it is only a lack of funding that prevents us from providing a financial component for the excellent work performed by our Research Associates.

Both Biotech Fellows and Research Associates should be capable of working in a team environment. In order to reduce the stress on any one person, the Biotech Center stresses cooperation and a team approach.

Applicants should submit a résumé and a short statement of interest to Kathy Walton in the Dean's office by Friday, **April 27, 2007**. The short statement should describe any relevant background, and the reason for the student's interest. Please indicate in the application whether you wish to apply for one of the positions (Biotech Fellow or Biotech Research Associate), or both. Please be honest – students competing for the Biotech Fellowship will not be penalized for any lack of interest in being a Biotech Research Associate. A selection committee will review the applications and choose the successful candidate(s) for each position.

If you have any questions, please contact Professor David Smolin at dmsmolin@samford.edu or 726.2418.

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, 2007** 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.

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.

REMINDER FOR 1LS

The editors and members of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy send best wishes to Cumberland 1Ls on their upcoming exams! Letters of invitation to write for Journal membership will be mailed around the first of June to the top one-third of the class.

Remember to send us your summer contact information. Turn in your pink form in our office, Suite 301 near the Murfee Courtroom, or complete the information online:

www.samford.edu/trialjournal/summer.htm

Unfortunately, we cannot offer free pizza or enter you in a drawing! But completing our form will help to ensure that your letter arrives to you in June.

Study hard. Good luck!

THANKS

As the semester draws to a close, I want to thank all of the faculty, staff and students for their hard work this year. I especially want to thank the outgoing officers of our student organizations. It has been an exceptional year and we have all benefited from the positive leadership provided to our student organizations.

To the first and second year classes, good luck with finals and have an enjoyable summer. To the third year class, thanks for your many contributions to the law school over the past three years. We will miss you. Good luck with finals and the bar exam, and I wish you great success in your legal careers.

JUDGE CARROLL
