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WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

I want to take this opportunity to welcome back the members of the Classes of 2008 and 2009. Last week, we welcomed the 159 members of the Class of 2010. They hail from 17 different states and 61 different undergraduate schools. We also welcomed 11 students who transferred from other law schools to continue their studies here at Cumberland. In addition, we had the pleasure of welcoming 5 students from England who will be spending a year studying American law with us.

We will also be joined this year by two new faculty, Professor LaJuana Davis and Professor Wendy Greene. Professor Davis is a graduate of Georgia State University and the Harvard Law School. After serving for two years as an Irving Kaufman Public Interest Fellow at Harvard, Professor Davis joined the Minneapolis, Minnesota law firm of Shulman, Walcott & Shulman where she practiced anti-trust and commercial litigation. She left the law firm to come to Alabama where she has had a distinguished career representing death-sentenced prisoners on direct appeal and post-conviction proceedings in state and federal court. Professor Davis was most recently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Florida Coastal School of Law. She will be teaching Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Business Crimes and Appellate Advocacy.

Professor Wendy Greene is a graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans and the Tulane University Law School. Following graduation from Tulane, she was employed at the Houston Law Firm of Neel & Hooper where she specialized in employment law. She recently completed the LL.M program at George Washington University in Washington D.C. and is putting the finishing touches on her masters' thesis. Professor Greene will be teaching Equitable Remedies, Employment Discrimination and Race and American Law.

Please extend a warm welcome to our new students and faculty.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and successful year.

Judge John Carroll

CLASS OF 2010

The **Class of 2010** consists of 159 members that were selected from an applicant pool of 1,243. The average LSAT of the class is a 157 with an average GPA of 3.27. The 75th/25th percentile is 159 / 155 (LSAT) and 3.52 / 3.07 (GPA).

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS

USED BOOK SALE

The SBA Used Book Sale will take place in the Great Room on Monday, August 20 from 8 AM to NOON. Cash and personal checks are accepted.

LOCKER SALES / RENEWALS

The SBA will sell lockers to 2Ls and 3Ls in conjunction with the SBA Used Book Sale. The 1Ls will have an opportunity to purchase their lockers all day on Monday, August 20 from 8 AM to 5 PM in the Breezeway. Small lockers are \$12 and large lockers are \$15. Cash and personal checks are accepted.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

The Student Bar Association will be hosting its "Back to School" Party on Thursday, August 23 at the Wine Loft in downtown Birmingham. The party starts at 9 PM and all students and faculty are welcome to attend.

<http://www.thewineloft.net/3.0/index.php?venue=9>

AJTA ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS

The Editorial Board and staff of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy are pleased to announce that offers of membership have been extended to and accepted by the following 2L students. These students became candidates for membership in June and successfully completed a strenuous writing program over the summer.

John S. Baker IV	Dustin J. Manning
Janice R. Ballard	Julie E. McMakin
M. Rachel Berganske	Allison J. Miller
Joel R. Blankenship	Caroline C. Owings
K. Lindsay Bridges	Jennifer Leah Parker
Christopher R. Burge	Anna L. Smith
Jeania Nicole Byrd	Jennifer Smith
J. Gabriel Carpenter	Jessica J. Thomas
Timothy Cook	Ryan D. Thompson
Katherine L. Ellis	Matthew W. Tynan
Cynthia L. Gilmer	Teresa B. Watson
Lindsay E. Hale	Summer A. Wells
Wesley J. Hunter	R. Jordan Wood
Hannah B. Lansdon	

CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW

The Editorial Board of the *Cumberland Law Review* is pleased to announce the new members of the Class of 2009. They are:

Robert Lewis Belvin III	April McEachern Helms
Jennifer Kathleen Benedict	Jessica Lora Jones
David Tyler Brown	Laura Catherine Mason
Alyson Leigh Cantrell	Matthew Irvin Penfield
Brandon Robert DeCurtins	Mark Thomas Robinson
Jeffrey Doss	Jeremiah James Rogers
Bradley W. Edmonds	Christina M. Saunders
John R. Ellis IV	Anna Belle Wilder
Daniel Joseph Ferretti	Christy L. Young
Shannon Haynes	

HERBERT W. PETERSON NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM COMPETITION

It is that time again for the Herbert W. Peterson National Trial Team Competition! The Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board encourages Cumberland's advocates to compete in this year's competition. There are limited spots and the sign up sheets will be posted on Monday morning. All participants are required to attend a meeting on **Friday, August 24th**. The Peterson also serves as an opportunity for 1L's to participate as witnesses and experience Cumberland's trial program first hand.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Adam Russell at agrussell@samford.edu

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SUMMER TRIAL BOARD COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the winners of the Trial Board competitions held this summer:

James O. Haley Federal Trial Competition

Janice Ballard
Jessica Thomas

Mediation Competition

Alan Kirk
Matt Tynan

Negotiation Competition

Brett Anderson
Mark Dithmer

Albert Brewer Client Counseling Competition

Enslin Crowe
Jessica Edmondson

TENNESSEE STUDENT BAR

As of many of you know, Cumberland School of Law was established in 1847 as a part of the Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee and moved to Birmingham in 1961. One of Cumberland's most famous alumni was from Tennessee. In

1891, Cordell Hull graduated from Cumberland School of Law and later became FDR's Secretary of State during World War II. Historically, there has been a strong alumni base in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Student Bar Association is now accepting applications for membership, and students from all states are welcome to apply. Applications will be accepted through the fourth week of August, and new members will be notified after the close of the application period.

Scholarships, speakers, the famous Southern Bar Party and some new members-only events are just a few of the reasons you may want to consider applying for membership to this organization.

For more information, email one of our 2007-2008 officers:

- President: Dillon Barker, debarker@samford.edu
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- Social Chair: Patrick Johnson, dpjohnso@samford.edu

CAREER SERVICES ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

On-campus interviews for 2Ls and 3Ls will begin on Wednesday, **September 12**. The first **deadline for bidding is Monday, August 27** at midnight. So far, we have approximately 50 employers registered to participate in the program this year.

FACULTY NEWS

The Cumberland faculty was exceptionally busy this summer. **Professor Bill Ross** oversaw our summer program in Cambridge, England. **Professor Bo Cole** was in Fortaleza, Brazil overseeing our summer program at that location. **Professor Paul Kuruk** has just returned from Accra, Ghana where he participated in the 6th Annual Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Meeting. The meeting brought together representatives from the governments, the private sector and the civil societies of the United States and 39 African countries to discuss ways to increase trade and investment between the United States and Africa.

Professor Alyssa DiRusso presented her paper entitled “He Says, She Asks: Gender, Language, and the Law of Precatory Words in Wills” at the Law & Society Association Conference in Berlin, Germany.

Several Cumberland faculty members and administrators played important roles in the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) meeting in Florida. **Professor Mike Floyd** was the President of SEALS and was honored for his service. Three Cumberland folks, **Dean Corky Strickland**, **Professor Brannon Denning** and **Judge Carroll** moderated panels.

Professor Marcia McCormick was a speaker at the program “New Approaches to Old Problems in Labor and Employment Law.” **Professor Alyssa DiRusso** presented a paper at the New Scholars Workshop entitled “The Demographics of Intestacy and Marketing of Estate Planning.”

Professor Brad Bishop has spent a significant amount of the summer promoting his new book, “The Law of Shoplifting: A Guide for Lawyers and Retail Merchants.” He is donating all of the profits from the book to the Brad Bishop Scholarship Fund which was started through a generous donation from Cecil '74 and Betty Cheves.

Professor Howard Walthall and **Judge Carroll** attended the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in Pasadena, California because they are reporters to drafting committees.

Professor Howard Walthall serves as Reporter for the Drafting Committee for a Uniform Business Organizations Act sponsored by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). The purpose of the Act is to make uniform among different business entities (corporations, LLC's, etc.) those provisions that they all have in common. As Reporter, Professor Walthall drafted the Act and was a member of the panel that presented the Act for its first reading at the Annual Meeting.

Judge Carroll is the Reporter to the committee creating Uniform Rules Relating to the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information. As Reporter, Judge Carroll drafted the Rules and was a member of the panel that presented them to the Annual Meeting. The Conference adopted the Uniform Rules and an effort will now be made to have each state adopt those rules.

STREET LAW

Cumberland law students are invited to participate in Alabama Law and Civic Education's Street Law Program. **Street Law** is

both a curriculum in practical law for students and a program designed to train law students and legal professionals as classroom educators. Street Law teaches law-related topics to elementary, middle and high school students in public and correctional schools.

To become involved, you must attend a one hour Monday night seminar (one night a week for six weeks) to be held at the law school beginning September 10. Using the lessons learned in the seminar, you teach your assigned class one hour per week for six weeks. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27 in the Great Room.

For information about this program, please contact the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education at 726.2433.

CLE PROGRAM

The Continuing Legal Education Office has scheduled a program entitled "***Developments and Trends in Health Care Law***" for Friday, **September 14, 2007** 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

Patricia J. Pritchett

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, P.C.
Birmingham, Alabama

Speakers for the program include:

William F. Addison

Associate Counsel
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
Montgomery, Alabama

Susan M. Lapenta

Horty, Springer & Mattern, P.C.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Gregory E. Skipper, M.D., FASAM

Medical Director
Alabama Physician Health Program
Montgomery, Alabama

Thomas E. Bartrum

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
Washington, D.C.

Randall H. Sellers
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Birmingham, Alabama

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