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2007-08 NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 2007-08 National Trial Team Members:

Dillon Barker	Sean Mims
Baird Beers	Heather Piper
Heath Brooks	Sigfredo Rubio
Brian Duncan	William Scully
Lucas Griffin	Matt Seymore
Megan Head	Anna Smith
Patrick Johnson	Charlotte Sonn
Jessica Jones	Megan Stephens
Lisha Li	Summer Wells
Julie McMakin	Chris Wooten

CERTIFICATES IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2007 who were awarded Certificates in Trial Advocacy:

Kelly Elizabeth Ransom
Mary Leah Singletary
Michael Brent Walker

CCMC WELCOMES ITS FIRST INTERN

Becky Odom, a graduate student working on her Master's degree in Conflict Mediation at the University of Alabama, will be interning with the Cumberland Community Mediation Center (CCMC). Ms. Odom is the first student in that program, and the CCMC was the only resource available to provide a

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multifaceted field experience in mediation. We look forward to Ms. Odom's presence in and contribution to the CCMC.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR HOWARD WALTHALL

On Friday, September 14, Professor **Howard Walthall** attended a Uniform Law Conference meeting in Chicago for Chairs and Reporters for projects sponsored by the Conference. Professor Walthall is Reporter for the Conference's Uniform Business Entities Project, which is drafting a uniform statute bringing the current corporation, partnership, and limited liability company acts into a single statute.

PROFESSOR MARCIA MCCORMICK

Professor **Marcia McCormick** will present her paper, *The Truth is Out There: Refitting the EEOC for the 21st Century* at the 2007 Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor & Employment Law, jointly sponsored by the University of Denver and University of Colorado, on September 28 and 29.

PROFESSOR WENDY GREENE

Professor **Wendy Greene** will also attend the Second Annual Labor and Employment Scholars Colloquium in Colorado. She will present a works-in-progress entitled, *Title VII: What's Hair (And Other Race-Based Characteristics) Got To Do With It?*

ELECTIONS

Voting will be held all-day in the Breezeway on **Tuesday, September 25**. 1Ls can vote for their fellow classmates for the positions of SBA representative and Junior Honor Court Justice. 3Ls can vote for their fellow classmates for the two available Senior Honor Court Justice positions. Run-off voting will be held all-day in the Breezeway on Thursday, September 27.

RAFFLE FOR PARKING SPACE

The SBA is raffling off the parallel parking space right in front of the school for an entire week (the first week in October). Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold at the Coffee Shop the week of **September 24 to September 28**.

The drawing will be held on Friday, September 28 and students can purchase as many tickets as they want.

FAMILY DAY

Family Day is back and will be held at Homewood Park on **Tuesday, September 25** from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. There will be games, food, and prizes. All faculty, staff, and students along with their families, friends, spouses/significant others, and pets are invited.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

Cumberland Christian Legal Society hosts guest speaker, David Nammo, Director of the National Christian Legal Society, on **September 25 at 5:00 PM in Room 120**. Johnny Ray's barbeque will be provided at the meeting (free), and all students and faculty are invited to attend.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY TO MEET

The initial meeting of the 2007-08 Cumberland Federalist Society will take place Thursday, **September 27**, at **11:00 AM** in room **123**. At this short meeting, the upcoming Clegg / McCormick debate will be discussed as well as suggestions for future speakers.

Contact Brad Edmonds with any questions.

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FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor **David Smolin** will speak to the Cumberland faculty Thursday, **September 27** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 26 to Carolyn Tompkins at 726.2411 or ctompkin@samford.edu if you plan to attend.

The topic of Professor Smolin's presentation is:

***Intercountry Adoption and Poverty:
A Human Rights Analysis***

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Professor **Andrew M. Perlman**, Associate Professor of Law at Suffolk University Law School, will speak at the Works in Progress program scheduled for Friday, **September 28** at **11:00 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. All Cumberland faculty are invited to attend, and lunch will be served.

For more information about Professor Perlman, please visit the following Web Page:

<http://www.law.suffolk.edu/faculty/directories/faculty.cfm?InstructorID=42>

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FILM

Cassandra Adams, Director of the Cumberland Community Mediation Center (CCMC) and Public Interest Project, was included in a short documentary entitled, "Portraits of Restorative Justice." The documentary focused on Restorative Justice in Alabama and how it benefits victims of crime. The film was submitted and accepted for showing at Birmingham's Sidewalk Film Festival. The 11-minute piece will be shown before a full length film on Sunday, September 30 at 5 PM at the Civil Rights Institute.

PINSTRIPES & PEARLS

The Birmingham Bar Association's Women Lawyers Section presents *Pinstripes & Pearls - Lessons for New and Experienced Lawyers: Increasing Your Sphere of Influence*. You are invited to attend a 45-minute panel discussion which will be followed by a networking reception. The panel consists of distinguished jurists and attorneys who will share insights from their personal backgrounds and careers.

October 2, 2007

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP

One Federal Place

1819 5th Avenue North

For more information about Pinstripes & Pearls, please visit the following Web Page:

<http://www.bbawomen.org/Pinstripes%20and%20Pearls%20flyer.pdf>

CALLED TO THE BAR

Dean Strickland will address academic planning in the *Called to the Bar* program for first year students scheduled for **October 4** at 11:00 AM in the Moot Courtroom.

His discussion will include career tracks and course selection as well as topics tested on the Bar.

PROFESSOR MCCORMICK DEBATES ROGER CLEGG

On **Thursday, October 4**, at 6:00 PM in the Moot Courtroom, our own Professor Marcia McCormick will debate Roger Clegg, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity (www.ceousa.org). The Center, headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, seeks to "block the expansion of racial preferences and to prevent their use in employment, education, and voting" (per the CEOUSA website).

McCormick and Clegg (a roommate of our own Professor Michael DeBow at Yale) will debate whether Affirmative Action should remain our law. The debate is sponsored by the Cumberland chapter of the Federalist Society.

Be there to support our Beloved Professor! Or, be there to support a good friend of the other Beloved Professor!

EFFECTIVE WRITING FOR LAWYERS

The next in the series of the CLE programs at Cumberland is scheduled to take place Friday, September 28, 2007 in the Moot Courtroom. "**Effective Writing for Lawyers**," developed by the members of Cumberland's Lawyering Skills and Legal Reasoning Faculty, will be an interactive workshop and all participants will have an opportunity to practice their writing and editing skills.

18th ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY LAW SEMINAR

Cumberland's Continuing Legal Education Office will host its annual **Bankruptcy Law Seminar** on Friday, **October 5, 2007** 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).

Cumberland now offers online registration and payment.

Go to:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>

and click on "Schedule of Events".

In addition to our live seminars, the CLE department now offers online courses. Go to:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>

and click on "Online Courses."

For additional information, contact Cumberland CLE at (205) 726-2391 or 1-800-888-7454, or e-mail us at:

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