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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION

Please join the Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board in congratulating four members of our National Trial Team:

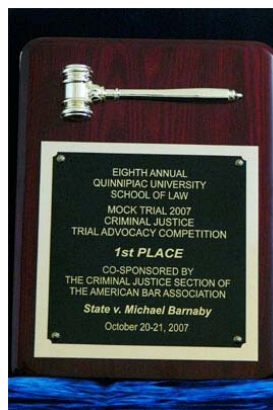
Dillon Barker

Lucas Griffin

Sigfredo Rubio

Charlotte Sonn

Today, they returned home victorious from winning the Quinnipiac University School of Law Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition in Hamden, Connecticut. Our advocates bested teams from seven other law schools: Quinnipiac, Santa Clara, Houston, Stetson, Pace, St. Johns, and Catholic. Our advocates won every round of competition, and **Lucas Griffin** was awarded an individual prize for "Best Individual Cross Examination."



Please join us in celebrating this victory, and in thanking **Mike Rasmussen** and **Roger Brown** who helped the team prepare for their win and **Tracy Luke** who accompanied the team to Quinnipiac as their manager.

Because of this victory, Cumberland's National Trial Team will receive an invitation to the prestigious American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Competition in the spring.

- Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award
- Keys to Successful Arbitration CLE Program
October 26, 2007
Cahaba Grand Conference Center



*Congratulations to Cumberland's National Trial Team!
October 21, 2007*

NATIONAL NEGOTIATION TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to serve on Cumberland's National Negotiation Team:

Sheena Allen
Brett Anderson
Mark Dithmer
Summer McWhorter

Dean Henry Strickland will coach the team.

GEORGIA STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the new officers of the Georgia Student Bar Association. They are as follows:

President - **Graham Floyd**
Vice President - **Jeff Morman**
Secretary - **Justin Thrailkill**
Treasurer - **Henry Schenker**

Anyone interested in joining the Georgia Student Bar Association that could not make the meeting, please contact these officers or Brian Malcom.

“WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND? HOW TO HAVE A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION”

Judge Carroll, Ms. Cassandra Adams and **Professor Marcia McCormick** will be hosting an informal discussion on how to have conversations on difficult issues on Tuesday, **October 23, 2007** at 4:00 PM in the Great Room. Please join them and share your views on this interesting topic.

RUN FOR THE CURE RESULTS

Congratulations to **Drew Ellis, Hayes Arendall, Rachel Winford, Kiel Gross, John Hensley** and **Billy Debuys** who beat the Dean in the *Race for the Cure*. They are all entitled to a free dinner. If you ran the race in 23 minutes and 30 seconds or less and are not on this list, please contact the dean and he will add you to the dinner list.

SENIOR CLASS PEER SCHOLARSHIP

For a number of years, the Senior Class at Cumberland has donated funds for the Peer Scholarship. The Peer Scholarship is an award given to a member or members of the second year class to be used during their final year at Cumberland. Applications for this year's Peer Scholarship will be available in the Alumni Office to members of the Cumberland Class of 2009 on October 22. Completed applications must be returned to the Alumni Office by **November 2**.

Direct any question you might have to either:

kldewitt@samford.edu or mtmiller@samford.edu

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

**Cumberland Christian Legal Society
Hosts Guest Speakers:**

Judge Karon Bowdre
Federal District Judge
Tuesday, October 23
5:00 PM
Room 120

Olive Garden Provided at Meeting (FREE)

Stephen Casey
Balch & Bingham Attorney
Tuesday, October 30
5:00 PM
Room 115

Steve McKinney
Balch & Bingham Attorney
Tuesday, November 6
5:00 PM
Room 115

All Students and Faculty are Invited to Attend

PLAY BY THE RULES NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education will be hosting its first Play by the Rules National Conference on **October 21 - 23** at The Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. Fifty-five attendees will represent 33 states and three U.S. territories, and they will learn about the Play by the Rules state-specific law program for middle school youth in Alabama and how this program can be adapted to their states or territories. Our special thanks to Senator Richard Shelby for securing U.S. Justice Department. Anyone interested in learning more about this program should contact Jan Bedford (Covin) at:

jabedford@samford.edu

ALUMNI EVENT

The Alumni office is hosting a luncheon in Huntsville, Alabama on Tuesday, **October 23** at noon. If interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Mary T. Miller at:

mtmiller@samford.edu

CALLED TO THE BAR

Substance abuse and alcoholism are at an all time high among lawyers and law students. The *Called to the Bar* program scheduled for Thursday, **October 25** at 11:00 AM in the Moot Courtroom will focus on State Bar Programs which provide assistance in dealing with those sorts of problems. Jeanne

Marie Leslie who is the Director of the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program and David Wooldridge who is a partner in the Sirote Law Firm will be the presenters.

1L CAREER SERVICES ORIENTATION

The Mandatory 1L Career Services Orientation will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, **October 26** in the Moot Courtroom. In the meeting, the Career Services staff and the 2L and 3L members of the Career Services Advisory Board will cover the services offered by the CSO and set out what 1Ls need to do now to prepare for the Spring recruiting season. 1Ls must attend this program to participate in the Spring On-Campus Interview Program that will begin in February.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Ms. **Jennifer Y. Sims**, Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment, will present on October 26 at the Atlanta Law Forum sponsored by Law School Admission Council. Ms. Sims will share the podium with an admissions colleague from Louis D. Brandeis School of Law and lead a panel discussion on the application process.

SPRING 2008 REGISTRATION

Registration for Spring 2008 classes will take place Tuesday, **October 30** through Friday, **Friday, November 2** at **4:30 p.m.** The updated Spring 2008 class schedule is available on the Cumberland website and in the Office of Law Student Records. Registration forms and instructions are also available in the Office of Law Student Records (Room 106).

All registration forms properly submitted to the Office of Law Student Records by Friday, November 2 at 4:30 PM will receive equal treatment and will have priority over forms submitted thereafter. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Harris or Ms. Grier in the Office of Law Student Records.

Students are encouraged to plan their class schedules carefully and to consult with faculty in their areas of interest for guidance.

NEW ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

Several outstanding new adjunct professors will be teaching at Cumberland for the first time this spring. They are Professors **Alan Deer, Marvin Rogers, Mark Hogewood, Tom Powell,** and **John Strohm.**

Professor Deer will teach Banking Law. Professor Deer was most recently General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Regions Financial Corporation, where he worked for ten years. Prior to joining Regions, he was in private practice with the Birmingham firm of Lange, Simpson, Robinson & Somerville, where he served as chairperson of the firm's financial services group. He is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law.

Professor Rogers will join us to teach Oil & Gas Law. Professor Rogers is General Counsel of the Alabama Oil & Gas Board and the chairperson of the National Council of Oil and Gas Attorneys. He taught a course entitled "Comparative Oil & Gas Law" this summer in Cumberland's summer abroad program in Cambridge. He received both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Alabama.

Professor Hogewood will teach Insurance Law. He is a member of the Birmingham law firm of Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, L.L.C. A graduate of Wake Forest University and Vanderbilt University Law School, Professor Hogewood has practiced law fourteen years, specializing in insurance coverage issues.

Professor Powell will teach Alabama Trial Practice and Procedure this spring. He is in private practice with the law firm of Marsh, Rickard & Bryan, P.C. He has been an active member of the Alabama Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee for the past seven years, having been appointed and reappointed by the Alabama Supreme Court. He is also a frequent CLE lecturer on Alabama civil procedure. Professor Powell is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and the Cumberland School of Law.

Professor Strohm will teach Entertainment Law. He practices entertainment and intellectual property law with the Birmingham firm of Johnston, Barton, Proctor & Rose, where he represents both artists and independent record labels. He is a graduate of UAB and the Cumberland School of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Cumberland Law Review*. Prior to enrolling in law school, Professor Strohm was a professional musician for over ten years. He composed, performed, produced, and recorded music worldwide, and was a member of such alternative rock bands as the Lemonheads and the Blake Babies.

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 2007 were Professor Ed Martin (First Year Courses) and Professor Marcia McCormick (Upper Level Courses). 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).

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 (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) 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.***

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL ARBITRATION

Cumberland's Continuing Legal Education Office will host a program entitled "**Keys to Successful Arbitration**" on Friday, **October 26**, 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).

Speakers for the program include:

Program Chairman
W. Scott Simpson
Ritchey & Simpson, P.L.L.C.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dan E. Batchelor
Executive Vice President & General Counsel
Southern Energy Homes, Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama

C. Lance Gould
Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.
Montgomery, Alabama

David L. Selby
Kee & Selby, L.L.P.
Birmingham, Alabama

S. Andrew Kelly
Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.L.C.
Birmingham, Alabama

Richard S. Walker
Ritchey & Simpson, P.L.L.C.
Birmingham, Alabama

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