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SBA BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be on campus on Tuesday, **January 22** from **10 AM** to **3 PM** in the **Great Room**. All able students, faculty, and administration are encouraged to give the gift of life. Each donor will receive snacks, beverages, and an American Red Cross t-shirt. Please sign-up for a time slot in the SBA office located on the second floor of the Great Room.

CAREER SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Career Services Advisory Board will meet at **8:00 AM** on Thursday, **January 24** in the Dean's Conference Room.

HOW TO EXCEL IN A LEGAL INTERVIEW

Career Services will present How to Excel in a Legal Interview at **11:00 AM** on Thursday, **January 24** in the **Moot Courtroom**. The speaker for this program will be Mr. Thomas Logan, managing partner of the Birmingham firm, Carr Allison.

CLS MEETING

CUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

GUEST SPEAKER:

Stan Davis,
Director of Gift Planning, Samford University

4:45 PM

ROOM 120

ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

2008 CAMBRIDGE STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAM



A second informational meeting concerning the 2008 Cambridge study-abroad program will be held on Thursday, **January 31**, room **114**, at **11:00 AM**.

The meeting will offer relevant material for students who have not yet registered and, as well, additional information for students who have registered and would like additional information. Twenty-two students are registered for the program at this time and, as mentioned at the first informational meeting, there are currently only 30 student rooms available. Interested students should register with **Professor Cole** (room 220-B) or **Anna Kinman** (room 220-A) at their earliest convenient time.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES ...

Students planning to sit for the July Alabama Bar must mail a completed application to the Alabama Bar by FEBRUARY 1. Students should have submitted a Law Student Registration during their first year; however, anyone who has not done so must submit the student registration along with the Bar application. Fingerprint cards are available in Student Services if needed.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM NORWICH LAW SCHOOL

The Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, is participating in an exchange program with the Norwich Law

School (NLS), University of East Anglia, United Kingdom of Great Britain. The exchange program allows NLS students to attend classes at Cumberland while Cumberland students have an opportunity to pursue an LL.M. at NLS. Consistent with the agreement between the schools, Cumberland has the opportunity to provide tuition scholarships for ten graduates of our law school, including two full-tuition scholarships and eight half-tuition scholarships. **Damon J. Boiles**, a 2007 Cumberland graduate, is currently pursuing a graduate degree at NLS. Interested Cumberland seniors and recent graduates are encouraged to contact **Professor Cole** at the law school at their very earliest convenience.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR BETH BURCH

Professor **Beth Burch** will present her article, *Securities Class Actions as Pragmatic Ex Post Regulation*, to the faculty at John Marshall Law School on January 23.

PROFESSOR BRANNON DENNING

Professor **Brannon Denning** co-authored an article with Professor Glenn Reynolds that was recently published in the Online Companion to the Texas Law Review. The article, *The Year of the Gun*, is about the Heller 2nd amendment case. To view the online publication, please follow this link:

<http://www.texaslrev.com/seealso/>

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following folks who are being recognized by the University for their years of service.

Professor Brad Bishop – 40 years

Mrs. Patricia Muse – 20 years

Professor David Smolin – 20 years

Mrs. Janice James – 15 years

Mrs. Teresa Mauldin – 10 years

Professor Deborah Young – 10 years

Professor Don Cochran – 5 years

TAX VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

For the second year, Cumberland is partnering with SaveFirst in its VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) efforts.

All students are invited to participate.

The SaveFirst Initiative gives Cumberland students the opportunity to assist working families in the Birmingham area. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest and most successful anti-poverty program for small taxpayers. Unfortunately, many such taxpayers lose the benefit of the EITC when they have to pay for tax preparation services and turn to payday loans, which can have a devastating effect on already economically strained taxpayers. In order to prevent these problems and help local working families, SaveFirst trains students to provide free tax preparation services, financial literacy information, and opportunities for savings and economic improvement. The training dates and locations are listed below. Actual participation is not compulsory; you may assist taxpayers as your schedule allows.

Students will be required to attend six hours of tax training before volunteering at our free tax preparation sites as well as complete an IRS certification exam. Training session information:

January 22 – 23
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM (both nights)
UAB
(Location TBD)

When students complete the training, they will be volunteering at one of two sites located not too far from downtown – New Hope Credit Union near Five Points West or Smithfield Library near Legion Field. SaveFirst will be open a significant number of hours at these locations, and will ask students to work 2 – 3 hours per week from January 22 – February 23 (starting a little later if they participate in the last training session).

Students should notify Sarah Louise Smith at:

s smith@impactalabama.org

[<mailto:s smith@impactalabama.org>](mailto:s smith@impactalabama.org)

to let her know if you plan to attend the training session.

Questions may be directed to Sarah Louise Smith, to SBA representative Mac Bracewell, or to Professor DiRusso.

ETHICS & PROFESSIONALISM CLE PROGRAM

Ethics & Professionalism – 3 hours of Ethics

Diversity Training – 3 hours of CLE

Featuring – Sean Carter

January 25, 2008

Cumberland School of Law

Moot Courtroom

FEE: \$295, includes lunch

*Students are invited to attend at no charge.
Please register in advance with the CLE office.*

For many lawyers, sitting through a lecture on legal ethics or professionalism can be the equivalent of traffic school. In fact, many lawyers view CLE as being worse than traffic school. After all, at least with traffic school, they've done something wrong to deserve their "punishment." That's why Mr. Carter has developed an alternative to traditional CLE programs -- comedic legal education.

Sean introduces a new form of CLE - comedic legal education. It is often said that laughter is the best medicine, and he combines a healthy dose of substantive legal knowledge and side-splitting humor to create his own special potion of "lawgther". In his seminars, you will learn how to avoid the most common ethical pitfalls faced by lawyers. And perhaps, most importantly, you will have a great time in the process.

Sean is the founder of Lawpsided Seminars, a company devoted to solid legal continuing education with a healthy dose of laughter. Sean graduated from Harvard Law School in 1992. His ten years of legal practice focused on corporate securities and mergers and acquisitions. He represented such clients as GNC, Experian, The Boston Beer Company, Homeside Lending, Safelite Auto Glass, J. Crew and many others. Most recently, he served as in-house counsel to New Century Mortgage Corporation, the nation's leading sub-prime mortgage lender.

In 2002, Sean left the practice of law to become the country's foremost Humorist at Law. During the last four years, he has crisscrossed the country delivering his Lawpsided Seminars to

lawyers and judges in almost every state in the union. In approximately 100 live presentations each year Sean finds a way to impart practical legal information in a manner that leaves his audiences wanting more.

Cumberland offers online registration and payment.

Go to:

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

and click on "Schedule of Events"

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

lawcle@samford.edu

UPCOMING CLE SEMINARS

ANATOMY FOR LAWYERS

Featuring Professor Samuel D. Hodge

Friday, February 15, 2008

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and

REPRESENTING SPANISH-SPEAKING CLIENTS

Featuring Samantha Snow Ward

Friday, February 29, 2008

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