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PROFESSIONALISM CONSORTIUM

On **February 21**, lawyers and judges from across the state of Alabama will come to Cumberland as part of the first Professionalism Consortium in the state's history. The purpose of the consortium is to bring together lawyers, judges and law professors to discuss professionalism and how the law schools and the Bar can work together to improve our profession.

The session will last from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM and will take place in our moot court room. Judge Carroll will be facilitating a panel discussion which will identify the most pressing professionalism issues.

BAR TALK

Bar/Bri and Kaplan PMBR will hold a Bar Talk at noon on **February 18th** in the Great Room. Students will receive information regarding bar review courses, bar review schedules and the format of the bar exam. Food will be provided by Kaplan.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING

Devotional by Michael Alfano

Monday, February 18 at 4:45 PM

Room 120

February 29, 2008
The Great Room

JAY HINTON

Attorney at Gidiere, Hinton, Herndon & Christman

Monday, February 25 at 4:45 PM

Room 120

Free Chick-fil-A Provided at Meeting

ALUMNI EVENTS

The Alumni Office is hosting the following events during the month of February. If anyone is interested in attending or would like more details, please contact:

Mary T. Miller

mtmiller@samford.edu

Mobile Alumni Luncheon

February 19

Pensacola Alumni Reception

February 19

MINORITY PRE-LAW CONFERENCE

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, in conjunction with its Black and Hispanic Law Students Associations and the Law School Admissions Council, will host its first annual Minority Pre-Law Conference on Thursday, **February 21**. High school seniors and freshman and sophomores in college are encouraged to attend. During the conference they will hear from faculty, students and alumni and learn about the legal profession, law school and how best to pursue their goal of becoming an attorney.

For more information, contact Jennifer Sims in Admissions at jysims@samford.edu. If you know anyone who would like to attend, please have them contact the Admissions Office to RSVP by Monday, Feb. 18.

COLLOQUIUM

Professor **Bill Ross** will speak to the faculty on Friday, **February 22** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. The topic of his presentation will be *"How Widespread Is Unethical Billing? Results of My Third Survey."*

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Carolyn Tompkins by 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 21 if you plan to attend.

Ms. Tompkins' contact information is:

726.2411 or ctompkin@samford.edu

ABA 5TH CIRCUIT SPRING MEETING

Students interested in becoming involved in the activities of the ABA Law Student Division, in building a network to launch a career after graduation, or in learning how to get the most from a legal education should plan to attend the Circuit's spring conference at Cumberland School of Law on Saturday, **February 23**. Join law students from across the circuit for a weekend of learning, socializing and the election of the 2008-09 Circuit Governor.

CALLED TO THE BAR

The next program in the Called to the Bar series is scheduled for Thursday, **February 28** at 11:00 AM in the Moot Courtroom. In this session, Dean Strickland will speak to all first-year students about registration and curriculum planning. 1L attendance is required.

FACULTY NEWS

DEAN HENRY STRICKLAND
PROFESSOR WENDY GREENE

Dean **Henry Strickland** and Professor **Wendy Greene** will be attending the International Conference on the Future of Legal Education on February 20 – 23. The conference is hosted by Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia.

PROFESSOR BO COLE

Professor **Charles D. (Bo) Cole** has published a new book, *Comparative Constitutional Law: Brazil and the United States* with Vandepias Publishing.

AJTA SELECTS VOLUME 32 EDITORIAL BOARD

The senior Editors of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy are pleased to announce the selection of the Volume 32 Editorial Board, serving for 2008-2009:

Katherine Ellis Reeves - Editor-in-Chief

J. Gabe Carpenter - Executive Editor

Justin J. Jones - Articles Editor

Summer A. Davis - Articles Editor

Janice R. Ballard - Research and Writing Editor

Lindsay E. Hale - Research and Writing Editor

Jennifer Smith - Research and Writing Editor

Timothy Cook - Student Materials Editor

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

The SBA is hosting its first annual powder puff football game to kick-off Law Week on Sunday, **March 2** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**. It will be a flag football game between the 3L girls and the 1L/2L girls at the Samford Intramural Fields. The 3L girls will be coached by 3L guys and the 1L/2L girls will be coached by 1L/2L guys. Sign-ups are posted in the SBA office, which is located on the second floor of the Great Room.

VITA

The window to participate in VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) through Cumberland's partnership with SaveFirst closed February 17, but students can still volunteer individually or in informal groups as part of Cumberland's independent VITA

effort! Through VITA, students can assist low-income taxpayers with tax form preparation, providing a needed service to the community while honing their client interaction skills. The active VITA site closest to Samford is (according to the IRS):

Multicultural Resource Center

2231 Victory Lane

Birmingham, AL 35216

Open 2/11-4/14

Appointment Required (for clients)

205-987-4771

Online certification (training) possible for volunteers.

Carmen is the contact person.

I have talked with Carmen on the phone and she will welcome Cumberland volunteers, and she can be reached at the number above. Students who completed their training through SaveFirst should be ready to go; students who have not completed training can complete the online certification at the MCR site after reviewing the training books (also available on site). Alternatively, students still looking for training can call 1-800-829-1040 and the IRS procedural area can refer you to the local post of duty site and supervisor for more information.

There is an additional site operating at:

New Hope Community Development Federal Credit Union

1741 Jefferson Avenue

Birmingham, AL 35211

Open 1/15-4/14

Appointment Required (for clients)

205-923-3866

If that site is more convenient, I encourage students to contact them. Please feel free to contact me (Professor DiRusso) for help or more information.

Professor Alyssa DiRusso

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CLE SEMINAR

REPRESENTING SPANISH-SPEAKING CLIENTS

featuring

Samantha Snow Ward

February 29, 2008

Cumberland School of Law

The Great Room

FEE: \$295, includes lunch

The Hispanic population in Alabama grew from 0.6% in 1990 to an estimated 2.3% in 2005. Some estimates predict that in 50 years Spanish will be the spoken language of over half of all American households. Spanish-speakers constitute a growing client base, but non-English speaking clients also present unique challenges. By attending this seminar, you will be better prepared to understand how cultural perspective may influence your client's understanding of legal proceedings and how use of a translator or interpreter affects privilege and confidentiality.

The following topics will be discussed:

- ABA Model Rule 1.4 and Attorney-Client Privilege
- Interviewing Spanish-Speaking Clients and Witnesses
- Essential Civil Law Dialogue
- Civil Law Situations
- Essential Criminal Law
- Criminal Law Situations

Registration is at 8:00 AM with the first topic of discussion beginning at 8:30 AM with the program concluding at 3:45 PM.

Students are invited to attend at no charge.

Please register in advance with the CLE office.

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
