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CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

JAY HINTON

Attorney at Gidiere, Hinton, Herndon & Christman

Monday, February 25 at 4:45 PM

Room 120

Free Chick-fil-A Provided at Meeting

WOMEN IN LAW PRESENTS: HOW TO NETWORK

Women in Law will present *"How to Network"* on Wednesday, **February 27** from 12:30 to 1:45 PM in the Great Room. This event features **Anne Marovich**, the Associate Director of Career Services. We have all been told that it's "who you know" that counts. But how do we actually make that work? Ms. Marovich will address the practical aspects of networking - how to work a room, contacting people within your network, what to say to your contacts, etc.

Lunch will be provided.

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.

OPEN HOUSE FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Applicants admitted to the Class of 2011 will hear firsthand how Cumberland's exceptional faculty, collegial community, and emphasis on advocacy training will prepare them for successful careers. Held in the Murfee Court Room on **February 29** from 1:00 - 3:00, the program will include faculty and student perspectives, financial aid and apartment information and student-guided tours. For additional information, contact the Admissions Office by calling 726.2702 or 1.800.888.7213.

COLLOQUIUM

Professor **Brad Bishop** will speak to the faculty on Friday, **February 29** at **11 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. The topic of his presentation will be "*Emotional Distress Damages in Breach of Contract Cases.*"

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Carolyn Tompkins by 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 28 if you plan to attend.

Ms. Tompkins' contact information is:

726.2411 or ctompkin@samford.edu

LAW WEEK MARCH 2 – 8, 2008

Every spring, students, faculty and staff look forward to the annual events and celebrations which are held during Law Week. Below are a few highlights of this year's events.

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME

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 held at the Samford Intramural Fields. Sign-ups are posted in the SBA office.

SBA TRIVIA BOWL

The SBA Trivia Bowl will take place Monday, **March 3** at 4:30 PM in the Moot Courtroom.

STUDENT POLITICAL DEBATE

The Cumberland Republicans, Cumberland Democrats and the Libertarian Society will be holding a student debate on Tuesday, **March 4** at 11:00 AM in the Trial Courtroom.

WILLIAMS FRESHMAN TRIAL COMPETITION

The finals of the Parham H. Williams Trial Competition will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 5 in the Moot Courtroom.

RASCAL DAY



On Thursday, **March 6** at **11:00 AM**, the Law School will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends of the Law School (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to Blackacre Patio.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940, and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford Campus, and again interred at Blackacre, on the west side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including the Best Dressed Dog, the Best Trick, the dog most resembling its owner, the smallest and largest dog, and the dog that most represents the spirit of Rascal.

Make sure you and your pet come out for a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal, Cumberland's own CJD.

FRESHMAN FOLLIES

The Freshman Follies will be held Thursday, **March 6** at 4:30 PM in the Moot Courtroom.

SOUTHERN BAR PARTY

Southern Bar Party tickets are now on sale in the breezeway. Tickets are \$4 before March 6; on March 6 and at the door, they're \$8. The Southern Bar Party will be Thursday, **March 6**, 2008 at Nana Funk's (in Birmingham's Lakeview district, 708 29th St., S., next to Innisfree).

The Southern Bar Party is part of Law Week 2008.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR BRANNON DENNING

Professor **Brannon Denning** presented a paper at a symposium on "Corporations and Their Communities" at Case Western Reserve School of Law on January 25-26, 2008. Professor Denning's paper updated his research on the constitutionality of local zoning laws designed to keep "big box" retail stores out of communities in part to protect existing local businesses. The paper will be published in the *Case Western Reserve Law Review* later this year.

PROFESSOR HOWARD WALTHALL

On February 1st and 2nd, Professor **Howard Walthall** participated in a meeting in Portland, Oregon of a joint committee of the American Bar Association and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws that is revising provisions of the various model and uniform business entities laws. The Model Business Corporation Act and the Uniform Partnership Act, each of which has been adopted in a large number of states, are examples of the statutes being revised. Professor Walthall is Reporter to the committee and thus has the responsibility for preparing drafts for the committee's review.

JUDGE JOHN CARROLL

On January 29, **Dean John L. Carroll** was a panelist on a national webinar sponsored by the Sedona Conference which discussed developments in the law of sanctions.

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
aadiruss@samford.edu

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
