

## THE CLASS OF 2011

During 1L Orientation Week, Cumberland welcomed the 162 members of the Class of 2011. They hail from 17 different states and 60 different undergraduate schools. We also welcomed 8 students who transferred from other law schools to continue their studies here at Cumberland. In addition, we had the pleasure of welcoming 3 students from England who will be spending a year studying American law with us.



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## CUMBERLAND WELCOMES NEW FACULTY



Professor **Dayna Harmelin** has joined the faculty as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. After graduation, she clerked for a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and was then an Associate with a large law firm in Atlanta.



Professor **Greg Laughlin** has joined the faculty as an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library. He replaces Becky Clapp who retired at the end of the last academic year. Professor Laughlin was formerly the Assistant Dean for Information Services and Director of the Law Library at the University of Memphis School of Law.

## CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM

**James F. Neal** will address students at the Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum scheduled for this Thursday, **August 28** in the Moot Courtroom. The forum will begin at **11:00 AM** and end at noon. His speech, entitled "Crusades," will cover some of Mr. Neal's accomplishments in his career as an attorney. After the forum, lunch will be served (free of charge) in the Great Room.

CORDELL HULL  
SPEAKER'S FORUM

Nashville attorney and federal prosecutor James F. Neal achieved prominence as successful trial counsel in some of the nation's highest profile criminal cases from the 1960s through the 1990s. **He is best known as lead trial counsel in the prosecution of high-ranking officials of the Nixon administration that arose out of the Watergate cover-up, the scandal that prompted President Nixon's resignation.**

GUEST SPEAKER:  
WATERGATE  
PROSECUTOR  
JAMES NEAL

Neal attended the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship and graduated in 1952. Following service in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he reached the rank of captain, Neal attended Vanderbilt University School of Law and finished first in the class of 1957. He earned an advanced law degree at Georgetown University in 1960.

THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 28

While serving from 1961 to 1964 as a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, **Neal helped prosecute Teamsters Union president Jimmy Hoffa for attempting to bribe jurors in a previous case.** Following service as U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee from 1964 to 1966, he entered private law practice in Nashville and was a founding partner of the firm of Neal and Harwell.

11:00 AM

MOOT COURTROOM

In 1973 former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell and other ranking members of the Nixon administration were charged with obstructing justice following the 1972 burglary of Democratic Party offices at the Watergate Hotel by Republican political operatives. Neal was named lead trial counsel and successfully prosecuted the cases.

FOLLOWED BY  
LUNCH IN THE  
GREAT ROOM

Among the more noted defendants Neal has successfully represented are Dr. George Nichopoulos (Elvis Presley's physician), Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards, Ford Motor Company in the Pinto criminal trial, and Exxon Corporation in charges resulting from the Alaskan oil spill. He also served as private counsel for Vice-President Albert Gore Jr. in the late 1990s.

## SUMMER SAAD MOOT COURT COMPETITION

On July 26 and 27, Cumberland students switched back into academic mode by participating in the **Gordon Saad Summer Moot Court Competition**. The turnout was great and the competition was fierce with an evenly distributed mix of 2L and 3L competitors. Despite other summer obligations, all of the competitors were extremely well-prepared and displayed fantastic oral argument prowess. The scoring could not have been closer as **Drew Isom** (3L), **Nick Gonzalez** (2L), **Josh Wrady** (2L) and **Brad Howell** (3L) advanced to the finals. This group of four did not disappoint as they argued their positions before **Dustin Kittle** (2005-06 Moot Court Chief Justice) and **Matt Tynan** (2008-09 Moot Court Chief Justice). In another extremely close round, **Josh Wrady** was victorious as the Summer Saad champion and **Brad Howell** was the runner-up.

Expect to see all of the finalists representing Cumberland in national competitions throughout the year. This competition was run by Associate Justice **Wes Hunter** who was assisted by **Justin Jones**. Moot Court Board members **Chris Burge**, **Jeff Doss**, and **Cynthia Gilmer** also served as judges for the competition.

To keep up to date on Cumberland moot court activities, register for the TWEN page, or check out the blog at <http://cumberlandmootcourt.wordpress.com/>.

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## NEWS FROM CUMBERLAND'S TRIAL BOARD

The Cumberland Board of Trial Advocacy would like to welcome its newest members:

**Lindsay Bridges**  
**Chris Burge**  
**Allison Miller**  
**Chandra Paul**

**Katie Ellis Reeves**  
**Christina Saunders**  
**Hunter Walton**  
**Teresa Watson**

This summer, the Trial Board hosted the James Haley Federal Trial Competition, a Negotiation Competition and a Mediation Competition. All participants showed an excellent knowledge and skill in the areas of trial, alternative dispute resolution and courtroom etiquette. The Trial Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the competitions and to congratulate the following winners:

Summer James Haley Federal Trial Competition  
**Winners: Andrew Brashier and Daniel Milton**

Negotiation Competition  
**Winners: Matt Davis and John Exum**

Mediation Competition  
**Winners: Lindsay Bridges and Teresa Watson**

For the fall, the Trial Board is planning to host the Fall James Haley Federal Trial Competition and the Peterson National Trial Team Competition. The Trial Board is also planning to host several ADR competitions including: the Governor Brewer Client Counseling Competition, an Arbitration Competition, a Negotiation Competition, and a Mediation Competition.

## AJTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy is pleased to offer membership to the following rising 2L students, who successfully completed the Summer Writing Program. Candidates in the writing program must submit an original case comment and a bluebook examination, both of which must pass a thorough grading process.

The Journal welcomes these talented individuals and looks forward to an outstanding year.

**Andrew E. Brashier**  
**Stephen A. Brown**  
**W. Osborne Crosby**  
**William L. Debuys**  
**Candace M. Deer**  
**Janna H. Dettmer**  
**Rebecca C. Donnellan**  
**Todd L. Frederick**  
**Nicholas C. Gonzalez**

**Elizabeth S. Hall**  
**Shannon M. Hardin**  
**David V. Hayes**  
**Seth T. Hunter**  
**Joshua T. King**  
**Meghan A. King**  
**Nathan W. Mays**  
**C. Andrew McNutt**  
**Chelsey A. Mitchell**

**K. Coe Peterman**  
**Robert E. Price**  
**Brian K. Smithweck**  
**Ryan N. Stringfellow**  
**Matthew N. Tully**  
**Amanda S. Williamson**  
**Joshua A. Wradly**

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

### COMPOSITES

Third-year composite pictures will be taken 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 - 27, in the Friendship Room of the Law Library. Students may sign up for an appointment time in the Office of Student Services, room 124.

### FINGERPRINTING

Fingerprinting services are available by appointment for any students needing fingerprint cards for an Alabama Bar Student Registration or Alabama Bar Application. Please see Ms. Zimmer in room 127 to check availability and sign up for fingerprinting.

### MAILBOXES

Many thanks to those of our 2007-08 student leadership who were involved in plans to redesign the student mailboxes. The newly designed mailboxes have been built and are in place in the student lounge. As always, all students are encouraged to check mail daily.

## CUMBERLAND'S COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION



HILL ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

CSO PROJECT

AUGUST 15, 2008

During Public Interest Day of orientation week, the Class of 2011 volunteered at Brunetta C. Hill Elementary School for a community service project. An estimated 115 volunteers from Cumberland School of Law served the community on August 15, 2008. As a part of the project, the students landscaped the grounds, painted tri-folds, chalkboards, and stairwells, as well as other projects. Cumberland's Community Service Organization worked with Hands on Birmingham to develop the project. Cumberland students did a tremendous job and the project was a success. We are proud of our Class of 2011.

On May 30, 2008, Cumberland's Community Service Organization was a finalist for Hands on Birmingham's Organization of the Year. As a finalist, this organization is a team that has demonstrated a strong commitment to service in the community throughout the year. During the 2007-2008 academic year, Cumberland's Community Service Organization served in many different projects including: 1L Public Interest Day, Habitat for Humanity, MLK project, Puppy Walk, Spring Festival, Wills for Heroes, Public Interest Career Fair, and other projects as well. Congratulations to all those who volunteered and served our community.

## NORWICH SCHOLARS

Cumberland is privileged to host three students from the United Kingdom during the third year of our exchange program with Norwich Law School at the University of East Anglia. These students are part of the law program at Norwich which requires students to study abroad in another legal system for their third year of law school.

Pictured are (L-R) **Kelly Fallows** from Dartford, England, **Aimee Brookes** from Essex, England and **William Phipps** from London, England.



STUDENTS FROM NORWICH LAW SCHOOL

## FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Professor **Mike Floyd** of Cumberland's faculty on the recent publication of his book entitled "Mastering Negotiable Instruments." It is published by the Carolina Academic Press.

## CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

Cumberland's Christian Legal Society will hold its first meeting of the new academic year on Monday, **August 25** at **4:30 PM** in room 120 of Robinson Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Dinner from the Olive Garden will be served.

## BLSA MEETING

Cumberland's Black Law Students Association will hold its first general meeting on Tuesday, **August 26** at **3:30 PM** in room 115 of Robinson Hall.

## FROM THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE FALL RECRUITING PROGRAM FOR 2LS AND 3LS

Tuesday, August 26, at 3:30 pm in the Moot Courtroom – the CSO will put on a "RERUN" of the **JOB SEARCH / Fall Recruiting program for 2Ls and 3Ls.**

You will receive a good overview of fall and spring recruiting - on campus and off campus, information about applying for judicial clerkships, searching for employment out of state and other job search ideas. We have some new resources in our offices to quickly show you, including the Vermont Guide to State Court Clerkships; the 2008-2009 Government Honors and Internships; some books on networking; and Kimm Walton's new "bible" for the job hunt!

IF you have not secured employment for next summer, or if you want more information on OCI (on campus interviewing) which starts in a couple of weeks, don't miss this program. It is one hour of your time and we will answer any questions you might have.

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## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Office has scheduled a program entitled “*Developments & Trends in Health Care Law*” for Friday, September 12, 2008 from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

Students and full-time faculty may attend at no charge. Students may purchase materials for \$10 (actual cost).

**Program Chairperson - Colin H. Luke**

Balch & Bingham, LLP - Birmingham, Alabama

*Speakers for the program include:*

**Gordon J. Apple**

Attorney - St. Paul, Minnesota

**Arthur M. Boudreaux, MD - Vice Chair for Quality and Patient Safety**

Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

**William O. Butler III - General Counsel of the Alabama Medicaid Agency**

Montgomery, Alabama

**Judge John L. Carroll - Dean and Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law**

Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

**Susan D. Doughton — Dominick, Fletcher, Yeilding, Wood & Lloyd, P.A.**

**Chief Legal Officer for St. Vincent's Health System**

Birmingham, Alabama

**Gregg B. Everett - General Counsel and Senior Vice President of the Alabama Hospital Association  
and Of Counsel to Kaufman Gilpin McKenzie Thomas Weiss, P.C.**

**L. Keith Granger - President & CEO of Flowers Hospital**

Dothan, Alabama

**Alva M. Lambert**

Has served as Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)

**Michael L. Patterson**

Vice President, Legal Services, Blue Cross and Blue Shield

**Lloyd C. Peeples III**

Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama

**Stuart I. Silverman**

Office of Inspector General for the District of Columbia Government in Washington, D.C.

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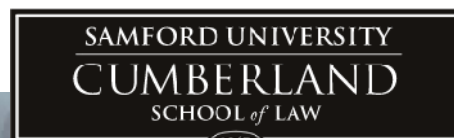
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