

## CALLED TO THE BAR

On September 11, 2008, **Doug Jones '77** will be the first of the **Called to the Bar** speakers for the 2008-09 academic year. He is a former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama and is currently a partner with the Whatley Drake & Kallas firm in Birmingham where he specializes in complex class action litigation and the defense of persons charged with crimes in high profile cases.

Mr. Jones, along with Professor Don Cochran of our faculty, prosecuted the persons accused of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing on September 15, 1963 some 40 years after the bombing occurred. The bombing resulted in the deaths of four young girls. The prosecution of those bombers will be the subject of Mr. Jones' talk.



More information about Doug Jones may be found by following this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/63ruhb>

## ELECTION MONITORING PROJECT



VOLUNTEER  
INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

The November elections are drawing near, and the Cumberland Public Interest Project has an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students of the Samford University community to monitor the voting polls.

Anyone interested in participating should attend the volunteer informational meeting in the Moot Court Room in Robinson Hall September 10, 2008 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.



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CORDELL HULL  
SPEAKER'S FORUM

## CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM

GUEST SPEAKER:  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TROY KING

Alabama Attorney General **Troy King** will address students at the Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum scheduled Thursday, September 18 at 11:00 AM in the Moot Court Room. King has served as Alabama's Attorney General since March of 2004.



Attorney General King is a staunch proponent of the death penalty. When many states voluntarily suspended executions during U.S. Supreme Court litigation over lethal injection, King continued to seek the setting of execution dates in Alabama. Alabama's death penalty system has recently come under fire from a United Nations report in 2008 and an American Bar Association report in 2006. Despite recent criticisms, Attorney General King is among the leading defenders of Alabama's Death Penalty System.

THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18

The topic of Attorney General King's presentation will be the importance of the death penalty in the State of Alabama.

MOOT COURTROOM

Attorney General King's bio may be found by following this link:

11:00 AM

<http://www.ago.state.al.us/bio.cfm>

## LUNCH WITH A HEALTH CARE LAWYER

The Career Services Office (CSO) will host a "Lunch with a Lawyer" program Thursday, September 18 at NOON in the Great Room. Mr. **Kevin Knowlton**, a health care lawyer with the firm of Peterson & Myers, P.A. in Lakeland, Florida, will be at Cumberland to talk about his practice, experience, and offer words of advice to those interested in this type of practice.

For more information about Mr. Knowlton, please visit this link:

<http://www.petersonmyers.com/p-bio.cfm?lawID=8>

If you wish to attend, please sign up in the Career Services Office.



LUNCH WITH A LAWYER

SEPTEMBER 18

THE GREAT ROOM

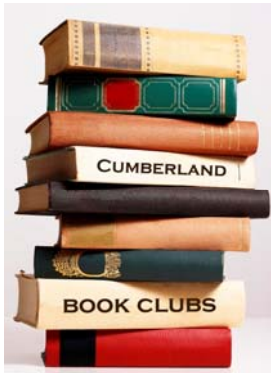
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GUEST SPEAKER:

KEVIN KNOWLTON

## ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ADMISSIONS

Congratulations to **Jennifer Sims '01** on being named Assistant Dean for Admissions. Dean Sims has done a great job for Cumberland in the admissions office, and we look forward to her service in this important position.



## CUMBERLAND BOOK CLUBS

Many students have expressed their interest in convening in small groups with faculty to discuss interesting and thought provoking topics outside the classroom. This semester, in response to that interest, we will be launching the **Cumberland Book Clubs**. Fifteen professors have volunteered to lead the discussions and have selected a book that will form the basis for those discussions. Here is how the clubs will work:

- Starting next week, you will have the opportunity to sign up by choosing one of the book club leaders.
- Your obligation is to read the book selected by the book club leader and participate in a discussion at a mutually agreed upon time. The discussions will be either late this semester or early next semester. Some of the group leaders may have the discussions here at the law school and others may have the discussions at other venues. The details will be worked out after you sign up.
- The law school will reimburse you for the cost of the book that you read to participate in the book club. We will set up the reimbursement process after the clubs get going.
- This is a great opportunity to interact with other students and your professors and staff and engage in broad discussions about important topics.
- Next week, I will send out the names of the books selected by the book club leaders and details about the sign-up process.

A list of the book club leaders follows. You should contact them or me with questions. There will be a wide variety of books and topics. Please consider participating in one of the clubs.

Cassandra Adams  
 Alex Bolla  
 Albert Brewer  
 John Carroll  
 Don Cochran

Mike DeBow  
 Brannon Denning  
 Bob Greene  
 Wendy Greene  
 Greg Laughlin

Marcia McCormick  
 Jack Nelson  
 Bill Ross  
 David Smolin  
 Howard Walthall

## LAW STUDENT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Cumberland Public Interest Project is pleased to announce the establishment of the Jefferson County Family Court Reclaiming our Youth (ROY) Law Student Fellowship (*funding pending*). The Fellowship provides an annual award of \$5,000 to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year or 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student who has demonstrated a commitment to and a passion for juvenile justice work. The Fellow will have the unique opportunity to work with the presiding judge of Jefferson County Family Court and the local, state and national team leaders of the ROY initiative.

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Responsibilities for the Fellow will include legal research, data collection and analysis, drafting research memoranda and policy briefs and other duties as assigned. The Fellow must be a creative self-starter, have strong written and verbal communication skills and the ability to efficiently meet deadlines.

Students interested in being considered for the ROY Fellowship should submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to: Ms. Cassandra Adams, Director of the Cumberland Public Interest Project, ([ceadams@samford.edu](mailto:ceadams@samford.edu)). The deadline is Friday, **September 12, 2008** at **5:00 PM**, and interviews will be held on Thursday, September 25th.

## FLORIDA STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Florida Student Bar Association is holding its first meeting of the year Monday, **September 8, 2008** at **10:00 AM** in the Florida Room. The organization will vote on the new officers and discuss activities for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact **Justin Stockman** ([jtstockm@samford.edu](mailto:jtstockm@samford.edu)) with questions and for more information.

## CUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

The Christian Legal Society is holding a meeting Monday, **September 8** at **4:45 PM** in room 120 of Robinson Hall. Snacks will be provided.

## STREET LAW ORIENTATION

Cumberland law students are invited to participate in Alabama Law and Civic Education's Street Law Program. Street Law is both a curriculum in practical law for students and a program designed to train law students and legal professionals as classroom educators. Street Law teaches law-related topics to elementary, middle and high school students in public and correctional schools.

To become involved, you must attend a one-hour Monday night seminar (one night a week for six weeks) to be held at the law school beginning September 22. Using the lessons learned in the seminar, you teach your assigned class one hour per week for six weeks. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, **September 8** at **6:30 PM** in the Great Room.

For more information about this program, please contact the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education at 726.2433.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FAIR

The Student Organizations Fair will be held in the Great Room Thursday, **September 11** from **10:00 AM** to **2:00 PM**. All student organizations and any causes are invited to participate. This is a great way for all students to learn about the many ways to become involved at Cumberland!

## WORKS-IN-PROGRESS PROGRAM

The first in the series of Works-in-Progress programs for the 2008-09 academic year will take place Friday, September 12 at NOON in the Dean's Conference Room. **Meredith Render**, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law, will be the presenter. Lunch will be provided.

More information about Professor Render may found by following this link:

<http://www.law.ua.edu/directory/view.php?user=356>



MEREDITH RENDER

University of Alabama  
School of Law

## CUMBERLAND FACULTY NEWS

### PROFESSOR MICHAEL E. DEBOW

Professor **Mike DeBow** spoke to the Greenville, South Carolina lawyer's chapter of the Federalist Society on state judicial selection July 16 and to the student chapter of the Federalist Society at Georgia State University August 26. Professor DeBow was recently named to the editorial board of the *Algerian Political Economy Review*.

### PROFESSOR BRANNON P. DENNING

Professor **Brannon Denning** taught summer school at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville. While there, he presented "*Heller's Future in the Lower Courts*" about the Supreme Court's recent decision invalidating the District of Columbia's ban on private handgun possession. That paper, coauthored with Tennessee law professor Glenn Reynolds, appeared in the *Northwestern University Law Review Colloquium*. It will appear in the *Northwestern University Law Review* this fall.

### PROFESSOR MICHAEL D. FLOYD

At the end of the year, Professor **Mike Floyd** will take over as Director of International Programs upon the retirement of Professor **Charles D. "Bo" Cole**. Professor Cole has held that position since its inception and has made Cumberland's international programs the most respected in the country.

We are fortunate to have someone of Professor Floyd's considerable skills willing to assume the director's position to insure that the excellence of our international programs continues.

### PROFESSOR D. WENDY GREENE

Professor **Wendy Greene** presented "Determining the Indeterminable: An Examination of Determining Race in Brazil for Purposes of Affirmative Action in Higher Education and Racial Determination Cases in the United States" at the joint meeting for the Law and Society and Canadian Law and Society associations in Montreal, Canada, May 28 - June 1. Professor Greene also served as a panelist on critical theory at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference in Palm Beach, Florida, July 27. Her topic was "Race Matters: Applied Critical Whiteness Theory."

Professor Greene is serving as a works-in-progress commenter for the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in Boston, Massachusetts September 11-13, 2008. The conference is hosted by St. John's University School of Law.

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PROFESSOR HOWARD P. WALTHALL

Professor **Howard Walthall** spoke to the annual meeting of the Alabama Law Institute on the Alabama Business and NonProfit Entity Code introduced in the Alabama Legislature this past session and scheduled to be reintroduced in the next session. He was the primary draftsman of the code. Professor Walthall participated in the presentation of the annual Uniform Law Commissioners (ULC) meeting of a draft of a Business Entities Act the ULC is considering for recommendation to the states. He is the Drafting Committee reporter for that project.

PROFESSOR LAVONE R. WARREN

Professor **LaVone Warren** made a presentation on marketing for small continuing legal education organizations at the Association for Continuing Legal Education August 2-5 in Vancouver, Canada.

## 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.**

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**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. Peoples 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.

**Roger Strode**

McDermott Will & Emery LLP - Chicago, Illinois

**Kenneth C. Koch and Brett C. Trizzino**

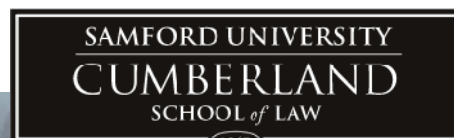
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