

CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM



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.

The topic of Attorney General King's presentation will be the importance of the death penalty in the State of Alabama. Attorney General King's bio may be found by following this link:

<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>

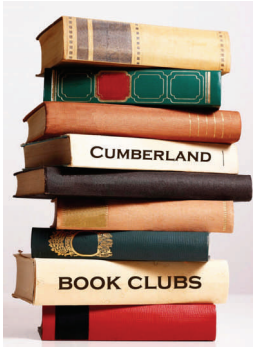
If you wish to attend, please sign up in the Career Services Office.



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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 **Wednesday, September 17**, you will have the opportunity to sign up by choosing one of the books. You may sign up for one of the book clubs on Cumberland's website by following this link (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/bookclub>).
- 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.

Below is a list of the books and the book club leaders. A brief synopsis of each book is available [HERE](#). You should contact the leaders or me (carroll@samford.edu) with questions. Please consider participating in one of the clubs.

The Emperor of Ocean Park

Author: Stephen L. Carter
Leader: CASSANDRA ADMAS

Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders

Author: John Mortimer
Leader: ALEX BOLLA

Counselor

Author: Ted Sorensen
Leader: ALBERT BREWER

The Appeal

Author: John Grisham
Leader: JOHN CARROLL

A Path Out of the Desert: A Grand Strategy for America in the Middle East

Author: Kenneth Pollak
Leader: DON COCHRAN

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Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book

Author: Walker Percy

Leader: MIKE DEBOW

The Future of Reputation

Author: Dan Solove

Leader: BRANNON DENNING

Red Sky at Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment

Author: Gus Speth

Leader: BOB GREENE

I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem

Author: Maryse Conde

Leader: WENDY GREENE

Ender's Game

Author: Orson Scott Card

Leader: GREG LAUGHLIN

Midwives

Author: Chris Bohalian

Leader: MARCIA MCCORMICK

The Roots of American Order

Author: Russell Kirk

Leader: JACK NELSON

Revolutionary Characters: What Made the Founders Different?

Author: Gordon S. Wood

Leader: BILL ROSS

A Crime So Monstrous: Face to Face with Modern-Day Slavery

Author: E. Benjamin Skinner

Leader: DAVID SMOLIN

Hugo Black of Alabama

Author: Steven Suitts

Leader: HOWARD WALTHALL

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC INTEREST PROJECT

The new 1L representatives appointed to the Cumberland Public Interest Project are:

Alyson Hood - Section 1

Brittany Waggener - Section 2

Kristen Peters - Section 3

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, **September 19**, the Admissions Office will host an Open House for prospective students. Those students interested in gaining admission to the Fall 2009 entering class are invited to come learn about Cumberland from its faculty and students, tour our facilities and experience firsthand what law school is really like. Cumberland's 2008 Open Houses begin at 10:30 AM in the Murfee Courtroom of Robinson Hall. The program will conclude at noon. To RSVP, please contact Mary Ashley Powell at mpowell@samford.edu.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

On Campus Interviewing starts Monday, **September 15**; therefore legal employers will be in the Office of Career Services each day through October. Please note that there will be orange cones used to reserve parking spaces for the interviewers/employers, in front of Robinson Hall, each day.

We still have several openings for students to join our "Lunch with a Lawyer" date, Thursday, September 18. Mr. Kevin Knowlton, from Peterson & Myers, in Lakeland, Florida, will be here speaking to us about the practice of health care law. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the CSO by Tuesday at 4:30.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER NEWS

On August 22, 2008, **Cassandra Adams**, Director of the Cumberland Community Mediation Center and Public Interest Project, led a two-day training workshop in Lowndes County on Restorative Justice and Victim Offender conferencing. This training workshop was sponsored by the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Montgomery, Alabama. Participants from all over the state of Alabama attended.

In early September, Ms. Adams presented an orientation session to train practicing attorneys in the mentoring process. She spoke about strategies in bridging the generational gap when mentoring Gen X and Gen Y mentees. The Jefferson County Lawyer Mentoring Program is a two-year pilot lawyer mentoring program in Jefferson County.

On September 19-21, Ms. Adams will participate in the 2008 Alabama Lawyers Association Annual meeting at Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort. Her presentation is titled "Community Mediation: What It Is and How It Can Benefit Your Practice."

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR MARCIA L. MCCORMICK

Professor **Marcia McCormick** has become an editor for Workplace Prof Blog (http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/laborprof_blog), which offers commentary and analysis on issues related to the workplace and is one of the most popular law professor blogs, and a regular contributor at Examiner.com (<http://www.examiner.com/x-830-Workplace-Law-Examiner>), providing the same type of commentary for a more general audience.

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In addition, Professor McCormick co-authored an op-ed which appeared in the Legal Times earlier this week on Wal-Mart's use of captive audience speeches to encourage its employees not to vote for the Democratic candidate for president. The op-ed is available at <http://www.law.com/jsp/dc/PubArticleDC.jsp?id=1202424241483>.

PROFESSOR ROBERT J. GOODWIN

On September 11, Professor **Bob Goodwin** spoke to Alabama's Probate Judges at a conference sponsored by the Alabama Law Institute on "Evidence In Estate Matters." The conference was held at the University of Alabama School of Law, and he discussed evidence issues related to proving wills, probating lost wills, holographic wills, and the admissibility of statements from the unavailable witnesses.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

Cumberland's Christian Legal Society will meet Monday, **September 15** at 5:15 PM in room 120 with Professor **Susan McPherson** as the guest speaker. Pizza dinner is free of charge.

PHI ALPHA DELTA PROGRAM

Phi Alpha Delta is sponsoring an event entitled "**What I Wish I Knew as a 1L**" Tuesday, **September 16** at 11:00 AM in room 118. Second and third year students will give a presentation to first year students regarding survival tips for the first year of law school. Lunch will be provided.

TENNESSEE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Tennessee Student Bar Association will hold its first meeting of the academic year Tuesday, **September 16** at 3:15 PM in room 120 of Robinson Hall. There will be a discussion regarding activities for the year, and membership applications will be available. You do not have to be from Tennessee to join this organization. All are welcome.

MOOT COURT INFORMATION MEETING

Cumberland students invited to attend an informational meeting regarding the Moot Court Board to be held on Wednesday, **September 17** at 4:30 in the Moot Court Room. The meeting is open to everyone (1,2 & 3L's) and should last about one hour. The following will be discussed: 1) Board Activities 2) National Teams 3) School Competitions 4) School Appellate Advocacy Course(s) 5) Writing and Research Resources 6) MEMBERSHIP

Everyone with an interested in appellate advocacy is encouraged to come out. This is an excellent opportunity for first year students to learn more about Moot Court and for upper class students to find out how they can become more involved. If you are a general board member (or think you have qualified) please attend as this will be an opportunity for you to fill out the appropriate paperwork to make your membership official.

If you are unable to attend, not to worry! Most of the information presented will be emailed out after the meeting. Please contact **Matt Tynan** (mwtynan@samford.edu) with questions or concerns.

WOMEN IN LAW

Women in Law will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, **September 17** at 5:00pm in Room 120. All previous members and anyone interested in joining are invited to attend. Annual membership dues are \$20.00. Women in Law offers many opportunities for students to be involved in social activities, community service events, mentor programs with other students and practicing attorneys, and much more!

Interested women will have the opportunity to attend the Voices Against Violence 2008 reception at the Birmingham Museum of Art on Thursday, **September 18**, 2008. The event is sponsored by The Women's Fund of Birmingham. The keynote speaker is Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb. For more information, please contact the Women in Law President, Chandra Paul at cdpaul@samford.edu.

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor **Brannon Denning** will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **September 19** at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, September 18 to **Laurie Zimmer** at 726.2411 or lzimmer@samford.edu if you plant to attend.

The topic of Professor Denning's presentation is:

Five Takes on District of Columbia v. Heller

FIRST YEAR ELECTIONS

This week members of the class of 2011 will campaign for four coveted spots on the SBA as 1L Student Representatives. The four people elected will serve as the voices of their class while representing them on the SBA. These four students will also have sole responsibility for organizing Freshman Follies during law week in the Spring. Elections will be held on next Tuesday, **September 23** in the breezeway. Run-off elections will be held the following week.

LAW LIBRARY SURVEY

The law library is looking for ways to better accommodate the needs of law students who find themselves spending many hours studying in the library.

One of the things we have already done is to change our previous policy so that students may now drink beverages from a variety of containers and eat non-messy food. See our current policies at:

<http://lawlib.samford.edu/policies.html>

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We have also been in talks with campus officials about ways to further improve on this change in policy. One such effort, which we hope to see implemented in the coming weeks is the installation of vending machines within the law library where patrons can purchase beverages and food. Another possibility we are considering is opening a coffee shop within the law library. As to this latter effort, campus officials would like to have some feedback from students as to what they would like to see in such a facility. To that end, we have prepared a brief survey seeking your input. Please understand, that the logistics of opening a coffee shop are such that one could not possibly be opened before the spring semester and, more likely not until this coming summer, though we will do what we can to accelerate that time table. Among the things which will have to be done is constructing the needed infrastructure, including a sound barrier between the coffee shop and the rest of the law library.

Briefly, what we are considering is a shop which would offer basic coffee along with sandwiches, pastries and other pre-packaged items. It would not offer the variety of coffee products found in a Starbucks nor would it have a kitchen to prepare food. The infrastructure which exists in the law library is insufficient to support a full service café and the cost of installing such infrastructure is prohibitive. Please let us know the following:

- I. Do favor, oppose or have no opinion regarding there being a coffee shop within the law library?
 - A. Favor
 - B. Oppose
 - C. No Opinion

- II. During what hours of the day (times are approximations) would you most likely use the coffee shop?
 - A. Morning: Library opening until noon
 - B. Morning through early afternoon: Library opening until 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.
 - C. Late Morning through early afternoon: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. or 4:00 p.m.
 - D. Noon to 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.
 - E. Mid-afternoon to early evening: 2:00 to 7:00
 - F. Other (please specify)

- III. What types of beverage products would you be most likely to purchase?

- IV. What types of pre-packaged food products would you be most likely to purchase?

- V. How frequently do you believe you would make purchases and use an in-house coffee shop?
 - A. Once a day
 - B. Several times a day
 - C. A few times a day
 - D. Several times weekly
 - E. A few times weekly
 - F. Once a week
 - G. A few times a month
 - H. Never

You may access and respond to the survey by following this link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dquPXRZofaMBylLg14xnA_3d_3d

GUARDIAN AD LITEM 2-HOUR RE-CERTIFICATION COURSE

The Administrative Office of Courts will conduct a 2008 juvenile dependency Guardian Ad Litem 2-hour re-certification course at the Cumberland School of Law **September 19** in the Moot Court Room. Attorneys who previously have completed the 6-hour certification course must attend this program to remain certified. A 2-hour re-certification is required each calendar year to remain on the certified list of Guardians Ad Litem.

Registration for the re-certification course is available at <http://conferences.alacourt.gov>. Please contact April Johnson at 334.954.7115 for additional information.

BANKRUPTCY LAW SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Office has scheduled a program entitled “19th Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar” for Friday, **October 3**, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

For the schedule and names of the presenters, please follow this link:

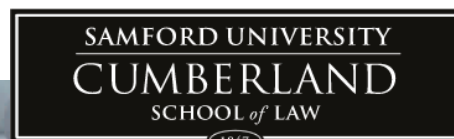
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Students and full-time faculty may attend at no charge. Students may purchase materials for \$10 (actual cost).

Cumberland offers online registration and payment. Go to <http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle> and click on “Schedule of Events.” In addition to our live seminars, the CLE department now offers online courses. Go to <http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle> and click on “Online Courses.”

For additional information, contact Cumberland CLE at 205.726.2391 or 1.800.888.7454, or e-mail us at:

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