

PROFESSOR DAVID M. SMOLIN



INVESTITURE CEREMONY
OF
PROFESSOR DAVID SMOLIN
AS THE
HARWELL G. DAVIS
PROFESSOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008
CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
MOOT COURT ROOM



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Cumberland School of Law is pleased to announce the establishment of the Harwell G. Davis Chair of Constitutional Law. Elizabeth Davis Eshleman '64 has endowed the chair in honor of her father, Harwell Goodwin Davis. Harwell Davis is a former Alabama Attorney General, a former president of Samford University and a person respected for his competence, ethics and devotion to the law.

The inaugural holder of the Harwell G. Davis Chair of Constitutional Law will be Professor David M. Smolin, Director of Cumberland's Center for Biotechnology, Law and Ethics. The investiture ceremony is scheduled Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 11:00 AM in the Moot Court Room.

PRESIDENT OF THE ABA TO ADDRESS THE CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY

Mr. **Tommy Wells**, President of the American Bar Association, will make a presentation to the Cumberland community Thursday, October 9 at 11:00 AM in the Moot Court Room. The topic of Mr. Wells' presentation will be titled "*Common Core Values of the Legal Profession.*"

This event is sponsored by the Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. A luncheon in the Great Room will follow the presentation. More information about Mr. Wells is available [HERE](#).

1L ELECTION RESULTS

FIRST YEAR SBA REPRESENTATIVES

LARRY FANTROY

CHIP JETT

AMANDA KISTLER

KISHA THOMAS

FIRST YEAR HONOR COURT JUSTICES

JESSE ANDERSON

CHARLES ELLIOT

REANNA TODD

CHRISTOPHER YEAROUT

2008 RACE FOR THE CURE



RUN, WALK OR "SLEEP IN"

FOR THE CURE

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

www.komenncalabama.org

Please join Women in Law for the annual Susan G. Komen Birmingham Race for the Cure, a nationwide event to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer, on Saturday, October 11 at Linn Park. The race is a 5k (3.1 mile) run/walk and 1 mile fun run/walk. If you are not interested in running or cannot be present at the event, you can still join the team and "Sleep for the Cure."

All students and faculty are encouraged to participate in this very worthwhile cause. You are also welcome to invite friends or family members to join in the fundraising efforts by participating on the "Cumberland Law" team.

This is a great way to meet new classmates and support a good cause.

In addition, there will be special awards for those who can run faster than the Dean!

BLSA ABSENTEE VOTER DRIVE

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will hold an absentee voter drive today, September 29, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the breezeway (connects the law school to the law library). There will be laptops and a printer available solely for students to request their absentee ballot from their respective counties and states.

For more information, visit this link: www.govoteabsentee.org.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

Today, September 29

4:30 PM

Room 120

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

PHI ALPHA DELTA MEETING

Phi Alpha Delta will host a general members' meeting **October 2** at **11:00 AM** in room 120. Upcoming events, Bar Review, fund raising ideas, volunteer opportunities as well as plans for next semester will be discussed at the meeting.

All PAD members and interested students are invited to attend.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

STUDENT HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Are you interested in pursuing a career in health law? You are invited to attend the meeting and explore the possibilities. The first Student Health Lawyers Association (SHLA) meeting is scheduled **October 2** at **11:00 AM** in room 123. This organization has been dormant at Cumberland and is now returning in full force.

If you are interested in joining, please plan to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting but have an interest in this organization, please send an email to rjevans@samford.edu.

CUMBERLAND DEMOCRATS MEETING

The Cumberland Democrats will hold a meeting in the Great Room Thursday, **October 2** at **11:00 AM**.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY MEETING

The Cumberland Environmental Law Society will hold its first meeting of the year **October 2** at **4:00 PM** in the Great Room.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

MPRE

The regular deadline for the November 8 Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) is **September 30**. The MPRE is a 2 hour and 5 minute examination that tests an applicant's knowledge of the rules of professional conduct currently articulated by the ABA Model Codes. It is a national exam administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). This test is offered SEPARATELY from the Bar three times per year. Typically, a student sitting for the July Bar should plan to take the MPRE in November or March prior to the July Bar or should be registered for the August test. You may apply online at www.ncbex.org or stop by the Office of Student Services for a paper application.

FEBRUARY BAR

The deadline for applications to sit for the **February** Alabama Bar is **October 1**. The deadline for any student planning to sit for the **July** Alabama Bar is **February 1**. Students must file a student registration as well as a Bar application by the appropriate deadline.

JUDICIAL SELECTION FORUM

The Civil Courts Procedures Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association is sponsoring a community-wide event entitled "**Judicial Selection Forum - Is Change Needed in How We Fill Our Courts?**" at the Cumberland School of Law in the Moot Court Room from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on **October 7, 2008**.

Distinguished speakers include Chief Justice **Sue Bell Cobb** and Justice **Harold See**, both of the Alabama Supreme Court, **Bill Clark** of Redden, Mills & Clark, LLP (former President of the Alabama Bar Association and a respected advocate on this topic), and a member of our State Legislature.

The panel will be moderated by former Governor **Albert Brewer**. This is an excellent opportunity to educate the community about the varying positions on the important topic of judicial selection.

ALABAMA OIL AND GAS SEMINAR

On Friday, October, 10, 2008, Cumberland School of Law will host a seminar on oil and gas law. The seminar is sponsored by the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama, the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Section of the Alabama Bar Association, the Eastern Gulf Region of the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council, and the Black Warrior Association of Professional Landmen.

Marvin Rogers, adjunct professor at Cumberland, is the organizer and moderator of the program. Former Governor **Albert Brewer** and Professor **Bill Ross**, and Mr. Rogers of the Cumberland School of Law will address the group. Other speakers will include **Charles M. Coleman**, Attorney; **A.C.G. "Chris" Pettus**, Attorney and Landman; **Ed Lasseter**, Executive Manager of Petro Nova LLC; **Edward M. (Ted) Holt**, Attorney with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C.; and **Dennis Lathem**, Executive Director of the Coalbed Methane Association of Alabama.

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Some of the presentation topics include issues relating to probate law, terms of oil and gas leases, surface owner rights, forced pooling and integration, and enhanced oil recovery program in utilizing carbon dioxide, and ethics.

Oil, gas, and energy issues certainly have become dominant issues on the national scene. Alabama is national leader in production of coalbed methane gas and produces great amounts of oil and natural gas. Cumberland is pleased to host this seminar on such an important subject.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR HOWARD WALTHALL

On September 27 and 28, Professor **Howard Walthall** participated in the “MS-150” bike ride in Orange Beach, Alabama. The MS-150 ride is an event to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research. Participants can ride seventy-five miles each day, for a total of 150 miles, or can choose a shorter route. (Professor Walthall chose the shorter route.) Professor Walthall rode as a member of the “Samford Team” captained by Bridget Rose of Samford’s Beeson Divinity School. Overall the Samford Team raised approximately a thousand dollars for the cause of fighting MS, a disease that directly or indirectly touches many people in the Cumberland and Samford families.

CASSANDRA ADAMS, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC INTEREST PROJECT

AND

PROFESSOR MARCIA MCCORMICK

Cassandra Adams, Director, Public Interest Project, and Professor **Marcia McCormick**, Cumberland School of Law, will co-present an interactive lecture and training workshop entitled “Talk to Me: How to build credibility and trust when having difficult conversations” at the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair in Washington, D.C. October 10-11, 2008.

BAR LOANS

Are you a third year law student searching for funds to cover bar review courses, bar application fees, and living expenses you anticipate incurring after you graduate while studying to sit for a bar exam? Help may be available in the form of a bar loan.

Bar loans are *private* loans available up to \$15,000.00 to creditworthy third year law students; those with a questionable credit history *may* qualify if they apply with a creditworthy co-signer. Eligibility depends on criteria established by each individual lender, and you should apply prior to graduation in the event your preferred lender will not accept applications after graduation. To expedite this process, many lenders offer an online application and will send the disbursement in the form of a paper check *directly to the applicant*.

Cumberland does not endorse any specific lender, and we encourage to you *thoroughly review* websites and applications and all corresponding “fine print” contained therein before applying. **Further, please take great care in taking on additional debt - make every effort to minimize borrowing.** This can be done in part by making certain that you have taken any student and/or alternative loan(s) already available to you for the aid year prior to seeking additional funds through a bar loan.

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Below is a partial list of bar loan lenders and a link to each one's website:

Citibank

<http://studentloan.citibank.com/slcsite/citiassist/claw.asp>

Key Bank

<https://www.key.com/html/H-1.33.b4.html>

Sallie Mae

http://www.salliemae.com/get_student_loan/find_student_loan/grad/law_school_loans/bar_study/

Wachovia

http://www.wachovia.com/personal/page/0,,325_496_12957_13154,00.html

Wells Fargo

https://www.wellsfargo.com/student/graduate/bar_exam/

*** Access Group, although a major bar loan lender in the past, is no longer making such loans at this time

MOVIE NIGHT

Sponsored by the Cumberland Public Interest Project (CPIP)

Hosted by Cassandra Adams and Marcia McCormick

Thursday, October 2

5:00 PM

Friendship Room, Law Library

Alice Paul and Lucy Burns were two defiant suffragist women who fought for the passage of the 19th Amendment. The two activists broke from the mainstream women's rights movement and created a more radical wing, daring to push the boundaries to secure women's voting rights in 1920. In a country dominated by chauvinism, this was no easy fight. Along the way, sacrifices are made: Alice gives up a chance for love, and colleague Inez Mulholland gives up her life.

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:

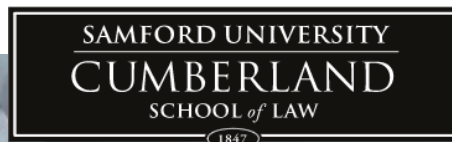
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Students and full-time faculty may attend at no charge. Students may purchase materials for \$10 (actual cost).

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:

lawcle@samford.edu



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