

CUMBERLAND FACULTY TO VISIT SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Judge **John Carroll**, Professor **Charles "Bo" Cole**, and Professor **Michael Floyd** will travel to Sao Paulo, Brazil October 12 - 17. Each of them will present a paper at an international conference in Sao Paulo celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Brazilian Constitution, and Judge Carroll will also address the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado de São Paulo (Sao Paulo State Supreme Court), where Cumberland Adjunct Professor Cristina Zucchi is a Desembargadora (Justice).

Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law program has a number of Brazilian alumni, and the week will include the inauguration of the Sao Paulo Cumberland Club, as well as visits with current and potential partner institutions, students, and alumni.

The visit is sponsored by the U.S. Consulate in Brazil.

BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL VISITS CUMBERLAND

Ambassador **Adalnio Senna Ganem**, Consul General of Brazil in Atlanta, visited Cumberland on October 8. Professors **Charles "Bo" Cole** and **Michael Floyd** discussed Cumberland's extensive ties with Brazil with the Ambassador. Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law program has brought numerous Brazilian judges, prosecutors, and other lawyers to the Samford campus.

Ambassador Galem's trip to Alabama also included a meeting with Governor Riley in Montgomery and a speech at Samford's Brock School of Business.



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2008 BREWER CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 Brewer Client Counseling Competition:

Mark Robinson and Michael Renta

Runners Up:

Brian Spellen and Andrew Knowlton

Daniel Milton and Charles London

The Cumberland Board of Trial Advocacy would like to thank all competitors, judges and clients who participated in this competition!

CUMBERLAND ARBITRATION COMPETITION TEAM SELECTED

We are proud to note that the following students have been selected as members of Cumberland's National Arbitration Team:

Teresa Watson

Tripp Watson

Charles London

Summer McWhorter

Please wish them luck at the Regional Competition to be held on November 7 - 8 at the Mississippi College of Law.



NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

WELCOME TO MICHAEL MANASCO

Michael Manasco has joined the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library as Serials Librarian. Michael received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Library and Information Science degrees from the University of Alabama. Since receiving his MLIS, he has worked for EBSCO Publishing in Durham, North Carolina.

Please join us in welcoming Michael to Cumberland.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

Cumberland's Christian Legal Society will meet Monday, **October 13**, in room 120 at 4:45 PM. The guest speaker will be **Holly Brown**, an attorney with Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose. A barbeque dinner will be served free of charge.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES TRAINING

On October 14 and 15, 2008, trainers from the U. S. Sentencing Commission will be in the Cumberland School of Law Great Room. On October 14, criminal defense lawyers and members of the CJA Panel in U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama will attend a full day of training on Basic Guidelines Application, including an update on recent U. S. Supreme Court cases and upcoming Guidelines amendments.

On October 15, the USSC trainers will present a more advanced Guidelines application seminar to probation officers from several federal districts throughout the 11th Circuit. The trainers will cover application of the Guidelines pertaining to loss and firearms as well as the upcoming amendments and recent Supreme Court cases.

TENNESSEE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Tennessee Student Bar Association will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, **October 14** at 3:30 PM in room 120.

Adele Anderson, Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners, will be speak on Thursday, **October 16** at 11:00 AM in the Trial Court Room (room 121). Ms. Anderson will talk to the students about applying for and taking the Tennessee Bar Examination. Lunch will be provided.

LUNCH WITH A LAWYER



On Thursday, **October 16**, the Career Services Office, along with Phi Alpha Delta, will host "*Lunch with a Lawyer*" at 11:00 AM in the Great Room. Mr. **Todd Wheelles**, a Plaintiff's attorney, with Morris, Haynes & Hornsby will describe his practice and answer questions.

Please visit this link for more information about Mr. Wheelles:

<http://www.mhhlaw.net/>

Please sign up in the Career Services Office if you would like to attend so that the appropriate number of lunches are ordered.

CUMBERLAND FEDERALIST SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Does Government Force Business Executives To Behave Unethically?"

Georgetown Professor, **John Hasnas**, explores ethical dilemmas executives face when dealing with federal prosecutors: Defend the corporation, defend employees, or get out with the minimum sanctions? Does protecting the corporation mean leaving possibly innocent employees defenseless, at the mercy of aggressive prosecutors?

This event, sponsored by Cumberland's Federalist Society and the Cumberland Libertarian Society, is scheduled Thursday, **October 16** at 6:30 PM in the Moot Court Room. A reception will be held prior to the event at **5:30** PM in the Great Room.

John Hasnas, J.D., LL.M., Ph.D., is an associate professor at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, **October 17**, 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

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Office has scheduled a program entitled ***"The Life of a Product Liability Lawsuit"*** for Friday, **October 17**, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the **Cumberland School of Law**.

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

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/ProductLiabilty2008.pdf>

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

PMBR BAR TALK

BAR EXAM 101? MPRE? MBE? What do these letters stand for?

Attend an informational session on **October 23, 2008** at 11:00 AM in the **Great Room** to learn all the details you need to know regarding the MPRE and the Bar Exam. Topics to be discussed will include: how to apply, how it's structured and scored, and how to prepare. **Free lunch provided.**

RULE OF LAW CONFERENCE

The American Bar Association is sponsoring one conference in every state devoted to a discussion of the **Rule of Law**. Cumberland has been chosen to host the conference for Alabama. It will take place in the Moot Court Room of the Law School at 9:30 AM on Friday, October 24. The conference is a multi-disciplinary conference which seeks to foster discussion and collaboration among various disciplines.

The conference will begin at 9:30 AM with a keynote address by **William Winter**, the former governor of Mississippi. Following Governor Winter's address, there will be a multi-disciplinary panel discussion about the rule of law. Break out sessions will take place from 11:15 to noon and will be followed by lunch in the law school Great Room.

THE BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Admissions Office is pleased to announce the Birmingham Bar Association Scholarship Competition.

QUALIFICATIONS:

2nd or 3rd year law student

Currently enrolled at the University of Alabama School of Law or Cumberland School of Law

Applications should include need, scholastic achievement, and intent to practice law in Birmingham, AL

AMOUNT OF AWARD:

\$2000

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by the Birmingham Bar Association on or before **October 31, 2008.**

The application form can be found online at www.birminghambar.org.

FROM THE OFFICE OF LAW STUDENT RECORDS

Spring Registration for Second and Third Year Students

Registration for spring 2009 will begin Tuesday, **October 28**, 2008 and end at **4:30 pm** Friday, **October 31**, 2008. Course description books as well as hard copies of the spring schedule, grid and blank grids will be available beginning Thursday, October 16 and may be picked up in the Law Student Records Office, room 106.

These schedules can also be found on the Cumberland web site:

www.cumberland.samford.edu/students/class-schedules.

Please remember that in order for your bid points to count toward your desired courses, registration forms must be turned in by 4:30 Friday, October 31. Students who turn in their registration form after this time will be registered for those courses that remain open after all timely-submitted registration materials have been processed.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM STUDENT SERVICES

On Wednesday, **October 15**, the student mailboxes will be temporarily moved. We anticipate that mailboxes and folders will be returned to the appropriate place on Monday, October 20. The mail folders will remain accessible and will be housed in temporary cardboard boxes in the student lounge. Please plan to empty your box of all materials **prior** to Wednesday in order to make this necessary inconvenience a little easier.

2009 RESTORE OUR YOUTH (ROY) FELLOW

Congratulations to **Krislyn Haynes** (Class of 2010) on being selected the first Fellow to serve with the Restore Our Youth [ROY] project, a fellowship sponsored by the Jefferson County Family Court and in liaison with Cumberland's Public Interest Project. The fellowship will officially begin January 1, 2009 and go through August 30, 2009.

The Jefferson County Family Court ROY Law Student Fellowship was developed in 2008. The Fellowship provides an annual award of \$5,000 to a 2nd year or 3rd year law student who has demonstrated a commitment to and a passion for juvenile justice work.



KRISLYN HAYNES

Krislyn Haynes has been selected as the first ROY Fellow. Krislyn will have the opportunity to work with the presiding judge of Jefferson County Family Court, and the local, state and national team leaders of the ROY initiative. Her responsibilities will include legal research, data collection and analysis, drafting research memoranda and policy briefs, and other duties as assigned.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

On October 4th, the Cumberland Community Service Organization worked at a Habitat for Humanity site in Birmingham. Several Cumberland students attended and had a great time helping to build a house for a family.

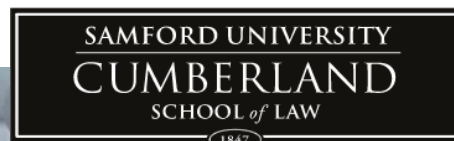
The students pictured on the roof are **Jordan Woods** and **Andrew Perkins** (both 3Ls).

CUMBERLAND STUDENTS IMPACT ABROAD

DeWayne Pope, Play By The Rules national project grant manager, and **Ponya Parks**, Associate Director for the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, recently returned from a trip to Guam during which time they participated in the Guam Judiciary's unveiling of the book, "Play By The Rules: Guam Laws for Youth." The Play By The Rules Program and book were originally developed by the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, to educate young Americans of their rights and responsibilities through an easy to read format explaining laws that commonly affect youth such as laws regarding alcohol and other drugs, and the parent-child relationship.

The Guam Judiciary received a grant to implement the program in its seventh grade curriculum and as part of that implementation, Pope and Parks held a training seminar with personnel from public and private schools, as well as youth service organizations while in Guam.

In order to compile research on Guam laws to begin the process of creating the Guam book, Dewayne Pope, the lead writer, enlisted the help of Cumberland's own Professor **David M. Smolin** and Cumberland students **Meredith Bell, Chris Burge, J. Gabriel Carpenter, Timothy P. Cook, Jamie E. Coston, Katherine E. Lewey, Taylor Sumner Meadows, Jessica J. Thomas, and Jordan Wood**.



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