

## 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 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 **9:15 AM** and will include 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 schedule is as follows:

- 9:15 Greetings:**  
*Tommy Wells, President of the American Bar Association*  
*Mark White, President of the Alabama Bar Association*
- 9:25 Introduction of Keynote Speaker:**  
*The Honorable Albert Brewer, Former Governor of Alabama*
- 9:30 Keynote Speaker:**  
*The Honorable William Winter, Former Governor of Mississippi*
- 10:00 Panel Discussion:**  
*Judge John L. Carroll, Moderator*  
*James McManus, Chairman & CEO, Energen Corporation*  
*Russell Cunningham, President, Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce*  
*Odessa Woolfolk, Board Chair Emerita, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute*  
*Phil Hammonds, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools*  
*Neal Wade, Director, Alabama Development Office*
- 11:15 Breakout Sessions**
- Noon Lunch in the Great Room**



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## FACULTY NEWS

### PROFESSOR WILLIAM ROSS

Professor **Bill Ross** has published an article, “Why the Supreme Court Matters in the Presidential Election,” in the online journal JURIST. The link to the article is:

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2008/10/why-supreme-court-matters-in.php>

### PROFESSORS WENDY GREENE AND MARCIA MCCORMICK

Professor **Wendy Greene** and Professor **Marcia McCormick** will be presenting works in progress at the Third Annual Colloquium on Labor and Employment Law Scholarship in San Diego Friday, October 24. Professor McCormick’s work is entitled “Alternative Agency Models for Antidiscrimination Enforcement.” Professor Greene’s work is entitled “Putting It in Context: Race, Words and Title VII.”

## GEORGIA INNOCENCE PROJECT

Cumberland volunteers for the Georgia Innocence Project will meet Monday, **October 20** at **10:00 AM** in the Trial Court Room (room 121).

## CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Christian Legal Society will hold a meeting Monday, **October 20** at **4:45 PM** in room 120. Food will be served.

## VIRGINIA STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Virginia Student Bar Association will hold its first meeting of the year Tuesday, **October 21** at **3:00 PM** in room 120. The Virginia Student Bar Association is a club focused on Virginia, Maryland and the D.C. Metro area. The purpose of the organization is to develop networking opportunities in DC, Maryland and Virginia and improve upon Cumberland’s reputation on the East Coast through strengthening the alumni bonds of Cumberland grads as well as developing new relationships for the members and the school through conferences and other networking opportunities. The members of the organization hope to bring more East Coast students to Cumberland and more Cumberland grads to the East Coast.

## BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Cumberland’s Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will hold a general membership meeting Tuesday, **October 21** at **3:30 PM** in room 115 in Robinson Hall.

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## GEORGIA STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Georgia Student Bar Association will hold a meeting Wednesday, **October 22** at **5:00 PM** in room 120 in Robinson Hall.

### 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.**

### CALLED TO THE BAR

The next in the series of the *Called to the Bar* programs is scheduled Thursday, **October 30** at **11:00 AM** in the Moot Court Room. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce law students to The Alabama State Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program (ALAP) and the services they provide. This presentation will focus on State Bar programs which provide assistance in dealing with substance abuse and alcoholism. Jeanne Marie Leslie who is the Director of the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program and David Woolridge who is a partner in the Sirote Law Firm will be the presenters.

### LAW SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD



On Thursday, **October 30** from **noon** to **1:00 PM**, the Advisory Board of the Cumberland School of Law will host a luncheon with the students and faculty on the **Brewer Plaza** in front of the law school.

It is a free lunch and a great way for students to get to know our Advisory Board members. If any questions, please contact:

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### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY MEETING

The Cumberland Environmental Law Society will hold its third meeting in room 118 Thursday, **October 30** at **4:30 PM**. An hour-long debate of the Presidential Candidates environmental positions will be conducted. Please feel free to attend and participate in this timely discussion.

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## 2009 CAMBRIDGE STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Sidney Sussex College  
University of Cambridge

An informational meeting concerning Cumberland's 2009 study-abroad program in Cambridge, England will be held Thursday, **November 6**, at **11:00 AM** in room 123 in Robinson Hall.

There will be an overview of the program and faculty will be present to answer questions and describe courses offered in the program. Samford's Director of Financial Aid will also be present to provide information concerning financial aid available.

## HARVEY S. JACKSON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Two Cumberland Alumni have provided a generous gift to endow the **Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award**. Two awards are given annually - one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses. The winners are chosen by a joint faculty-student committee. The winners in 2008 were Professor Beth Burch (First Year Courses) and Professor Brannon Denning (Upper Level Courses). The winners in 2007 were Professor Ed Martin (First Year Courses) and Professor Marcia McCormick (Upper Level Courses). The winners in 2006 were Professor Bo Cole (First Year Courses) and Professor Howard Walthall (Upper Level Courses).

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending a letter or e-mail to the Dean which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award which are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

***Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award.***

***In your nomination, please specify which award you are nominating a professor for – the First Year Award or the Upper Level Award.***

***Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester.***

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## 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](http://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:

<http://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.

## CCMC - PIP NEW LOCATION

The Cumberland Community Mediation Center - Public Interest Project has a new location. You will find the Center in rooms 213 and 215 below the Great Room.

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## NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS and CUMBERLAND'S CALENDAR

As you schedule meetings and programs and try to stay abreast of events going on here at the law school, please be aware of two areas of the Cumberland website that might benefit you. On the top of the homepage, there are links to **NEWS** and Cumberland's **CALENDAR**.

The **NEWS** link (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/news>) takes you to our **current** and **archived** e-newsletters as well as current interest stories and a listing of upcoming events.

The **CALENDAR** (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/calendar>) shows confirmed events. By clicking on a posted event, you may view additional details, including room location. If you plan to schedule a meeting with an organization or group, you may wish to browse the calendar to identify a time with minimal conflicts.

To place an item on the calendar, please e-mail Kathy Walton ([khwalton@samford.edu](mailto:khwalton@samford.edu)) with the details.

## 2008 RACE FOR THE CURE RESULTS

Congratulations again to everyone who participated in the Race for the Cure. Congratulations especially to those students who beat my time of 23:40.

**Kiel Gross**  
**Chris Hornbuckle**  
**Kyle Beckman**  
**Patrick Warfield**  
**Rachel Winford**  
**Rob Carden**

You will receive my dinner invitation shortly. If you beat my time but have not contacted me, please do so. I love buying dinner for law students.

## ALABAMA CENTER FOR LAW & CIVIC EDUCATION

Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education is hosting its Second National *Play by the Rules* Conference at the Wynfrey Hotel October 19-21 to showcase its award-winning law curriculum for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, *Play by the Rules: Alabama Laws for Youth*.

It will also feature the four adaptations of the program which are being developed with the help of Cumberland student researchers and Professor David Smolin. These adaptation sites include Guam, Texas, Connecticut, and Nevada. This national project is funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs which will fund the conference as well as the adaptation, printing, and distribution of 250K books for youth throughout these four jurisdictions as well as Alabama. One hundred participants from across the country will attend. Representative Artur Davis will address the group along with Ted McConnell, executive director of the Civic Mission of Schools in Washington, D.C. Hats off to Cumberland for helping to build legal literacy among our nation's youth!



## CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Office has scheduled a program entitled ***“The Cybersleuth’s Guide to the Internet: Search Engine Strategies & Investigative Research”*** for Friday, **October 24**, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at **Vulcan Park & Museum** in Birmingham, Alabama.

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

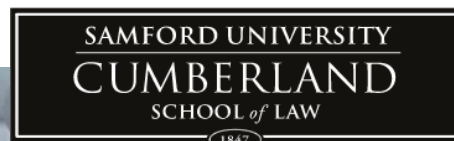
<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2008Cybersleuths.pdf>

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:

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