

WOMEN IN LAW PROGRAM

The Women in Law organization is sponsoring a program Thursday, **November 20** in the Great Room at **11:00 AM**. Lunch will be provided.



The Honorable Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, will be the guest speaker. She has served as the United States Attorney since September 29, 2001 and is the first female United States Attorney to serve the Northern District of Alabama.

As U.S. Attorney, Mrs. Martin serves as the district's top federal law enforcement official. She manages a staff of more than 100 employees, including approximately 50 Assistant United States Attorneys, who handle civil litigation and criminal investigations and prosecutions involving public corruption, narcotics trafficking, violent crime, white collar fraud and other federal crimes. She has been involved in numerous high profile prosecutions including those of Eric Rudolph, domestic terrorist; Richard Scrushy and other HealthSouth corporate officers; and the Jefferson County Sewer System.

Please visit the following link to learn more about Alice Martin:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/aln/attorney.html>

AJTA HOSTS DESSERT SPREAD

The Journal will host its annual Dessert Spread for Cumberland faculty and staff on Tuesday, **November 18**, from **8:30 to 11:00 AM**. In appreciation for their hard work and support, faculty and staff are invited to visit the Journal suite to partake of the variety of delicious foods that will be available to help begin an extended holiday season early.



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TENNESSEE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Tennessee Student Bar Association will hold a meeting Tuesday, **November 18** at **3:30 PM** in room 120 in Robinson Hall.

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

Professor Marcia McCormick will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **November 21** at **11:00 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, November 20 to Laurie Zimmer at 726-2411 or lzimmer@samford.edu if you plan to attend.

The topic of Professor McCormick's presentation is:

Alternative Agency Models for Optimal Enforcement of Employment Discrimination Laws

FACULTY NEWS

JUDGE JOHN CARROLL

Judge John Carroll was a presenter at the October 31st 2008 Electronic Discovery seminar sponsored by the Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Legal Education and on November 11th was one of the featured speakers at a Cumberland CLE on Ethics Issues involving the use of metadata.

On November 13th, he was also a featured speaker at the meeting of the Sedona Conference Working Group I where he spoke on the impact of newly enacted Federal Rule of Evidence 502. On November 20th, he will be at the Georgetown University Law Center's Advanced E-discovery Institute where he will be moderating a panel of judges on the topic of "The Federal Rules Amendments - The Judicial Perspective."

FACULTY CANDIDATE VISITS TO CUMBERLAND

Three faculty candidates will be visiting the law school over the next few weeks. The first candidate, **Samantha French**, is visiting today. Ms. French is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Duke University School of Law where she was the editor of the Duke Law and Technology Review. She also holds a Masters Degree in Biological Sciences from Stanford and a Masters Degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina. She is currently an attorney with Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges in New York City.

The second candidate, **Jessie Gabel**, will be visiting on November 24th. Ms. Gabel is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Central Florida and a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Miami School of Law where she was on the law review. She also clerked for Judge Peter Fay on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She is currently an attorney with Covington & Burling in San Francisco.

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The third candidate, **Will Hubbard**, will be visiting on December 12th. Mr. Hubbard is a summa cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School where he was the senior editor of the Yale Law Journal. He clerked for Judge Robert Sack of the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. He is currently an attorney with Alston & Bird in Atlanta.

Professor **Dayna Harmelin** is also a candidate and will be making a presentation to the faculty on December 2nd. Professor Harmelin is a cum laude graduate of the University of Florida and the summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School where she was notes editor of the Michigan Law Review. She also clerked for Judge Rosemary Pooler of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to joining the faculty at Cumberland, she was a practicing lawyer with Dow Lohnes in Atlanta.

A fifth candidate, who is practicing law with a Birmingham law firm, will be visiting campus on November 20th.

COURSE & FACULTY EVALUATIONS

The law school began conducting course and faculty evaluations last week. Like last semester, evaluations are online. These evaluations are critically important to the law school. We thus ask all students to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Instructions: To complete evaluations, simply access the law school website from any internet connection, click the Faculty/Course Evaluations link, and follow the instructions.

The evaluations site will be open until 11:59 PM on November 24.

iPod DRAWING: To encourage participation and to reward classes that achieve a high level of participation, all students in classes that achieve a 75% response rate by 8:00 AM on November 20, 2008 will be entered in a drawing for a one of two new iPods. If a student is in multiple classes that achieve a 75% response rate, that student will be entered in the drawing multiple times (once for each class achieving that rate). The iPods to be given away are an 8 GB iPod Nano and a 1 GB iPod Shuffle. The drawing will be held the last day of classes in the breezeway.

We are conducting evaluations online because the online process is immensely more efficient, saving significant time and money. Online evaluations also are more accessible for students because it allows them to complete evaluations anywhere during the evaluation period, even if they miss the class's evaluation day and even if they require more than the 10 minutes of class time allotted for in-class completion. The online responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation. The system requires students to log-in only to assure that each student completes only one evaluation per course.

Your completion of these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Not only do faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and teaching, but the school uses both the narrative responses and summaries of the numerical data to identify teaching strengths and identify problems that require action. We strongly urge you, therefore, to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of your courses.

So complete your evaluations early and encourage your classmates to do so as well so that you will be eligible for the iPod drawing!

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.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Student Bar Association is collecting cans for needy families during Thanksgiving. Collection boxes for the canned goods are in the Breezeway connecting the law school and law library.

CUMBERLAND CHRISTMAS 2008

Due to the amazing and overwhelming response of Cumberland students, faculty, and staff, all 76 Angels from **Cumberland Christmas 2008** have been claimed. The Community Service Organization and Public Interest Project is sponsoring an Angel Tree for 12 children and money drive in the Breezeway from November 3rd to November 20th.

Special thanks goes to Honor Court, Christian Legal Society, Women in Law, Cumberland Republicans, American Journal of Trial Advocacy, Phi Alpha Delta, Trial Advocacy Board, Cumberland Democrats, and the Moot Court Board (listed in the order of their tabling date) for their participation in hosting a table for a day.

The gifts for the angels must be brought to Cassandra Adams office by **November 20th**. We are still collecting monetary donations for CASA in the breezeway, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 - 4:00. We are very proud of our students, faculty, and staff at Cumberland.

CLE SEMINAR

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Office has scheduled a program entitled **“Collections Law: The Essentials Law”** Friday, **November 21, 2008** at **The Wynfrey Hotel** in Birmingham, Alabama.

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

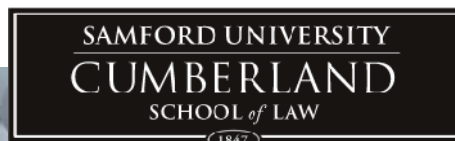
<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2008CollectionsLaw.pdf>

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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