

## LUNCH WITH A JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

Career Services will sponsor **Lunch with a Judicial Law Clerk** in the **Great Room** at **11:00 AM** on **Thursday, February 19, 2009**. The law school is very fortunate to have as our guest speaker **Ms. Delores Simmons Owens**, who served as a law clerk for United States District Judge U.W. Clemon for several years. She will discuss her duties and responsibilities as a judicial law clerk and offer advice about the experience and the application process.

This program will be useful to all who are considering applying for a judicial clerkship, but will be particularly valuable for 2Ls, who will need to start building application packets in the next few weeks. Please come by the Career Services Office to sign up. **Lunch will be provided.**

## DETECTIVE DOUG FINCH AND THE CASTLE DOCTRINE

### MATT MCLAIN'S CASE

**Detective Doug Finch** of the Homewood Police Department will be on campus to talk with Cumberland students, faculty and staff on **Thursday, February 19**, at **11:00 AM** in the **Moot Court Room**. Detective Finch was the lead detective on Matthew McLain's case. **Matthew McLain** was a Cumberland School of Law student, Class of 2010, who was killed in the spring of 2008 in a shooting while accidentally entering the wrong apartment.

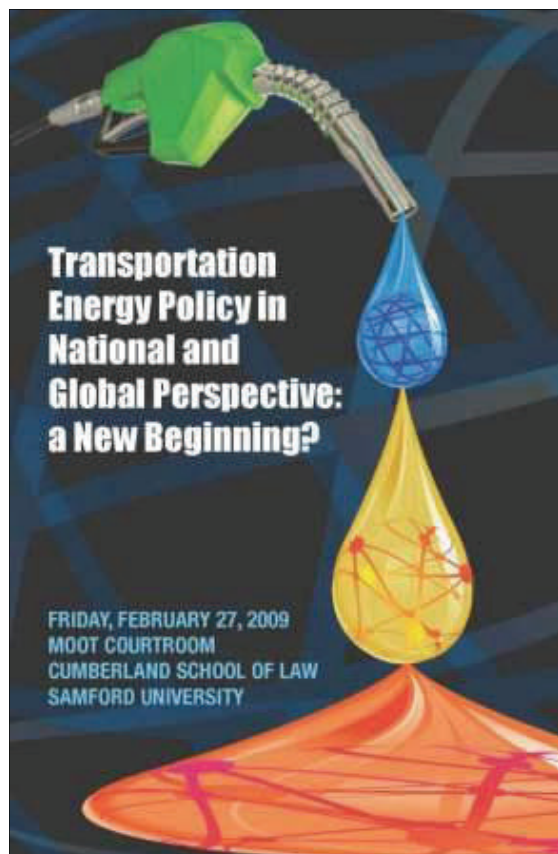
Due to Alabama laws regarding the **Castle Doctrine**, which are similar to many other state laws, no one was able to be prosecuted in Matt's case. Since Matt's death, Beth Boswell, Matt's mother, has been a voice of spreading the truth about Matt's death and the laws related to these issues.

Detective Finch will talk from a law enforcement perspective. He will discuss Matt's case in a respectful manner, the police investigation and screening in similar cases, and the current laws related to the use of deadly force as self-defense and the Castle Doctrine.



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## BIOTECH SYMPOSIUM

### Transportation Energy Policy in National and Global Perspective: A New Beginning?

Cumberland School of Law's Center for **Biotechnology, Law, and Ethics** will be hosting on Friday, **February 27, 2009**, a symposium entitled *Transportation Energy Policy in National and Global Perspective: A New Beginning?* The symposium will be held in the **Moot Court Room** of the law school and will have multiple discussions throughout the day.

**Professor David Smolin** of Cumberland School of Law will moderate a discussion among all conference participants, inviting discussion by both conference participants and audience, on the hard questions and difficult choices facing both the United States and other nations in regard to transportation energy policy.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For an overview of the conference and information about the program participants, please click [HERE](#). Below is the schedule for the program.

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

#### **Energy Futures**

Professor Lakshman Guruswamy, University of Colorado Law School

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

#### **United States Energy Policy**

Professor Joshua Fershee, University of North Dakota Law School

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

#### **India's Energy Future**

Professor Deepa Badrinarayana, Chapman University School of Law

Noon

#### **Lunch Provided in the Great Room**

1:15 PM - 2:10 PM

#### **Human Rights, Human Development, and Energy**

Professor David Smolin, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM

#### **Point/Counterpoint**

Professor David Smolin will moderate a discussion among all conference participants.

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In his discussion, Detective Finch intends to make his listeners think, to create discussion, and to, most importantly, spread awareness of these issues. For Detective Finch, Mrs. Boswell and everyone who attends, this is also a way to honor Matt and his family.

More information about Matthew McLain and the aftermath of his death may be found by visiting the following links:

[SAMFORD CRIMSON](#)

[WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL](#)

[THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE INTERVIEW DAY RECEPTION

On Tuesday, **February 17**, the Admissions Office will welcome a group of newly admitted scholarship candidates to Cumberland. Following their interviews will be a Scholarship Candidate Reception in the Great Room. Law school faculty are invited to attend the reception to meet the candidates and visit with members of Cumberland's Advisory Board and Young Alumni who agreed to participate in this exciting new event.

## PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE

This Wednesday morning, **February 18**, at **8:00 AM** in the **Dean's Conference Room**, the Presidents of Cumberland's student organizations will meet during the President's roundtable to discuss upcoming events.

## PHI ALPHA DELTA MEETING

Phi Alpha Delta will hold a general meeting **Thursday, February 19**, at **11:00 AM** in **room 120** of Robinson Hall.

## STUDENT HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

A general meeting of the Student Health Lawyers Association is scheduled **Thursday, February 19**, at **11:00 AM** in **room 123** of Robinson Hall.

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

**Professor Wendy Greene** will speak to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **February 20** at **11:00 AM** in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 19 to Laurie Zimmer at 726.2411 or [lzimmer@samford.edu](mailto:lzimmer@samford.edu) if you plan to attend.

The topic of Professor Greene's presentation is: **Putting It In Context: Words, Race, and Title VII**

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## LAW ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

The admissions office will be hosting an Open House on Friday, **February 20** from **10:30 AM - noon** in the Murfee Court Room of Robinson Hall.

Please RSVP to Mary Ashley Powell:

[mpowell@samford.edu](mailto:mpowell@samford.edu) or 1-800-888-7213

## PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

Career Services and the Community Service Organization will hold **Cumberland's Annual Public Interest Career Fair** on **Tuesday, February 24**, in the **Great Room**. The career fair will begin **10:30 AM** and end at **2:30 PM**. Thus far, twenty public interest organizations (including several governmental employers) have registered to attend. All students are invited to drop by between classes and learn more about working for these organizations. Many of these employers have paid or unpaid summer clerkships available, so don't forget to bring your résumé. In addition to being a great networking opportunity, this will also be a rare opportunity for a free lunch. **Your Career Services Office will provide pizza and drinks to students attending the career fair.**

If you secure an unpaid clerkship, you will want to apply for the Public Interest Stipend. Applications for the stipend will be available at the career fair and in Cassandra Adams's office in the Community Mediation Center. If you are a 3L and are interested in a permanent position with a public interest employer, this is a great time to discuss opportunities with these employers.

Recent federal legislation provides partial student loan forgiveness to those who work for public interest organizations, making public service a financially viable option for many new law school graduates.

Please contact Career Services if you have any questions about the career fair. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CALLED TO THE BAR

The next program in the **Called to the Bar** series is scheduled **Thursday, February 26** at **11:00 AM** in the **Moot Court Room**. In this session, **Dean Strickland** will speak to all first-year students about registration and curriculum planning. 1L attendance is required.

## SENIOR CLASS MEETING

A meeting of the senior class is scheduled **Thursday, February 26** at **2:00 PM** in the **Moot Court Room**.

## “MARKET-BASED HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSALS”

The **Student Health Lawyers Association** and the **Cordell Hull Speakers Forum** are proud to announce that **Michael Morrisey**, from UAB's School of Public Health will be speaking on the future of Employer Sponsored Health Plans on **February 26 at 11:00 AM** in room **120**.

**Michael Morrisey** is one of the top health care economists in the United States. He is a professor of health economics and health insurance in the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy. He is also director of the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy, an endowed research center at UAB named for former Alabama Senator Lister Hill. His research interests have largely focused on employer sponsored health insurance, on the effects of legislation and regulation in health and health care, and on hospital economics. Recent work has examined the effects of gasoline prices, beer taxes, and graduated driver's license programs on motor vehicle fatalities; the effects of medical malpractice reforms on health insurance premiums; and the labor market for health economists.

**Dr. Morrisey** is the author of three other books and over 150 papers on health economics and health policy. He is a fellow of the Employee Benefits Research Institute, a member of several editorial boards, and the Treasurer of the American Society of Health Economists. He was the first recipient of the John Thompson Young Investigator Award for health services research given by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. In 2000, Dr. Morrisey was the recipient of the UAB School of Public Health Distinguished Investigator Award and in 2001 received the UAB School of Public Health President's Award for Teaching. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington (Seattle).

## ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE CRAWFISH BOIL

The **Alabama Association for Justice** is hosting a CRAWFISH BOIL for Birmingham area law students **Friday, February 27** beginning at **4:00 PM** at **Innisfree** in the Lakeview District. This is an opportunity to meet fellow Birmingham law students and attorneys and to enjoy live music, good food and free beverages.

Contact Cumberland alumnus **Adam Clayton** for additional information ([aclayton@frplegal.com](mailto:aclayton@frplegal.com)).

## AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT PAPER IN REAL PROPERTY LAW

**Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund** will award **\$500** to the Cumberland student who writes the best legal paper on any subject related to the field of real property. The paper may be one prepared for a class or for publication in a journal or law review (all suitable papers qualify).

All papers must have a minimum of 3000 words (exclusive of footnotes) and must be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of each sheet of letter size paper. The submission deadline is **April 20, 2009**. See **Professor Snoe** for more information.

## ABA STUDENT DIVISION - 5TH CIRCUIT SPRING MEETING

If you are interested in building a network to launch your career after graduation or in learning how to get the most from your legal education, attending the ABA 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Spring Meeting is the perfect venue for you to experience first-hand how the ABA can help you achieve your goals.

**ABA Student Division  
5th Circuit Spring Meeting and Governor Election  
Saturday, February 28, 2009  
Emory University School of Law  
Atlanta, Georgia**

**Advance Registration Deadline: Friday, February 20, 2009**

<http://www.abanet.org/lcd/spring/2009/5/>

### VITA SITE INFORMATION

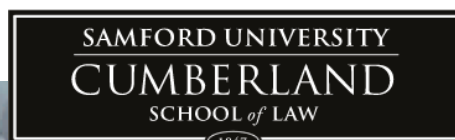
#### SaveFirst Volunteers

Thanks so much to all of the students who have completed VITA training! The following is a schedule of when and where SaveFirst is hosting taxpayer clinics, now through February 28:

**Smithfield Library**  
1 18<sup>th</sup> Ave West  
Birmingham, AL 35204  
Monday: Noon-8:00 PM  
Tuesday: Noon-8:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**New Hope Credit Union**  
1741 Jefferson Ave SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211  
Wednesday: Noon-8:00 PM  
Friday: Noon-8:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The website at [www.impactalabama.org/taxsites.php](http://www.impactalabama.org/taxsites.php) lists all clinics SaveFirst hosts across the state as well as directions to them. Taxpayers looking for assistance can call 1-888-99-TAX-AL (1-888-998-2925) to schedule an appointment, or they can walk into a clinic. Students looking to volunteer or set hours should contact **Caroline Williams** at 423-914-3184 or [cwilliams@impactalabama.org](mailto:cwilliams@impactalabama.org). If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Professor DiRusso** at 205-726-4325 or [aadiruss@samford.edu](mailto:aadiruss@samford.edu).



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