

2009 Janie L. Shores Fall Moot Court Competition

The Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board would like to congratulate all of those who participated in the Janie L. Shores Fall Intra-school Moot Court Competition. In particular, the Board would like to thank those professors and members of the administration who helped facilitate and judge this event. The competition was a resounding success, as students skillfully argued before many renowned judges hailing from throughout the Southeast.

The Board would like to recognize those students who advanced to the Semi-final round out of the original twenty-five participants. The following students gave stellar arguments this past Friday evening:

Kyle Beckman
Chris Romeo
Josh Carden
Eric Wood

Heather Ward
Cliff Nelson
Patrick Warfield
John Exum

The final round of the Shores Competition was held this past Sunday with **Judge John Carroll**, **Judge Caryl Privett** of the Tenth Judicial Circuit for Jefferson County, and **Judge Dorian Damoorgian** of the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeals residing. Those competing were heralded as having given arguments comparable to attorneys who had been practicing for many years. After long deliberations, the judges awarded **Eric Wood** as the winner with **John Exum** as the runner-up. Rounding out the finalists were **Kyle Beckman** and **Chris Romeo**. For his efforts, Eric Wood will be awarded a spot on this spring's National Team.

Please help the Board in congratulating all of those students who took time out of their busy schedules to compete over the past several weeks. Their hard work was greatly appreciated. The Board would like to recognize **Kristen Burge**, Associate Justice of the Shores Competition, for her tireless efforts coordinating this wonderful event. The Board would also like to recognize **Heather Searcy**, Assistant Justice of the Shores Competition, for her help in the organizing and planning of the competition.

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The Board will be accepting applications for general board membership over the next two weeks since many of those who competed may now be board eligible.

If you have completed six rounds of an intra-school competition, please pick up an application outside of the moot court office on the mezzanine and return it to the same location for consideration. If you did not compete but think you may be board eligible, you are also encouraged to fill out an application.

Above:

L-R: KYLE BECKMAN, CHRIS ROMEO,
ERIC WOOD & JOHN EXUM

Right:

L-R: KYLE BECKMAN, CHRIS ROMEO,
JUDGE CARYL PRIVETT,
JUDGE JOHN CARROLL,
JUDGE DORIAN DAMOORGIAN,
JOHN EXUM & ERIC WOOD



Called to the Bar Program

ALABAMA STATE BAR'S LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The next in the series of the *Called to the Bar* programs is scheduled Wednesday, October 28 at noon 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.

1L ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

Join Dean John L. Carroll, '74, and fellow Memphis area alumni for a dinner at the

University Club of Memphis
1346 Central Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 • 6:30 PM

\$40 per person

Please RSVP to:
lawalum@samford.edu

Call 1.800.888.7248 to submit
VISA, MasterCard, or Discover information
Mail checks to Cumberland School of Law,
Alumni Office
800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229

1L Job Search Luncheon

Two sessions designed to introduce law students to job searching with Martindale-Hubbe.com are scheduled **Tuesday, October 27** in the **Great Room**. Students will learn how to seek out attorneys by practice area, location, law school, etc. in order to begin gathering names to network over Christmas break. Also, students will learn how to gather information on attorneys and firms to prepare for meetings and interviews and how to search the job postings on Martindale.com. Lunch from Jason's Deli will be provided for both sessions, and the sessions will last 45 minutes.

For LLR Sections 5-7: Session 1 at 12:30 PM
For LLR Sections 1-4: Session 2 at 1:35 PM

"The Missing Girls" Presentation

Thursday, October 29, in room 118 at noon: The Biotech Center, Christian Legal Society, and Women in Law will cosponsor a presentation on "The Missing Girls." Professor David Smolin will introduce this topic with an overview and photographs concerning an anti-infanticide project he visited and helps support in India. Everyone is welcome.

"Dress for Success" Program

"Dress for Success", co-sponsored by Career Services and Phi Alpha Delta: A short program over the lunch hour will be held, with Brooks Brothers representatives in attendance, to discuss and answer questions about appropriate interview attire for men and women. Samples and examples of what to wear and what not to wear will be on display. The program will be held in the Great Room at noon on October 29.

Georgia Student Bar Association Meeting

The Georgia Student Bar Association will hold an informational meeting for all Cumberland students who have an interest in practicing law in Georgia. The meeting will be in room 115 on October 29 at noon. Refreshments will be provided.

Christian Legal Society Presents:

OCTOBER ATTORNEY PANEL

Thursday, October 29, 2009

6:00 PM • The Great Room

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

AGENDA:

Panelists will provide brief bios and then proceed to answer student questions about a wide range of topics!

PANELISTS:

Charlie Beavers
(Bradley Arant)

Mark Hogewood
(Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC)

Marc Ayers
(Bradley Arant)

Kenneth M. Perry
(Bradley Arant)

Susan McPherson
(Alabama Supreme Court • Staff Attorney for Justice Champ Lyons)

Pro Bono Week



Cassandra Adams, Director, Cumberland Community Mediation Center and Public Interest Project, serves on the Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Celebration Task Force for the year 2009-2010. The Task Force is charged with planning and implementing Alabama's activities for the first-ever National Pro Bono Celebration which occurs the week of October 25-31, 2009.

Cumberland's activities for National Pro Bono Week are:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 - Senior Citizen Law Clinics - Local attorneys, law students and paralegals will provide free services to assist the senior citizens (age 60+) of the Birmingham area in preparing simple wills, advanced health directives and powers of attorney. The clinics will be held at the Fairfield Senior Center, the Southside Baptist Senior Center and the Center Point Senior Center.

Thursday, October 29, 2009 - Lovelady Center Clinic - Local attorneys, law students and paralegals will assist women residing at the Lovelady Center with their legal issues (mainly criminal and family law).

Thursday, October 29, 2009 - Volunteer Reception - Hosted at Baker Donelson - a reception for volunteer attorneys, law students and paralegals.

Law students interested in volunteering to work for a couple of hours at one of the four Law Clinics should email ccmc@samford.edu as soon as possible.

For more information about Pro Bono Week, please visit this Website:

www.alabar.org/ProBonoWeek

Registration

Registration for spring 2010 term will begin on Tuesday, **October 27** and continue until Friday, **October 30**

Schedules and Grids are posted on the web

<http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/students/student-records/class-schedules>

Schedules are subject to change

Registration instructions, course requirements and course descriptions are also available on the web

<http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/students/student-records/registration-instructions>

For questions or additional information please contact the Office of Law Student Records

Cumberland-records@samford.edu

Faculty Colloquium

Professor Brad Bishop will speak to the Cumberland faculty Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 2:30 PM in the Dean's Conference Room. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 28 to Laurie Zimmer at 726.2411 or lzimmer@samford.edu if you plan to attend. The topic of Professor Bishop's presentation is:

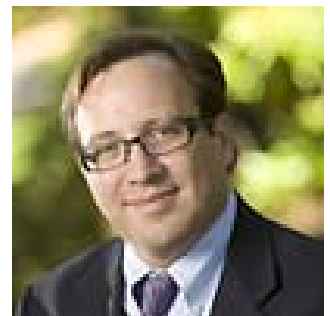
"Recent Developments in Alcohol and Drug Related Traffic Violations"

Works-in-Progress Program

David A. Friedman, Assistant Professor of Law at Willamette University College of Law, will make a presentation entitled, "Debiasing Through Advertising Regulation" to the Cumberland faculty at noon on Friday, October 30 in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be served.

Professor Friedman's profile may be found by following this link:

<http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/faculty/profiles/friedman/>



DAVID FRIEDMAN

Judicial Clerkship Forum

The Career Services Office will host a Judicial Clerkship Forum as the November program in our "Lunch with a Lawyer" series. U.S. District Court Judge Karon O. Bowdre ('81) and her law clerk, Summer Davis ('09), will speak at the law school on Thursday, November 5 at 12:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are interested in learning more about being a judicial clerk - the responsibilities, the general application process, what judges are looking for - then you don't want to miss this program! Come by the Career Services Office to register.

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Judge Bowdre was a partner at the Birmingham firm of Rives & Peterson before joining the Cumberland law faculty in 1989. She taught insurance law, legal ethics, and professional responsibility, and directed Cumberland's legal research and writing program before being appointed U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama in 2001. **Summer Davis** graduated in May and recently started working as a law clerk for Judge Bowdre.

The Career Services Office will also host a follow-up to the Judicial Clerkship Forum on **Wednesday, November 11 at 8:00 AM in the Great Room**. In that program, **Anne Marovich** will provide more detailed information on OSCAR (Online System for Clerkship Application and Review) and the federal clerkship hiring procedure.

Even if you are only thinking about applying for a clerkship, you should plan to attend these programs. They are great opportunities to learn about the process and get answers to your questions. For those who are not familiar with a judicial clerkship - it is not a summer clerkship position, but a 1-2 year post-graduate job working for a judge. A judicial clerkship is a very prestigious and highly sought after position, and is an excellent way to begin a legal career. Having one on your résumé can increase your chances of making partner and shorten your partnership track.

University of East Anglia Scholarships



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NORWICH LAW SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA NORWICH, ENGLAND

Third year law students have the opportunity to apply for tuition scholarships to obtain a graduate law degree at The Norwich Law School, University of East Anglia, Norwich, England. The program provides excellent academic training as well as an opportunity to interact with students from across the globe. More information can be found on UEA's website at:

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/law/LLMProgs>

Interested students should submit a résumé and a short essay to **Erin Carroll** in Room 220-A no later than **November 16, 2009**. The essay should address how obtaining a scholarship and pursuing a graduate law degree at UEA will advance the student's future plans.

History of a Lawsuit

By Becky Hutto, Cataloging Librarian, for the Law Library's "Check it Out"

Belle Stoddard, Assistant Professor & Director, Lawyering Skills and Legal Reasoning, generously donated a copy of the first edition of *History of a Law Suit, In The Circuit Court of Tennessee* to the Law Library. The author of this book, Judge Abraham Caruthers, was the founder and first professor of the law school at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. The history of this book is outlined on page 27 in *From Maverick to Mainstream : Cumberland School of Law, 1847-1997* (KF292./C864/- L36/1997), written by **David J. Langum** and **Howard P. Walthall**. The authors wrote that when Judge Caruthers met with the first seven Cumberland law students, he took his lesson from the book he had just written, *History of a Lawsuit*. Caruthers died in 1862, and several generations of Cumberland faculty continued to edit and

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provide new editions of this treatise. The eighth and final edition was written by Sam B. Gilreath and Bobby R. Adherhold after Cumberland was moved to Birmingham. Since the first publication in 1852, this book has been considered the leading treatise of Tennessee pleading and practice.

The title of the book has changed with the different editions. Currently the Law Library has copies of the following editions, with one copy of each shelved in the Friendship Room. The first edition will also be shelved there. Again, the Law Library thanks Professor Stoddard for her generosity.

- History of a Lawsuit. 3rd ed., 1888. [KFT530/.C37/1888]
- History of a Lawsuit. 4th ed., 1903. [KFT530/.C37/1903]
- History of a Lawsuit. 5th ed., 1919. [KFT530/.C37/1919]
- Caruthers' History of a Lawsuit : A Treatise on Procedure in the Courts of Tennessee, With Forms and Rules of Practice. 7th ed., 1951. [KFT530/.C37/1951]
- Caruthers' History of a Lawsuit : A Treatise on Procedure in the Courts of Tennessee, With Forms and Rules of Practice. 8th ed., 1963. [KFT530/.C37/1963]



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BEESON LAW LIBRARY

Visiting Librarians

The Law Library will be hosting the fall meeting of the Law Libraries Association of Alabama (LLAA) on **Friday, October 30**. This organization is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, a nonprofit education organization, founded in 1906. The speakers planned for this meeting include our own professors, **Belle Stoddard** and **Albert Brewer**. The meetings will be held in the law school moot court room with lunch in the Great Room. Law librarians from throughout the state will be here. Please welcome them to Cumberland School of Law and Beeson Law Library!

NALSAR University of Law

Samford University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad, India**, as a basis for exploring the development of student and faculty exchanges and other cooperative programs. **Professor David Smolin** established the initial Samford contacts with NALSAR, and organized a conference on international child rights issues co-sponsored by Cumberland and NALSAR in July 2008 on the NALSAR campus. Professor Smolin and his son, Justin, have been leading a reading group at Cumberland focused on Indian literature. In February 2009 **Professor Michael Floyd** attended the 12th International Conference on Consumer Law organized by NALSAR on their campus under the auspices of the International Association of Consumer Law. While in Hyderabad for that conference, Professor Floyd met with NALSAR's senior administrators to discuss further opportunities for cooperation between our two institutions, and those discussions have continued since Professor Floyd's visit to the NALSAR campus. The current Memorandum of Understanding grows out of all those contacts and discussions.

Further information about NALSAR is available at <http://nalsar.ac.in>.



Faculty News

PROFESSORS LAJUANA DAVIS & WENDY GREENE

On October 21, 2009, Professor LaJuana Davis and Professor Wendy Greene served as panelists for the 5th annual Fred Gray Sr. Civil Rights Symposium at the Jones School of Law in Montgomery, Alabama.

The topic of this year's symposium was:

"The Obama-Effect on the Legal Profession"

Inaugural Fall Classic Golf Tournament 2009

Cumberland's Inaugural Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held at Highland Park Golf Course, 3300 Highland Avenue, South, Friday, November 13, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The entry fee is \$45 per person (plus \$8 for lunch) and the fee covers greens fee, cart fee, practice balls, baggage service and prizes.

Format: 4-man best ball scramble (no handicap)

The sign-up sheet will be located on:

The SBA bulletin board
(in the classroom hallway)



Cumberland Intramural Championships

MEN'S TEAM

The Cumberland men's flag football team, "**Adjudicated Tomfoolery**," won the Samford Men's A League Championship on Tuesday October 20. The team was undefeated, with a landslide victory over back-to-back champion Sigma Chi in the semi-finals. A very stingy defense and a unique offensive skill set can be credited for the success. However, the law students cite their experience and organization as a reason for winning it all. The team was led by **Jesse Anderson** (Captain/QB), **Tucker Burge** (DB/WR), **Michael Clarke** (WR/DB), **Larry Fantroy** (WR/LB), **Carlton Hilson** (LB), **Edward Hobbs** (LB), **Alex Munderloh** (LB/WR), **Brandon Neal** (WR/DB), **Kenneth Peterson** (WR/QB/RB/DB), **Brandon Prince** (DB), **Jason Rudakas** (WR/DB), and **Chris Yearout** (DB/WR).

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CO-REC TEAM

Cumberland's Co-Rec Flag Football team, "**Smooth Criminals**," overcame a 1-3 regular season record to win the Samford University Co-Rec Championship on Tuesday October 20. Going into the first round of the playoffs, the Smooth Criminals had high-hopes of being the Cinderella Story of Samford Intramurals. The neon yellow-clad law students came out swinging in the first round defeating the Bearded Monkeys 41-0. In game two, the eight-seeded Smooth Criminals glazed over the number-one seeded Team Bruiser 19-11. Smooth Criminals orchestrated another flawless victory in the quarter-finals 29-10 over University Ministries. Smooth Criminals took on the six-seeded That Team in the Championship. Smooth Criminals effortlessly defeated the undergraduates 40-8.

The team attributes its late season success to all of its team members: **Ashley Adams** (WR/DE) for her great hands and defense. **Troupe Brewer** (DB), who sustained a high ankle sprain early in the playoffs, but cheered the team all the way to the championship. **Charles Elliott** (CB) for covering the backfield. **Bethany Harrison** (C/QB) who is always reliable in closed-play situation, and the best darn snapper this campus has ever seen. **Carlton Hilson** (WR/DB) who dominates both sides of the ball, fielding receptions and interceptions. **Chip Jett** (QB/CB) who served as regular season quarterback and interception specialist in the playoffs. **Amanda Kistler** (DL) for her hard work on defense. **Ryan Morgan** (CB/WR), Captain Morgan; enough said. **Brandon Neal** (WR) who led the team in receptions in the end zone. **Ken Peterson** (QB/CB) who led the team in touchdown passes in the playoffs and played the role of on the field captain. **Brandon Prince** (CB) for tough and fast defense. **Molly Savage** (DE) who led the team in sacks, pulling at least one per game. **Cassi Witcher** (WR), the nine-point specialist who never drops a ball in the end zone. And **Megan Murren** (Captain) who served the team in organization and hydration.



Left:

CUMBERLAND'S CO-REC
FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM
"SMOOTH CRIMINALS"

Right:

CUMBERLAND'S MEN'S
FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM
"ADJUDICATED TOMFOOLERY"



Cumberland Community Service Organization

As the end of the fall semester is quickly approaching, it's the time of year when Cumberland Community Service Organization hosts **Cumberland Christmas** and a **Dessert Throwdown** to benefit the CASA kids charity. As in previous years, Cumberland Christmas consists of fulfilling several under-privileged children's Christmas wishes through an Angel Tree located in the Breezeway. We will be kicking off on **Monday, November 2** this year. Students and faculty, individually or in groups, are encouraged to choose a child or a particular gift for a child and donate gifts or needed items.

The CSO will also be hosting a "Dessert Throwdown" with the proceeds going to benefit CASA. The Throwdown will take place **November 5** from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to bake their favorite dessert and bring it to the competition. Three judges will determine the first, second and third place winners - who will receive prizes (\$100 cash, \$50 gift certificate to Cocina, and \$25 gift certificate to another local restaurant). Recipes for the desserts will also be available for a nominal donation.

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 2009 were Professor Brad Bishop (First Year Courses) and Professor Alyssa DiRusso (Upper Level Courses). 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).

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. Please submit nominations via e-mail to carroll@samford.edu.

2009 Southeastern Business Law Institute

The 2009 Southeastern Business Law Institute, sponsored by Cumberland School of Law and The Business Law & Corporate Counsel Section of the Alabama State Bar, will be held October 29-30 at Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort in Birmingham, Alabama. The program is approved for 9 hours of MCLE credit. For complete information, please visit this link:

<http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009%20Business%20Law.pdf>

To register online: <http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/cle/cle-course-schedule>



“Establishing a Law Practice” Series

PROGRAMS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR CLASS OF 2009

The last in the series of three Continuing Legal Education programs on “Establishing a Law Practice” will be offered on **November 2, 2009**. Cumberland designed the series specifically for the Class of 2009 to provide recent graduates with guidance on beginning their law practice. These programs are available to anyone who wants to attend, but the **registration fee will be waived for members of Cumberland’s Class of 2009**. The programs are co-sponsored by Cumberland’s

Career Services Office and Continuing Legal Education Office.

Although members of the Class of 2009 are not required to earn CLE credit this year, these hours may be carried over to next year. This is an easy way to get ahead on required CLE credits at no cost.

These CLE programs will be invaluable to those considering solo practice or working for a small firm, but will also be beneficial to all new lawyers who are just beginning to practice. The speakers are lawyers who have been successful in building their own practices.

The programs will offer many benefits, including:

- An introduction to practice in areas in which new attorneys often work
- Tips from judges and practitioners on setting up a law practice, getting and keeping clients, setting and discussing fees, limiting expenses, and networking with potential clients
- Resources available to you through the Alabama State Bar, the Small Business Administration and other organizations
- Networking with practicing attorneys and former classmates

Registration:

- You may register at NO COST.
- If you want to attend, please register by calling the Cumberland CLE Office at 205-726-2391 or 800-888-7454.
- Please **do not** try to register via the CLE website. Online registration requires a registration fee, and this program is being offered to you at no charge.



Continuing Legal Education



Cumberland's CLE department wants to remind students and faculty that you may attend any of Cumberland's CLE programs for free or a modest \$20-30 fee for handout materials and lunch. (The cost varies according to the program).

The fall schedule can be found on the Cumberland website under the CLE tab (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>).

Please notify the CLE office in advance if you wish to attend a program.

Email lawcle@samford.edu, call 205.726.2391, or stop by the CLE office to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS • CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Please follow the link for a list of upcoming events:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/events-list>

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