

Cumberland Wins National Trial Competition Region 6

Ashley Reitz, Joshua Hornady and Robert Price won the National Trial Competition Regional held in Jackson, Mississippi this weekend. The team went 5-0 by winning 12 of 15 judges and was the only undefeated school in the tournament. On their way to the Regional Championship, they defeated teams from Barry School of Law, Florida State University, Stetson University, the University of Alabama and Mississippi College School of Law.

Although our other team of Ross Massey, Carrie Hodge and Alyson Hood did not win, these three 2Ls have a very bright future. Other National Trial Team members that worked with these teams are Bethany Harrison and Matthew Hill. Thank you to all the judges and attorneys who also helped to prepared these teams.

The team is coached by Jim Roberts '94 and Sara Williams '06. They will compete in the National Finals in Dallas, Texas, March 24-27, 2010.



JOSHUA HORNADY, ASHLEY REITZ, JIM ROBERTS AND ROBERT PRICE

*Congratulations to the team members
and their coaches!*



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Congratulations to the 2010 Mercedes Marathon Cumberland School of Law Relay Teams and Half-Marathon Finishers!

Runners helped raise over \$500,000 for local children's charities!



CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW RELAY TEAMS



MOLLY SAVAGE AND MEGAN MURREN



KELLY SAVAGE, BRETT THOMPSON, CASSI WITCHER,
HEATHER SEARCY AND KENNETH PETERSON

Cumberland School of Law Relay Team Finishers:

O.Z. Hall
Troupe Brewer
Kristen Peters
Kenneth Peterson
Sara Hames
Cassi Witcher
Brett Thompson
Heather Searcy
Brandon Prince
Megan Murren
Molly Savage
Eddie Kiessling
Matt Couch
Danni Balczon
Kelly Savage
Luke Coddington
Cassie Coddington
Matthew Phipps
Shane Pearson
Brittany Hodge NesSmith

Half-Marathon Finishers:

Lauren Curtis
Michael Clarke
Jesse Anderson
Gerri Plain
Brittany Stancombe
Katie Garrety
Michelle Ortiz
Professor Brannon Denning
Alli Denning

2010 Cambridge Summer Study-Abroad Program



SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE • UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Our planning continues for the 2010 Cambridge Summer Study-Abroad Program, and we hope you seriously consider participating. Professor Floyd and Erin Carroll also welcome your questions about the program at any time, and further information is available at:

<http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/students/foreign-programs>

Click on the blue Cambridge link for the full brochure (in pdf format) which has an application form and a detailed calendar at the end. You may submit your application to either Professor Floyd (Room 220-B) or Erin Carroll (Room 220-A).

As an add-on prior to attending the Cambridge program, a limited number of students have the opportunity to do directed research in London in June 2010 with Barrister Adrian Jenkala. Elizabeth Barclay and Charlie Nelson took advantage of this opportunity in 2009, and they will be happy to tell you about their experiences. Please let Professor Floyd know as soon as possible if you are interested in doing this, as the number of participants is extremely limited.

Career Services Presents: Probate Court: Practice and Procedure



On Thursday, February 18, Probate Judge Alan King will be present to speak about:

Probate Court: Practice and Procedure

His presentation will include a description of the types of cases filed and heard in Probate Court, particulars that new attorneys (and law clerks) should be aware of, why some parties should avoid Probate Court - and how. Judge King is a graduate of Cumberland School of Law. This program will be in the Great Room at noon on February 18.

Sign up in the Career Services Office if you wish to eat a boxed lunch during this program.

Information Session • U.S. Army JAG Corps

Captain Emily Roman, U.S. Army JAG Corps, will be at the law school this Thursday, February 18, to present information and answer questions regarding the U.S. Army JAG. Stop by the Dean's Conference Room between NOON and 3:00 PM on THURSDAY if you are interested in learning more.

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Hearing in the Moot Court Room

Judge Stephen J. Simko, Jr. from the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission is holding a hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Cumberland School of Law in the Moot Court Room. The case name is *Secretary of Labor v. Koch Food of Ashland, LLC*, OSHRC Docket No. 09-1731.

The hearing will begin at 9:00 AM, and all Cumberland students and faculty are invited to attend. Students are welcome to come and go as needed in order to accommodate class schedules.

Works-in-Progress Program



MONTRÉ D. CARODINE

Montré D. Carodine, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law, is the presenter at the next in the series of the Works-in-Progress programs for the spring semester. Her presentation will take place Friday, February 19 at NOON in the Dean's Conference Room. She is speaking on "Keeping it Real: Reforming the 'Untried Conviction' Impeachment Rule."

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FACULTY

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

<http://www.law.ua.edu/directory/view.php?user=352>

Public Interest Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is holding its annual PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR on Tuesday, February 23rd. This event has grown each year for the past several years and we are proud to include a very diverse group of over 30 nonprofit and government offices this year. Students are welcome to meet representatives, ask them questions about his/her organization and about summer internships or long term career opportunities.

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Great Room • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Pizza will be served at noon, to students who attend.

Graduation Information

On **Thursday, February 25**, representatives from the bookstore and Balfour will be at the law school to measure you for caps and gowns and offer you the opportunity to order invitations, rings and other graduation supplies.

Please stop by the **Florida Room**:

10:00 AM - NOON or 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



Message from Professor Jack Nelson

Thanks to all the faculty and staff for the lovely food basket that was delivered to my home. Thanks also for the many expressions of concern and support that I have received. I am very fortunate to work at a place with so many wonderful people and friends. *Best Regards, Jack Nelson*

Faculty News

JUDGE JOHN L. CARROLL

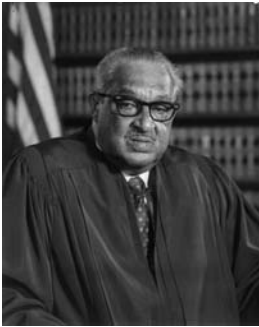
Judge Carroll has been appointed as the reporter to a study committee of the Uniform Law Commission which will examine the question of whether there should be a uniform state law governing the issuance and enforcement of asset freezing orders. Asset freezing orders are often issued by courts in the common law jurisdictions like England, Canada and Australia but are fairly rare in the United States. In the common law jurisdictions, orders are entered freezing the assets of a defendant at the outset of the case. The committee will have its first meeting on Friday, February 19, 2010.

“Why Colorblind Policies Will Not Eliminate Healthcare Disparities”

Please join **Cumberland School of Law Black Law Students Association** for a healthcare Webinar entitled, “Why Colorblind Policies will not Eliminate Healthcare Disparities.” The guest speaker is **Vernellia Randall**, Professor of Law at the University of Dayton School of Law. She writes extensively and speaks internationally on topics that involve race, women and healthcare. The Webinar will be **Wednesday, February 24** in the Brock Forum located in the School of Business on Samford’s campus. The starting time is **6:00 PM**.

This event is accredited for 1 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit. Registration forms for the CLE credit will be provided at location.

2010 Annual Thurgood Marshall Lecture



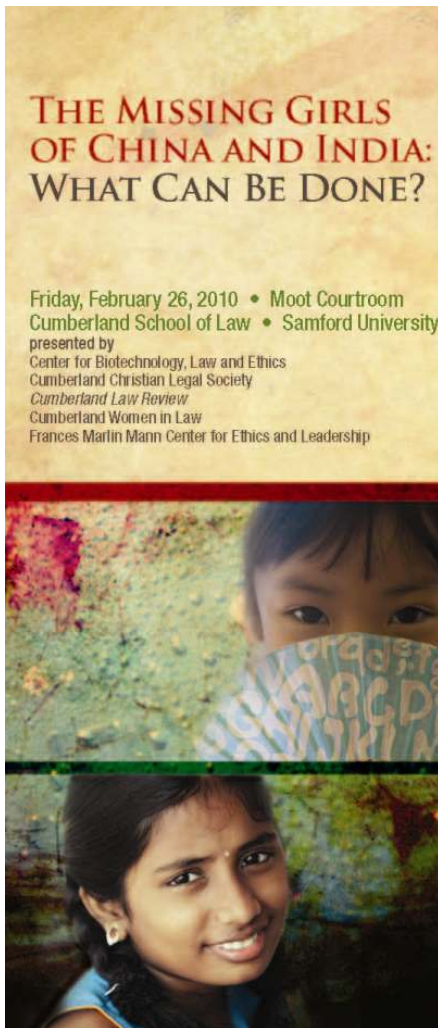
THURGOOD MARSHALL

On Thursday, February 25, the Cumberland Black Law Students Association will host its annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium. The topic for this year's symposium is "Diversity on the Bench." The Honorable Houston Brown will serve as the Symposium's guest speaker. Judge Houston Brown is the first African-American to complete his entire law school education at Cumberland School of Law in 1973. He currently presides as a Jefferson County circuit court judge in the civil division.

The Symposium will take place at Cumberland School of Law in the Moot Court Room starting at noon. There will be a reception immediately following the symposium in the Great Room.

2010 Biotech Symposium

THE MISSING GIRLS OF CHINA AND INDIA: WHAT CAN BE DONE?



Cumberland School of Law's Center for Biotechnology, Law and Ethics, Christian Legal Society, Law Review, Women in Law and Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership will host *The Missing Girls of China and India: What Can Be Done?* The symposium will be held Friday, February 26, 2010 in the Moot Court Room of the law school and will have multiple discussions throughout the day.

David Smolin, Harwell G. Davis Professor of Constitutional Law and Director, Center for Biotechnology, Law and Ethics, will lead off the afternoon session by noting points of agreement and points of dispute. Most of the afternoon session will be spent in a general discussion of the topic, including audience questions and comments; all of the conference speakers will participate.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For an overview of the conference and information about the program participants, please follow this link:

http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009-10_Law_Biotech_Brochure.pdf

SCHEDULE

8:50 AM

Introductions and Welcome

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM

Overview and India

Professor Valerie Hudson (Overview) & Professor Sunil Khanna (India)

10:30 AM - 11:50 AM

China

Professor Susan Greenhalgh & Professor Feng Wang

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12:00 PM - 1:20 PM

Lunch and Reception in the Great Room of Cumberland School of Law

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Discussion, Questions, Debate

Professor David Smolin (Points of Agreement, Points of Dispute)

Professor Susan Greenhalgh

Professor Valerie Hudson

Professor Sunil Khanna

Professor David Smolin

Professor Feng Wang

2010 Summer Public Interest Stipend

Applications are now available for the 2010 Public Interest Stipend. Summer stipends are available to students who are committed to doing 6 to 12 weeks of otherwise uncompensated public interest or public service legal work in the greater Birmingham area. Funds may also be available for placements outside of Birmingham. Positions that have been funded in the past include Legal Aid, the Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program, the Alabama Attorney General, and clerkships with various circuit and district judges. Applications may be picked up in the Mediation Center (Room 215) and will be due by **April 6, 2010**. If you have any questions regarding the stipend please see **Tim Cook** in room 215.

HELP Project Summer Internship

The Cumberland Public Interest Project is proud to announce an available stipend, provided by the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, for a student interested in providing legal assistance to the homeless over the summer. The student will assist the Public Interest Project with the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) program under the direction of attorneys from various firms in the Birmingham area. Firms scheduled to participate include Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP; Burr Forman, LLP; Lightfoot, Franklin, & White LLC; and Sirote & Permutt, PC. The amount of the stipend is \$2,500 and all law students are eligible. First year law students are especially encouraged to apply. Applications are due **March 11**. Please see **Tim Cook** or **Cassandra Adams** in room 215 for an application.

Law Week Charity Fun Run

JOIN CABA IN ITS FIRST EVER LAW WEEK FUN RUN TO RAISE MONEY FOR CASA

On Saturday, March 6, Cumberland Active Barristers Association (CABA) will host its first Law Week 5k Fun Run/1 mile walk at Samford University. Proceeds from the event go toward helping Jefferson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

CABA for CASA!

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CASA is a group of volunteers who act as a voice in court for children who have suffered abuse or neglect. The CASA mission is to ensure that abused and neglected children have a competent, caring volunteer advocate to represent them at court proceedings. The ultimate goal is to ensure that every child has a safe and permanent home.

In 2008, nearly 4,000 children were abused and neglected in Jefferson County, many of them were placed in foster care or a group home because they are unable to live safely at home. Imagine what it would be like to lose your parents, not because of something you did, but because they cannot or will not take care of you. Now, into these children's lives come dozens of strangers: police, foster parents, therapists, social workers, judges, lawyers and more. Hopefully, one of these strangers is a CASA volunteer. CASA volunteers watch over and advocate for these abused and neglected children to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster home. They stay with each child until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence—the one adult who cares only for them.

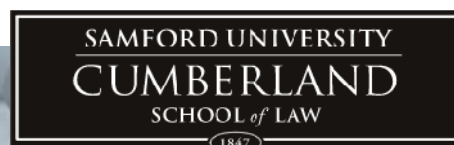
CABA seeks to put its feet and imagination to use for the CASA kids and volunteers. CABA invites all Samford University undergraduate and graduate students and alumni to participate in this inaugural event. Registration will be \$25, which will include the price of a t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the two best costumed runners/walkers and the first three 5K finishers. CABA will have three special guest judges to choose the best costumes. Following the 5k run, all are invited to take a one-mile walk around the campus to show their support for CASA.

To register, please contact:

Megan Murren (mmurren@samford.edu) or Molly Savage (msavage@samford.edu)

For those who don't want to walk or run,
donations are *gladly* accepted to help these kids and this great cause.

CABA was started in the fall of 2009 with the mission of getting Cumberland law students out in the community for service, fun and fellowship. Since then, CABA has hosted open paintball and put together four relay teams to compete in the Birmingham Mercedes Marathon. Spring events for CABA include: a March Madness Charity Bracket to Benefit Operation Lakeshore at the Lakeshore Foundation, a Law Week Tennis Shoe Drive, sky diving, and rock climbing at First Avenue Rocks with Cumberland's Christian Legal Society. CABA events are open to all Cumberland students, faculty, alumni and their families. The more the merrier!



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