

## Public Interest Career Fair

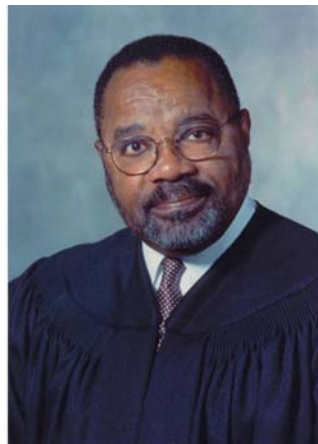
The Office of Career Services is holding its annual PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR on Tuesday, February 23. This event has grown each year for the past several years. We now expect representatives from over 35 groups including government offices and non-profit associations to attend. Many are Cumberland alumni. Most of the groups are seeking interns. Students are welcome to visit the GREAT ROOM between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to meet our guests, learn about the various groups and ask questions about summer opportunities.

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

Pizza will be served at noon to students who attend.

## 2010 Annual Thurgood Marshall Lecture

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.



JUDGE HOUSTON L. BROWN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
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.



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# 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](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

12:00 PM - 1:20 PM

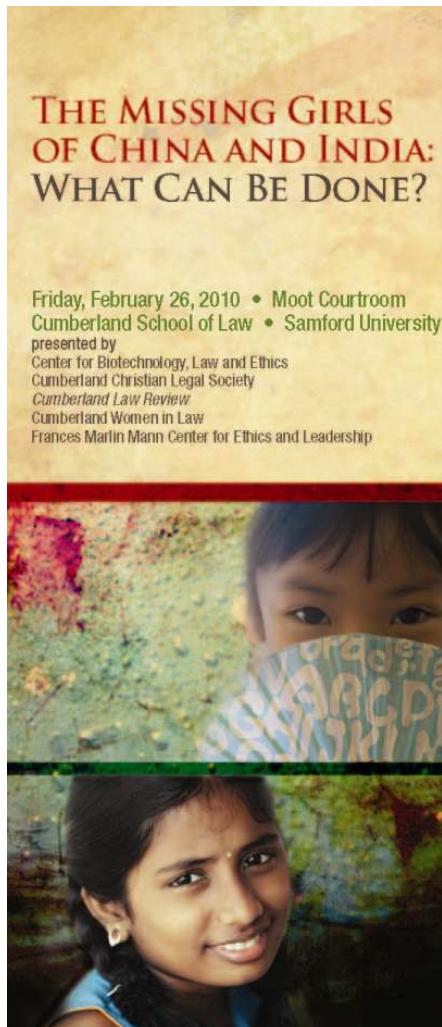
*Lunch and Reception in the Great Room  
of Cumberland School of Law*

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



## “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.

## Williams Competition Quarterfinalists

*Congratulations to the following first year students for advancing in the Williams Freshman Trial Competition!*



Elizabeth Lyerly and Kim Rankin

Laura Akins and Maurine Evans

Charles Buchanan and Brent Almond

Joseph Dease and David King

Michael Eldridge and Drew Haskins

Michael Guarino and Brandon Demyan

SeTara Ozan and Joshua Hilley

Brittany Stancombe and Jim Denham

The rounds this weekend were intensely close, with several tied ballots and many more coming down to only one or two points. Every judge was very impressed with the level of advocacy skills showed by this year’s 1L class. The quarter final rounds will take place this Friday and Saturday (the 26th and 27th), with the semi-finals this Sunday (the 28th). The final round will be at 3:00 PM next Wednesday, March 3, and is one of the highlights of Law Week. So, if you see these students in the hall, give them a hearty congratulations and your best wishes of success. They are carrying on Cumberland’s legacy of outstanding advocacy.

Tim Douthit  
Third Year Law Student  
Director, 2010 Williams Freshman Trial Competition

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## Spring Mediation Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Mediation Competition!

**Ross Massey and Kisha Thomas**

Also, congratulations to the runner-ups, **Kristin Lough and Brittany Waggener!**

The winners will compete at the Regional Competition in Montgomery, Alabama March 5 and 6.

## 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



## Regional Mock Trial Tournament

The Regional Mock Trial Tournament of the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) will be hosted by Samford University and Cumberland School of Law on the University's campus Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, 2010.

AMTA serves as the governing body for intercollegiate mock trial competitions. Undergraduate college students develop critical thinking and public speaking skills, as well as a knowledge of legal practices and procedures through participation in trial simulations in competition with teams from other institutions. Thirty teams will be competing here for the honor of representing their University at the National Finals later this spring.

## Faculty Colloquium

Professor Robert Goodwin will speak to the Cumberland faculty Wednesday, February 24 at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Laurie Zimmer at 726.2411 or [lzimmer@samford.edu](mailto:lzimmer@samford.edu) no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23.

The topic of Professor Goodwin's presentation is:

*Should Alabama Adopt The Same Expert Testimony Rules Used in the Federal Courts?*

## Faculty News

### PROFESSOR WENDY GREENE

Professor Wendy Greene's article, "Determining the (In)Determinable: Race in Brazil and the United States" has been cited in "Comparative Studies of Law, Slavery and Race in the Americas" by Professors Ariela Gross and Alejandro de la Fuente which appears in the Annual Review of Law and Social Science 6 (2010). Her article was also highlighted recently on the Legal History Blog.

### PROFESSOR BOB GREENE

Professor Bob Greene has been awarded a Fulbright Follow-On Grant to return to Ukraine for three weeks during the summer of 2010. This grant builds on his teaching at the Odessa National Academy of Law in the Spring of 2008. The purposes of the grant are to study Ukrainian legal schemes for coastal protection and to conduct workshops in United States coastal protection programs at universities in Odessa and Simferopol.

## Law Week • March 1 - 6, 2010

Every spring, students, faculty and staff look forward to the annual events and celebrations which are held during Law Week. Below are a few highlights of this year's events.

### FRESHMAN FOLLIES

The Freshman Follies will be held Tuesday, March 2 at 4:30 PM in the Moot Court Room.

### WILLIAMS FRESHMAN TRIAL COMPETITION

The finals of the Parham H. Williams Trial Competition will be held:

Wednesday, March 3 at 3:00 PM in the Moot Court Room

### RASCAL DAY



On Thursday, March 4 at 11:00 AM, the Law School will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, staff and friends of the Law School (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to Blackacre Patio.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence.

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Rascal passed away in 1940 and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford Campus, and again interred at Blackacre, on the west side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including the Best Dressed Dog, the Best Trick, the dog most resembling its owner, the smallest and largest dog, and the dog that most represents the spirit of Rascal.

Make sure you and your pet come out for the great morning and afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal,

Cumberland's own CJD.

*A few photos from Rascal Day 2009 ...*



### CABA COSTUME FUN RUN

Cumberland Active Barristers Association (CABA) will host its first ever Law Week Costume Fun Run on Saturday, March 6 at 8:30 AM.

# 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!

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](mailto:mmurren@samford.edu)) or Molly Savage ([msavage@samford.edu](mailto: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!

## 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.

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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