

Lunch with Advisory Board Members

The law firms of Starnes & Atchison, White Arnold & Dowd, and Lightfoot Franklin & White are generously hosting lunch for Cumberland students, faculty and the Cumberland Advisory Board members this Friday, March 26 at 11:45 AM on Brewer Plaza (around the fountain).



CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW'S ADVISORY BOARD

This is a great opportunity for students to meet and talk to our school's Advisory Board members, which include approximately 50 prominent lawyers and judges—many locally based, but others who practice out of state. They are looking forward to meeting you and answering your questions.

NOTE: If the weather does not permit outside dining, the lunch will be in the Great Room.

Cumberland School of Law Advisory Board Meeting

The spring Law School Advisory Board meeting will be held Friday, March 26 in the Friendship Room of Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library.

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room with the meeting commencing at 8:30 AM.



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Reunion Weekend 2010 Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort & Spa

You don't want to miss out on Reunion Weekend!
March 26 - 27, 2010

Participate in a building tour, enjoy dinner with your classmates at the spectacular Reunion Gala, and catch up at individual class parties on Saturday night!

Honoring the Reunion classes of:

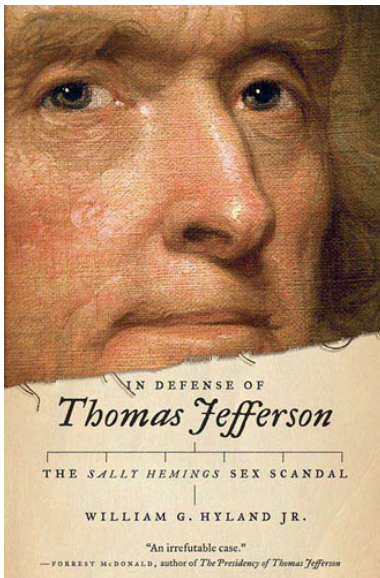
'70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05

Find out more information at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/alumni/reunion-weekend-2010>



The Verdict on Thomas Jefferson: What is the Evidence?



The College of Arts and Sciences and the Cumberland School of Law will present "The Verdict on Thomas Jefferson: What is the Evidence?" Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 3:00 PM in the Moot Court Room in Robinson Hall.

William G. Hyland, Jr., a Cumberland graduate of the class of 1983 and author of *In Defense of Thomas Jefferson: The Sally Hemings Sex Scandal*, will be the featured speaker. Professor David Johnson, Biology Department at Samford, will speak on "What DNA Can Tell Us," and Professor John Mayfield, history professor and colonial historian, will discuss "Historical Evidence." A question and answer session will follow.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Cumberland Moot Court Teams

Cumberland's national moot court teams started the first weekend of spring break by participating in moot court competitions in Florida and New York. Cumberland's bankruptcy team, Judd Anderton, Ben Coulter, and Eric Wood, competed in New York in the Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition hosted by St. John's University School of Law on March 13-15. The Duberstein team members argued a case that involved issues of a good faith transferee defense and whether the attorney-client privilege protects pre-bankruptcy petition communications.

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On the same weekend, another of Cumberland's national moot court teams traveled to Miami, FL to compete in the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Rod Evans, John Exum, and Cliff Nelson wrote a brief and argued an international insurance arbitration issue. Neither team advanced to the finals this time, but they presented fine performances against strong national fields in both competitions. Thanks to the Duberstein bankruptcy team and to the ABA national team for the hard work and effort over the past several months. Cumberland especially thanks bankruptcy team coach Bill Bensinger of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, for the hours of time and expertise that he gave to the Duberstein team.



ABA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITORS
JOHN EXUM, CLIFF NELSON AND ROD EVANS AT THE
RICHARD E. GERSTEIN JUSTICE BUILDING IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

Class Scheduling Seminar

Questions about what classes to take?

Questions about professors?

We have the answers!

Join PAD for a Class Scheduling Seminar

Tuesday, March 23

Noon to 1:00 PM in Room 115

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Called to the Bar Program

The next program in the *Called to the Bar* series is scheduled:

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

NOON

Moot Court Room

In this session, Dean Strickland will speak to first-year students about registration and curriculum planning.

Career Services Student Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

8:00 AM

Dean's Conference Room

Labor & Employment Law Practice Panel Discussion

Sponsored by:
The American Bar Association Section of Labor & Employment Law

SNACKS PROVIDED

Thursday March 25, 2010 • Noon to 1:00 PM
Cumberland School of Law Great Room



Marlena Cummings — Court & Management Perspective
United States District Court Staff Attorney
Former Associate with Waldrop Stewart & Kendrick

Christopher Deering - Management Perspective
Shareholder — Ogletree, Deakins
Cumberland '97

Rusty Johnson — Academic & Plaintiff's Perspective
Professor—Cumberland School of Law
Former Associate Wiggins Childs Quinn & Pantazis

Heather Leonard—Plaintiffs' Perspective
Heather Leonard, PC

Erica Sheffield — Corporate Counsel Perspective
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama

Tamula Yelling— Management & Plaintiffs' Perspective
Constangy, Brooks & Smith
Former Solo Practitioner Representing Plaintiffs

The Federalist Society Hosting Jack Park

On Thursday, March 25 at 12:30 PM in room 120, The Federalist Society will host guest speaker Mr. Jack Park, Visiting Legal Fellow at the Heritage Foundation. Mr. Park works in the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, and his work includes assisting the Center in its work relating to the U.S. Supreme Court. Before joining the Heritage Foundation, he worked as the Special Assistant to the Inspector General for what is now the Corporation for National Service. He also served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama for 12 years and worked in the Birmingham office for what is now the Bradley, Arant, Boulton & Cummings law firm. Mr. Park served on active duty and in the reserves as an Army JAG officer, and he graduated from Yale Law School and the University of Virginia.

The topic of Mr. Park's lecture is Citizens United v. FEC.

Phi Alpha Delta Program

On Tuesday, March 30, 2010, Governor Albert Brewer, a Phi Alpha Delta alumni, will be speaking about the practice of law and politics, using his own experience as a point of reference. A question and answer session will follow his speech.

The event will be held in the Great Room beginning at noon and will end at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be served.



GOVERNOR ALBERT BREWER

Loan Management Program • April 1

Ms. Kimberly Siwarski, a representative from ACCESS will be in the Great Room on Thursday, April 1 at noon to present a LOAN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM to all students and alumni. When it comes to managing the debt incurred by going to law school, it can be an overwhelming task to figure out the options and what is best for you. You are not alone—most of your classmates or fellow graduates feel the same. Ms. Siwarski will clarify options and offer answers. Alumni who work in a public interest/service or a government position may be particularly interested in this program.

Please sign-up in the Office of Career Services if you would like to attend so that lunch can be ordered for you.

Student Health Law Organization & The Career Services Office Will Co-Host Program

Kathleen Kauffman, General Counsel for UAB, will be presenting Monday, April 12 from noon to 1:00 PM in the Great Room.

She will be talking about her experience as General Counsel for UAB Health System.

The presentation will be sponsored by Career Services and the Student Health Law Association.

Career Services Presents:

“How to Properly and Effectively Bill Your Time:

What Your Employer Wants to Know and
What Your Client Needs to Know to
Pay Your Fee.”

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 AM

The Great Room

Breakfast Will Be Served

An Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium

Presented by:

Cumberland School of Law Community Mediation Center in conjunction with
The Birmingham Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section

April 2, 2010 • 8:45 AM - 12 Noon

Cumberland School of Law Moot Court Room

*Approved for 2.5 CLE credit hours,
which includes 1.5 hours of ethics*



*Listen, ask questions & learn the latest trends
and best practices from the following
Distinguished Panelists:*

- Judge John L. Carroll, Dean & Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law, Cumberland School of Law
- Charles L. Denaburg, Senior Shareholder, Najjar Denaburg, P.C.
- A. H. Nick Gaede, Jr., Member, Bainbridge, Mims, Rogers & Smith, LLP
- Rodney A. Max, Principal, Upchurch Watson White & Max
- Fern H. Singer, Shareholder, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.

Moderator:

The Honorable Albert Brewer,
Distinguished Professor of Law and Government & Professor
Emeritus, Samford University

Event Schedule

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| 8:45 - 9:00 | Check-In:
Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | WELCOME
Judge John L. Carroll, Dean,
Cumberland School of Law

Allison Skinner, President
Birmingham Bar Association
ADR Section |
| 9:15 - 10:15 | RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ADR
Judy M. Keegan, Esq.,
Executive Director, Alabama
Center for Dispute Resolution

James H. London, London &
Amburn, P.C. (Knoxville, TN) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | BREAK |
| 10:30 – Noon | PANEL DISCUSSION
Confidentiality and Ethics in
Mediation |

Regular Registration Fee: \$125

Registration Fee: \$100 (ADR Section
Members, Birmingham Bar Association)

Register Online at:

www.cumberland.samford.edu/cle

Or contact:

Cumberland Community Mediation
Center & Public Interest Project
205.726.4342

Summer and Fall Registration Information

Summer Registration

Opens online March 29
at 8:00 AM

Fall Registration

Tuesday, March 30 – Friday, April 2
Closes at 4:30 PM on Friday

Registration forms for fall may be picked up in the office of Law Student Records.
Schedules, Grids, Registration Instructions and Course Descriptions are posted on the Web.



CHARLTON COPELAND

Works-in-Progress Program

Charlton Copeland, Associate Professor of Law at University of Miami School of Law, is the presenter at the next in the series of the Works-in-Progress programs for the spring semester. His presentation will take place Friday, March 26 at noon in the Dean's Conference Room.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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

<http://www.law.miami.edu/facadmin/ccopeland.php?letter>

Faculty Colloquium

Professor Edward Martin will speak to the Cumberland faculty Thursday, March 25 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 no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 24.

The topic of Professor Martin's presentation is: **Law Student Assessments**

Faculty & Staff News

PROFESSOR WILLIAM ROSS

Professor William Ross, a nationally recognized expert on the United States Supreme Court, is a frequent op-ed columnist for the Jurist Magazine, a very well-respected on-line legal journal published by the law school at the University of Pittsburgh. His article entitled "*Roberts' Remarks: Not Out of Line (Either)*" was recently published and may be viewed by following this link:

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2010/03/roberts-response-not-out-of-line-either.php>

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PROFESSOR DAVID SMOLIN

The 2010 International Congress on Human Trafficking will take place at the University of Minnesota Law School on April 2. Professor David Smolin and other experts on human trafficking, international criminal law, international children's issues, victimized populations and other human rights fields will be participating. For more information, click on this link: http://www1.umn.edu/news/news-releases/2010/UR_CONTENT_181398.html

JUDGE JOHN CARROLL, DEAN JAMES LEWIS AND PROFESSOR MICHAEL FLOYD



Judge John Carroll; Dr. Cristina Zucchi;
Dr. Celso Fiorillo; Professor Michael Floyd; and
Dr. James Lewis

Judge Carroll, Dean Lewis, and Professor Floyd spent the week of Spring Break in São Paulo, Brazil in connection with Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law (MCL) degree program. Judge Carroll gave a lecture on the state of the US judicial system at the Tribunal Regional Federal (the federal appellate court for the region that includes São Paulo). Professor Floyd gave a lecture on good faith and similar concepts in US consumer law to Master's in Law students at FMU, a university with which Cumberland has a long-standing relationship. Judge Carroll, Dean Lewis, and Professor Floyd spoke at a weekly firm meeting of Felsberg e Associados, one of the largest and most prestigious law firms in São Paulo. They also met with the Vice President of the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado de São Paulo (the

state supreme court), the President of the Associação Paulista de Magistrados (APAMAGIS, the judges' association in the state of São Paulo), the President of the Academia Paulista de Magistrados (an invitation-only group of 40 São Paulo judges, and officials at the US Consulate in São Paulo.

Cumberland's MCL program was fully approved in 1994, and the first MCL degree was awarded in 1998. We have had 36 graduates of this program in ensuing years, and a number of additional students are at various stages of completing their MCL degrees. Most of the students and graduates have been from Brazil, and the majority of those have been judges. We have also had students from Argentina, Nigeria, Sudan, the Philippines, Thailand, and Turkey.

Summer 2010 courses in ADR and Comparative Constitutional Law: Brazil and the United States (in the Birmingham June mini-term) and the Cambridge study-abroad curriculum will give JD students the opportunity to study with our MCL students, enriching the perspectives of all involved.

Please contact Professor Floyd if you'd like more information about our non-US students and opportunities to get acquainted with them.

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Professor Dr. Celso Fiorillo;
Dr. James Lewis,
Professor Michael Floyd,
Professor Arthur Sperandéo
Judge John Carroll
Sandoval Nassa
Dr. Cristina Zucchi
Professor José Carlos
Professor Angelo Palmisano





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 past, students have received funding for working in legal aid offices, state attorney general's offices, district attorney and public defender offices and judges chambers. Any public interest or public service placement will qualify, however, whether here in Alabama and elsewhere.

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.

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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