

2010 -2011 National Trial Team Members

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as members of Cumberland's National Trial Team.

Charles Buchanan

Shannon Cornman

Michael Eldridge

Charles Elliott

Maurine Evans

SeTara Foster

Bethany Harrison

Drew Haskins

Carrie Hodge

Alyson Hood

Amanda Kistler

Ross Massey

Megan Murren

Sam Nicolle

Brandon Prince

Brittany Stancombe

Reanna Todd

Blake Williams



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Save the Date!

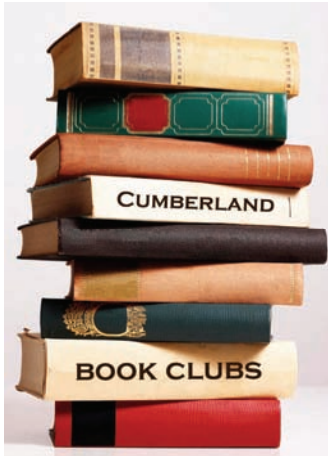
Lunch with Advisory Board Members

Friday, October 15, 2010 • Noon on Brewer Plaza

Sponsored by: Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC,
Starnes Davis & Florie LLP and White Arnold & Dowd, PC



Law students are invited to lunch on the Plaza with the Cumberland School of Law Advisory Board and some of Alabama's most renowned lawyers.



Cumberland Book Clubs

In previous years, students have expressed their interest in convening in small groups with faculty to discuss interesting and thought provoking topics outside the classroom. In response to that interest, the *Cumberland Book Clubs* were launched. Professors volunteered to lead the discussions, and they selected books that formed the basis for those discussions.

The book clubs will be held again this year, and this is how the clubs will work:

- Starting the week of *September 27*, you will have the opportunity to sign up by choosing one of the book club leaders.
- Your obligation is to read the book selected by the book club leader and participate in a discussion at a mutually agreed upon time. The discussions will be either late this semester or early next semester. Some of the group leaders may have the discussions here at the law school and others may have the discussions at other venues. The details will be worked out after you sign up.
- The law school will *reimburse you for the cost of the book* that you read to participate in the book club. We will set up the reimbursement process after the clubs get going.
- This is a great opportunity to interact with other students and your professors and staff and engage in broad discussions about important topics.
- Later this week, I will send out more information about the books selected by the book club leaders and details about the sign-up process.

A list of the book club leaders and their book club selections are below. You should contact them or me (carroll@samford.edu) with questions. There is wide variety of books and topics. Please consider participating in one of the clubs.

CASSANDRA ADAMS
Same Kind of Different As Me
By Ron Hall & Denver Moore

BOB GREENE
Wolves Eat Dogs
By Martin Cruz Smith

JUDGE JOHN CARROLL
Rising Road: A True Tale of Love, Race and Religion in America
By Sharon Davies

GREG LAUGHLIN
That Hideous Strength & The Abolition of Man
By C.S. Lewis

DON COCHRAN
War
By Sebastian Junger

LYNN SCHUCK
Eat, Pray, Love
By Elizabeth Gilbert

BRANNON DENNING
The Vanishing American Lawyer
By Tom Morgan

DAVID SMOLIN
Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women World Wide
By Nicholas D. Kristoff & Sheryl WuDunn

ALYSSA DIRUSSO
The Help
By Kathryn Stockett

HOWARD WALTHALL
Money Ball
By Michael Lewis



2010 Race for the Cure

Please join Women in Law for the annual Susan G. Komen Birmingham Race for the Cure, a nationwide event to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer, on **Saturday, October 9, 2010** at Linn Park.

Women in Law has started a team for this year's Race for the Cure, and the deadline for registration is **September 27**. The race is a 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk and a 1-mile fun run/walk. If you are not interested in running or cannot be present at the event, you can still join the team and "Sleep for the Cure." The team is open to all students, faculty, staff and friends and family.

As in year's past, Dean Carroll will buy dinner for any student who beats him in the race.

Our team name is "Cumberland School of Law" and can be accessed at:

<http://2010komenalabamaracefortheure.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=341678&team=3877438>

The main page for the Race for the Cure event is: <http://www.komenncalabama.org/>

If you have any questions about the event or the team please contact **Brittany Waggener**, Women in Law President, at: bwaggene@samford.edu

Bluebooks and Burritos

The *Cumberland Law Review* will present "Bluebooks and Burritos" to the 1Ls on **Wednesday, September 22** at 12 noon in the Great Room. All 1Ls are invited to attend.

Law Review members will be present to review Bluebook citation rules, in preparation for the upcoming Bluebook test on September 28. The Bluebook test is given as part of Cumberland's Lawyering and Legal Reasoning Program, after the 1L students complete "Boot Camp."

Moe's will be served. Any questions may be directed to the *Cumberland Law Review's* Managing Editor, **Trey Levie**, at wlevie@samford.edu.

Cumberland Democrats

The Cumberland Democrats will hold its first meeting of the year:

Thursday, September 23

Room 118 • Noon

Lunch with a Lawyer

This week, during our "Lunch with a Lawyer" series: Mr. G. Matthew Keenan, a litigator at Starnes Davis Florie LLP, will present "Depositions: A 45 Minute Primer", at noon on Thursday, September 23, in room 120.

Lunch will be served to those who sign up in the Office of Career Development.

Women in Law & Christian Legal Society

Women in Law (WIL) and the Christian Legal Society (CLS) are leading a joint effort to support Lifeline Children's Services. Lifeline is an adoption agency holding their annual fundraiser banquet in Birmingham. Lifeline is looking for donations of glass jars, vases, and white or cream candles for the tables.

A box has been placed in the Breezeway for collection of the donations. The deadline for delivery of the items is **October 1**.

If you have questions about Lifeline, please follow this link:

<http://lifelineadoption.org/all-news/the-cry-of-the-orphan/>

Federalist Society to Host Judge William H. Pryor, Jr.



JUDGE PRYOR

On September 30 at noon, The Federalist Society will host Judge William H. Pryor, Jr. in the Moot Court Room in Robinson Hall. A reception in the Great Room will follow his presentation.

Judge Pryor is a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, which covers the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. In 2005, he joined the court after being nominated by President George W. Bush. Previously, he was the Attorney General of the State of Alabama from 1997 to 2004. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, he practiced law in Birmingham, and he served as an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law for several years. Judge Pryor earned his J.D. from Tulane University Law School in 1987, and he served as editor in chief of the Tulane Law Review.

Judge Pryor has earned the reputation as a distinguished public servant, practicing attorney and law professor.

HILSA Meeting

HILSA will meet on Thursday, September 23 from noon to 1:00 PM in room 121. Upcoming projects include:

- HILSA's fundraiser bake sale during Hispanic heritage month
- Legal Clinic conducted for low income Hispanics in Dothan, AL
- Civics teachers for HICA
- Future events
- Issue advocacy for those interested

HILSA is open to all students. Dues of \$20 will be collected at the meeting.

11th Circuit Student Bar Association Informational Meeting

The 11th Circuit Student Bar Association will hold an informational meeting Tuesday, September 21 in room 123 at 5:00 PM. All students are welcome to attend.

Sports and Entertainment Law Meeting

Interested in Sports and Entertainment Law?

The Cumberland Sports and Entertainment Law Society is making a comeback!

Please join us in room 123 on Thursday, September 30 at noon for a meeting to get some feedback on reactivating this great student organization.



BLSA Meeting

The Black Law Students Association will meet Friday, September 24 at 3:00 PM in room 123.

Desembargadora Maria Cristina Zucchi 2010 Distinguished International Scholar in Residence



DESEMBARGADORA ZUCCHI

Desembargadora (Justice) Maria Cristina Zucchi, an appellate judge in São Paulo, Brazil, is being honored as Cumberland's first-ever Distinguished International Scholar in Residence as she shares her experience and expertise with students, faculty and the Birmingham legal and business community September 28 to October 1, 2010.

A lawyer and law professor, in 1995, Ms. Zucchi enrolled as the first woman in the Master of Comparative Law program at Cumberland. Her research and thesis dealt with the Constitution and Judicial Review. She uses her experience and knowledge from the MCL program in her tireless work to improve the process of justice in Brazil. Thanks in part to her perspective and efforts, the Brazilian judiciary is increasingly adopting the concept of precedent into their civil law system and there is growing interest in alternative dispute resolution concepts.

Desembargadora Maria Cristina Zucchi is a member of the International Insolvency Institute and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in the United States. She is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy and insolvency and has written extensively in the area of Value Added Tax.

Understanding the world beyond our borders is increasingly vital for law students, lawyers, judges, and others in US society. The Distinguished International Scholars Program is one of the ways that the Cumberland School of Law builds such understanding, by bringing outstanding international lawyers, jurists, and academics to the Samford University campus to interact with students, faculty, and other leaders in the Birmingham community. The discussions focus on issues and practices in differing legal systems and cultures. Information on Cumberland's other international program is available [here](#).

In addition to lectures in the law school, Desembargadora Zucchi will be the featured speaker at the Brock International Business Speakers Event on Wednesday, September 29 at 3:00 PM in Brock Forum. The event will be co-hosted by Cumberland School of Law and the Brock School of Business, and a reception will follow the event on Brewer Plaza in front of Robinson Hall. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Please register [here](#).

Law students will also have an opportunity to meet with Desembargadora Zucchi at a breakfast scheduled Wednesday, September 29 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Great Room.

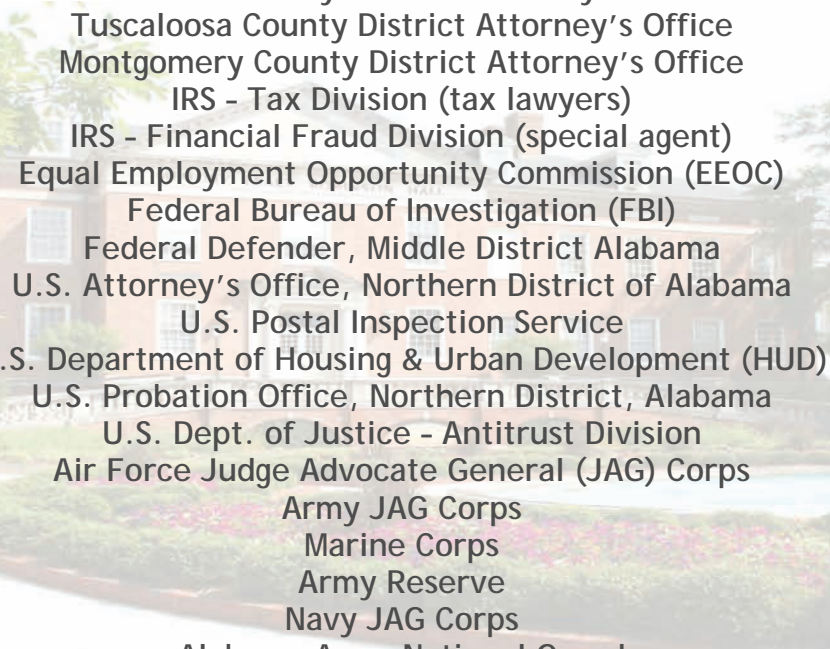
Faculty News

Professor Wendy Greene moderated and served on a panel examining appearance codes in the workplace at the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference hosted by the Seton Hall University School of Law, September 9-12. Professor Greene also served as a member of the Conference Planning Committee and a co-chair of the Works-in-Progress program.

Government Career Fair

Please put our **GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR** on your calendars for **Monday, September 27**. We will host representatives from various state and federal offices in the Great Room from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is an "open house" style event where you may collect information from each about hiring procedures/time-lines, summer and career opportunities. They are here to answer questions. Please visit the Great Room as your schedule allows that day and welcome these government employees.

PARTICIPANTS:



Alabama Department of Environmental Management
 Jefferson County District Attorney's Office
 Tuscaloosa County District Attorney's Office
 Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
 IRS - Tax Division (tax lawyers)
 IRS - Financial Fraud Division (special agent)
 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
 Federal Defender, Middle District Alabama
 U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Alabama
 U.S. Postal Inspection Service
 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
 U.S. Probation Office, Northern District, Alabama
 U.S. Dept. of Justice - Antitrust Division
 Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps
 Army JAG Corps
 Marine Corps
 Army Reserve
 Navy JAG Corps
 Alabama Army National Guard

**There will be information on other local, state or federal employers as well, and information about how to apply for a federal job, income based repayment and loan forgiveness. If you have any questions, please stop by the Office of Career Development.

Law Library Offering Training to 1Ls

The law library is once again offering training for first-year law students in using several online databases available through the law library. The training will cover [HeinOnline](#), [LegalTrac](#) and [Index to Legal Periodicals and Books](#). All three databases are available for use from any lab computer or from your own computer when logged into the Samford wireless network. In addition, each database can be accessed from anywhere in the world with your Samford ID and password 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Training will be provided from Monday, October 11, through Sunday, October 17 in the law library's Westlaw lab. Sessions are limited to nine persons each. We have scheduled 20 separate sessions at times which should permit all first-year law students to find a time which will work into their schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at the law library's circulation desk. For more information, see the law library's web site at <http://lawlib.samford.edu/?p=556>.

Continuing Legal Education Programs



Cumberland's CLE department wants to remind students that you are invited to attend any of Cumberland's CLE programs free of charge, but you must register with the CLE office in advance so we can plan appropriately for the conferences. You can find a full list of programs [HERE](#). Call extension 726.2391 if you want to register.

Third-year students might be particularly interested in the program being offered on September 24 in the Trial Court Room for our recent graduates. This is a program which focuses on beginning a practice and identifies areas of practice new lawyers may anticipate handling. For more information, call 726.2391.

UPCOMING CLE PROGRAM

OCTOBER 1 • 21st Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar

Learn from your local bankruptcy judges!

Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama
6 CLE hours, including 1 hour of ethics
View the brochure at:

http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/Bankruptcy_Seminar_2010.pdf

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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