

Negotiation Team Makes the Finals in the ABA Regional Competition

Cumberland's Negotiation Team competed this weekend at the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition held this year at Stetson University School of Law. The team of Katie Fogo and Elizabeth Mathis won their preliminary rounds to make the finals, and they finished in 3rd place over all in the competition. The team of Brett Knight and Gerri Plain performed exceedingly well but in the end did not make the final round. Professor Cassandra Adams accompanied the team to Florida and coached them at the competition. The competition included 24 teams from 13 law schools, including Emory University, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Georgia.

Please congratulate all four competitors for their hard work and outstanding performance.



BRETT KNIGHT, GERRI PLAIN, ELIZABETH MATHIS & KATIE FOGO

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11 is Veterans Day. As we enjoy the comforts of home, there are many members of our community who are serving in the Armed Forces, some of them in Iraq and Afghanistan. We also have many members of our community who are veterans. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers especially on Veterans Day.

Judge John Carroll



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LLM Scholarships • Norwich Law School



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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>

November 15, 2010. The essay should address how obtaining a scholarship and pursuing a graduate law degree at UEA will advance the student's future plans.

Faculty Colloquium

Professor Brad Bishop will speak to the Cumberland faculty Tuesday, November 9 at 11:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room.

The topic of Professor Bishop's presentation is:

*Municipal Safe Streets Act - To Tow or Not to Tow
That is the Question*



Cumberland Young Alumni Reception

Cumberland alumni from 2000-2010 are invited to reconnect with Birmingham area classmates, faculty, and staff for food and drinks at

The Wine Loft Downtown on November 9, 2010.

5:30-7:30 PM

Register NOW and make plans to attend!

Register at <http://cumberlandyoungalumni.eventbrite.com/>

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*If you are interested in co-sponsoring this event, please email Lauren McCaghren at:
lcmccagh@samford.edu*



STEPHANIE HOUSTON MAYS
CLASS OF 2007

Lunch With a Lawyer Program

On **Thursday, November 11** at noon, in **room 114** the Office of Career Development will hold its last "Lunch With A Lawyer" program for the semester. The **Black Law Students Association** will co-sponsor and introduce **Mrs. Stephanie Houston Mays**, an Associate at Maynard Cooper & Gale PC and a 2007 graduate of Cumberland School of Law.

Mrs. Mays will speak about "**NETWORKING**". All students are invited and we encourage you to attend. Networking is a key and productive component of your job search and business development. Learn some tips and receive inspiration and motivation! Experienced attorneys, as well as law students, should and do conduct active networking.

Please respond to the Office of Career Development (scoleman@samford.edu) if you would like to attend, so that we may order the proper number of lunches.

The Federalist Society Presents:

ObamaCare: Is it Constitutional?

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Room 115 at 11:30 AM

FREE LUNCH

The program will feature guest speakers **Ilya Shapiro**, senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute, **Michael Morrisey**, PhD, Director of the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy at UAB, and Cumberland's own **Professor Jack Nelson**, an expert in health care law.

Recipient of the 2010 Magic City Bar Association Scholarship

*Congratulations to Courtney Snelling for
winning the 2010 Magic City Bar Association
Scholarship Award for Cumberland School of Law.*

This award is truly an accomplishment and honor.

Faculty News • Judge Carroll

On November 9, Judge John Carroll is presenting a webinar as part of Cumberland's on-line CLE program. The program will discuss three new and important e-discovery cases and is entitled "Pension Committee, Rimkus and Victor Stanley: What Do They Say About the Duty to Preserve and Produce ESI?" Later in the week, he will be acting as a facilitator at the American Bar Association Advanced Mediation Program in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Law Student Lounge



During the last several months, the student lounge in Robinson Hall has been upgraded significantly. In addition to a new coat of paint, the tables and chairs were replaced and two

groupings of soft furniture were added. Many thanks to **Professor Joseph Snoe** for his contribution of outstanding black and white photographs of famous landmarks around the city of Birmingham. The collection includes The Vulcan, The Peanut Depot, Sloss Furnace, Five Points South, The Old Mill, Rickwood Field, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and more. Thank you to **BarBri**, a company that offers a bar exam preparation course, for the donation of the Sony 52" LCD Panel.

Cumberland Environmental Law Society T-Shirt

The *Cumberland Environmental Law Society* is selling a Cumberland School of Law t-shirt to benefit Mobile Baykeeper. Five dollars from every shirt sold will go directly to Mobile Baykeeper to contribute to its ongoing efforts in cleaning up the Alabama Gulf Coast.

You can sign up to order a shirt in the breezeway starting Monday, November 8 through Friday, November 12 from 10 AM to 2 P.M. The shirts are \$17, with nearly a third of that cost going to Mobile Baykeeper.

This shirt is for everyone who wants to represent Cumberland and support a worthwhile cause that greatly benefits the state of Alabama. Buy a shirt for yourself, your mom, even your uncle who graduated from Cumberland twenty years ago! Delivery will be right before Thanksgiving break, just in time to make this an excellent Christmas gift!

This is a great quality shirt supporting a great cause and advertising the greatest law school around.

Please make checks payable to Cumberland Environmental Law Society. For more information contact Meg Greer at :

mgreer@samford.edu



Course/Faculty Evaluations

The law school will be conducting course and faculty evaluations beginning November 8. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and teaching and to identify problems that require action. We thus strongly urge all students to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Like last semester, evaluations will be online. The online responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation. The system requires students to log-in only to assure that each student completes only one evaluation per course.

Beginning November 8, therefore, we ask that all students complete evaluations for each of their courses. To complete evaluations, simply access the law school website from any internet connection, click the Evaluations button, and follow the instructions. SBA representatives will be visiting all classes November 8 -12 to facilitate online evaluations in class. However, students are free to complete evaluations outside class on any computer.

All students in classes which achieve a 75% response rate by the end of business on **November 19** will be eligible for a [pizza party](#) on the last day of classes. The first five classes to achieve a 75% response rate will win donuts!

Coming Soon: VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Opportunity

SaveFirst: A Tax Preparation & Financial Literacy Initiative seeks volunteer tax preparers for working families for the 2011 tax season!

Why should you participate?

1. Help local, low-income families save \$200+ each in tax preparation fees.
2. Learn how to prepare basic tax returns.
3. Gain IRS certification as a volunteer tax preparer.
4. Develop valuable client interaction skills important for any resume or career.
5. Work with other students committed to economic justice.
6. Get community service hours.

No tax experience necessary; we will give you all the training you need (six hours total, at the beginning of January). After completing the training and passing an IRS certification test, you'll volunteer 2-4 hours per week in January and February 2011.

SaveFirst trains college, graduate, and law students to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for economic improvement to working families in Alabama. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest and most successful anti-poverty program for families who work but make very low incomes. However, 3/4 of Alabama's EITC recipients pay \$200+ each to commercial tax preparers simply to access this benefit. Then, they often take out predatory rapid refund loans at annual percentage rates of 800% or more, further eroding the benefits of the EITC.

Students can play an important role in improving the economic situation of Alabama's working families by offering an alternative to predatory tax preparers and payday loan operations.

Interested? Please contact Sarah Louise Smith at s smith8@aalan.ua.edu or Elizabeth Blair at eblair@impactalabama.org.

Representatives from SaveFirst will be in Cumberland classrooms November 3-4. Please feel free to contact Professor DiRusso for more information.

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. You can nominate someone whose course you are currently taking or someone whose course you have taken in the past. I want to encourage you to nominate your favorite professor for the awards.

The winners are chosen by a joint committee of faculty and students and are announced in the spring. A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible for the award in that category for a period of three years. The faculty members who currently are ineligible to receive the award because they have received it in the past three years are Professors Bishop and Stone (First Year Courses) and Professors Denning, DiRusso and DeBow (Upper Level Courses).

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending a letter or e-mail to me 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



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.

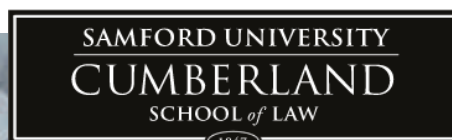
UPCOMING CLE PROGRAM

November 12 • DUI Practice in Alabama - From Arrest to Appeal

Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, Alabama
6.3 CLE hours, including 1 hour of ethics

View the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2010%20DUI%20Practice%20in%20Alabama.pdf>



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