

Law Week 2011

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

Today • 4 :30 PM in the Moot Court Room

WILLIAMS FRESHMAN TRIAL COMPETITION

Thursday, March 24 at 1:00 PM in the Moot Court Room

This year's finalists for the competition are:

John Naramore and Andy Jones

and

Rory McKean and Cline Thompson

RASCAL DAY PARADE & LUNCH



On Thursday, March 24 at noon, 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.

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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. 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 {to be delivered by Professor Walthall}, 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.



You and your pet are invited to a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal, Cumberland's own CJD.

LAW WEEK SCHEDULE

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CASUAL DRESS DAY

**In honor of Rascal's memory,
Thursday, March 24
has been designated as a
Casual Day for law faculty & staff.**



You are cordially invited
to attend a
Reception Honoring

Finalists of the
Dean Parham H. Williams
Freshman Trial Competition
and
Members of the
2010-2011 Trial Board

Immediately following the Final Trial
Thursday, March 24, 2011

The Great Room
Cumberland School of Law

Professional Dress

2011 Reunion Weekend



Classes of '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06
Your **Reunion Weekend** is March 25-26!!!

With a golf tournament, dinner gala at the Birmingham Museum of Art, family picnic and individual class parties all on the agenda, you will have plenty of opportunities to catch up with old friends and reconnect with your Alma Mater.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

View all of the exciting events planned for the weekend [HERE](#).

View the names of classmates who have registered for the fun-filled weekend by clicking [HERE](#).

Cumberland Black Alumni Reception

Join Dean John L. Carroll, '74 and fellow alumni at the kick-off reception for the Cumberland Black Alumni Network

Walker Law, LLC
The Harris Building
115 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, AL

Saturday, March 26, 2011
5:30 - 7:00 PM

*Sponsored by the Cumberland Black Alumni Council
and Black Law Students Association*

Please RSVP by March 17 to lawalum@samford.edu

Montgomery Alumni Luncheon

Join Dean John L. Carroll, '74, and Montgomery Cumberland Club President Tom Methvin, '88, and fellow Montgomery area Cumberland graduates for a luncheon at

The Alley Station
130 Commerce Street, Montgomery, AL

Tuesday, April 5, 2011
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsored by

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, PC

Please RSVP by March 30 to lawalum@samford.edu

Cumberland Law Review 2011-2012 Editorial Board

The *Cumberland Law Review* is pleased to announce the selection of the 2011-2012 Editorial Board. The new Editors, who will be responsible for publishing Volume 42 of the *Cumberland Law Review*, are as follows:

Gerri L. Plain, *Editor in Chief*

Edward T. Rowe, *Executive Editor*

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J. Sims Rhyne, III, *Writing Editor*

Faculty News

On March 10, Judge Carroll spoke to the meeting of the Paul W. Brock Inn of Court in Mobile. Lawyers from the Mobile Bar as well as the state and federal judges from the Mobile area are members of the Inn. The topic of his speech was:

"Value-Based Lawyering"



Linda Connor, New Director of CLE

Effective March 1, Linda Dukes Connor assumed the position of Director of Continuing Legal Education for Cumberland School of Law. Ms. Connor is a Cumberland graduate and is a welcome addition to the CLE program, bringing practical and administrative experience to the program. She was previously the Director of the Center for the Study of Law and the Church which will end operations in June 2011. Ms. Connor replaced Trisha Muse who retired as Director of Continuing Legal Education after more than 20 years of service to the law school.

Faculty Shop Talk

Professor Brannon Denning will be speaking at the Davis Library (room 235) on March 22 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

The topic of his presentation is:

"Advising the Next Generation of Law Professors"



Project Homeless Connect

Saturday, April 9, 2011

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cumberland will join with attorneys and judges from the Birmingham area to participate in Project Homeless Connect at Boutwell Auditorium. Last year, volunteers from all professions provided services to 937 homeless or near-homeless clients with issues ranging from misdemeanor criminal charges, social security and housing crises, to health and dental care.

Law students are needed to do intake for the legal services section of PHC. You will make initial contact with the client, run a basic search for outstanding warrants and court cases, and determine which attorney can best deal with the client's issue. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by room 215 and sign up. There are two-hour shifts available throughout the day.

Save the Date for the 2011 ADR Symposium

Cumberland School of Law Community Mediation Center & CLE Program in conjunction with the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the Birmingham Bar and the Dispute Resolution Section of the Alabama State Bar presents an ADR Symposium on April 8, 2011 from 8:30 AM to noon in the Moot Courtroom in Robinson Hall. (3-Hours CLE, including 1-hour Ethics). Register by contacting CCMC at 205.726.4342 or ccmc@samford.edu.

SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 **Check-In and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcome**
Judge John Carroll, Dean, Cumberland School of Law
Martha Cook, President Birmingham Bar Association ADR Section
- 8:45 **A Practitioner's Approach to Preparing for Complex and Emotional Mediations**
Steve Heninger, Heninger Garrison Davis, L.L.C.
Stanley Cash, Senior Partner, Huie, Fernambucq & Steward, LLP
Moderator: George M. "Jack" Neal, Jr., Shareholder, Sirote & Permutt
- 9:45 **Ethical Issues in Arbitration**
Oscar Price, Member, Wallace Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, L.L.C.
Beverly Baker, Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins
John Scott, Partner, Starnes Davies Florie, LLP
Scott Simpson, Simpson, Glick, Burford, PLL
Moderator: Henry "Corky" Strickland, Associate Dean & Professor, Cumberland School of Law
- 11:00 **Mediation Panel**
John E. Ott, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District
Charles L. Denaburg, Senior Shareholder, Najjar Denaburg, P.C.
Rodney A. Max, Principal, Upchurch Watson White & Max
Fern H. Singer, Watterson & Singer, Attorneys at Law, PC
William "Bill" Ratliff, Member, Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, L.L.C.
Moderator: Judge John L. Carroll, Dean & Ethel P. Malugen Professor of Law, Cumberland School of Law

Mandatory Professionalism Training Courses for New Admittees

June 10, 2011

Moot Court Room, Cumberland School of Law

The Alabama State Bar MCLE Rule 9 requires all newly admitted members of the bar to complete a six (6) hour course in professionalism within twelve (12) months of admission.

The Alabama State Bar has requested that Cumberland School of Law administer the official training for the year 2011. Cumberland and CLE Alabama have administered this program for the State Bar in alternating years. Cumberland will offer the course four times during 2011; the remaining dates are June 10 at Cumberland, October 21 in Prattville, and November 11 in Birmingham. If you think you may be excluded from this requirement, please contact the Alabama State Bar. Please call the CLE office at (205) 726.2391 if you have any questions.

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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