



JUDGE JOHN L. CARROLL, DEAN

Governor Brewer Honored at Opening Convocation

On August 30 at the University's opening convocation, longtime professor and former Alabama governor Albert P. Brewer received the Samford Medallion, becoming only the third recipient of the honor since it was created by the Samford Board of Trustees in 2006. The medallion recognizes persons whose good works have made a difference in society, in community affairs, in the life of the church, and in the quality of life for individuals.

Clark Watson, chairman of the Samford board, presented Brewer with the surprise honor, calling him a "tremendous example to lawyers, educators, government leaders and the population of this state at large."

As an Alabama legislator, speaker of the house, lieutenant governor and governor, distinguished professor of law and government in Samford's Cumberland School of Law, chairman of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, and faithful churchman, Watson said, Brewer has dedicated his personal life to the public good "through inspiring leadership, warmhearted compassion and a genuine dedication to truth."



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FORMER GOVERNOR ALBERT BREWER WITH CLARK WATSON, A 1981 CUMBERLAND GRAD AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SAMFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Luke Recipient of Meritorious Service Award

At opening convocation on August 30, Ms. Tracy Luke, program assistant for the Center for Advocacy and Clinical Education, received a Meritorious Service Award. The award recognizes staff who have made distinctive contributions to the University and for their outstanding job performance within the past year. She was nominated by one of her co-workers at the law school and received letters of support from the faculty and staff. The award was based on her consistently exceptional performance and on the incredible effort she put forth in coordinating the regionals of the National Trial Competition which the law school hosted in February of this year.



MS. TRACY LUKE

Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

Judge Glenda A. Hatchett

Guest Speaker

Thursday, September 15

11:00 AM

Carroll Moot Courtroom

Book Signing and Reception

in the Great Room



Judge Glenda Hatchett will be the presenter at the Cordell Hull Speakers Forum scheduled September 15, 2011 in the Carroll Moot Courtroom. The program will begin at 11:00 AM, and the title of her presentation will be "Dare to Take Charge." A book signing and reception in the Great Room will follow the program.

Glenda Hatchett presides over the two-time Emmy nominated syndicated show, "Judge Hatchett."

After graduating from Emory University School of Law and completing a coveted clerkship in the U.S. Federal Courts, Glenda Hatchett accepted a position at Delta Air Lines as a senior attorney, litigating cases in federal courts throughout the country, and Manager of Public Relations, supervising global crisis management, and media relations for all of Europe, Asia and the United States. She made the difficult decision to leave Delta Air Lines in order to accept an appointment as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County, Georgia Juvenile Court.

Glenda Hatchett is also a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and has been recognized as a distinguished alumni by both Mt. Holyoke and Emory University. She has previously served on the Board of Directors of Gap, Inc. the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), and The Service Master Company. Presently, Glenda Hatchett is a board member of the Atlanta Falcons Football Organization and serves on the Board of Advisors for Play Pumps International. She also serves on the Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Board of Governors.

*For more information about Judge Hatchett,
please visit her website:*

<http://www.glendahatchett.com>



Professor Brannon Denning

Professor Denning taught Constitutional Courts in Comparative Perspective with Kevin Newsom at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, England this summer, as part of Cumberland's study abroad program.

His book, *Becoming a Law Professor: A Candidate's Guide*, which he co-authored with former Cumberland colleague Marcia McCormick and Jeffrey Lipshaw was published in 2010 by the ABA Press and will be reviewed in the *Michigan Law Review* by Duke law professor Sam Buell.

Other recent articles include *McDonald v. Chicago: Five Takes*, co-authored with Glenn Reynolds, which appeared in the University of Virginia Law School's *Journal of Law and Politics* and *The Truth in Legislation Amendment: An Idea Whose Time Has Come*, co-authored with Nashville lawyer Brooks R. Smith, which appeared in a symposium issue of the *Tennessee Law Review* on proposed constitutional amendments. The *Tennessee Law Review* also published his tribute to retiring Tennessee professor Bob Lloyd (*Three Cheers for Bob Lloyd*) as well. His review of Harvard law professor Mark Tushnet's book *Why the Constitution Matters* appeared on the Concurring Opinions blog, while the *Texas Law Review* published his review of Dan Farber and Suzanna Sherry's *Judgment Calls: Principle and Politics in Constitutional Law in Dicta*, its on-line book review supplement. His review of David Strauss's book *The Living Constitution* will appear in an upcoming issue of the University of Minnesota School of Law's journal *Constitutional Commentary*.

Professor Denning also gave presentations to the annual educational meeting of the federal district court judges of Alabama in June. He discussed the 2010 Supreme Court term. Was also a presenter at a CLE program at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee in August. He and Glenn Reynolds of the University of Tennessee reviewed the just-concluded 2010-11 Supreme Court term and previewed the upcoming 2011-12 Term. On June 10, he gave a talk on the constitutional litigation over health care reform to the Redstone Club in Birmingham, and was a presenter at the University of Louisville School of Law's Constitutional Law Forum in December, 2010.

This fall, he is scheduled to be a panelist at a conference for aspiring law professors hosted at the Arizona State University School of Law, and at an annual CLE presented by the Center for Alcohol Policy. In October, he will travel to Dublin for the ABA International Meeting, where he will be serve on a panel entitled, "Pathways to the International Legal Academy and What You Find There: The Various Roles of Law Professors and Legal Academics." Professor Denning will describe how one becomes a law professor in the U.S.

Professor Woody Hartzog

Professor Woody Hartzog's article titled "Website Design as Contract" was published in the *American University Law Review*, Volume 60, Number 6 August 2011.

SRBLSA Academic Retreat

The Southern Region Black Law Student Association (SRBLSA) Sub Region 5 Academic Retreat and Law Camp will be held at Cumberland School of Law Saturday, September 10, 2011 and is open to students in the Alabama and Georgia areas. It is an opportunity for current BLSA law students and undergraduates interested in law, or who are members of a Pre-Law Division of BLSA, to gain skills which will help them in their endeavors. It also provides an environment for persons with common interests to foster and develop relationships.

Programming consists of a Welcome Reception to take place on Friday night followed by mock classes, speakers, networking opportunities and more to take place on Saturday. In addition as a regional initiative, BLSA will be collecting school supplies to donate to a local school and canned goods to donate to the Birmingham Food Bank. BLSA asks that each individual bring at least one item to donate.

The Academic Retreat and Law Camp is free. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Veronica Williams {vwilliam@samford.edu}.

Cumberland School of Law Introduces the Student Success Mentoring Program (SSMP)

SSMP connects students with lawyers and judges, giving students an opportunity to hone the skills and professionalism needed to practice law. Students are matched with alumni mentors based upon the student's interests and geographic preference. Each mentor/mentee partnership is encouraged for at least a year.

- Expand your contacts
- Explore a practice area
- Make connections in the community in which you want to work
- Learn from practitioners

For more information visit

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/alumni/student-success-mentoring-program>

or stop by the Alumni Relations Office, Room 130.

Hull Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta

Congratulations to the Hull Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta for being named the 2010-2011 Best Chapter in District XVII and 2010-2011 Most Improved Chapter in District VXII! If you are interested in joining the Hull Chapter, please contact any of the officers:

Tina Lam - Justice: tlam@samford.edu
 Meg Williamson - Vice - Justice: mwilliam@samford.edu
 April DeLuca - Clerk: ahare@samford.edu
 Jarot Scarbrough - Treasurer: jscarbro@samford.edu
 Chambers Waller - Marshal: chamberswaller@gmail.com

Cumberland Student Ambassadors Needed: Help Prospective Students Make Cumberland Their Top Law School Choice

In mid-September, the Office of Law Admission will start accepting applications for the Class of 2015. As more and more prospective students begin to arrive upon our law school this fall, we look to you, the student body, to help welcome, to highlight your Cumberland experience and to share the sense of community with our visitors.

Any student interested in representing Cumberland to prospective students, which would include any of the following, bring a student to class (1Ls), showing a student around the law school and law library briefly 10-15 minutes, and engaging in general discussion about the law school, please contact Derrek Smith in the Office of Law Admission. You can either send an email to dsmith@samford.edu or just stop by room 132 to express your interest. Any current student interested will be added to a list of volunteers and will be contacted to assist from time to time when their schedule permits. This will only be for a few times throughout the semesters not an every day occurrence.

Do you remember when you made law school visits?

Was it a current student that made the biggest impact on you?

Now, you have the opportunity to make and leave an impact on prospective students with their law school decisions.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Street Law Orientation & Informational Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 to 7:00 PM

The Great Room

DINNER PROVIDED

Email Laura Cunliffe with questions:

lguarino@samford.edu

Street Law is a program of the Alabama Center for Center for Civic Education that instructs middle and high school students in matters of the law.

Informational Meeting For Cumberland's International Programs

*Planning is under way for the
2012 Cambridge program,
scheduled for July 1 to August 2.*

*An information meeting on Cumberland's
international programs is scheduled for*

Thursday, September 29

11:00 AM in Room 123

*Professor Floyd, Dean Lewis, Ms. Nelson
and Ms. Carroll also welcome
any questions you may have.*



2011 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 15, 2011** 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 30. 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:

https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TRR/RacefortheCure/BHM_NorthCentralAlabamaAffiliate?pg=tfind&fr_id=2168

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 **Tina Lam**, Women in Law President, at: tlam@samford.edu.



Cumberland CLE Programs

Cumberland sponsors continuing education programs for practicing lawyers throughout the fall semester. These programs cover a variety of practice areas and feature national and local experts in these areas of law. All Cumberland students are invited to attend these 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 205.726.2391 if you want to register.

The first CLE seminar of this year is September 23 and will be held at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center. The topic of the program is "Developments & Trends in Health Care Law." For more information, please click [HERE](#).



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