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Cumberland Wins NITA Tournament of Champions

The Tournament of Champions is considered the premier law school trial competition in the nation. Each year, only sixteen of the best trial advocacy law schools in the nation are invited based on their previous three-year performances at the National Trial Competition, the AAJ National Student Trial Advocacy Competition, and prior appearances at the Tournament of Champions competitions. The tournament is sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and LexisNexis.

After receiving our invitation, national team members Maurine Evans (3L), Setara Foster (3L), and Cory Ricci (2L), and George Shifflett (3L) were selected to represent Cumberland. The tournament took place October 27-30, 2011 at St. Johns University School of Law. Each team member had a role as an advocate depending on the side of the case being represented. In the preliminary rounds the team faced Stetson, St. Johns, Duquesne, and Wisconsin. The team won all four of these preliminary rounds, losing only one judge's ballot out of twelve. In the semi-final round the Cumberland team again faced St. Johns and this time had to present the opposite side of the case from their preliminary round. The team went on to defeat Northwestern in the final. Other teams in the competition this year were from Baylor, Chicago Kent, Loyola Chicago, Stanford, Suffolk, Syracuse, Colorado, Kentucky, Maryland, and Washington University.

The Cumberland team was coached by Mike Rasmussen and Marc Jaskolka (Jaskolka Law Firm, LLC). The fact pattern of the case used in the competition was a criminal case wherein the defendant was charged with trapping red tailed hawks in violation of the migratory bird treaty act. Though this was a relatively simple charge, a number of complex evidentiary issues made the competitors' task more challenging, and resulted in a variety of rulings and a truly different trial each round. Thus, the team had to work hard in order to be prepared for every possible contingency, making this win extraordinarily deserved.

The coaches would like to say a special thank you to the other members of our national team, Danny Patterson and Mallory Schneider, whose assistance in preparing the four competitors for the tournament was invaluable.

Cumberland will host the NITA Tournament of Champions fall 2013.

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The Career Development Office invites you to attend:

Breakfast with a Tax Lawyer

Preston H. Neel

Tuesday, November 1 • 8:00 AM • Room 118

Sign-Up Online: <http://breakfastwithataxlawyer.eventbrite.com/>

Chick-fil-A biscuits will be served to all who sign-up!

We are privileged to have as our speaker Mr. Preston H. Neel, an associate in Bradley Arant Boult Cummings' Birmingham office. Mr. Neel's practice concentrates on representing financial institutions and mortgage companies in civil litigation.

In the program, he will discuss his tax practice, his experience in NYU's LLM program in taxation, and his assessment of the value of such programs. He will also answer questions about his practice and his career.

Mr. Neel is an attorney and a CPA. He received his Bachelor of Science from Auburn University; his Master of Accounting from Auburn University; his Juris Doctor from Cumberland (where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Cumberland American Journal of Trial Advocacy*); and his Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation from New York University.



Preston Neel

**Cumberland Class
of 2008**



**Dr. Anne Bishop, Professor Brad Bishop,
Dean John Carroll and Martin Newton,
Director of Athletics, Samford University**

Professor Brad Bishop Honored

Professor Brad Bishop and his spouse, Dr. Anne Bishop, were honored at Samford University's Homecoming Football game for their contributions to Samford University and the Cumberland School of Law. Professor Bishop graduated from Samford University in 1961 and graduated from the Cumberland School of Law in 1971. He was active in college debate and coached the Samford Debate team to 3 national championships. He has been a professor at the law school since his graduation in 1971 and has received numerous awards for his teaching. His spouse Anne has had a long and distinguished career in education. She, as well, has received numerous awards for her teaching including being named as state teacher of the year.

It was particularly appropriate that the Bishops be honored at a football game because Professor Bishop played football for Samford under Coach Bobby Bowden while he was an undergraduate at Samford.

The Cumberland community congratulates the Bishops on their recognition and thanks them for their significant and long term support.

Practising Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a

Patent Bar Presentation

Presentation by:

Mark Dighton, Director of Law School Relations

Thursday, November 3rd at 11:00 AM in Room 118

***Sign-Up Online*:** <http://patentbarpresentation.eventbrite.com>

Dean Sims Named to UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board

Jennifer Sims, Assistant Dean for Admission and Diversity at Cumberland, was recently elected to the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board. The Board is a volunteer group of community leaders who raise funds to provide patient amenities and increase awareness of the Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information about the Board, please click [here](#).



Dean Sims

Faculty News • DiRusso and Hartzog



PROFESSOR ALYSSA DIRUSSO

Professor Alyssa DiRusso published "[The Big Questions of Philanthropy Law in a Delightful Snack-Size Portion](#)," a review of Boston College Law Professor Ray Madoff's article, [What Leona Helmsley Can Teach Us About the Charitable Deduction](#), in JOTWELL this past week.

PROFESSOR WOODY HARTZOG

Last Friday, October 21, Professor Woody Hartzog gave a lecture titled "The Case for Online Obscurity" at Yale Law School. The lecture was hosted by the Yale Information Society Project as part of the Thompson Reuters ISP Speaker Series. More information on Professor Hartzog's lecture may be found by following this link:

<http://yaleisp.org/2011/10/speaker-series-woodrow-hartzog/>



Called to the Bar • Career Tracks

Dean Strickland will address academic planning in the *Called to the Bar* program for first year students scheduled Monday, November 7 at 10:00 AM in the Carroll Moot Court Room.

His discussion will include career tracks and course selection as well as topics tested on the Bar. Transfer students are encouraged to attend, and all students are welcome.



Mobile Cumberland Alumni RECESS



Join your fellow Mobile Cumberland graduates for the first ever RECESS in your area!

The Bicycle Shop from 5 PM - until • Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Stop by to reconnect with Cumberland alumni, expand your network, and to simply relax with friends.

Register NOW and make plans to attend! <http://mobilerecess.eventbrite.com/?ref=ebtn>

STUDENTS ARE INVITED

Cumberland Alumni Event in Pensacola, Florida

Join Dean John L. Carroll, '74
Pensacola Cumberland Club
President Sally B. Fox, '83 and
fellow Pensacola area Cumberland graduates
for a reception at

the home of
Lynn and Larry Morris, '77

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 • 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Please register by Thursday, November 3

<http://cumberlandpensacola.eventbrite.com/?ref=ebtn>

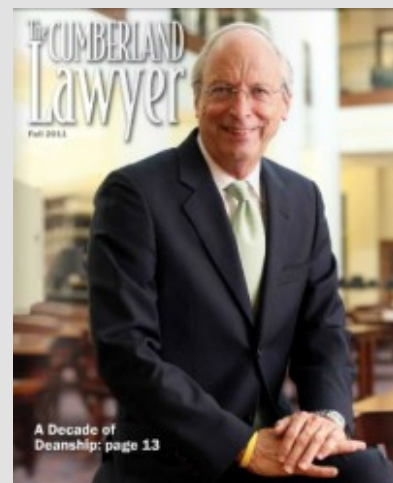
You may register with the Alumni Office by calling
1.800.888.7248.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED

The Cumberland Lawyer Fall 2011

The official magazine of the
Cumberland School of Law

Click [HERE](#) to view the latest edition.





Kim Hudson
Cumberland Class of 2000

Kim Hudson to Speak at Convocation

Kim Hudson, Cumberland Class of 2000, will be the guest speaker at the University's convocation program scheduled Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Reid Chapel. She will share a message about her faith and how it has shaped her life. All students are invited to attend.

Kim is married to Atlanta Braves' pitcher, Tim Hudson, and they have three children - two daughters and one son. In 2009, they formed the [Hudson Family Foundation](#), an organization that "is committed to making a positive and long-lasting impact in the lives of children who have a genuine need for assistance with regard to a specific physical, emotional or financial circumstance."

Cumberland Atlanta Alumni Reception

Please join Dean John L. Carroll, '74,
Bruce Edenfield, '73,
and Atlanta Cumberland Club Presidents
Brad Parrott, '00 & Nicole Leet, '08
for a reception at the

Lawyer's Club of Atlanta

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 • 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Register online at: <http://cumberlandatl.eventbrite.com/?ref=ebtn>

You may also RSVP by calling the Alumni Office—1.800.888.7248



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Henry Spiegel Milling, LLP
The Whicker Law Firm, P.C.

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

Washington, DC Alumni Event • Reception on the Hill



Free Event
Reservations Required

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, November 17 • 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Rayburn Office Building
Gold Room 2168

Network with Samford Business Network Washington, DC
and Cumberland School of Law Reception on the Hill.

Featured speakers are:

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, President of Samford University
Dr. Howard Finch, Dean of the Brock School of Business
Judge John Carroll, Dean, Cumberland School of Law

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

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, Stone and Cochran (First Year Courses) and Professors DiRusso, DeBow and Wendy Greene (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
- (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

LLM Scholarships • Norwich Law School

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.



Earham Hall • Norwich Law School

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>

Interested students should submit a résumé and a short essay to Erin Carroll in Room 220-A no later than **November 15, 2011**. The essay should address how obtaining a scholarship and pursuing a graduate law degree at UEA will advance the student's future plans.

Law Library News

Grace Simms, along with over 1000 information technology professionals, attended the Internet Librarian 2011 annual meeting in Monterey, California, October 17th to October 20th. While at the conference, Simms attended sessions pertaining to eBooks, QR Codes, and upcoming mobile trends.

On October 28, 2011, Ed Craig and Becky Hutto attended the Law Libraries Association of Alabama fall meeting at the Supreme Court & State Law Library in Montgomery. Ed Craig is currently Treasurer of the Association.



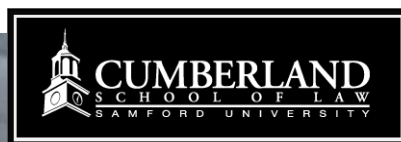
Cumberland CLE Programs

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.

On Friday, November 4, a CLE program entitled “[Using Google and Social Media to Power Your Law Office](#)” will be held in the Carroll Moot Court Room at Cumberland School of Law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a listing of upcoming events, please click [here](#).



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