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The E-Newsletter

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ABA / AALS Site Visit



The American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) visit every law school in the country on a seven-year cycle to assess their compliance with appropriate standards. A team from the ABA and AALS will be at our law school from October 1 through October 3. The members of the team are:

Professor Jack Pratt (chair)
University of South Carolina School of Law

Mr. Norman E. Harned
Harned Bachert & McGehee PSC

Professor Glen-Peter Ahlers
Barry University School of Law

Associate Professor José Gabilondo
Florida International University College of Law

Professor Amelia Boss
Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law

Professor Donald D. Schmeltekopf
Baylor University

Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz
Washburn University School of Law

The team will be housed in the Bishop Conference Room during the site visit and will be meeting with University officials and Cumberland faculty, staff and students while here.

If you have any questions about the site visit process or our particular site visit, please do not hesitate to call (205.726.2704) or e-mail (jlcarrol@samford.edu) me.

Judge John Carroll

Arbitration Competition Results

This year's competition fielded a strong group of competitors. The scores from the competition were all very close, several were separated by only a single point.

Congratulations to the following students:

First Place:

Mr. George Barnhill

Runners Up:

Ms. Caitlyn White & Mr. Wren Williams



Pictured are competitors from this year's Arbitration Competition.

Cumberland's National Moot Court Team

The members of Cumberland School of Law's National Moot Court Team represent the law school at national moot court competitions. They will compete with schools from all around the country in mock appellate proceedings. This year the coaches of the national team evaluated the participants of the Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Competition, while members of the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board reviewed brief submissions. Oral advocates and brief writers were selected from a field of forty students. Together, these new members have joined the current members to serve as Cumberland's National Moot Court Team for 2012-2013.

The coaches for the national team are Anne Lamkin Durward, Jim Henry, Charlie Shah, and Aaron McLeod. Saad Associate Justice Meg Greer, National Team Associate Justices Carl Chang and Curt Tanner, National Team Assistant Justice Kayla Schoen, and Chief Justice Abigail Bains coordinated the try-outs for the national team.

Please congratulate the members of Cumberland's National Moot Court Team:

Nicolas Arciniegas
Courtney Bailey
Abigail Bains
Trey Bolling
Carl Chang
Richard Fillmore
Chris Friedman
Stephanie Gossett
Jack Gray
Meg Greer
Sandra Koslin

Taylor Martin
Yawanna McDonald
Brittany Norman
Lauren Nunez
Paul Simon
Abbyrae Stringfellow
Curt Tanner
Brittany Tedford
Abbey Thompson
Nick Williford
Kyle Williams

Elections 2012 Results

1L Honor Court:

Avery Adcock
Brandi Elliot
Nathan Guin
Nick Leslie

1L SBA Representative:

Kaitlyn Cranshaw
Kaila Garcia-Rios
Kendall Lee
Rush Thrift

3L Class Secretary:

Samantha Jolly & Steven Miller
*Run-off to be held on Tuesday



Hull Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International Most Outstanding Chapter

Cumberland School of Law's Hull Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International was recently recognized as the Most Outstanding Chapter in District XVII, the law school's district, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Most Outstanding Chapter Award is presented annually to the chapter that best represents the fraternal ideas of camaraderie, scholarship, and community service through its yearly programming. The Hull Chapter is best known for such events as What I Wish I Knew as a 1L, an academic mentor event for all 1L students, and the Pizza Tasting Competition, an annual competition among local restaurants judged by the students to determine which restaurant has the best pizza in Birmingham.

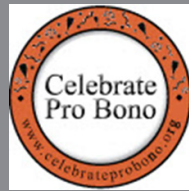
The Hull Chapter is named after Cordell Hull, an 1891 Cumberland School of Law graduate and former Secretary of State under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Hull Chapter Officers for the 2011-2012 academic year include: **Tina Lam '12**, justice; **Meg Williamson '12**, vice justice; **April DeLuca '12**, clerk; **Jarot Scarbrough**, treasurer (current justice); and **Chambers Waller**, marshal (current vice justice).

Student Organization Fair

Wednesday, September 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Great Room

This is an opportunity for your group to promote and publicize your organization to Cumberland students and to meet other student organizations who you may work with throughout the year.

Please contact an SBA representative for more information



National Pro Bono Celebration
October 21 - 27, 2012

“Serving the Public Interest: How Law Students Can Impact the Needs of Our Community”

September 27, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Great Room

Sponsored by: The Cumberland Public Interest & Community Service Organization

&

The Career Development Office

Panelists:

Lisa W. Borden
Pro Bono Shareholder
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.

Bradley E. Byrne
Staff Attorney
Legal Services Alabama

Kelli H. Mauro
Executive Director
Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program

Celebrate Pro Bono Week with these 2012 Activities:

Sept. 27– 11 a.m. to noon: “Speaker Forum “Serving the Public Interest: How Law Students Can Impact the Needs of Our Community”

Oct. 4 – 11 a.m. to noon: Guest Speaker – J.S. Christie Jr., Partner, Bradley Arant Bolt Cummings
“A New Trial for a Death Row Inmate”

Oct. 16 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Free Senior Citizen Wills Clinic Homewood Senior Center

Oct. 23 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Free Senior Citizen Wills Clinic Gardendale Civic Center

Volunteer Contact: Cassandra Adams or Charmayne Fillmore
205.726.4342 or ccmc@samford.edu

Women in Law's 2012 Race for the Cure Team

Women in Law would like to invite you to join the 2012 Race for the Cure Team. This year's event is on Saturday, October 20, at Linn Park. Members from Women in Law will be sitting in the breezeway this week to collect donations for their team's Race for the Cure fund-raising efforts, as well as register participants for the team. You may also register online at <http://komenncalabama.org/> by clicking: Komen Race for the Cure --> Register -->Join an Existing Team --> Search "Cumberland Women in Law."

The registration deadline is October 5. Please contact Kimberly Phillips at kphilli2@samford.edu if you have any questions.

Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

Cumberland School of Law's Cordell Hull Speakers Forum is proud to welcome J. S. 'Chris' Christie to the Carroll Moot Courtroom on **October 4, 2012, at 11 a.m.** **This event is free and open to the public.**

In 1987, Victor Stephens was convicted of killing two men during a robbery in Hale County, Alabama. The jury recommended life in prison, the judge, however, overrode the recommendation and sentenced Stephens to death. Mr. Christie undertook a 14 year long quest to get a new trial for Stephens. In 2011, a federal court granted Stephens a new trial after 24 years on Alabama's death row.

The head of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings's Insurance Section and co-chair of the firm's Pro Bono section, Mr. Christie will talk about navigating the rocky course of the criminal justice system representing a death row inmate. The presentation promises to raise important questions into the administration of capital punishment, and give insight into this area where life and death, justice and politics converge.

Out & About Updates

Professor David Smolin

On Wednesday, 26 September, Professor Smolin will present "The Theology of Adoption and Orphans: A Response to the Evangelical Christian Adoption and Orphan Care Movement" at Samford University's Faculty Shop Talk series.

Professor Wendy Greene

In its first week of posting, Professor Wendy Greene's most recent article, "Categorical Discrimination," was listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for the week of September 17th for: Employment Law eJournal; LSN: Employment Discrimination; LSN: Employment Tort Law; and LSN: Legislation (Private Law - Discrimination). Professor Greene's piece was also featured last week on Workplace Prof Blog: http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/laborprof_blog/. An abstract of Professor Greene's article can be found on SSRN at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2148754>.

Professor Woodrow Hartzog

On September 18th, Professor Hartzog appeared on the show Hearsay Culture, a talk show on KZSU-FM, Stanford, 90.1 FM. This recording can be found online at this link <http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/multimedia/prof-woodrow-hartzog-and-fred-stutzman-hearsay-culture-show-170-kzsu-fm>

On September 18th, Professor Hartzog was quoted in an *Ars Technica* story written by Cyrus Farivar entitled "Company bets on airport of the future: passing security with an iris scan." This article can be found online at this link: <http://arstechnica.com/business/2012/09/company-bets-on-airport-of-the-future-passing-security-with-an-iris-scan/>.

The following locations will be the next stops for the The Office of Law Admissions:

LSAC/Houston Law School Forum on Sept. 29 & Oakwood University on Oct. 1

A comprehensive list of all the visits can be found online at this link <http://cumberland.samford.edu/admissions/recruiting-schedule>. As always, prospective students can make appointments with the Office of Law Admission to learn more about Cumberland School of Law. Contact: phone, 1.800.888.7213 & email, lawadm@samford.edu.

New Water Fountains

This week the law school will be installing a new feature. You will notice two new water fountains which include water filling stations. One will be installed just outside the student lounge and another will be installed on the second floor, south hallway. These stations are manufactured to make refilling your water bottles quick and easy and encourage the use of reusable bottles, thus removing plastic bottles from landfills. The filling station will fill water bottles 3 times faster than a traditional water fountain and comes with an additional filter which removes additional chemicals and odors from the city tap water. The mechanism is hands free and is operated by an electronic sensor.

Wednesday, September 26

- **Financial Aid Adviser will be at the Law School to meet with Students:** Each month, a financial aid adviser will be at the law school to meet with students. Karen Stinnett, the adviser for law school, will be here for the first of these visits from **9 to 11 a.m.**, in the Student Services Office, Room 124. Students may make an appointment ahead of time or stop by at their convenience. Thereafter, visits will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.
- Professor Brannon Denning will speak to the Cumberland faculty at 2:30 p.m. in the Bishop Conference Room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Laurie Zimmer at 726-2411 or lzimmer@samford.edu no later than noon on Tuesday, September 25th. The topic of Professor Denning's presentation is "Anti-anti-evasion in Constitutional Law."

Thursday, September 27

- **Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program:** Each month, a representative from the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program is available in Student Services, room 124, to converse with students regarding concerns they might have related to character and fitness for the Alabama State Bar. For more information please contact Pam Nelson, director of Student Services & ADA Compliance, at pjnelson@samford.edu.
- Cumberland Democrats will meet in room 123 from 11 a.m to noon.
- Sports & Entertainment Law Informational meeting in room 120 from 11 a.m to noon. Please note, if you aren't able to come please let Madalyn Miller at madalyns.miller@gmail.com know of your still interested.

Wednesday, October 10

- **Supreme Court Oral Arguments:** The Alabama Supreme Court and Alabama Court of Civil Appeals will hold oral arguments at the Wright Center on the campus of Samford University Wednesday, October 10, 2012, from 8:30 a.m to noon. This event provides an opportunity for students to obtain a better understanding of the state's Judicial Branch.

Friday, October 19

- ***Cumberland Law Review's* Symposium 2012:** This year the *Cumberland Law Review* will co-host the annual symposium with the Birmingham Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section. It will be held at the law school on Friday, October 19th. This year the symposium's topic will be current issues in bankruptcy law. Please contact Sam Stephens, symposium editor, at sstephe1@samford.edu if you have any questions.