



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## 2015 Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Competition Winners Selected

The Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board hosted the 2015 Gordon T. Saad Competition, with the finals commencing on Thursday Sept. 3. The competition is an intramural competition that consists of a brief writing portion and four appellate oral argument rounds. The Saad serves as the try-outs for Cumberland's National Moot Court team.

This year, the competition consisted of 33 competitors, and 27 local attorneys, professors, and judges acted as the appellate judges for the various rounds. The 2015 Saad Justices in charge of organizing and running the competition are Jordan Carlisle and Weathers Veazey. Both are members of the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Executive Board, and Veazey is a current member of the National Team.

The Saad finalists were Patrick Perry, Joey Gomez, Sarah Chamberlain, and Kate Furek. Furek was the overall winner of the 2015 Saad, and Chamberlain was runner-up. Nicholas Brown received "Best Brief" in the competition, while Sarah Chamberlain, Kayla Currie,

Bob Matthews, Evan Smith, and Emily Zupanick all received "Outstanding Brief" accolades.

The National Team Selection Committee will meet later this week for the challenge of picking the National Moot Court Team from the talented group of 33 competitors.



From Left to Right, Sarah Chamberlain, Kate Furek, Patrick Perry, Joey Gomez were finalists in the 2015 Saad Competition. Furek was the overall winner.

## 2015-2016 Negotiation Team Announced

Congratulations to the National Negotiation Team members (listed at right) for 2015-2016. Cumberland will host the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition later this semester.

Lisa Bailey  
 Ross Barbier  
 Kevin Bufford  
 Jordan Carlisle  
 Rachel Cobble  
 Scott DeZouche

Landon Graham  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Thomas Moore  
 Aaron Pannell  
 Alex Parish  
 Lindsey Voelker

## Law School Announcements

# Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events



Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations, at [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu).

- **Thursday Sept. 17**

Tuscaloosa Alumni RECESS at Five; 2324 6th Street  
Tuscaloosa, Ala  
5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Appetizers provided, cash bar

- **Thursday Sept. 24**

A Samford Network alumni reception for Cumberland School of Law graduates and other Samford graduates in Washington, DC on Thursday Sept. 24 at the American Insurance Assoc., 2101 L St. NW Suite 400, Washington, DC. [Register online](#).

- **Tuesday Oct. 13**

Nashville Area Alumni Reception at Lewis Thomason, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., 424 Church St. Suite 2500, Nashville, TN. Co-sponsored by cicayda. RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#).

If you would like to meet a potential professional mentor, please submit an information (mentee) sheet for our [Student Success Mentoring Program](#). The SSMP program pairs our students with outstanding alumni who will give them a real-world insight into the practice of law. Questions? Ask [Anne Marovich](#).

## Faculty Notes



FierceITSecurity, a popular data security publication, has published an essay **Professor Woodrow Hartzog** co-authored with Daniel Solove, titled [“5 things the FTC should do to improve data security in the wake of Wyndham.”](#)



**Judge John Carroll** has been appointed by the Uniform Law Commission to be a member of a committee to study whether the Commission should develop a Uniform Equal Rights Law.

### 1Ls Elected to SBA Positions by Peers

#### 1L SBA Representatives:

Thomas Bailey  
Lawler Dudley  
Jill Pierce  
David Wisdom

#### 1L Honor Court Justices:

Lindsey Catlett  
Michael Milton  
Keith Stephens  
Alexander Thrasher

## This Week's Events

For an up-to-date look at the Law School's Events, visit the [Online Calendar](#).

### Campus Veterans Association Meets Thursday

The Campus Veterans Association is meeting in room 118 on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Judge Carroll will be there and food and drinks will be served. CVA will be discussing plans for the year as well as how the organization will address Veterans issues for students and on local, state and national levels. For more information, contact [Jordan Thompson](#).

### Plan Ahead

#### Trial Competitions Take Place Throughout the Fall Semester

The **Arbitration Competition**: Saturday September 12 and Sunday September 13. Contact [Chip Manush](#).

Arbitration is very much like a trial, except instead of standing up in front of a courtroom full of people, you're sitting at a conference table. You still make opening and closing statements, examine and crossexamine witnesses, and present evidence, but you do it all from a nice, comfy chair with only opposing counsel and a neutral arbitrator in the room. It is a much more relaxed environment than your typical courtroom. The Cumberland Arbitration Competition is held every fall at the law school. As a Trial Board sponsored ADR competition, it does count toward the requirements to join the Trial Advocacy Board. Even better, the finalists from the competition are invited to join the Cumberland National Arbitration Team.

The fall **Brewer Client Counseling Competition**: Sunday evening, October 11. Contact [Neil Zaveri](#).

Cumberland will be hosting the **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** Saturday November 14 - Sunday November 15.

### Career Development Events

#### This Week

##### What I Wish I Knew as a 1L

Thursday, Sept. 10

11:00 a.m. in Room 120

Lunch will be provided to those who [register](#) by 10 a.m. on Wednesday Sept. 9

Second and third-year students will discuss survival tips for the first year of law school  
Sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)

#### Plan Ahead

##### Prosecutor's Day

Wednesday, September 16, The Great Room, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feature speaker at 11 a.m.: Jefferson County District Attorney's office

##### Pinstripes & Pearls

Presented by the Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m., The Great Room

Questions, contact [Mrs. Nicole Otero](#) or visit the Office of Career Development.

#### Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
- [Sporting Events](#)
- [Performing Arts Calendar](#)

**Click on event titles for more information**

# Photo of the Week



Congratulations to the participants and victors of the 2015 Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Competition. Cumberland had an extremely talented group of students participate this year, and the judges were extremely impressed throughout the entirety of the Saad with all of the competitors.

From left to right: Clay Williams, Matthew Penfield, Katie Kimbrell, Sarah Chamberlain (runner-up), Kate Furek (winner), Patrick Perry, Joey Gomez, LaJuana Davis, John Carroll.

**Want to see your photos featured?  
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