



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## ABA President Discusses Diversity in the Legal Profession During Cumberland Cordell Hull Speakers Forum



Paulette Brown spoke at Cumberland School of Law last week about the need for diversity in the legal profession. Brown is the first woman of color to lead the American Bar Association. After the presentation, Brown talked with students, faculty, staff and guests at a reception in the law school.

*Top: ABA President Paulette Brown addresses guests during her presentation in the Moot Courtroom at Cumberland School of Law*

*Left: The Cordell Hull Speakers Forum Executive Board plans the events for the Forum. From left to right: Marketing Chair, Kelly Masters; Chair, Brandi Russell; ABA President Paulette Brown; Vice Chair, Emily Irvin; Hospitality Chair, Depri Hale; Parliamentarian, Patrick Perry.*

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## This Week's Events

### Information Meeting Focuses on International Programs



**KEEP  
CALM**  
and  
**STUDY  
ABROAD**

Interested in learning more about Cumberland's International Programs? Join Professor Floyd, director of international studies, Professor Johnson and Mrs. Pam Nelson for a general information meeting on **Thur., October 1 at 11 a.m. in room 120**. Food and drinks will be served.

Learn about Cumberland's Summer Study-Abroad Program in Cambridge, Summer Directed Research Program in London and the University of East Anglia LLM Scholarships available to graduating students.

The meeting will also highlight the international students that come to Cumberland through exchange agreements with NALSAR University of Law in India and the University of East Anglia in England as well as Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law Program, which typically draws Brazilian Judges to Cumberland in May.

For more information, contact [Professor Mike Floyd](#) or [Laura Taylor](#).

### 'Power of a Tourney' Tournament Kicks Off Pro Bono Month

A kickball tournament between Cumberland, Jones, and Alabama Law School is **Thurs., October 1 at 7 p.m.** Everyone loves a good "friendly" rivalry so please come out to the Samford Soccer fields (where the shuttle stop is) to cheer for Cumberland. Food trucks will be coming, including Steel City Pops. Cumberland's Public Interest and Community Service Organization has helped organize the event. October is Pro Bono Month, sponsored by the State Bar of Alabama.

### BARBRI Offers Bar Review Overview to 3L Students

BARBRI will be hosting a presentation for the 3L class on **Thur., October 1 at 11 a.m. in room 114**. The discussion will cover what the BARBRI course looks like, what sets it apart, and pricing specials that currently are running as well as what the bar exam looks like, how it operates in Ala. (and other states) and what students can do to best prepare. A question and answer session will follow. Lunch will be provided to those that [RSVP](#).

### Brief Writing Session Presented by Moot Court Board

Are you interested in strengthening your writing skills? Want to learn some tips and tricks on how to write an effective appellate brief? The Moot Court Board is having a brief writing session on **Fri., October 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Moot Court Room**. Everyone is welcome to attend this informative session with Judge Carroll and learn some helpful hints on how to write an appellate brief that will help you win your case. For more information, contact [Elise Gilbert](#).

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

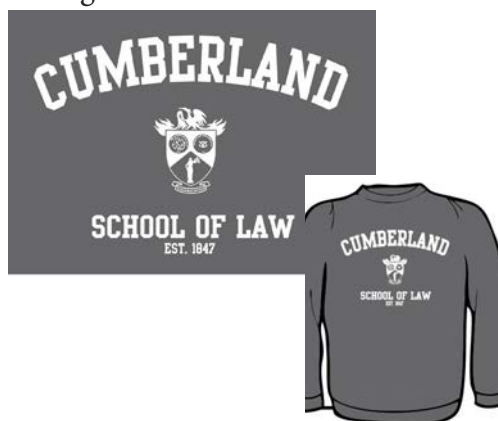
## Law School Announcements

### Society of the Arts, Student Bar Association Sell Cumberland Sweatshirts

The Cumberland Society of the Arts is selling sweatshirts for \$35. The sweatshirts are Ash Grey Comfort Colors with Cumberland's official crest on the front left side. They are available in sizes S-XXXL. They are available for sale through Fri., October 9. Orders can be placed through [google doc](#). Include your size and method of payment.



SBA has been working on a sweatshirt design that is now available to pre-order. The sweatshirts are comfort colors, "pepper" color, and will be sold for \$40. Orders will be taken this week in the breezeway from 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. Payment can be made by cash, card or through venmo.



### Competitions Take Place Throughout the Fall Semester

The fall Brewer Client Counseling Competition: Sunday evening, October 11. Registration is now open. Contact [Alan Moore](#) or [Neil Zaveri](#).

The Intraschool Mediation Competition will take place on Sun., October 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up by midnight on Fri., October 9. To sign up, or if you have any questions, contact [Landon Graham](#) or [Richard Sarrell](#).

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

### Birmingham Bar Association Offers Two Scholarships

The Memorial Scholarship Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association meets each year to determine the recipients of scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 each. Second or third year law students from either Cumberland School of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law, Birmingham School of Law, or Miles Law School are eligible to apply.

Two scholarships are awarded annually by the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are based upon several factors, including financial need. Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, and the deadline to submit is **Fri., October 30**. Awards will be made directly to the recipients' law schools for the Spring 2016 semester.



Download a [Scholarship application form](#) for the Spring 2016 semester to apply.

### 1L Students Form Komen Race for the Cure Team

North Central Alabama's [Komen Race For The Cure](#) is Sat., October 17 at 9 a.m. at Linn Park. Victoria Burnett and Haley Jones have created a Cumberland team to run the race together, and it's open to anyone who wants to participate and raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer.

Registration is \$35. The team name is Cumberland and Burnett is the team leader. For more information, contact [Haley Jones](#).

#### Samford's Events

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

**Click on event titles for more information!**

## Plan Ahead

### Career Development Events

#### Pinstripes & Pearls (open to 1L & 2L Women)

A panel discussion entitled:  
"From Law School to the Legal Profession"

**Tues., October 6, 5 p.m., The Great Room**

Presented by the Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar

Please join us for the presentation and an informal networking reception with light refreshments for students and bar members. [Register online.](#)

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

## 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,

#### • **Thur., October 8**

Montgomery Area Alumnae Luncheon  
Special guests Julia Weller '88, clerk of the Supreme Court of AL, Julia Beasley '92, principal of Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC; email RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#).

#### • **Tues., October 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](#).

#### • **Thur., November 12**

Augusta, Ga Alumni Luncheon Hosted by Sam Nicholson '78 and Judge James G. Blanchard Jr. '68, Augusta Country Club.

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](#).

## Red Mass Invokes Divine Guidance

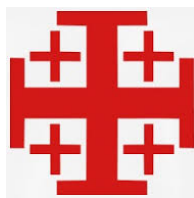
The Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas Moore Society invites Cumberland to attend the annual Red Mass, **Fri., October 9 at St. Paul's Cathedral downtown**. After Mass, there will be a reception, which is a great opportunity to meet other members of the legal profession who share the faith.

The St. Thomas Moore society is open to Christians of all faith traditions and meets once a month to discuss readings from the coming week's Mass and applying the faith to our profession. If you are interested in becoming involved, please email [Rick DiGiorgio](#) for more information.



The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all legal professionals and the Public they serve to the

### ANNUAL RED MASS



**October 9, 2015**  
12:10 p.m.

**Cathedral of Saint Paul**  
The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Celebrant

Followed by a reception in the Cathedral Life Center  
2120 Third Avenue N, Birmingham, AL

*The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit which is celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice. This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. In the United States today, a Red Mass is celebrated in most of the major metropolitan areas and is attended by judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty, students and the public.*

## Faculty Notes

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**Professor Woodrow Hartzog's** '02 latest article "Unfair and Deceptive Robots" was featured recently in the Journal of Things We Like Lots (JOTWELL), in the essay "[Who Regulates the Robots?](#)"

Wired recently published an essay **Hartzog** co-authored with Daniel Solove titled "[Don't Kill the Password, Change the Password.](#)"

## Photo of the Week



*ABA President Paulette Brown's visit to Cumberland last week was highlighted by [al.com](#).*

**Want to see your photos featured?  
Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion  
in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**