



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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American Shakespeare Center's Dangerous Dreams Tour Enjoyed at Cumberland Last Weekend



Members of the cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest" answer audience members' questions after the show during the talk back session.

For the third year in a row, Cumberland School of Law hosted performances by the American Shakespeare Center. This year's performances took place Feb. 12 – 14, and were part of the American Shakespeare Center's "Dangerous Dreams Tour."

Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt law firm, as well as Hare Wynn Newell & Newton law firm sponsored the performances of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and "The Life of King Henry the Fifth," as well as Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." They also hosted a continuing legal education workshop on "Shakespeare and the Law." The performances and workshop were well attended by alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the law school.

The performances took place in the law school's "Great Room," which lends itself to Shakespeare's staging conditions including universal lighting, minimal sets and live music. The actors employed Shakespeare's unique performance style, including doubling and cross-gender casting. Audience members participated in the roles written for them: Roman plebeians and senators in "Julius Caesar," Henry's army in "The Life of King Henry the Fifth," and spectators in the tangled and hilarious comedy of "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Dean Henry C. Strickland, III made opening remarks and dedicated the productions to Alex Newton (of Hare Wynn Newell & Newton law firm), who passed away in December of 2015. Kim West (of Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt law firm) teaches a unique course, "Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy" at the law school, and spearheaded the event.

The law school would also like to thank the following members of the staff: Charmayne Fillmore, Tracy Luke, Polly Manuel, Debra Pope, Valerie Price, Laura Taylor and Kathy Walton.



Save the Date:
Law Week 2016
March 7-12, 2016
Check your email for more information!



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This Week's Events

Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellows Applications Now Accepted

Applications to be a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow for the 2016-17 academic year are now being accepted from rising second and third year law students. The deadline for applications is **Friday, February 19, 2016**. Caruthers Fellows serve for two semesters. There are no separately scheduled class sessions for the Fellows, but the Fellows have responsibility along with the L.L.R. faculty in teaching research skills and citation. Fellows provide additional assistance to their assigned faculty members as needed. This additional assistance may include working with first year students on an individual basis in the library to assist them in honing their research skills. It may also include checking citation format and proper attribution in submitted assignments. Fellows will receive two hours of graded credit each semester. Caruthers Fellows are expected to be available during Orientation to welcome incoming 1L students and to provide assistance to the L.L.R. faculty.

Successful applicants must be second or third year law students at Cumberland School of Law who have either a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or are in the top 35 % of their class. It is also desirable that the applicants have knowledge of and experience with information technology systems as they relate to training in legal writing and legal skills. In addition to possessing excellent legal reasoning and writing skills, the successful applicants must possess outstanding interpersonal skills as this position involves working closely with the law school students, faculty and administration.

Interested students should submit a hard copy of your resume and a short application letter to Prof. Stoddard. The letter of application should include a statement of the reasons for the applicant's interest in participating as a Caruthers Fellow.

Career Development Events

The Career Development Office and The Military Justice Society invite you to attend:

Lunch with an Alabama National Guard JAG
Featuring: Captain Justin Gifford, JAG & Lieutenant Jeremy Barrett, Recruiter

Thursday, February 18
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 120

Event is in a 2 hr. time slot so that students can come and go to work around their schedules. There will be a presentation and then one-on-one talks or small groups. [Register online](#) Lunch will be served to all those who register by Wed., February 17 at 10 a.m.

Addiction Support Group Meets Weekly

The newly formed university addiction support group will have their first meeting on **Thur., February 18**. The group plans to meet once per week from 7-8 p.m. through May 5 in Burns Hall, Room 311. Students and those supporting friends who struggle with addiction are invited to attend. Though the group is being established to support any addictive behaviors, the primary focus will be on drug and alcohol issues. As many of you know, this is an area affecting young lawyers at a higher than average rate, as highlighted in a recent [ABA Journal article](#). If you have questions or concerns, please see [Mrs. Nelson](#) in Student Services.

Intellectual Property Society Selling Cumberland Pullovers

The Cumberland IP Society is selling Cumberland School of Law Quarter-Zip Pullovers! The pullovers are embroidered, heather navy comfort colors quarter-zips for \$35 each, and orders will be accepted until **Mon., February 22**.

To place your order, sign up [here](#). Payment is accepted via cash and venmo orders(@ CumberlandIPLaw). If paying with cash, please put your money in either Matt Harris or [Weathers Veazey's](#) box in the student lounge.

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

Samford's Events

- [Samford University's Public Events](#)
 - [Sporting Events](#)
 - [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
- Click on event titles for more information!**

Law School Announcements

Sweet Sixteen Williams Trial Competition Teams Announced

Over the past three weeks, teams of first year law students have been preparing for the Parham Williams Trial Competition. Thirty-six teams competed in the two preliminary rounds over the past two weekends. Through their hard work, dedication, and commitment to better themselves, the top sixteen teams prevailed. The Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board is happy to congratulate the following “Sweet Sixteen” teams and wish them luck as they continue in the Williams Trial Competition. The Sweet Sixteen teams are as follows:

Carmen Weite / Alex Thrasher

Gage Smythe / Connie Myles

Abby Hayley / Jamal Aquil

Tiffany Simms / Kayley Argo

Cayce McDonald

Andrew Banks / Barnes Heyward

Anil Sadhwani / Constantin Post

Doug Wilson / Warren Brooks

Krista Tribble / Amy Chiou

Katie Hilyer / Drew Bentley

Tom Patania / Paige Caraway

Sarah Emerson / Katie Robinson

Ricardo Simmonds / Jason Bruner

Jacey Mann / Mallory Bullard

Kenneth Major / Megan Seaton

Gracie Moore / Amanda Wineman

Thurgood Marshall Symposium to Address Voting Rights



Thurgood Marshall Symposium

From Selma to Shelby: The Fight for Voting Rights



**Featuring Ryan Haygood -
President & CEO of the New
Jersey Institute for Social Justice
("The Institute")**

Friday, March 4, 2016 at Noon

**Location: The Great Room
Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law**

**FREE and open to the public. One hour of CLE credit.
Refreshments will be served following the presentation.**

The Thurgood Marshall Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Black Law Students Association at Cumberland School of Law. The purpose of the symposium is to provide students, attorneys and the public critical information about legal issues affecting minorities.

AJTA Welcomes New Members

The editorial board and membership of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy are pleased to announce the following 2L students have been extended membership based on their successful completion of the Journal's Third Semester Writing Program:

Edward B. Garner III

Robert H. Matthews III

Mitchell J. Reilly

Darcy O. Townsend

In addition to achieving an outstanding class rank, these students had to complete a rigorous writing assignment and Bluebook exam while attending classes over the last three weeks. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment.

Plan Ahead

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy Presents

PROBING: Attorneys Investigating & Uncovering Misconduct Outside the Courtroom



In keeping with a tradition of publishing practical legal scholarship, the AJTA is pleased to host this event on the emerging field of investigative findings by lawyers - from high-profile NCAA and NFL cases to exploratory investigations of legal clients.

Friday, February 26, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law
Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

This event is FREE and open to the public.
Offering three (3) hours of CLE credit.

RSVP required to
jttrialad@samford.edu

Featured Speakers:

- ▷ Kenneth L. Wainstein - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Washington, DC
- ▷ Christopher W. Madel - Robins Kaplan, LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Presentations & Panel Discussion on the Practical Applications of Probing:

- ▷ Robert Boland - Ohio University, Department of Sports Administration
- ▷ Jeffrey P. Doss - Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama
- ▷ Anthony L. Joseph - Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham, Alabama
- ▷ Clinton T. Speegle - Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama



Bar Exam Meetings Mandatory for 3Ls

Cumberland is holding a series of three identical meetings about the bar exam in upcoming weeks. The meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. The meetings will be held in the Moot Courtroom at the following times and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Tuesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m.;
- Monday, March 14 at noon; and
- Thursday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.

All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).

BLSA Hosts Chili Cook-Off

The Black Law Student Association will hold a fund-raising chili cook-off from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thur., February 25, in the Great Room.**

Admission is \$3.00 to try all of the chili. Individuals are asked to pay \$5.00 as an entry fee, \$10.00 for groups (of no more than 5 people), and \$15.00 for organizations. Prizes will be given out for first, second and third place winners.

Student Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect 9!

On Sat., February 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the eighth year, Cumberland will join with attorneys and judges from the Birmingham area to participate in Project Homeless Connect 9! at the Boutwell Auditorium (1930 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203). Last year, volunteers from all professions provided services to more than 650 homeless or near-homeless clients with issues ranging from misdemeanor criminal charges, social security and housing crises, to health and dental care.

Law students are needed to facilitate intake for the legal services section of PHC9! Volunteers will make initial contact with the client, run a basic search for outstanding

warrants and court cases, and determine which attorney can best deal with the client's issue. There will be an orientation/training session for students that are volunteering with Project Homeless Connect this year. Training will be Thur. February 25 from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Bishop Conference Room. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by Suite 215 and sign up or send an email to ccmc@samford.edu with the time you are available. There are two-hour shifts available throughout the day. All Cumberland volunteers are asked to wear their red volunteer shirt and bring their laptop. If you don't have a volunteer shirt, you can pick one up from Suite 215. Thanks in advance for helping out.

Admissions News

Love Cumberland? Apply to be an Admission Ambassador



Applications for the 2016-2017 Admission Ambassador Program are now being accepted. [Apply online.](#)

The Office of Law Admission is seeking rising second and third year students to serve as Admission Ambassadors and represent the law school to prospective law students and their families. The general responsibilities of the Ambassadors are to meet with and educate prospective students about Cumberland School of Law. Ambassadors can expect to participate in a wide range of activities that can be performed to fit their schedule during both the school day and (occasionally) outside of school hours.

Applications are due by **Fri., February 26**. Top applicants will be interviewed in early March and Ambassadors will be chosen following the interviews. Contact [Jennifer Hartzog](#) for more information.

Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law
SPRING OPEN HOUSE


PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Friday, February 26, 2016 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- Tour the law school •
- Learn about the law school, clinical programs, career opportunities and more •
- Hear from faculty and current students during Q&A discussion panels •
- Hear about academic fellowships and scholarships •
- Gain a thorough understanding of the admission process •

To register for the open house, please follow this link:
<http://2016springopenhouse.eventbrite.com>
or call the law admission office at 800-888-7213.



Know someone interested in attending Cumberland? Invite them to the spring admission open house. For more information, contact [Jennifer Hartzog](#)



Alumni News

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.

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](#).

Upcoming Alumni Events:

<p>Thur., March 31, 2016 6 p.m.</p> <p>Washington DC Alumni Event</p> <p>For Cumberland and SU alumni and friends: The Washington Center 1333 16th Street, NW Washington DC, 20036-2205</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">PLEASE JOIN Cumberland School of Law alumni, Dean Henry C. Strickland III and Anne Marovich for a casual gathering at</p>  <p style="font-size: x-small;">Thursday, April 28, 2016 5:30pm - 7:30pm 644 McDonnell Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32310</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">*Finger foods/appetizers served, cash bar available</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Please convey plans to attend, by Friday, April 22, to Anne Marovich amarovich@samford.edu or 205-726-2443</p>
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Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog '02 has been quoted in the Swiss newspaper ["St. Galler Tagblatt"](#) on a story about the future of passwords and biometric systems.

Hartzog's latest article, ["The Ultimate Unifying Approach to Complying with All Laws and Regulations"](#) is forthcoming in

The Green Bag: An Entertaining Journal of Law.



On February 19 and 20 **Judge John Carroll '74** will be in Washington D.C. attending a meeting of the committee of the Uniform Law Commission which is drafting a Model Veteran's Court Act. The Committee's draft will be presented for its first reading before the Uniform Law Commission at its Annual Meeting in July.

Photo of the Week



Matthew Hoyle of the Cumberland Society of the Arts serenades Professor DiRusso's Estate and Trust Administration class on February 11 with the ballad, "Death, Taxes & DiRusso."

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