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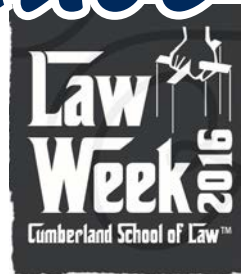
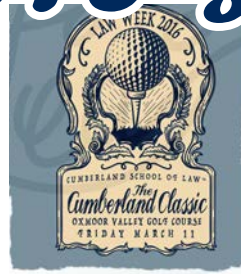
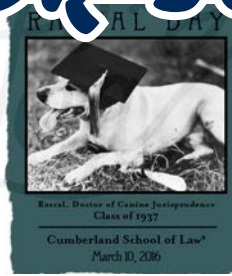
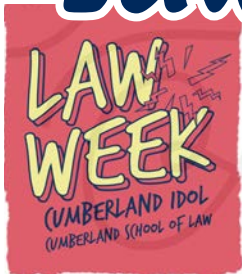
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Law Week 2016 schedule



SBA members will be selling tickets in the breezeway this week, Monday - Thursday from 10-3. Please stop by the table to buy your tickets or to ask any questions.

Tuesday, March 8:

- Kickball: George Ward Park, first games at 6 p.m. (331 16th Avenue South, Birmingham, 35205)

Wednesday, March 9:

- Williams Final Round: Moot Courtroom, 5 p.m.
- Cumberland Idol: Sidebar, first act at 8 p.m. (2929 7th Avenue South, Birmingham, 35233)

Thursday, March 10:

- Rascal Day: Angel Patio, start time 11 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to bring your DOG to school! There will be the annual Parade of Dogs, Rascal's eulogy delivered by Professor Walthall, prizes awarded and lunch provided! The Humane Society will have dogs for rent and adoption at 10:30 a.m.

In honor of Rascal's memory, Thursday, March 10 has been designated as a "casual dress day" for law faculty and staff.

- Rascal's Night Out: Avondale Brewery, 5:30 p.m. (201 41st Street South, Birmingham, 35222) Bring your dogs along for this event too. There will be a food truck.

Friday, March 11:

- Cumberland Classic: 8:30 a.m., The Valley Course at Oxmoor Valley (100 Sunbelt Parkway, Birmingham, 35211)

Saturday, March 12:

- Barrister's Ball: 7 p.m. at Iron City (513 22nd Street South, Birmingham 35233) Theme: "The Godfather" Band: Black Jacket. Drinks and light food provided. Photo booth will be provided. Transportation will be provided from Iron City to the Lakeview area.

A quick run down on prices:

- Kickball: \$60/ team
- Cumberland Idol: \$5
- Golf: \$55/ player (\$110/ team)
- Barrister's Ball Tickets: \$50/ person
- Tshirts: \$20 each (See proofs below; there will also be proofs of the shirts at the table during ticket sales)
- Law Week Hugger: 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5

FREE Admission

Events:

- Rascal Day
- Rascal's Night Out



Rascal Day

Rascal Awarded Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence in 1937



On Thur. March 10 at 11 a.m., the Law School will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends of the Law School (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to the Angel Patio on the east side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy delivered by Professor Howard Walthall, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including the Best Dressed Dog, the Best Trick, the Dog Most Resembling Its Owner, the Smallest and Largest Dog, and the Dog That Most Represents the Spirit of Rascal.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940 and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford Campus, and again interred at Blackacre, on the west side of Robinson Hall.

Make sure you and your pet come out for a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal, Cumberland's own CJD.

Military Justice Society Hosts Rascal Day Philanthropy

The Military Justice Society's philanthropy event on Rascal Day benefits the K9's For Warriors fund and their Stop 22 Campaign. Stop by their table in the breezeway all day during Rascal Day, donate to this outstanding cause, and pick up some dog treats for your canine friend!

K9s For Warriors is the nation's preeminent organization providing service canines to warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of post 9/11 military service. The goal of K9s For Warriors is to empower this heroes back into civilian life with dignity and independence. 95% of the dogs used in the program are rescue/shelter dogs. STOP22 is an awareness campaign to show our nation's military, active and retired, that they are not forgotten. With 22 Veterans expected to commit suicide today, your help is needed to STOP22.

Law Week 2016



SBA Elections are Here

Election time is already upon us. Running for an office at Cumberland is a great way to get involved with all of the things that make law school great (including planning weekly bar reviews and Law Week). We encourage all those interested in running for an SBA or Honor Court position to sign up!

The following positions are open for election:

SBA:

President (only current 2Ls are eligible candidates)

Vice President (current 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible)

Treasurer (current 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible)

Secretary (current 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible)

3L Class: (only current 2Ls are eligible to run)

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

ABA Vice Chair: (only current 1Ls are eligible to run)

Honor Court:

6 2L positions (only current 1Ls are eligible to run)

6 3L positions (only current 2Ls are eligible to run)

Breakdown of the positions each class votes for:

Exclusive to 1L Class Votes:

2L SBA Representatives (4)

2L Honor Court Justices (6)

Exclusive to 2L Class Votes:

Senior Class President (1)

Senior Class Vice President (1)

Senior Class Secretary (1)

Senior Class Treasurer (1)

3L Honor Court Justices (6)

Current 1L, 2L, & 3L Classes Vote for:

SBA President

SBA Vice President

SBA Treasurer

SBA Secretary

ABA Vice Chair

TO RUN FOR AN OPEN POSITION:

All candidates running for one of the SBA or Honor Court positions must:

1. Complete the letter of intent for the position of which you are running. You **MUST** submit a [Letter of Intent](#) to be placed on the ballot.

2. Submit the completed letter of intent **NO LATER** than **Thur., March 10 at 4 p.m.** Any form submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

3. Attend a **MANDATORY** candidates meeting on **Sun., March 13 at 5 p.m.** in The Great Room. Any candidate who fails to attend the meeting will not be eligible to run.

Campaigning will begin on **Mon., March 14 at 12:01 a.m.** and will end **Thur., March 31 at midnight.**

Candidates who attempt to campaign outside of those time limits will have their names removed from the ballot.

Elections will take place from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** on **Thur., March 31.**

The link to submit your letter of intent also contains links to the Cumberland Honor Code and Elections Code. Candidates must remain in compliance with both codes in order to run for office.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any member of SBA or to any of the Senior Class Officers. Senior Class Officers can be reached via-email: [Joey Gomez](#) (President); [Stewart Alvis](#) (Vice President); [Weathers Veazey](#) (Secretary); [Richard Sarrell](#) (Treasurer).

submit letters of intent by 4 p.m. Thursday

Law School Announcements

AJTA Selects Editorial Board

The Volume 39 Editorial Board of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy is proud to announce selection of the editors who will lead the Journal in 2016-2017. We are confident these rising 3L members will do a terrific job! Please join us in extending congratulations.

Editor in Chief—Curtis H. Seal

Executive Editor— Kevin W. Bufford

Research & Writing Editors—Kylee J. Berger, Zachary M. Evans, and William S. Pylant

Articles & Symposium Editor— Lindsey L. Voelker

Articles & Online Editor—Nicolas A. Gutierrez

Student Materials Editor—Haley A. Stencil

Apply Now for Summer Public Interest Fellowship

The 2016 [Summer Public Interest Fellowship application](#) is now available and can be completed online. The application deadline is Tues., April 5, 2016. Contact [Charmayne Fillmore](#) or [Cassandra Adams](#) for more information.

Williams Trial Competition Finals Held on Wednesday

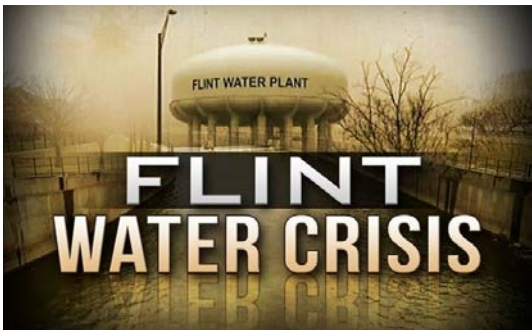


(from left to right) Drew Bentley, Katie Hilyer, Amy Chiou, Krista Tribble will compete in the Final Round of the Williams Trial Competition.

The Semi-Final Round of the Parham Williams Trial Competition was this past Saturday. All four teams had very impressive trials, and received positive feedback from the scoring judges. At the end of the day, we had two teams prevail and advance to the Final Round of the Williams competition. Please congratulate Krista Tribble, Amy Chiou, Katie Hilyer, and Drew Bentley on advancing to the Final Round. The Final Round will take place on Wed., March 9 at 5 p.m. in the

Moot Courtroom. Tribble and Chiou will represent the State v. Hilyer and Bentley representing the Defense. We invite you to join us in cheering on both teams and continuing with the Law Week festivities.

#CumberlandCares



Join **WIL** and **BLSA** in raising money to support the people of Flint, Michigan. As you may know, they do not have clean water to drink, bathe, or cook with. Many people have gotten sick from the large amounts of lead present in their water.

Help us support a city that is lacking a resource we often take for granted, clean water. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

We will be in the Breezeway 3/3/16- 3/18/16.

If we are not in the breezeway, please drop donations off with Mrs. Charmayne Fillmore in room 215.

Graduation Announcements

Bulldog Blastoff and Regalia - Students likely received an email from the university registrar's office regarding the Bulldog Blastoff scheduled for March 14. Graduates are welcome to participate but are not required to attend. Student Services will order regalia based on the information provided via survey last week. Once the regalia arrives, Mrs. Nelson will send notice of available pick-up times and locations.

Graduation Invitations - This year, we are excited to make available to you Cumberland graduation invitations via an external vendor. To place your order, carefully read, complete the attached order form, and bring it to Student Services along with your payment. The deadline to purchase invitations is March 18. There is no limit to the number of people you may invite.

Graduation Information - You may access [additional information online](#). Contact [Mrs. Nelson](#) with any questions.

This Week's Events

Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellows Applications Still 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, March 11, 2016**. 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.

Register for the Shores Moot Court Competition

Registration is now open for the Shores Moot Court Competition. The Shores is an interschool competition for 2Ls and 3Ls only. The Competition will be held the week of April 2 with the final round on Sat. April 9 during Admitted Students/Alumni Weekend. **Register by Thurs. March 10 at 11:59 p. m.** The \$15 entry fee (cash in a marked envelope or check made payable to Cumberland Moot Court Board) may be slid under the Moot Court door (upper level of the Great Room) or given to [Kate Furek](#) or [Haley Stencel](#).

Career Development Advisory Board Seeking Candidates

The Career Development Office is seeking candidates to fill openings on the 2016-2017 Student Advisory Board. The purpose of the board is to: serve as a liaison to Cumberland's student body, advising us on various issues of importance to students and the law school (e.g., the re-design of the website and the proposed purchase of an online portal system); advise and mentor 1Ls as they adjust to law school, helping them learn effective networking, job-hunting, and practical legal skills; and assist in creating and implementing educational programs and marketing programs that will benefit our students and alumni. Some members may also accompany us on marketing visits to alumni and employers.

Service on the CDAB provides an excellent opportunity to serve the law school and your fellow students and is a good resume-builder; many employers know we select candidates who demonstrate the attributes they seek in new hires. The time commitment is small, but board members provide a valuable service to the law school and its students. If you would like to serve on next year's board, please email [Jeff Price](#) by **Friday, March 11**, and tell him about your summer plans (if they are set). Short statements of your reasons for applying are also welcome and helpful.

University Addiction Support Group Meets Weekly

The newly formed university addiction support 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.

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!

Plan Ahead

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).

Representatives Present at Joint Degree Meeting

A meeting will be held on **Tue., March 29 at 9 a.m.** in Room 121 for anyone interested in joint degree programs. We will have representatives from all of our joint degrees in attendance and available to answer your questions.

Faculty Notes



Professor Wendy Greene was interviewed on the current status of Title VII protection against misperception discrimination in the workplace. On March 2, quotes from the interview were featured in the BNA Daily Labor Report article: [“Is Perceived-As Bias Prohibited by Title VII?”](#). Professor Greene’s award-winning article, “Categorically Black, White, or Wrong: ‘Misperception Discrimination’ and the State of Title VII Protection” is an influential authority on the issue, and her findings were also cited in the BNA analysis. On March 18, Greene will present her scholarship on misperception discrimination as a special plenary panelist during the 14th Annual Marco Biagi Foundation (MBF) Conference. The MBF Conference is an international meeting devoted to international and comparative employment and labor relations hosted by the University of Modena in Modena, Italy; this year, 13 countries will be represented.



On Fri. March 4, the Center on Law and Information Policy at Fordham University Law School hosted a workshop in New York City for **Professor Woodrow Hartzog’s** ‘02 forthcoming book, “Privacy’s Blueprint: The Battle to Control the Design of New Technologies.” Experts in law and technology from around the US came to give feedback on the work in progress.



Professor Belle Stoddard ‘78 along with another Cumberland alumna, is a member of the Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame Board of Directors. The organization recently inducted two women during the 45th Installation Ceremony at Judson College last week.

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:

Thur., March 31, 2016
6 p.m.

Washington DC
Alumni Event

For Cumberland and SU
alumni and friends:
The Washington Center
1333 16th Street, NW
Washington DC,
20036-2205



PLEASE JOIN
Cumberland School of Law alumni,
Dean Henry C. Strickland III and Anne Marovich
for a casual gathering at



Thursday, April 28, 2016
5:30pm – 7:30pm

644 McDonnell Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

*Finger foods/appetizers served, cash bar available

Please convey plans to attend, by Friday, April 22, to Anne Marovich
amarovich@cumberland.edu or 205-726-2443

Photo of the Week



BLSA members with Ryan Haygood, the keynote speaker for this year's Thurgood Marshall Symposium. Mr. Haygood discussed the ongoing fight for voting rights.

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