



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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A Note from the Dean

In this final newsletter of the year I want to thank the Cumberland community for a great year. We celebrated exciting wins by trial and other teams. We learned from outstanding speakers and symposia.

In countless classes, individual meetings, intramural competitions, and organizational meetings, our faculty and students diligently and effectively pursued our mission: preparing Cumberland students for honorable and successful careers in law. I appreciate all of your hard work.

I wish everyone a pleasant and productive summer. Our faculty will be teaching, writing or both. Our staff will be preparing for next year. I trust the current first-year and second-year students will continue their paths toward their careers—whether by working as law clerks, volunteering for public interest agencies, travelling to our Cambridge program, taking courses on campus or online, or just taking a short break from the law.

Our spring graduates, of course, will be preparing for bar exams. That will require a tremendous commitment of energy and time from graduation until the exam. I think you will find the early days of your bar review courses somewhat enjoyable as you begin to realize how much you have learned in the last three years and to discover that you really understand most of it. As the days turn to weeks, though, the process becomes at best tolerable. As that happens, you must keep pushing; do not let your focus and commitment wane. Your diligence and perseverance will pay off with success on the bar exam.

Finally, I wish for our graduates satisfying and successful careers and lives. Remember that your first job is not your career—only part of it. It may take some of you longer to find your ideal jobs than others, but I am confident that with work you will find your niche. As you pursue your goals across the country and around the world, remember that you have friends here on a hillside in Homewood, Alabama who care and want to help. Please stay in touch. Godspeed.

Exam Information

Alternates:

A list of all alternate exam envelope submissions will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Associate Dean's office on April 27, the day after classes end. You need to check the list for your name and information. If you receive permission from your professor for an alternate but your name does not appear on the list, you need to contact your professor.

Computer Software:

(1) You will need to download the new version of the Exam4 software at <http://exam4.com/>. ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS HAVE EXPIRED, including the midterm version.

Complete download instructions are on our website at http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/Extegrity_Instructions.pdf

(2) The new computer exam software is available for download **now through May 2**. In previous semesters, the download option has remained available throughout the examination period. ***This year, the downloads will be unavailable after May 2.***

(3) Complete several practice tests (choosing the "S16 Practice Exam" option from the course dropdown box). You may take as many practice exams as you wish, but always choose the practice exam course selection when taking a practice exam.

(4) Submit the practice tests wirelessly.

(5) Notify [Ms. Nelson](#) prior to the beginning of the exam period if you notice any problems with your technology.

Technology assistance will be more limited once exams begin.

Complete exam procedures are located on the Cumberland website at <http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/Exam-Policies-Procedures-S16.pdf>



Get Connected to Cumberland School of Law for all the latest updates.

The official Facebook page is "[Cumberland School of Law](#)" and the official Twitter account is "[CumberlandLaw](#)"



Congratulations Cumberland Community!

Students Selected for 2016-2017 Leadership Roles in Organizations

The Career Development Office is pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to the 2016-2017 **Career Development Advisory Board.**

3Ls
 Adam Buddenbohn
 Kevin Bufford
 Brittany Ford
 Jonathan Griffith
 Nicolas Gutierrez
 Sharidan Hollis
 Miya Moore
 Chip Slawson
 Will Thompson
 Lindsey Voelker
 Rebecca Wright

2Ls
 Thomas Bailey
 Jason Bruner
 Lindsey Catlett
 Kaylie Eichholt
 Ranse Hare
 Holly Howell
 Chakeira Gilbert
 Keith Stephens
 Carmen Weite

The 2016-2017 **ILSA Officers** are as follows:
 President - Chuck Blackledge
 Vice-President - Christian Flowers
 Secretary - Megan Seaton
 Treasurer - Kristina Gubbels
 1L Liaison - Alexis Esneault

Congratulations to the election winners for the leadership of **PAD Hull Chapter:**
 Chief Justice - Miranda Coley
 Vice Justice - Lance Adams
 Treasure - Kate Furek
 Marshall - Ben Keown
 Clerk - Megan Seaton
 3L Reps- Kayla Mosley, Depri Hale, Drew Worley, William Street, Jessica Hart
 2L Reps - Danielle Davis, Ashtyne Cole, Xan Ingram, Wesley Walker, Jackson Young

The **Florida Student Bar Association** is pleased to announce the officers for the for the 2016-2017 school year.
 President: Ben Keown
 Vice-President: Luke Buckler
 Treasurer: Depri Hale
 Secretary: Adria Barnes
 Social-Chair: Cole Devitt

The **Cumberland Republicans** are pleased to announce the new officers for 2016-2017. Congratulation to:
 President, Will Pylant
 Vice President, Lance Adams
 Treasurer, David Wisdom
 Social Chair, Nicole Henderson

Please join **Katie Hilyer**
Cordell Hull in Leah Johnson
 welcoming its new members: Mary Lambert
 Miya Moore
 Chris Clark Nicolas Carr
 Drew Brantley Sarah Emerson
 Jamillah Pritchett Steven Boydston
 Kathryn Worthy Wesley Walker

Please congratulate the 2016 - 2017 **Henry Upson Sims Executive Moot Court Board:**
 Chief Justice: Haley Stencil
 Associate Justices: Kate Furek and Chip Slawson
 SAAD Associate Justice: Xan Ingram
 Shores Associate Justice: Adam Hoekenschnieder
 Shores Assistant Justice: Zach Mardis
 Donworth Associate Justice: Evan Smith
 Donworth Assistant Justice: Lindsey Catlett

The **Cumberland Federalist Society** is pleased to announce the new officers:
 President: Hunter Garnett
 Vice President: Alexis Esneault
 Secretary: Aaron Pannell
 Treasurer: Kenny Major
 3L Class Representatives:
 Lance Adams
 Nathaniel Hall
 Kelly Masters
 Andrew McCarley
 Chip Slawson
 2L Class Representatives:
 Ross Benson
 Haley Jones
 Constantin Post
 Ben Warren

Congratulations to the members of next year's **Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board.**
 Chief Judge: Bianca Svensson
 Haley: Curtis Seal (Director); Drew Panella (Associate Director)
 Peterson: Alex Parish (Director); Scott Woodard (Associate Director)
 Williams: Hunter Garnett (Director); Alyson Smith (Associate Director)
 Client Counseling: Depri Hale (Director)
 Negotiation: Aaron Pannell (Director); (Associate Director TBD)
 Mediation: Travis Thomas (Director); Lauren Lock (Associate Director)
 Arbitration: Rebecca Wright (Director)
 Associate Judge for ADR: Kevin Bufford
 Associate Judge for Public Relations: Elizabeth Ann Naro
 Senior Members: Trey Perdue, Spencer Wilson, Andrew Jett, & Miranda Coley

Congratulations Cumberland Community!

Spirit of Service Award Honorees

Please join the Cumberland Mediation Center and Public Interest Programs in congratulating the amazing students, faculty and staff that have contributed 30 or more hours in a public service capacity over the past year. We truly appreciate their hard work and support in the community and law school. They will receive a beautiful certificate and a token of our appreciation for their dedication.

Hilaire Armstrong
Adria Barnes
Jessica Catlin
Della Darby
LaJuana Davis
Meaghan Ellis
Sarah Emerson
Leslie Ennis
Wendy Greene
Emily Irvin
Sidney Jackson
Pamela Nelson
Valerie Price
Brandi Russell
Jordan Thompson
Krista Tribble
Weathers Veazey

Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

Faculty Notes



Professor Alyssa DiRusso attended the Southern Region conference of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in Birmingham on April 22-24, where she was delighted to see so many successful Cumberland alums in estate planning practice. Alumna Liz Hutchins (1984) of Sirote is the Alabama State Chair of ACTEC and led the organization of the conference. Adjunct Professor and Cumberland alumna Craig Stephens (1997) lead a discussion panel and several other Cumberland alums participated in various roles in the planning and implementation of an impressive professional program. DiRusso is an Academic Fellow of the College.



On April 19, **Cassandra Adams** was the guest speaker during campus wide convocation at Reid Chapel. Her topic was "She thought HE was the gardener." The audience gave her a standing ovation.

On April 14, Adams was a participant in an Anti-Poverty Community Roundtable, hosted by the American Bar Association's Commission on Homelessness and Poverty.



Professor Woodrow Hartzog's '02 gave [two talks](#) at the University of Houston Law Center on his forthcoming book, "Privacy's Blueprint: The Battle to Control the Design of New Technologies" and "Laws for a Robotic Future." He was hosted by the Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law.

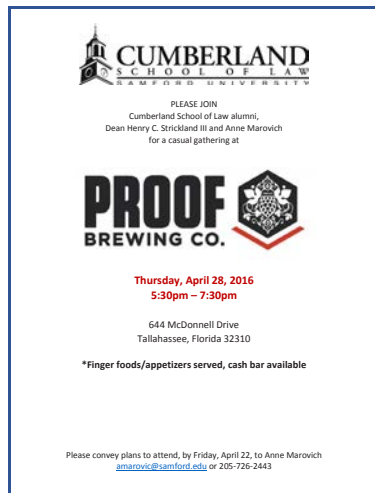
For an up-to-date look at the Law School's Events, visit the [Online Calendar](#).

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:



May 13 @ 4:30 p.m.:
Reception
For J.D., M.C.L. candidates,
and their guests, prior to
commencement
4:30 p.m., Brewer Plaza/
Robinson Hall

June 16-17: Orlando FL -
Alumni events
June 16 @ 5:30 p.m.
Alumni Reception at the
home of
Mary Ann Etzler '95 and
Bruce Phillips,
Hosted by: Etzler Law
2581 Skif Drive, Orlando,
FL 32812

June 17 @ 8 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Alumni Breakfast at the
Hilton Orlando Bonnet
Creek, Broward Room

June 23 @ 6 p.m.
Alumni Reception during
the
AL State Bar Annual
Meeting
Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin

June 24
Alumni Reception in during
North Carolina Bar Annual
Meeting @ 5– 6 p.m.
The Westin Charlotte
Alumni Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
Location TBD

August 25 @ 5:30 – 7:30
p.m.
Huntsville Alumni
Reception
Cotton Row

September 1 @ 5:30 -7:30
p.m. Nashville, TN Alumni
Reception
Hosted by Edward Hadley
'94 and



Please join Samford University's
Cumberland School of Law
faculty & staff, graduates, families & friends
for a reception honoring the

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW May 2016 Graduates

Friday, May 13, 4:30—5:45 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law
Brewer Plaza
(in front of the law school)
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229

For the student members of the Birmingham Bar Association:

Save The Date! The Birmingham Bar's Night at the Barons Game, Monday, May 23, 2016; Game time 7:05 p.m., with pre-party from 5-6:45 p.m. at Good People Brewing! Join friends and colleagues for a great time at Regions Field! Stay tuned for more details.

Photos of the Week



(From L to R) Jacey Mann, Ranse Hare, Megan Seaton, Ryan Hawks and Lindsey Catlett attended the Cumberland Who's Who in Law breakfast.



The Trial Advocacy Board held their year-end awards banquet on Tuesday, April 19. A special thank you to the firm of Burr Forman and alumnus Greg Burge for their support. Over sixty-five students, faculty members, and coaches were in attendance as the Board recognized the achievements of the students over the past year in in-house competitions and national teams. (From L to R) Kyle Scholl, Amanda Herren, Priyanka Patel, Stewart Alvis, Cydney Reynolds, Austin Nichols, and Collin Hatcher celebrate the year's successes.

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