



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## A Note from the Dean

Welcome to the Class of 2019, and welcome back to the Classes of 2017 and 2018. The beginning of a new academic year is always exciting, but it is especially exciting this year. In addition to having a great new first year class (which is described below), there are a number of other exciting additions and changes this year. We have an accomplished Visiting Professor of Law, Tracey Roberts, who is joining us to teach tax and property related courses. We added two outstanding new LLR instructors, Robin Andrews and Brian Noble, who will enable us to increase the number of LLR sections and provide more individual instruction. Andrea Shaw has been selected as the Interim Director of Cumberland's LLR Program. Lynn Hogewood has assumed the role of Director of Academic Support to coordinate and provide academic assistance to students as needed. Though behind schedule, the Trial Courtroom is being renovated. The carpet and furniture were back-ordered, but the renovation will be complete in September. The University added parking spaces and dramatically overhauled the parking and shuttle system in ways that I think will help the law school community.

With your arrival, the year is off to a great start. It will be a busy year, packed with events and opportunities. I hope this continued weekly newsletter will help connect all of us who make up Cumberland School of Law and thereby maintain and nurture the sense of community that is part of Cumberland's unique culture. The newsletter will serve to alert everyone to upcoming events and opportunities and to celebrate the many successes of Cumberland students, faculty, and staff. I hope students particularly will use the newsletter to learn about and take advantage of the many programs and extracurricular activities available to enrich your education, to become full participants in the legal profession, and to network with lawyers and other professionals.



## Welcome Class of 2019!

**Size: 149 Students**

**Median LSAT: 152**

**Median UGPA: 3.31**

**Minority: 20%**

**Male: 49.5%**

**Female: 50.5%**

**Median Age: 24**

**15 home states (53% from state of Alabama)**

**65 colleges and universities**

**3+3 students from Samford: 2**

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"



## This Week's Events

### International Law Society Starts Semester with Barbecue

The Cumberland International Law Society looks forward to meeting students and answering any questions they may have about the Cumberland International Law Society as well as how to become involved. The organization will hold a welcome back barbecue on **Sat., August 27 from 3-6 p.m.**

Further information will be available on the organization's [Facebook page](#). Questions, please contact [Charles Blackledge](#).

### Federalist Society Holds Meet n- Greet, Sells Shirts

The Federalist Society will be having a Meet n' Greet **Thurs., August 25, at 11 a.m. in room 114**. Chick-Fil-A will be provided for everyone in attendance. Stop by and meet some of the members.

The Federalist Society will also be selling shirts in the breezeway this week. They're \$20 each and will be sold in the breezeway until Thursday. Contact [Hunter Garnett](#) for more information.

### Law Review Hosts Outline Sale

The Cumberland Law Review will be conducting its annual Outline Sale in the breezeway **through Thursday, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m.** each day.

The outline package is \$50 for 1L students, and \$35 for 2/3Ls. Payment should be made in cash or check, and please make sure to sign both your name and email on the signup sheet, as we must have your email address to add you to the Twen site. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Riley Murphy](#).

### Students, Faculty, Staff Invited to Meet International Students

Each year, Cumberland hosts exchange students from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England and NALSAR University in Hyderabad, India. This year, Taylor-Jo Ings, Michael Pyefinch and Shannen Sell join us from England and Sanjana Peethala joins us for the fall semester from India.

Come meet these students at our Drop-in Meet-n-Greet on **Thursday Aug. 25 from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. in the Bishop Conference Room (226)**. Donuts and coffee will be served.

For more information on Cumberland's [International Programs](#) or [Study-Abroad Programs](#), visit our websites or email [Laura Taylor](#), Program Assistant.

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

## Plan Ahead

### Street Law Volunteers Needed



The Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education (ACLCE) in conjunction with the Cumberland Public Interest Project Program is seeking law students to serve as volunteers for the Cumberland School of Law Street Law Program. An orientation session is scheduled for **Monday, Aug. 29 from 5 – 6 p.m. in Room 120** in Robinson Hall for anyone interested in becoming a Street Law Volunteer. All law students are eligible to apply. Volunteers will learn

about Alabama laws for youth and how to teach six lessons about those laws during weekly training sessions over a period of six weeks. Using the lessons which have been learned, the volunteer will teach an assigned class of elementary, middle, or high school students approximately one hour a week for the six weeks. For more information prior to the meeting, please contact [Alan Stevens](#), Executive Director of ACLCE or [Mike Milton](#), 2L.

## Plan Ahead



### Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Finals to be Held Sept. 11

The 2016 Gordon T. Saad Moot Court finals will be held on Sun. September 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the Moot Courtroom. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact [Haley Stencel](#) for more information.

### Samford's Events

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

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

## Law School Announcements

### Be Prepared for Emergencies at Samford with Alerts

RAVE is the primary method of communication used by Samford University during a campus emergency. If you have not registered for RAVE alerts, please [use the link](#) and go to the My Contact Information box on your Portal homepage to update your RAVE Emergency Alert Information.

Samford University utilizes Samford Alert for desktop, laptop, tablet, and mobile devices to provide students with information, procedures, and links about what to do in the event of a variety of emergency situations that could occur on our campus. If you do not already have the Samford Alert app on your mobile device, laptop, desktop, or tablet, please [click on this link](#) and go to the In Case of Emergency box on your Portal homepage for instructions on downloading the App. Once you have downloaded the App, please take time to review the information provided, it is important that you know what to do in the case of a campus emergency.

### CELS Donates \$300 to GASP



*L-R: Cumberland Environmental Law Society officers Haley Stencel, Kristen Schaeff and Kayla Currie helped raise \$300 in donations to GASP.*

The Cumberland Environmental Law Society (CELS) donated \$300 to the [Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution](#) (GASP). GASP is an organization dedicated to reducing citizens' exposure to air pollution, educating the public on the health risks associated with poor air quality, and encouraging community leaders to serve as role models by advocating for clean air and clean energy. The organization embarked on this clean air mission in 1971, and continues its mission today with the support of people like the members of CELS. To learn more about CELS visit our [Facebook Page](#) or email the club's president, [Kayla Currie](#).

### Pupils Admitted to Inn of Court

The following members of the class of 2017 have been admitted as pupils in the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court:

Shaye Hornbuckle  
 Kelly Masters  
 Josh Baker  
 Robert Campbell  
 Miya Moore  
 Travis Thomas  
 Emily Copeland  
 Andrew Jett  
 Patrick Perry  
 Andrew Clay  
 Adam Hoekenschnieder  
 Will Thompson

Aaron Pannell  
 Haley Stencel  
 Adam Buddenbohn  
 Kate Furek  
 Kevin Bufford  
 Holly Harkins  
 Mark Fereg  
 Benjamin Keown  
 Sharidan Hollis  
 Steven Boydston  
 Chip Slawson  
 Evan Smith

## Law School Announcements

# American Journal of Trial Advocacy Welcomes New Members

With pleasure the Editorial Board and staff of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy announce the selection of new members. The following 2L students have been extended Journal membership based on their successful completion of the AJTA Writing Program this summer. Please join us in congratulating them:

Mallory C. Bullard  
M. Victoria Burnett  
Charles M. Hearn  
Holly T. Howell  
Harrison R. Jones  
Jacey G. Mann  
Brittany S. Mercer

M. Grace Moore  
Jillianne C. Pierce  
Constantin L. Post  
Emma L. Sloan  
Allyson V. Swecker  
Amanda L. Wineman  
Kathryn F. Worthy

## Faculty & Staff Notes



**Cassandra Adams** has been promoted to the position of Assistant Dean for Public Interest Programs. She has served as Director of the Cumberland Community Mediation Center since 2005 and Director of Cumberland's Public Interest Program since 2013. Ms. Adams holds B.A. from Fisk University, an M.P.H. from Meharry Medical College, and J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law. She had extensive legal, public interest, and higher education experience before coming to Cumberland, including service as the Assistant Director of Admissions at Vanderbilt University Law School and the Director of Admissions at the University of Texas Law School.

This title recognizes and will facilitate her impactful work on behalf of Cumberland with countless public service organizations, the State Bar, the courts, the mediation community, and others.



In June, **Adams** was the recipient of the Alabama State Bar's 2016 Pro Bono Award for Mediation. As stated on the [Bar's website](#): "Thanks to Cassandra Adams' efforts, more than 180 hours of pro bono mediation assistance was provided last year which helped 75 clients. Additionally, as the director of the Cumberland Community Mediation Center, Adams has trained volunteers to provide free and confidential mediation services to the greater Birmingham community."

**Professor Bob Greene** was quoted in an [article](#) in the Anniston Star of August 4 about a suit over E. coli in Choccolocco Creek near the Oxford wastewater plant.



Schirn Magazine, part of the Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, published an essay in May by **Professor Woodrow Hartzog** '02 and Evan Selinger about facial recognition technologies titled "[When Selfies Become Surveillance Beacons](#)." The essay is part of the institution's "Me: The Limitless Self" group exhibition.

**Hartzog's** article with Lisa Shay, Greg Conti, and John Nelson, titled "[Inefficiently Automated Law Enforcement](#)," was published in the Michigan State Law Review.

**Hartzog** was quoted in the Canadian newspaper "The Globe and Mail" story titled "[Paying Without Passwords and PINs](#)."

Slate published an essay **Hartzog** wrote titled "[There is No Such Thing as Public Data](#)." He critiques the notion that as long as our personal information is "public," others can do anything they want with it.

**Hartzog** was quoted in this recent Fusion article, "[Facebook is using your phone's location to suggest new friends—which could be a privacy disaster](#)."

While in London, **Hartzog** gave two keynote talks. One at the [Open Data Institute](#) and one at an event hosted by the [Web Science Institute](#)

## Faculty & Staff Notes



**Professor Lynn Hogewood '03** was selected to fill the new position of Director of Academic Support. "As the Director of Cumberland's new Academic Support Program, I will provide assistance through hosting workshops, providing resources, conducting small group and individual sessions, and tutoring to all students to promote success in their legal studies beginning in their first year and in making a successful transition from graduation through the Bar exam. I will kick off the program with a series of Sunday afternoon and evening sessions through the fall semester as a place to connect with and provide specific assistance to first year students."



**Adjunct Professor Judge Gary Pate** has been hired by NBC to broadcast the Paralympic events that will take place in Rio from September 14-18.

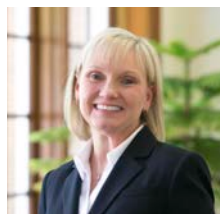


**Professor William Ross** was quoted in The New York Times on August 3 and in The National Law Journal on August 8. The New York Times article stated, "William G. Ross, a law professor at Samford University...who has written extensively about legal fees, said wealthy defendants should not be faulted for spending money to hire the best lawyers they can afford. 'The sad part,' he said, 'is that those resources are not available in our society to people of modest means or the poor.'" The National Law Journal article quoted Professor Ross twelve times in an article about the role of the Supreme Court as an issue in presidential elections, a subject about which he has published a law review article and also addressed in various other of his publications.



**Professor Andrea Shaw '10** has been selected as the Interim Director of Cumberland's Lawyering and Legal Reasoning (LLR) program for the 2016-2017 academic year. Professor Shaw has a degree in geology from Florida State University and had extensive experience as an environmental consultant before going to law school. After graduating with honors from Cumberland, she formed Shaw Legal Research, LLC, a company that provided legal research and brief-writing services to law firms. She joined the Cumberland faculty in 2011 and has taught Lawyering and Legal Reasoning I & II, MCL Legal Research and Writing, and Environmental Issues in Real Estate. She will use her experience to integrate our new LLR instructors and coordinate updates to the existing program.

## New Faculty, Staff Welcomed to Cumberland



From L:R, Visiting Professor Tracey Roberts; LLR Instructor Robin Andrews; LLR Instructor Brian Noble; Development Officer Paula Kierce; Admissions Counselor Whitney Dachelet; Student Records Administrative Assistant Tami Zenker

# Photo of the Week

## Thanks to the Class of 2019!!!



**On Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, your class gave more than 560 hours of your time to the community. The Ronald McDonald House, The Salvation Army, Sozo Trading Thrift Store, Grace House Ministries, Ecoscapes, Glenwood, Inc., The WellHouse, and The Botanical Gardens all benefitted from your volunteer efforts.**

**You have already begun to make a difference!**



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Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion  
in upcoming editions of the Dean's Newsletter**