



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## SBA Elections Begin Next Week



Election time is upon us again. The following positions are available:

- 4 1L SBA Representatives
- 4 1L Honor Court

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- 1 2L SBA Representative

To run for one of these positions, you MUST:

1. **Submit** a letter of intent by Thur., September 8 at 4 p.m.
2. Attend the mandatory candidates meeting Sun., September 11 in the SBA office at 5:30 p.m.

Campaigning will begin at 12:01 a.m. on September 12 and will end at 12:01 a.m. on September 15. Elections will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thurs., September 15.

This is a great way to get involved with all of the things that make law school great (including planning bar reviews and law week). SBA encourages all who are interested to run. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with anyone on SBA, or you can email [Zach Mardis](#).



## PAD Offers Professional Headshots to Students

Phi Alpha Delta is teaming up with local photographer Kizzie Warren to give students the opportunity to take professional headshots on Mon., September 19.

Headshots will be \$15. Head shots are important for LinkedIn, newsletters, passports, and public events. Sign up now for your head shot and to support PAD.

The photographer will be set up by the windows in the Great Room. Dress is business professional. You MUST pay \$15 either by Venmo to @katefurek or by check to "Phi Alpha Delta" in Kate Furek's student lounge folder by September 16. Students may [sign up online](#). Email [Miranda Taylor](#) with questions.

## Sideline Sundays Begin September 11

The Academic Support Program will host a Sideline Sunday event geared to first year students, but open to all students, at 4 p.m. on **Sun., September 11**, in Room 115. The session will center around tips for time management, preparing course outlines, and making the most of proofreading and editing.



## Law School Announcements

### Negotiation Competition Winners Announced

Thank you to all of our competitors and judges for a great competition. 46 students competed in the Henry C. Strickland negotiation competition and team tryouts.

*Congratulations to the following competitors:*

Competition Winner: Matt Pettit

Runner-up: Jacey Mann

Finalists: Mallory Bullard and Ben Warren

### Phi Alpha Delta to Initiate Over 50 New Members

Phi Alpha Delta signed up 52 new members in their recruitment drive last week. The organization is still accepting new members.

Initiation will be held on Thur., September 22 at 6:30 p.m. with a celebratory reception afterward at Carrigan's downtown.

### Arbitration National Team Tryouts Held in September

The 2016 Arbitration National Team tryouts will be held later this month. Arbitration is very much like a trial, except instead of standing up in front of a courtroom full of people, you're sitting at a conference table. As a Trial Board sponsored ADR competition, it counts toward the requirements to join the Trial Advocacy Board. Finalists are invited to join the Cumberland National Arbitration Team.

The first two rounds will be back to back on Fri., September 23, with one round starting at 2 p.m. and the evening round starting at 6 p.m. The final round will be the following morning, on Sat., September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Any 2L or 3L is eligible to compete. Participants will be paired with a partner for this competition. To sign up is fill in your information on the [Google Spreadsheet](#). There is \$10 signup fee that can be paid in the form of cash or check (made out to the Trial Advocacy Board). Please turn in your \$10 to Tracy Luke NO LATER THAN Fri., September 16. Contact [Rebecca Wright](#) with any questions.

### Students Eligible for Cash Prizes in Competition



Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC  
**2nd Annual**

### Closing Argument Competition "In Summation 2016"

#### Cash Prizes for Top 3

1st Place \$1000

2nd Place \$750

3rd Place \$500

#### First Rounds

Thursday, 9/29/16 and Friday 9/30/16

Limited to first 20 applicants

Registration Opens 9/12/2016

Please sign up on below link:

<http://www.hgdcompetition.com/sessions/registration-opens/>

More information here:

[www.hgdcompetition.com](http://www.hgdcompetition.com)

### Trial Advocacy Board Applications Now Accepted

This year The Trial Advocacy Board has opened up Membership to 1Ls. Membership applications and dues are due by September 30. Please turn them into the Trial Advocacy Board Office on the M Level. The Trial Advocacy Board represents five different facets of Trial Advocacy and ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution): Client-Counseling, Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration and Trial Advocacy. Each of the five have their own National Team which students will be able to try out for starting next Spring. Additionally, they conduct over 10 intra-school competitions (mainly for 2Ls and 3Ls), but there will also be some 1L competitions second semester. If you have any questions or just want to know more, please contact [Bianca Svensson](#).

## This Week's Events

### Birmingham Bar Association Hosts Sports Law CLE

The Birmingham Bar Association's [sports law CLE](#), "Don't be Fumbled or be Intercepted: Legal Observations from the Sidelines" will be held this week. Enjoy insider tales on representing coaches, players, leagues and institutions and NCAA compliance matters. Panel includes Russ Campbell of Balch Sports (Balch & Bingham LLP), Jay Ezelle of Starnes Davis & Florie LLP, William H. Brooks of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Mark Ingram of UAB (Director of Athletics) and William H. King, III of Southeastern Conference. The 2-hour seminar runs from 3-5 p.m. on **Thur., September 8** at the Birmingham Bar Center, followed by a cocktail reception in the adjacent Noojin Courtyard from 5-7 p.m. Reception included in ticket price. [Register online.](#)

### Women in Law Meets Thursday Morning

The first meeting for Women in Law will be held on **Thur., September 8** at 10:30 a.m. in room 118 and should last about 30 minutes. If you are unable to make the meeting, email [Kaylie Eichholt](#).

### Called to the Bar features Alabama Bar Association

The first Called to the Bar session for first year students will be held at 1:30 p.m. on **Thur., September 8**, in the Moot Courtroom. Justin Aday from the Alabama Bar Association will be speaking about Alabama Bar Student Registration and will be available to answer questions.

### Samford's Events

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

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

### Gordon T. Saad Moot Court Semifinalists to Compete Sunday

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

*Congratulations to the Semifinalists:*  
Taylor Akers  
Andrew Clay  
Charlie Hearn  
Adam Hoekenschneider  
Sidney Jackson

Travis Johns  
David Manush  
Zach Mardis  
Bob Matthews  
Evan Smith  
Gage Smythe  
Wesley Walker

### SALDF to Hold First Meeting Thursday

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) will be holding an informational meeting on **Thur., September 8** at 10:30 a.m. in Room 115. This meeting is open to anyone interested in joining SALDF. If you have any questions or you're unable to make the meeting, but are interested in learning more about SALDF, please email [Sara Leopold](#).

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FOOD, & GOOD COMPANY AT THE SECOND ANNUAL  
**CUMBERLAND FALL SOCIAL**  
 AN EVENT FOR LOCAL JUDGES, ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS

**BIRMINGHAM**



5:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 8  
 CAHABA BREWING CO.  
 4500 5TH AVE SOUTH BUILDING C  
 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35222

## Career Development Events

### Government Career Fair

Wed. September 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming these government employer representatives to Cumberland! They are coming to answer YOUR questions so be sure to ASK. Help us show them their time here was well spent and that Cumberland students are interested in learning more about summer and career opportunities in the local, state, and federal government sectors. Pizza will be served to students starting at 11 a.m.

### What I Wish I Knew as a 1L

Thur., September 8, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Great Room.

Phi Alpha Delta invites all 1Ls to come enjoy a free pizza lunch and to a panel discussion with upperclassmen to ask any questions regarding studying, final exams, and tips for a successful first year. Lunch will be served to those who [register](#).

## Alumni News

### Get Connected with Alumni

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](#).

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

## Faculty Notes



In May, **Professor Wendy Greene** traveled to Havana, Cuba with a delegation of over 100 lawyers, judges, and law professors as a part of the National Bar Association's (NBA) International Affiliates Meeting. During this historic visit, Professor Greene delivered a CLE presentation on her scholarship on misperception discrimination and examined race, color, and gender dynamics in the Americas and Caribbean with Cuban officials. In her capacity as Special Advisor on Cuba, Professor Greene also secured a private briefing at the U.S. Embassy and assisted with the

planning and execution of the Continuing Legal Education program consisting of six panels in Havana.

In July, upon the invitation of the immediate past president of the National Bar Association, civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, **Professor Greene** served on the Presidential Showcase opening the NBA's 91st annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri. She lectured on parallel forms of race, color, and gender discrimination affecting African descendants in the United States and Brazil. During the annual meeting, Professor Greene also spoke on a panel sponsored by the NBA's Young Lawyers Division exploring non-traditional careers for lawyers.

**Professor Greene** was also selected to participate in the Institute for Constitutional History's summer research seminar, "The Reconstruction Amendments: Freedom, Equality, and the American Constitution, at Stanford Law School. In July, she attended this week-long, interdisciplinary workshop for university instructors who currently teach or plan to teach courses on constitutional law and history.



*Professor Greene and 3L, Travis Thomas, attended the National Bar Association's 91st Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in July.*

# Photos of the Week



*Ken England, Assistant Dean for Administration, volunteered in Louisiana last week to clean up the damage caused by flooding.*

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