



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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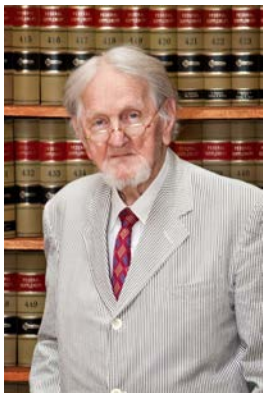
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## Cook Selected as Cumberland's Lawyer in Residence



Cumberland School of Law has named well-known criminal defense attorney Bobby Lee Cook this year's Lawyer in Residence for the law school. Cook will speak to students on **Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m.** in Cumberland School of Law's John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University Law School in the 1940s, Cook began a criminal defense career that continues more than six decades later. He has tried thousands of cases, representing hundreds of accused murderers, money launderers, racketeers, bootleggers, high profile white collar criminals, and some very unpopular clients. Regarded as one of the South's best-known defense attorneys, it is widely believed that Andy Griffith's character in the television series "Matlock" was based on the professional life of Cook. A Google search of "Bobby Lee Cook" reveals over 13 million results.

One of those results is a YouTube video in which Cook is dubbed "The Master of Reasonable Doubt."

In addition to criminal proceedings, Cook took a stand by representing labor unions at a time when many in the South viewed pro-labor organizations as "Communist sympathizers." In the late 70s, Cook represented the Rockefellers and Carnegies as plaintiffs in a land condemnation action. He used the jury's basic mistrust of government as a foundation for his case and the jury awarded millions above what the government offered. In recent years, Cook settled a case that directly benefitted hundreds of retired Georgia teachers. Cook represented the retirees who contended that the Teachers Retirement System ("TRS") incorrectly calculated their monthly retirement pay by using the wrong mortality tables. Cook recovered millions of dollars on behalf of the retired teachers, effectively reimbursing retirement funds upon which they were dependent.

Cook has been honored for his tenacity by hundreds of groups. He was the first recipient of the Traditional Excellence Awards given by the State Bar of Georgia, the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Small Town Lawyer Made Good Award by the State Bar of Washington.

Since he is one of the most accomplished, colorful, and well known trial attorneys in the country, Mr. Cook was the ideal keynote speaker at the inaugural Jere F. White, Jr. Trial Advocacy Institute in 2012. He made a generous contribution to the Jere F. White, Jr. Fellows program. The planning chairs of the institute have remained in contact with Mr. Cook and invited him to return to the 2016 institute as a special guest. Mr. Cook agreed to extend his visit to address and meet with Cumberland students and faculty as this year's Lawyer-in-Residence.

Cumberland School of Law's Lawyer in Residence program annually invites a distinguished graduate or friend of the law school to visit campus, speaking to classes related to his or her area of expertise. The program allows students to augment the traditional curriculum with the experiences of current practitioners.

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](#)"



## Law School Announcements

### 2L, 3L Students May Compete in Client Counseling Competition

Are you interested in competing in Cumberland's Client Counseling Competition? 2L and 3L students must try-out if they want to be selected for the National Client Counseling Team, even those that were members last year.

The Client Counseling competition is set up like client intake, where you and a partner will be given a brief idea of what your "client" is coming in for and you will be responsible to greet them, make them feel comfortable and inquire more into what their needs are in seeking out legal counsel. You will get the problem a couple days before so you and your partner can prepare.

The competition will be held on November 17, 2016. The first round will be held at 5 p.m. and the final round will follow shortly after (about 7 p.m.). You can sign up by emailing [Depri Hale](#). The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per team and you can bring cash or check or venmo to Cumberland Trial Board along with you and your partner's name. If you do not have a partner, we will assign one. Those that try-out and are selected for the team will be members of the National Client Counseling Team.

### EEOC General Counsel Visited Cumberland




P. David Lopez, General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, addressed law students, alumni, and local practitioners on Fri., October 28.

*Photo courtesy of Professor Wendy Greene*


## Graduation Announcements

**Graduation:** Everyone is invited to attend December graduation ceremonies to be held December 17th at 10 a.m. in the Wright Center on the Samford campus. Details for graduates may be [found online](#).



# ALCOHOL in ALABAMA

PRESENTED BY THE CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW



**Thursday, November 17, 2016**


<p><b>REGISTRATION</b> begins at 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CLE</b> 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ALUMNI RECEPTION</b> 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Cahaba Brewing Company  
4500 5th Avenue South, Building C • Birmingham, Alabama 35222

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Offers 3 hours of CLE credit. \$20 registration fee at the door. Lunch is provided.

➤ [RSVP to lawrev@samford.edu](mailto:lawrev@samford.edu) ◀



**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW**  
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

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

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**December 2016 Graduates**

Saturday, December 17  
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Cumberland School of Law  
Robinson Hall  
South Lobby

800 Lakeshore Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

### Students May Attend Free CLEs

**CLE** | CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW  
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Students can attend CLE seminars for free (aside from the Jere White seminar which is excluded). For more information,

contact the [CLE office](#).

## Law School Announcements

### Pup Crawl Event a Success



Cumberland Society of the Arts, Women in Law, and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund hosted a successful Pup Crawl Bar Review on Thur., November 3 to benefit the Greater Birmingham Humane Society. Many dogs came with their Cumberland students as well as other Birmingham residents.

### WIL Raises \$120 in Bake Sale

The Halloween bake sale hosted by Women In Law on October 31 raised \$120 for Camp Smile-A-Mile.

### Camp Smile-A-Mile

Alabama's Program for Children with Cancer



Above: Several students' children decorated collars for a contest at the Pup Crawl to raise money for the GBHS. Their collars raised almost \$80!

The heads of each organization stand with Hugo the dog. He has an Instagram: hugoswolfeworld. His mom, Leslie Palmer '10, lets him advertise her business, Palmer Legal Services.

Left to right: Sara Leopold, President of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Kaylie Eichholt, President of Women in Law, Leah Johnson and Kayley Argo, Co-Presidents of the Cumberland Society of the Arts, and Katie Flanagan, Vice President of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Photos courtesy of Kayley Argo

## This Week's Events

### Judge Dillard Hosted at Samford Alumni Showcase

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to host Judge Steve Dillard as our 2016 Alumni Showcase on November 11. Judge Dillard is a 1992 Samford alumnus (History) and is the 73rd Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia. He will be speaking about his journey from an undergraduate at Samford to his current position and what life is like in the Appellate Court. Judge Dillard is actively involved with Samford Athletics and is the Chair of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet Judge Dillard!

"From Samford to the Judiciary"

Friday, November 11 from 1:30 – 2 p.m.

DBH Room 112

### Samford Celebrates 175th Anniversary

Students are invited to the biggest Samford party in 175 years! Dance the night away at the Anniversary Ball, celebrating Samford University's 175th anniversary.

Fri., Nov. 11, 2016

from 7 to 11 p.m.

Pete Hanna Center

Student tickets cost \$25 each and can be [purchased through Banner](#).

For more information about the Anniversary Ball, including childcare options, please visit the [homecoming website](#).

## This Week's Events

### Academic Support Program: Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for confirmed and upcoming Academic Support Program events:

- Thur., November 10, 1:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom: Alabama Lawyer's Assistance Program with Robert Thornhill and Samford's counselor, Rich Yoakum
- Mon., November 14, 1:30 p.m., Great Room: How to Take a Law School Exam led by Will Thompson 3L (and additional second and third year students)
- Thur., December 1, 11 a.m., Room 114: Destress and Declutter your mind

← This Week

*Look for additional workshops to pop up as dates and locations are confirmed.*

### PAD's Exam Seminar Offers Preparation Tips

The Academic Support Program and Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) invite you to attend:

1L Exam Preparation Seminar  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
11:00 a.m. Room 120

Prof. Lynn Hogewood will present about preparing for exams generally, and you can hear from 2Ls and 3Ls about strategies to prepare for exams more specifically. [Please register](#) for your free lunch.

### Federalist Society Hosts Guest Speaker on Technology

The Cumberland Federalist Society is hosting "Can Law Survive Technology? Does Technology Need the Law?" on **Thursday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. in the Great Room.**

Nebraska College of Law Professor Gus Hurwitz will be discussing technology and the law with Starnes Professor of Law Woodrow Hartzog. Lunch will be provided!"

## Plan Ahead

### CVA to Host General



The Campus Veterans Association will be hosting General Charles Krulak. General Krulak will be speaking on faith based leadership in the **Moot Courtroom at noon on November 15.**

General Krulak was Commandant of the Marine Corps, appointed by President Bill Clinton. He was more recently the President of Birmingham Southern College. General Krulak will be speaking on leadership and how his faith influenced that leadership. For more information, contact [Stuart Lang](#), president of the CVA.

Join us in Supporting  
CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY'S  
ANNUAL

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**BAKE SALE**

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Cumberland School of Law  
Breezeway  
8:30am - 4:30pm

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SOWING SEEDING OF HOPE:  
CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR THE CHILDREN OF PERRY COUNTY

The Christian Legal Society will be hosting their annual fall bake sale on Tues., November 15. All treats will be sold on a donation basis (no prices will be set).

## Alumni News

### Upcoming Alumni Events: Interested in attending?



#### Augusta, Georgia Alumni Luncheon

Please join

Judge James G. Blanchard Jr. '68,  
Judge William D. Jennings III '77,  
Judge Pamela J. Doumar '87,  
Judge Bobby L. Christine '95  
Sam G. Nicholson '78,  
Dean Henry C. Strickland III, and  
local Cumberland School of Law alumni  
for a luncheon

Thursday, December 1, 2016  
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Augusta Country Club  
Wallace House  
655 Milledge Road  
Augusta, GA 30904

Please convey plans to attend by Monday, November 28,  
to Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations,  
at [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu) or 205-726-2443.

If there are any 3Ls from the Augusta, GA area and  
wish to attend, please contact Anne Marovich.

### RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#)



**PLEASE JOIN.....**

Dean Henry Strickland, alumni, and special guest  
judge-elect James T. Patterson (SU '82, CSOL '00)\*,

For a Cumberland School of Law Alumni Reception

Hosted by Daniel A. Dennis IV '06, president of Roberts Brothers, Inc., at



*A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate*

3601 Spring Hill Business Park  
Mobile, Alabama 36608

The Real Estate Center, Suite 101  
On the West I-65 Service Road between Dauphin Street and Old Shell Road

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Appetizers and beverages provided

If you will attend, please respond: Anne Marovich [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu)

\*Mr. Patterson will be invested as a Mobile County Circuit Judge in January, 2017

Faculty and 3L students:  
Please join us, if your schedule allows:

## Law School Hosts Open House During Homecoming

On Fri., November 11 the Law School will host an open house from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for guests on campus for Samford's Homecoming. Admissions Ambassadors will be greeting and touring guests.

## Connect with Mentor Through Alumni Office

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](#).

### Samford's Events

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

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

# Nominate Full-Time, Adjunct Faculty for Annual Teaching Awards

Cumberland has a long history of outstanding teaching, and superior teaching is a critical part of the school. In order to foster and recognize outstanding teaching at Cumberland, two alumni provided a generous gift to endow the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award. Two Jackson Teaching Awards are given each year--one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses.

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by [sending an email to Dean Strickland](#) which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. The criteria are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

You may nominate someone whose course you are currently taking, someone whose course you have taken in the past, or someone with whom you have had other contact that demonstrates outstanding

teaching in relation to the criteria above.

A joint committee of faculty and students will choose the winners, and we will announce the winners in the spring. A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible to receive that award again for a period of three years. The faculty members who currently are ineligible to receive the award in a category because they have received it in the past three years are Professors Evans, Greene (Bob) and Ross (First Year Courses) and Professors Floyd, Walthall and Young (Upper Level Courses). The names of all of the award winners are on a plaque outside the Great Room.

Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award. In your nomination, please specify which award you are nominating a professor for – the First Year Award or the Upper Level Award and briefly explain why you think the nominee is deserving. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester.

The hard work and devotion of Cumberland's adjunct faculty will be recognized by the selection of one adjunct professor each year to receive an award titled "Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award." Dean Strickland solicits your help in selecting the winner of this award by asking for nominations of a deserving adjunct professor.

The criteria and some of the procedures in place for selecting the Jackson Teaching Award recipients from full time faculty will be used. The criteria for the Award considered by the Committee shall include (i) mastery of subject matter; (ii) ability to convey information effectively to students; (iii) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (iv) commitment to excellence in the classroom;

(iv) innovation in teaching techniques; and (v) commitment to students.

A faculty member who recently has won the award is not eligible to receive that award again for a period of three years. Professor Jay D. St. Clair is thus ineligible to receive the award this year.

Please submit your nominations to [Dean Strickland](#) or to [Ms. Kathy Walton](#) by the end of the fall semester, explaining why you believe your nominee deserves the award. The Jackson Award committee, which is composed of students and full time faculty, will select the recipient from the nominations.

# Photo of the Week



The woman, pictured at center, is holding a sign that says “I’m a 98-Year Old Diva!” She had her Will, Power of Attorney and Advanced Directive done at the Wills Clinic Cumberland hosted at the Bessemer Justice Center last week.

Cassandra Adams assistant dean of the Public Interest Program said, “It’s moments like that that bless my heart SO much and reiterate why we do what we do.” Cumberland held two Wills Clinics as a part of Pro Bono Month. In addition to the clinic in Bessemer, one was also held at the Oxmoor Valley Community Center.

## **Cumberland Wins Pro Bono Pledge Competition**

**Cumberland placed first, beating Alabama and Faulkner in number of 1L pledges**

**Cumberland:** 149 1L students  
77 total pledge signers  
5 2L/3L signers  
72 1L signers/149 total  
1L students=48.3%

**Faulkner:** 92 1L students  
27 total pledge signers  
6 2L/3L signers  
21 1L signers/92 total  
1L students=22.8%

**Alabama:** 133 1L students  
20 total pledge signers  
0 2L/3L signers  
20 1L signers/133 total  
1L students=15.0%

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Send them to [Laura Taylor](#) for inclusion  
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