



Samford University

Cumberland School of Law

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A Note from the Dean



Although the semester is winding down, I know our students are hard at work preparing for exams, our faculty are busy finishing courses and finalizing exams, and our dedicated staff are busy keeping everything running and keeping students and faculty sane. The semester will end soon, though, and the halls of the law school will go quiet for the holidays. For our students, I wish success,

strength, and perseverance as you take your exams. For our faculty, I wish similar strength and perseverance as you grade those stacks of exams. For our staff, I wish smiles and gratitude from all of us for the terrific work you do during this busy time of year.

Thank you to everyone for making this a successful semester. I hope the Christmas holidays allow everyone to reconnect with family and friends and with the truly important things in life. **Merry Christmas!**

PICS Collects Christmas Donations

Cumberland PICS has teamed up with CASA, court appointed special advocates, to help with their children's Christmas needs. PICS has the privilege of taking donations to help a child have Christmas who without our assistance otherwise may not. PICS is asking all students to make a donation if they can. \$1 may not seem like much but added up can really help these children have a great Christmas. Donations are accepted in any amount so if you feel led to give more then by all means please do. PICS will be collecting donations through this week in the breezeway. For more information, contact [Depri Hale](#).

National Appellate Advocacy Team Advances to Semi-Finals



Third-year students Kate Furek and Andrew Clay and second-year student Sidney Jackson represented Cumberland School of Law very well at the recent New York Bar Region VII competition hosted by Loyola Law School. They won each of their preliminary rounds and advanced to the semi-finals where they just missed making the finals after a close loss to the tournament's top seed Mississippi College. The team was coached by alumnus Clay Williams.

Graduation Announcements

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](#).



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

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



Samford's Events

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

Click on event titles for more information!

End of Semester Information**Evaluations:**

(1) The law school is conducting course/faculty evaluations through December 2. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and to identify problems that require action. All students are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

(2) You should have received an email with a link to the evaluation of each course in which you are enrolled. Please take a few minutes to complete these confidential evaluations for each of your courses/professors.

Alternates:

(1) You must gain permission from your professor no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day of classes (December 1) if you plan to take an exam at an alternate time.

(2) Your professor is responsible for the submission of an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer; students may not turn in their names or an alternate exam envelope to Mrs. Zimmer. This process is handled administratively by the professor or

his/her assistant.

(3) A list of all alternate exam envelope submissions will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Associate Dean's office on December 2, 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](#). ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS HAVE EXPIRED, including the midterm version. [Complete download instructions](#) are on our website.

(2) THE NEW COMPUTER EXAM SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 5. In previous semesters, the download option has remained available throughout the examination period. This year, the **DOWNLOADS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE AFTER DECEMBER 5.**

(3) Complete several practice tests (choosing the "F16 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.

Exam Schedule and Procedures:

(1) Be sure to [check the exam schedule](#) and arrive at your exam on the correct date and at the appropriate time.

(2) All students should arrive in their scheduled room fifteen minutes prior to the start of any exam. This allows time to sign in, pick up materials, launch computer software, complete information on the return envelope, etc.

(3) [Read through ALL of the procedures](#), even if you have taken exams at the law school previously, to make sure you are in compliance.

Please let [Ms. Nelson](#) know if you have questions about evaluations or the examination process.

**This Week's Events****Academic Support Program: Upcoming Events**

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

- Thur., December 1, 11 a.m., Room 114: Destress and Declutter your mind

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

← This Week

This Week's Events

FOCUS ON: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Issues of Prisoner Reentry

WHEN
November 30, 2016
3pm - 4pm

WHERE
Reid Chapel

SPONSORED BY



Panelists:

JEREMY SHERER
Special Asst. U.S. Attorney
Reentry Coordinator
Northern District, AL

CASSANDRA ADAMS
Assistant Dean
Public Interest Program
Cumberland School of Law

DEBORAH DANIELS
Southeast Area Director
Prison Fellowship

Plan Ahead

Career Development Events

Breakfast Before Exams

December 5

8-9 a.m.

Career Development Office

Career Development will provide coffee and breakfast for students. Good luck with exams!

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TRIAL ADVOCACY PRESENTS

Technological Tools for an Efficient Esquire

Keynote Speaker:
Andrew Arruda, CEO of ROSS Intelligence
January 27, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
Alma Asay: Founder & CEO, Allegory Law, Inc.
Clare Foley: Vice President Litigation Solutions, Opus 2 International
Mary Juetten: Founder & CEO Traklight
Roe Frazer: Founder Cicayda, Frazer Law

*Legal technology vendor fair taking place throughout the morning

FREE event offering 3 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics credit
John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom, Samford University's Cumberland School of Law
Please RSVP to jtrialad@samford.edu

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Faculty Notes

AJTA's Annual Faculty & Staff Holiday Dessert Spread

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy is pleased to host the Thirty-Second Annual Holiday Dessert Spread between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Wed. November 30 in the Journal office suite. The editorial board and members of the Journal invite Cumberland faculty, administration, and staff to visit the Journal offices and enjoy special treats to begin the holiday season.



Professor Mike Floyd, Director of Cumberland's International Programs traveled to Brazil from November 19-26, 2016. During his time in Brazil he delivered a lecture on precedent in the American Judicial System at a seminar held at APAMAGIS in São Paulo, in partnership with APM (SP Magistrates Academy), IPAM (SP Magistrates Institute), AAMCLP (Association of the MCL Program Alumni) and the US Consulate. Meetings in São Paulo also included the President of the State Court of São Paulo, Desembargador (Justice) Paulo Dimas de Bellis Mascaretti and Desembargadores Renato de Salles Abreu Filho, Heraldo de Oliveira, and Maria Cristina Zucchi. In Brasilia, meetings included the Desembargador Federal Cândido Ribeiro of the Regional Brazilian Federal Court, and Dean Getúlio Américo Moreira Lopes of UniCEUB.

Faculty Notes



On November 10, **Professor Wendy Greene** with the NAACP-Legal Defense Fund, Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig (Berkeley), and the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center filed an amicus brief with the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the EEOC's petition for rehearing en banc in EEOC v. Catastrophe Management Solutions. On November 18, at Yale Law School, Professor Greene served as an invited moderator of a panel discussion during the Empirical Critical Race Theory (e-CRT) conference, "Years After Washington v. Davis: Legal and Empirical Reflections." On Monday, November 28, she also delivered a keynote lecture for the Black Graduate Students Association at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. During the spring of 2017, Professor Greene will serve as a visiting professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she will teach Constitutional Law I and Constitutional Law II.



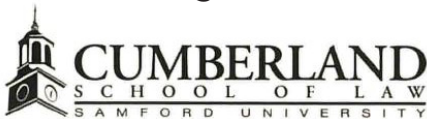
Professor Tracey Robert's article, the Taxing Power as a Reverse Takings Clause, has been accepted by the Society for Environmental Law and Economics for presentation at their ninth annual meeting to be held May 26 and 27, 2017 at Worcester College, University of Oxford. The meeting will be sponsored by the University of Oxford and Notre Dame Law School.

Alumni News

Law School Announcements

Upcoming Alumni Events:

Interested in attending? RSVP to [Anne Marovich](#)



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 or 205-726-2443.

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

PAD Selects Representatives

The following four students were elected by PAD members as Phi Alpha Delta Class of 2019 Class Representatives. Congratulations to the following 1L Representatives: Callie Brister, Haleigh Chastain, JR Thomas, Paige West

Client Counseling Team Chosen After Competition

On November 17, competitors took part in Cumberland's Intramural Client Counseling Competition. This competition is designed to help budding lawyers practice and demonstrate their skills at client intake and initial guidance. The Judges were very complimentary and the scores were very tight. Nicole Henderson won Best Counselor and Brittany Bryant was runner-up. Congratulations to the following individuals for making Cumberland's 2016-2017 Client Counseling Team: Brittany Bryant, Abby Davis, Depri Hale and Nicole Henderson.

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](#).

Last Call: 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;

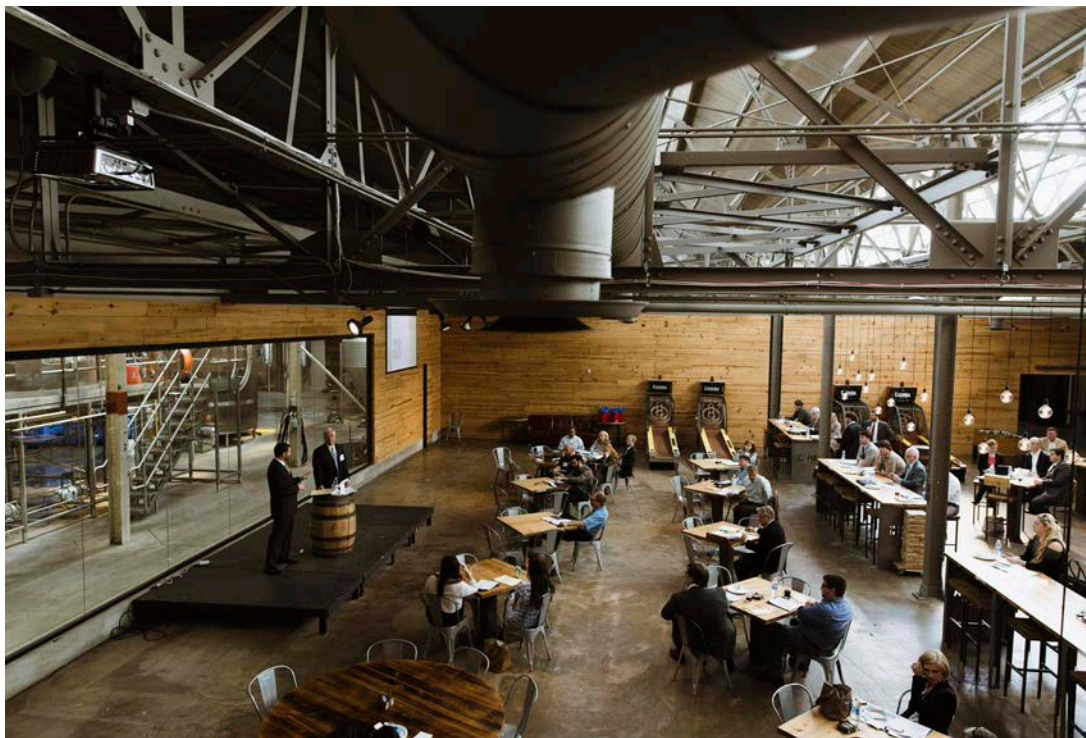
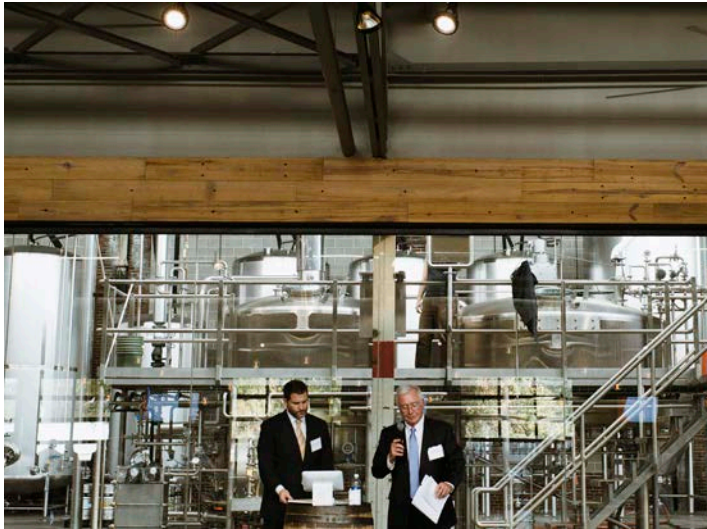
(iv) innovation in teaching techniques; and (v) commitment to students.

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

Law Review Hosts Symposium at Cahaba Brewing



The Law Review hosted their Symposium, Alcohol in Alabama, on November 17.

Photos courtesy of Rebecca Guidry

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