



Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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KEEP
CALM
AND
PASS THE
BAR EXAM

The Academic Support Program invites
the July 2017 Bar Examinees to a

Bar Prep Boot Camp

on **Friday, May 19, at 9:00 AM in Room 118,**
or on **Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 2:00 PM in Room 118.**

Kick off your Bar exam preparations with tips about
organization, time management, stress management and
success, through your Bar Prep course and the Bar Exam.

Law School Announcements

The Spirit of Service Award is Cumberland's way of recognizing students, faculty, and staff who have completed 30+ hours of public interest/pro bono legal work and/or community service throughout the academic year. You are encouraged to apply and receive recognition for the valuable contributions you have made. Recipients are presented with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their valuable contributions. Examples of qualifying work would include but is not limited to: Street Law; Celebrate Pro Bono Month; Project Homeless Connect; the 1L Service Project; work done through law school organizations; SBA; the Christian Legal Society; or work done through your favorite charitable organization or church. ***Note: You do not have to complete all 30 hours in one organization; hours can be distributed throughout different organizations.*** The application process for the award operates on the honor system - the hours you submit are the hours that will be recognized.

Applications are now being accepted and are due on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017.**

If there are any other questions or concerns regarding the Spirit of Service Award, please contact Ashaunte T. Gaillard at agaillard@samford.edu.

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](#)"

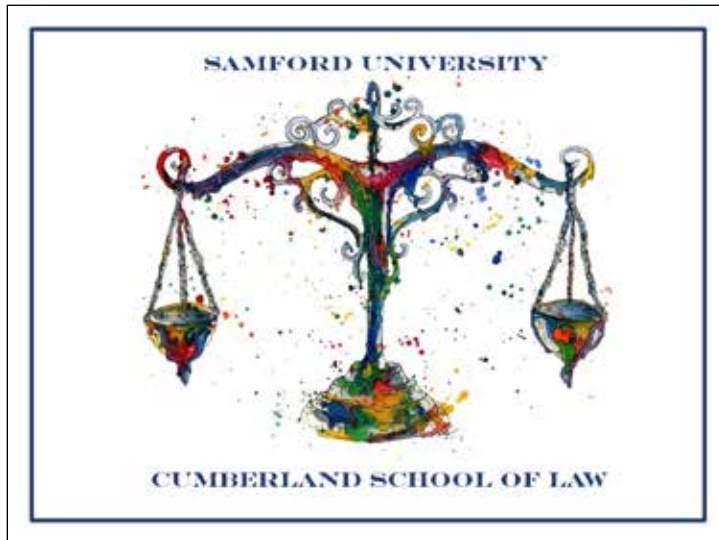


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The Cumberland Society of the Arts is selling 2017 graduation invitations, thank you cards & blank note cards. Please contact the CSOA at csoa@samford.edu for more design options and pricing!

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Restricted access in the law library begins Tuesday, April 18 through Wednesday, May 10. **During the period of restricted access, all persons entering, including Cumberland School of Law students, must present photo identification. Staff insisting on such identification are doing so under the instruction of the law library director. Any concerns should be directed to Greg Laughlin at glaughli@samford.edu or 726-2430.** During this period, the law library will be closed to all but the following patrons in order to accommodate the study needs of law students during their exam period: Cumberland School of Law students, faculty, and staff, Samford University paralegal students, Samford University faculty and staff, and lawyers and other professionals who are routinely given access to the law library for their work. Others may be permitted access upon prior approval of the law library director if they need immediate access to an information resource that is only available within the law library.

Extended Hours

Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. – 12 mid

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 12 mid

Sunday
1:00 p.m. – 12 mid

Intersession

Wed., May 10
7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 11
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 12
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sat., May 13 & Sun., May 14
Closed

Mon., May 15 to Fri., May 19
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 20 & Sun., May 21
Closed

Mon., May 22 to Fri., May 26
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 27 to Mon., May 29
Closed

Tues., May 30
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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May Graduation Announcements

Graduation Ceremony:

Everyone is invited to attend spring graduation ceremonies to be held

May 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM

in the Wright Center on Samford's campus. Tickets are not needed.

Details for graduates may be found at

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/graduation>.

Graduation Reception:

Please join Cumberland School of Law faculty, staff, family and friends for a reception honoring the May 2017 graduates on

**Friday, May 12, 2017
from 4:15 – 5:30 PM**

on Brewer Plaza,
Cumberland School of Law.

The American Inns of Court organization began in the 1980s and is now considered the nation's premier organization for promoting ethics and professionalism. The American Inns of Court are modeled on the English Inns of Court where senior lawyers and judges act as teachers and mentors to newer lawyers and law students. We, at Cumberland, are fortunate to have an Inn of Court chartered here at the law school. It is named after Judge James Edwin Horton, a Cumberland graduate who is a wonderful example of judicial courage. Rising third year Cumberland students have the opportunity to be members of our Inn of Court. The Inn generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The meetings last until 7:00 PM and feature outstanding programs on ethics, professionalism and what it means to be a lawyer. In the first semester we meet in September, October and November and in the spring semester, we meet in January, February, March and have a social gathering in April. The meetings have food and appropriate beverages. Lawyers and judges pay dues to be members but there is no charge to law students. If you join, you will:

- Become a member of a pupillage group of lawyers, judges and law students who meet informally and who also plan programs
- Have the opportunity to be mentored by a senior lawyer or judge
- Receive great programming on ethics and professionalism issues
- Have the opportunity to network with some of the finest lawyers and judges in our area.

The application process is simple. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Inn of Court, simply send an email to Judge John Carroll at jlcarrol@samford.edu with a short statement about why you are interested in joining. Also attach a resume. The application deadline is **Wednesday, April 26th**.

Faculty Notes

• Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professor of Law **Alyssa DiRusso** has been awarded status as a Certified Financial Planner® by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. CFP® status requires compliance with standards of education, ethics, experience, and an examination.

• On Friday, April 21st, **Professor Wendy Greene** (visiting at the University of Kentucky College of Law) will be participating in the convening of contributors for **CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN U.S. COURT OPINIONS ON RACE AND LAW**, a forthcoming book under contract with Cambridge University Press. The convening will be held at Brooklyn and Fordham University Law Schools. At Fordham, she will deliver her invited contribution: a revised opinion of *Saint Francis College v. Al Khazraji*, 481 U.S. 604 (1987).

On May 10th, Professor Greene will be serving as an invited panelist for a program devoted to “The Legacy of

Justice Thurgood Marshall” during the Federal Judicial Center's Workshop for Judges of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cleveland, Ohio. During the fall of 2017, Professor Greene will also serve as a visiting professor at the University of Iowa College of Law. At Iowa, she will teach Employment Law and Critical Race Theory.

Left: Alyssa DiRusso **Right:** Professor Wendy Greene

