



Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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This Week

Career Development

Public Interest Fair

Thursday, MARCH 8, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law
Great Room (ROBH 207)

Bring a resume & dress professionally!

MEET Over 20 ORGANIZATIONS!

PosterMyWall.com

Air and Space Law Society

Law faculty, staff, and students are invited to hear guest speaker Clint Speegle.

Thursday, March 8
11 a.m.
Room 114

Mr. Speegle is a former United States Army helicopter pilot and 2015 graduate of Cumberland who now works at Lightfoot, Franklin, and White, LLC in the field of aviation and aerospace management.

Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Olivia Johnson at ojohnson@samford.edu

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This Week *(continued)*

Restore the Right to Vote



AMERICAN
CONSTITUTION
SOCIETY

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 9A.M.-10A.M.
ROOM 114**

Alabama passed a new law in 2017 that clarified which convictions disqualify a person from voting, effectively giving the right to vote back to a large number of people who had lost or thought they had lost that right. Come learn how to help people with convictions navigate the process to restore their right. Campaign Legal Center and Jeremy Sherer of the US Attorney's Office, Northern District of Alabama, will share how the law works and what it means.

FREE BREAKFAST - RSVP HERE

For more info email: mherd1@samford.edu

**** Please note the change in time ****

Plan Ahead

Inaugural Advocacy Benefit

On **April 6**, Cumberland will hold the Inaugural Advocacy Benefit to celebrate the legacy of our nationally acclaimed advocacy program and to propel the program to even greater accomplishment. This will be an important event for the advocacy program and the Law School, and every Cumberland alumnus is encouraged to attend.

The Inaugural Advocacy Benefit will be an extraordinary evening. We are thrilled and honored that Cumberland alumnus, **Senator Doug Jones '79**, will be the keynote speaker. Award-winning chef Rob McDaniel of SpringHouse Restaurant will prepare and serve dinner and Birmingham news anchor, Pam Huff, will host the program. Current and former members of Cumberland's advocacy teams will make brief but important remarks.

Information about the event, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities are available at samford.edu/go/advocacy-benefit



Senator Doug Jones '79

Announcements

► The moot court team of **Taylor Ackers Pruett (3L)**, **Julianne Zilahy (2L)**, and **Mark Cowell (2L)** competed in the 30th Annual Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition at Albany Law School in New York. Their brief scored in the top 5, and they were the number 2 seed entering the octo-round level of the competition where they lost by a very narrow margin. The team was coached by **Anne Lamkin Durward** (Class of 1995) and **Ashley Crank** (Class of 2016).

Pictured from left to right: Julianne Zilahy, Taylor Ackers Pruett, Coach Anne Durward, and Mark Cowell



► Two Cumberland School of Law mock trial teams competed in the American Association of Justice regional tournament held in Birmingham this past week. The Cumberland teams placed third and fifth out of 18 teams. Team members were **Ashley Feltman (3L)**, **Denzel Okenido (2L)**, **Kingsley Okpara (2L)**, **Keith Stephens (3L)**, **Krista Tribble (3L)**, **Carmen Weite (3L)**, **Paige West (2L)**, and **Amanda Wineman (3L)**. They were coached by **Mike Rasmussen '76**, **Michael Eldridge '12**, and **Spenser Templeton '15**. The level of competition was very high this year, and our advocates received high praise from many of the judges, some of whom said that our students were better than many practicing lawyers.

Pictured from left to right: Paige West, Denzel Okenido, Ashley Feltman, Carmen Weite, Kingsley Okpara, Krista Tribble, Amanda Wineman, and Keith Stephens



Announcements *(continued)*

New *Journal* Editorial Board Selected

The Volume 41 Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* is proud to announce its selection of the editors who will lead the *Journal* in 2018-2019. We are confident that these rising 3L members will do a terrific job!

Please join us in extending congratulations.

AJTA Volume 42 Editorial Board

- Editor in Chief **Caleb A. Faulkner**
- Executive Editor..... **Tiffany A. Jones**
- Research & Writing Editors..... **Lisa K. Cagle**
D. Hunter Hamm
Julianne N. Zilahy
- Articles & Symposium Editor **Ian P. Shippey**
- Articles & Online Editor..... **Charles C. Smith**
- Student Materials Editor **Haleigh E. Chastain**



➤ **Cheri L. Beasley** (center), Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, visited Samford on February 15 and is photographed here with Assistant Dean Cassandra Adams and members of the Cumberland Black Law Students Association (BLSA). Justice Beasley was the keynote speaker at BLSA's 24th annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium, one of the events commemorating Samford's 50th anniversary of integration.



➤ Many alumni presented, and two entertained during the Birmingham Bar Association's 22nd Annual Bench and Bar Retreat.

Pictured (left) from left to right: Squire Gwin '68 and Judge Alan King '82
Pictured (below) from left to right: Abba Bains '13 and O.Z. Hall '11



Announcements *(continued)*



**KEEP
CALM**
and
**STUDY
ABROAD**

Deadline for applicants for Cumberland's Study-Aboard Summer Program in Cambridge, England has been extended.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15.

We currently expect to have room for approximately five more students.

Applicants in good academic standing are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Program dates are July 1-August 2.

Detailed information and application forms are available at
<https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/study-abroad>

Want to practice law outside of Alabama?

HOSTED BY NORTH CAROLINA
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

**APRIL 12, 2018
MLR HALL, ROOM 123
AT 11:00 AM**

with Cumberland Alumni and
Charlotte, NC Attorney Nicole
Sodoma

For More Information, email:
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► The *Cumberland Law Review* published a new article in their online edition by Anna Saunders on February 27. In the article "Supreme Court Denies Trump Administration's 'Cert before Judgment' DACA Appeal," she explains the United States Supreme Court's denial of certiorari in the DACA injunction case.

[Click here to read »](#)

Sublease List

You may send your sublease listing to Career Development. Recruiters as well as other campus departments will call us for your subleasing information.

If interested, please fill out the following form:

https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6MgwkjwsmWUrK05

Announcements *(continued)*



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Cumberland School of Law
faculty, staff, graduates, families and friends

*invite you to join us for a
reception honoring the*

May 2018 Graduates

Friday, May 11, 2018
4:30—5:45 p.m.

Samford University
Cumberland School of Law, Brewer Plaza
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

*Brewer Plaza is located directly in front of the law school in
Memory Leake Robinson Hall.*

Faculty Notes

- On March 1, **Judge John L. Carroll** was elected as chair of the Alabama Fair Ballot Commission. The Fair Ballot Commission is a state commission responsible for drafting plain language ballot statements to explain to voters the meaning and consequences of constitutional amendments which appear on ballots during state elections.

- On March 9 and 10, **Judge Carroll** will be in Chicago at a meeting of a drafting committee of the Uniform Law Commission. The committee is drafting legislation to harmonize the law of Canada and the United States as it relates to the enforcement of foreign money judgments.

- **Lynn D. Hogewood**, LLR Instructor and Director of the Academic Support Program, will be conducting a Back to Basics writing workshop on March 15 for the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern Division of Alabama in Mobile.

