



Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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This Week

Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum

The Cumberland Republicans and the Cumberland Democrats will co-host the spring Cordell Hull Speaker's forum featuring the candidates for Alabama Attorney General. The forum will be held on **Wednesday, February 28 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.** in the Moot Courtroom.

- Confirmed candidates include Chess Bedsole, Chris Christie and Alice Martin.
- During the forum, the candidates will be charged with the question, "What are the biggest issues you think Alabama faces and how will you address them?" Each candidate will have eight minutes to respond separately.
- Samford University students, faculty, staff, and the public are invited to attend.

Joint Degree Meeting

Most joint degrees allow you to complete two degrees in the length of time it takes to complete one due to the sharing of credit hours between programs. If you are interested, please join us **Thursday, March 1 at 9 a.m. in room 114.** Representatives from our joint degree programs will be available to discuss their programs. Please see Ms. Nelson in Student Services if you have questions regarding the meeting.

Alternative Careers Table Talk

Thursday, March 1 | 11 - 11:50 a.m. | Great Room

RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alternative-careers-table-talk-tickets-43133561644>

Join Career Development for small group discussions with eight professionals who use their JD in a non-traditional legal job.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **Jennifer Buettner**, Executive Director of the Birmingham Bar Association
- **Kingsley Buitron**, Account Executive at Lexis Nexis
- **Lisa Hale**, Senior Risk Management Coordinator at Encompass Health
- **Catherine Hogewood**, General Counsel, Books-A-Million
- **Katie Kimbrell**, Director of Dispute Resolution and Operational Control at ProEquities
- **Charlie Pond**, Trust Advisor in the Wealth Management Group at Regions Bank
- **Jack West**, Owner of Book-It Legal
- **Menyan Woodall**, Risk Manager at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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This Week *(continued)*



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

Applications for Cumberland's Study-Abroad Summer Program in Cambridge, England are being accepted.

Applicants in good academic standing are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 1, 2018

Program dates are July 1-August 2, 2018.

Detailed information and application forms are available at samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/study-abroad

Plan Ahead

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 on

Thursday, March 8 at 11 a.m. in 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.

Plan Ahead *(continued)*

Restore the Right to Vote



**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 11AM-12PM
ROOM 123**

- 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 Lunch - Please RSVP

For more info email: mherd1@samford.edu

Plan Ahead *(continued)*

Inaugural Advocacy Benefit

On **April 6, 2018**, 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 www.samford.edu/go/advocacy-benefit



Senator Doug Jones '79

Announcements

Time for NOMINATIONS

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AWARD DESCRIPTIONS... *Who would you like to see recognized?*

► **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS** recognition is bestowed upon a graduate who has given exceptional service to the community, profession and the Law School throughout their career. Nominees are recommended through local alumni organizations, the National Alumni Association and the staff of the alumni office. The honoree has frequently achieved recognition and accolades from other groups and may have been recognized for service through election or appointment. Each recipient brings honor to the Cumberland School of Law through their achievements.

► **YOUNG ALUMNUS** recognition is bestowed on one who has received his/her J.D. within the past 15 years. This graduate is one who has given exceptional service to the community, profession and the Law School.

► **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** recognizes an alumnus who has demonstrated exceptional loyalty and commitment to Cumberland School of Law through volunteer service to Cumberland. Staff of the Law School are encouraged to recommend alumni who have given considerable time and talent to the improvement of the Law School and its service to students and alumni.

► **FRIEND OF THE LAW SCHOOL** recognizes a person, who though *not a graduate* of Cumberland School of Law, has contributed time and resources to enhance the quality of the Law School and the educational experience of the students.

***Please send nominations and supporting reasons for such to Anne Marovich, Director of Alumni Relations: amarovic@samford.edu**

Announcements *(continued)*

Cumberland's National Moot Court team competed the weekend of February 17 in the CKP Cup.

The CKP Cup serves as the regional warm-up for Duberstein National Bankruptcy Competition. Law schools from the Eleventh Circuit (Florida, Georgia, and Alabama) compete in the CKP before heading to New York City March 3-5 for the 26th Annual Duberstein Moot Court competition. The team of **Xan Ingram** and **Brenton Thompson** reached the finals of the competition. **Bill Bensinger ('03)** and **Irving Jones** coached the team.

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

Congratulations to Cumberland's National Moot Court Team

for an outstanding performance in the Manhattan Regional round of the ABA's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team competed in New York City from Thursday, February 22 through Saturday, February 24.

The team performed well, winning their first two oral argument rounds, and missed advancing to the semi-finals by a mere .2 points.

The team is also proud to announce that **2L Emily Hopper** was awarded First Place Oralists at the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS RASCALS!



Pictured from left to right: Emily Hopper, Evani Patel, Gage Smythe, and Coach Charlie Shah '96

Faculty Notes



- On February 24, **Judge John L. Carroll** participated as a judge and instructor in the annual Balch & Bingham Associate Trial Training Program. The training provided associates at Balch & Bingham an opportunity to hone their skills as advocates by participating in a mock trial.

Judge Carroll, along with Senior United States District Judge Ginny Granade and Jack Sharman of the Lightfoot, Franklin & White Law firm will be panelists for a program on Saturday at the Annual Bench and Bar retreat of the Birmingham Bar Association. The program is entitled "The Rule of Law – Searcy et al v. Strange, The Alabama House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Investigation of Former Governor Robert Bentley and the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission Proceeding Against Former Chief Justice Roy Moore"



- Professor William G. Ross** was quoted in the *New York Times* on February 19 in an article about legal bills in white collar defense cases. Describing Ross as an expert on legal fees, the *Times* quoted him as saying that attorneys in white collar defense firms in New York sometimes charge \$1000 per hour and that the defense of white collar cases can easily cost more than one million dollars. It also quoted Ross as saying that law firms rarely provide pro bono services for white collar defendants in protracted cases that would require the use of substantial law firm resources.

Top: Judge John L. Carroll; Bottom: Professor William G. Ross