

Judicial Clerkship Forum

The Career Services Office will host a Judicial Clerkship Forum as the November program in our "Lunch with a Lawyer" series. U.S. District Court Judge Karon O. Bowdre ('81) and her law clerk, Summer Davis ('09), will speak at the law school on Thursday, November 5 at 12:00 PM in room 120. If you are interested in learning more about being a judicial clerk - the responsibilities, the general application process, what judges are looking for - then you don't want to miss this program! Please stop by the Career Services Office to register.



JUDGE BOWDRE '81

Judge Bowdre was a partner at the Birmingham firm of Rives & Peterson before joining the Cumberland law faculty in 1989. She taught insurance law, legal ethics, and professional responsibility, and directed Cumberland's legal research and writing program before being appointed U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama in 2001. Summer Davis graduated in May and recently started working as a law clerk for Judge Bowdre.

The Career Services Office will also host a follow-up to the Judicial Clerkship Forum on Wednesday, November 11 at 8:00 AM in the Great Room. In that program, Anne Marovich will provide more detailed information on OSCAR (Online System for Clerkship Application and Review) and the federal clerkship hiring procedure.

Even if you are only thinking about applying for a clerkship, you should plan to attend these programs. They are great opportunities to learn about the process and get answers to your questions.

For those who are not familiar with a judicial clerkship - it is not a summer clerkship position, but a 1-2 year post-graduate job working for a judge.

A judicial clerkship is a very prestigious and highly sought after position, and is an excellent way to begin a legal career.



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University of East Anglia Scholarships

Third year law students have the opportunity to apply for tuition scholarships to obtain a graduate law degree at The Norwich Law School, University of East Anglia, Norwich, England. The program provides excellent academic training as well as an opportunity to interact with students from across the globe. More information can be found on UEA's website at:

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/law/LLMProgs>

Interested students should submit a résumé and a short essay to Erin Carroll in Room 220-A no later than **November 16, 2009**. The essay should address how obtaining a scholarship and pursuing a graduate law degree at UEA will advance the student's future plans.

IIA Student Night • Tuesday, November 3

The **Birmingham Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors** will be hosting their annual **Student Night** on **November 3, 2009** at Cumberland. Student Night is a wonderful opportunity for college and graduate students that might be interested in a career in Internal Audit or Compliance to meet local professionals working in the **Internal Audit/Compliance** profession.

The night will consist of networking/socializing with various businesses around Birmingham as well as representatives from the IIA. The night will end with a message from Tim Meehan speaking on aspects of recruiting, dress, and résumé writing. Student Night will be held in the **Great Room** of Robinson Hall, and will start at 5:30 PM and end around 7:15 PM. Details below:

Networking /hors d'oeuvres will be held from 5:30 to 6:15 PM. Businesses such as **Regions Financial Corporation, Vulcan Materials, EBSCO, Protective Life, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Nexity Bank** and others will be represented.

Various speakers will speak to the participants from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. Feel free to join in for the whole meeting or as long as your schedule allows. Since this night is for students, there is **NO CHARGE** for students to attend.

Please remember to **bring your résumés** to hand out during the meeting.

SIGN UP:

Signing up to attend is easy just use the following link to the Birmingham IIA Website to sign-up:

<http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.events/cid/56>

Please contact Anne Marovich in Career Services with questions.

amarovic@samford.edu or 205.726.2797

David R. Hutchens • Senior Advancement Officer

David R. Hutchens joined the staff of the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University on November 1, 2009 as Senior Advancement Officer. Growing up in Montgomery, he graduated from Samford in 1994. His first professional position was in the technology area at South Trust bank. In 1997 David began his career in fundraising at the American Cancer Society in Birmingham. He served 5 years as the Executive Director of the Jefferson-Shelby Chapter before moving to his final position as the Major Gifts Officer for the Mid-South Region of the American Cancer Society.

David has worked with annual campaigns such as Hope Lodge which provides temporary housing for families of patients receiving prolonged cancer treatment; solicitation of gifts to underwrite cancer research; and, special events supporting education about cancer. In his twelve year career with ACS, he has raised or supervised the raising of over \$12 million.

As Senior Advancement Officer for the law school, David will help organize and strategize fundraising efforts associated with the Campaign for Cumberland as part of the larger Campaign for Samford. The Campaign for Cumberland includes \$6.7 million in scholarship endowment, \$5 million in endowed faculty support, \$2.5 million in program support and \$750,000 in capital needs.

David is married to Tricia Hutchens and they have three sons.



DAVID HUTCHENS



Cumberland Ambassadors Needed for Welcoming Prospective Students

Applications for the Class of 2013 have been rolling in since September 1st. The flow of prospective law students will begin to increase in the weeks ahead on campus. These prospective students will want to see and hear about the *Cumberland Law School Experience*, just as most of you did. Cumberland's student body continues to play an important role helping to welcome prospective students, showcase Cumberland experiences and share the sense of community to our visitors.

Any law student interested in representing Cumberland by leading short 10-15 minute tours around Robinson Hall and the law library, please contact Mash Powell in the Admissions Office either via e-mail mpowell@samford.edu or just stop by to express your interest. Mash will simply add your name to a list of available students and contact you from time to time when your schedule permits.

National Pro Bono Week

I want to thank everyone for contributing to make the first ever National Pro Bono Week a resounding success. The four clinics Cumberland co-hosted this week were an amazing success. On Tuesday, volunteers served more than 75 people through the Senior Citizen Clinics. That does not include the list of more than 20 people who have requested help when we host another clinic. On Thursday, volunteers served more than 100 women at the Lovelady Center! Simply outstanding!

Congratulations on a job very well done.

Cassandra W. Adams, Director, Cumberland Community Mediation Center & Public Interest Project



VOLUNTEERS AT THE LOVELADY CENTER CLINIC



Cumberland Community Service Organization

As the end of the fall semester is quickly approaching, it's the time of year when Cumberland Community Service Organization hosts Cumberland Christmas and a Dessert Throwdown to benefit the CASA kids charity. As in previous years, Cumberland Christmas consists of fulfilling several under-privileged children's Christmas wishes through an Angel Tree located in the Breezeway. We will be kicking off on **Monday, November 2** this year. Students and faculty, individually or in groups, are encouraged to choose a child or a particular gift for a child and donate gifts or needed items.

The CSO will also be hosting a "Dessert Throwdown" with the proceeds going to benefit CASA. The Throwdown will take place **November 5** from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to bake their favorite dessert and bring it to the competition. Three judges will determine the first, second and third place winners - who will receive prizes (\$100 cash, \$50 gift certificate to Cocina, and \$25 gift certificate to another local restaurant). Recipes for the desserts will also be available for a nominal donation.



Called to the Bar

Dean Strickland will address academic planning in the *Called to the Bar* program for first year students scheduled Wednesday, **November 11** at **noon** in the Moot Court Room. His discussion will include career tracks and course selection as well as topics tested on the Bar. Transfer students are encouraged to attend, and all students are welcome.

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Inaugural Fall Classic Golf Tournament 2009

Cumberland's Inaugural Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held at Highland Park Golf Course, 3300 Highland Avenue, South, Friday, **November 13**, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The entry fee is \$45 per person (plus \$8 for lunch) and the fee covers greens fee, cart fee, practice balls, baggage service and prizes.

Format: 4-man best ball scramble (no handicap)

The sign-up sheet will be located on:

The SBA bulletin board
(in the classroom hallway)



Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award

Two Cumberland Alumni have provided a generous gift to endow the *Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award*. Two awards are given annually - one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses. The winners are chosen by a joint faculty-student committee. The winners in 2009 were Professor Brad Bishop (First Year Courses) and Professor Alyssa DiRusso (Upper Level Courses). The winners in 2008 were Professor Beth Burch (First Year Courses) and Professor Brannon Denning (Upper Level Courses). The winners in 2007 were Professor Ed Martin (First Year Courses) and Professor Marcia McCormick (Upper Level Courses).

Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending a letter or e-mail to the Dean which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award which are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated

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enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

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. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester. Please submit nominations via e-mail to carroll@samford.edu.



Faculty News

Judge John Carroll was a featured presenter at a panel on Ethics in the Courtroom held as part of the program at the National Fall Conference of the Young Lawyer's Division of the American Bar Association. The meeting was held here in Birmingham on October 24.

2009 Race for the Cure

Congratulations to the following students who beat the Dean in the *Race for the Cure*. As a result of their great showing, the Dean owes them a free dinner at his favorite Thai Restaurant.

Jesse Anderson

Rachel Eidson

Matt Evans

Aaron Gallardo

Kiel Gross

John Hensley

Patrick Pope

Brittany Stancombe

Lydie White

Lunch with a Healthcare Lawyer • November 19

Mark your calendars for our final “Lunch with a Lawyer” program of the semester on **Thursday, November 19** at NOON in the Great Room. Mr. **William (Bill) Horton**, a healthcare attorney at the law firm of Haskell Slaughter, will be at Cumberland to talk about his practice, experience, and offer words of advice to those interested in this type of practice. You can find out more about Mr. Horton and his background and accomplishments at <http://www.hsy.com/attorneys.asp?action=indiv&id=131>. If you wish to attend this program, please sign up in the Career Services Office by **Tuesday, November 17** so that the appropriate number of lunches can be ordered.

“Establishing a Law Practice” Series

The last in the series of three Continuing Legal Education programs on “Establishing a Law Practice” will be offered on **November 2, 2009**. Cumberland designed the series specifically for the Class of 2009 to provide recent graduates with guidance on beginning their law practice. These programs are available to anyone who wants to attend, but the **registration fee will be waived for members of Cumberland’s Class of 2009**. The programs are co-sponsored by Cumberland’s Career Services Office and Continuing Legal Education Office.

Although members of the Class of 2009 are not required to earn CLE credit this year, these hours may be carried over to next year. This is an easy way to get ahead on required CLE credits at no cost. These CLE programs will be invaluable to those considering solo practice or working for a small firm, but will also be beneficial to all new lawyers who are just beginning to practice. The speakers are lawyers who have been successful in building their own practices.

The programs will offer many benefits, including:

- An introduction to practice in areas in which new attorneys often work
- Tips from judges and practitioners on setting up a law practice, getting and keeping clients, setting and discussing fees, limiting expenses, and networking with potential clients
- Resources available to you through the Alabama State Bar, the Small Business Administration and other organizations
- Networking with practicing attorneys and former classmates

Registration:

- You may register at NO COST.
- If you want to attend, please register by calling the Cumberland CLE Office at 205-726-2391 or 800-888-7454.
- Please **do not** try to register via the CLE website. Online registration requires a registration fee, and this program is being offered to you at no charge.



New Developments and Practical Strategies in Class Action Litigation • CLE Program

NOVEMBER 6, 2009

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW, SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

6 CLE CREDIT HOURS, 1 ETHICS CREDIT

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009%20Class%20Action.pdf>



Continuing Legal Education

Cumberland's CLE department wants to remind students and faculty that you may attend any of Cumberland's CLE programs for free or a modest \$20-30 fee for handout materials and lunch. (The cost varies according to the program).

The fall schedule can be found on the Cumberland website under the CLE tab (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>).

Please notify the CLE office in advance if you wish to attend a program.

Email lawcle@samford.edu, call 205.726.2391, or stop by the CLE office to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS • CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Please follow the link for a list of upcoming events:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/events-list>

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