

Career Services Presents Lunch with a Healthcare Lawyer

Mark your calendars for the 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.

Cumberland Community Service Organization

As the end of the fall semester is quickly approaching, it is 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. 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 today, **November 16**. Please stop by the Student Lounge on the first floor of Robinson Hall to enjoy desserts baked by students, faculty, and staff for 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.



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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 today, **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.

President's Roundtable

The President's Roundtable will meet this Wednesday, November 18th at 8:00 AM in the Dean's Conference Room. Please e-mail all agenda items to Whitney Henry (wchenry@samford.edu) no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, November 16th.

Daytona Beach Alumni Event

You are invited to join **Dean John L. Carroll**, '74,
and
Daytona Beach Cumberland Club President
Greg Snell, '84
and fellow Daytona area Cumberland graduates for a
reception at

Sunset Harbor Yacht Club & Conference Center
861 Ballough Road
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Tuesday, November 17
5:30 – 7:00 PM
\$20 per person

Please RSVP to:
lawalum@samford.edu
Call 1-800-888-7248 to submit
VISA, MasterCard, or Discover information
Mail checks to Cumberland School of Law, Alumni Office,
800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229

Sponsored by Snell Legal and Greg and Jori Snell

AJTA's 25th Annual Faculty & Staff Holiday Dessert Spread

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy will host the Twenty-fifth Annual Holiday Dessert Spread for Cumberland faculty, administration, and staff on:

Thursday
November 19, 2009

8:30 to 11:00

Journal Office

Journal members are pleased to offer this event to help welcome in the holiday season.

Career Services Etiquette Reception Program

Law firm receptions and interview dinners can be intimidating! How exactly do you juggle that plate of food and your drink at a reception while shaking hands with Mr. Managing Partner of Firm XYZ? Or how do you know if that spoon above your plate is for your tea or your soup or your dessert? If you've never attended an etiquette class or if you think you need an etiquette refresher course, don't miss the Career Services Etiquette Reception Program.

The program will be held **Monday, November 16 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Great Room**. Interested students should sign up in the CSO. There is a small charge for this program (\$10/person) to help defray the food costs. Heavy appetizers will be served. **Anne Marovich and Anna Kinman** will be leading this practical and entertaining program, so don't miss it! (Please note that you must pay the \$10 fee when you sign up - cash only please!).

Faculty News

PROFESSOR MICHAEL FLOYD

Professor Michael Floyd, Director of International Programs for Cumberland, will travel to São Paulo and Belo Horizonte, Brazil in late November to promote Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law (MCL) degree program. He will give lectures, meet with MCL alumni and prospective students, and meet with Brazilian institutions that currently work with us or may work with us in the future.



Cumberland's MCL program offers non-US judges, justices, law professors, prosecutors, and legal practitioners the opportunity to learn about the US and other legal systems in comparison to the law of their own country. Since its inception in 1994, we have conferred 34 MCL degrees, and we will award the 35th MCL degree this December. The majority of our graduates and students are Brazilian judges, but other countries are also represented. MCL students typically take Cumberland courses in two summers, then write a thesis. MCL students also have the option to attend our summer study-abroad program in Cambridge; last summer eight Brazilian MCL students joined us for the July Cambridge program, which enriches JD students' Cambridge experience by adding perspectives from another continent, culture, and legal system.

Further information about Cumberland's international programs is available at:

<http://www.cumberland.samford.edu/students/foreign-programs>

Professor Floyd welcomes students' interest and questions.

PROFESSOR JACK NELSON

Professor Jack Nelson presented "The Health Care Reform Proposals" along with Dr. Michael Morrissey as part of UAB's Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Seminar Series on October 14, 2009. He will return on November 20, 2009 to present "Comparative Health Systems: The British, Canadian, and Dutch Systems" as part of the Hill Center's Comparative Health Systems Workshop.

HELP Program

The monthly HELP project is getting started. For those who do not know what the program consists of, participating law students go every Monday afternoon for about one hour to assist with legal problems. There are two clinics: First Light Shelter and Firehouse Shelter. It is a great opportunity to learn useful legal skills.

Duties include talking to the clients and trying to figure out their legal issue. It is more of a conversation than a legal consultation. Legal advice is not offered, so volunteers do not have to worry about being expected to know any specific legal information. The clients want to tell volunteers their story. Law students take notes of the conversations and type up a brief summary for the attorneys. This program does not involve a huge commitment of time, and it is a great opportunity to get to know attorneys in the Birmingham area.

If you are interested or have questions about the HELP project, please contact **Alyson Hood** at:

ahood@samford.edu

Faculty Candidate Visits

The Faculty Appointments Committee conducted interviews in Washington, DC at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in early November. Following the conference, the committee invited three candidates to Birmingham for further interviews. Students will have an opportunity to meet with each of the candidates.

John Blevins • Visiting Today, November 16

Professor Blevins currently teaches Legal Research and Writing at the South Texas College of Law in Houston and graduated from Yale College and has a JD/MA (History) from Virginia. He clerked for Danny Boggs on the 6th Circuit and practiced with Covington and Burling in DC for three years. His interests include IP, Telecommunications Law and Policy, Admin Law, Torts, and Contracts, among others.

Logan Sawyer • Visit Scheduled December 3

Professor Sawyer currently holds a fellowship for aspiring law professors at Georgetown University. He has a joint BS/BA in Environmental Science and History from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a joint JD/MA (history) from UVA. He then returned to UVA to complete a PhD in history, which is expected to be awarded this Spring. In the meantime, he clerked for the 3d Circuit and the NC Supreme Court, then worked at DOJ in its Honors Program, concluding with a job in the White House as Associate Counsel to the Homeland Security Council. Professor Sawyer's interests include Legal History, Con Law, BusOrg, PR, and Property.

Amelia Rinehart • Visit Scheduled December 10

Professor Rinehart is currently finishing the second of a two-year Visiting Assistant Professorship at FSU. Amelia received a BS and an MS in biomedical engineering from Tulane and then received a JD from the University of Chicago. She worked in New York for three years at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, then practiced three more years in Baton Rouge with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre. Professor Rinehart's interest is IP, and she has been teaching contracts at FSU. She is publishing and has a number of works in progress.

Gadsden/Anniston Alumni Event

You are invited to join Dean John L. Carroll, '74,
and fellow Gadsden/Anniston area Cumberland graduates
for a dinner at

The Courtyard Cafe
501 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

on

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
6:30 - 8:30 PM
\$35 per person

Please RSVP by November 25 to:
lawalum@samford.edu

Call 1-800-888-7248 to submit
VISA, MasterCard, or Discover information
Mail checks to Cumberland School of Law, Alumni Office,
800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229

Commercial Real Estate Law Seminar

Co-sponsored with the
Real Property, Probate & Trust Law
Section of the Alabama State Bar

November 20, 2009
Carraway-Davie House &
Conference Center
Birmingham, Alabama

6 CLE hours
Including 1 hour of ethics

Online Registration & Payment

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>

Click on Schedule of Events

Exam Information

Fall semester exams are scheduled to begin on **November 30**. While complete exam instructions are posted to the web under the Academics tab, students should particularly note the following:

Exam Software: Students who will use laptops must download the *new Extegrity* software between **November 16 and 29**. All previous versions of the software have expired. By November 29, students must use the computer they will use on exams to create a practice exam and submit it wirelessly. When preparing a practice exam to submit, students should choose "F09 Practice Exam" from the course drop-down list.



Extegrity now has an "Open Mode" feature that permits the test-taker to access the computer's internal hard drive. *"Open Mode" exams are allowed only when specifically instructed by the proctor. Use of "Open Mode" during a "Closed Mode" exam constitutes cheating.*

Alternate Exam Times: Students do *not* have a right to take exams at times other than the regularly scheduled times (unless they have 3 exams on the same day). However, students may take an exam at one of the scheduled alternate exam times if (i) their professor gives permission by November 19; and (ii) the professor timely submits the required alternate exam envelope and materials. Students having permission to use an alternate exam time should consult the list outside the Associate Dean's Office after November 20 to confirm that their professor submitted the materials.

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Exam Day Arrival: Students should report to their exam rooms 15 minutes before the scheduled start time and follow the directions written on the board.

Students with questions regarding exam policies and procedures may contact Dean Strickland or Ms. Nelson.

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). A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible for the award in that category for a period of three years.



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:

Mastery of the subject matter

Ability to convey information effectively to students

Demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching

Commitment to excellence in the classroom

Innovation in teaching techniques

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

JD/MBA and JD/MAcc Program

The Cumberland School of Law and the Brock School of Business offer joint JD/MBA and JD/MAcc degree programs. Participating students may count credits earned in one degree program towards the requirements of the other degree program. Classes are scheduled to allow students to graduate on time with two degrees provided they enroll immediately following the first year of Law School.

Information about the joint programs with the Business School will be presented to all interested students on Wednesday, November 18 at noon in room 115. If unable to make this meeting you can contact either Larry Harper (lcharper@samford.edu) or Lucy Phillips (lephilli@samford.edu) in the Office of Graduate Programs, Brock School of Business for more information.



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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