



Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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This Week



LAUNCHING YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CAREER

**Thursday, February 22
4pm-5pm**

Hosted by the Career Development Office
Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

Join Equal Justice Works staff while they provide expert advice on:

- ▶ Postgraduate Fellowships
- ▶ Summer Internships
- ▶ Educational Awards for Public Service
- ▶ Student Leadership & Advocacy Opportunities
- ▶ Managing Student Debt

**EQUAL
JUSTICE
WORKS**

Town Hall Forum with the Dean

Thursday, Feb. 22

11 a.m.

**(John L. Carroll
Moot Courtroom)**

The Student Bar Association has organized Cumberland's first Town Hall Forum with the dean. The goal of the forum is to provide students an opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, and make suggestions to benefit the Law School.

Get Connected to Cumberland School of Law for all the latest updates.

Facebook: "Cumberland School of Law" Twitter: "CumberlandLaw" Instagram: "cumberlandschooloflaw"



Plan Ahead

Equal Justice Works Information Session

Thursday, February 22
4 - 5 p.m.
Great Room

RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/career-development-16477239907>

Come learn about fellowship, internship, and leadership opportunities in the field of public interest from Equal Justice Works.

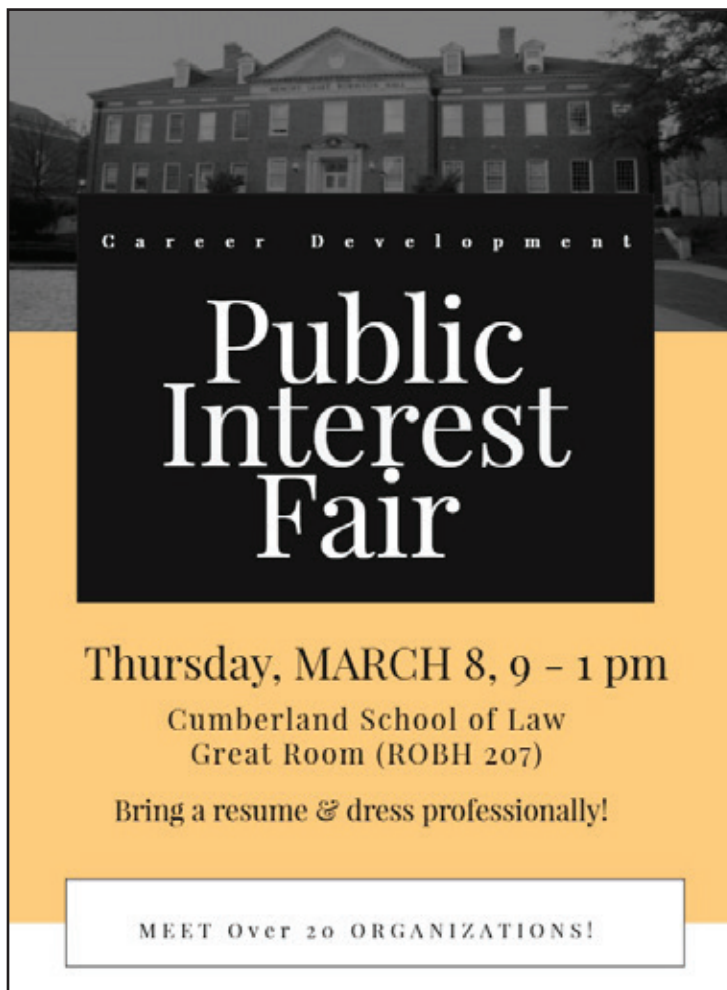
Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum

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, Alice Martin and Troy King.

➤ 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.



Career Development

Public Interest Fair

Thursday, MARCH 8, 9 - 1 pm
Cumberland School of Law
Great Room (ROBH 207)

Bring a resume & dress professionally!

MEET Over 20 ORGANIZATIONS!

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>

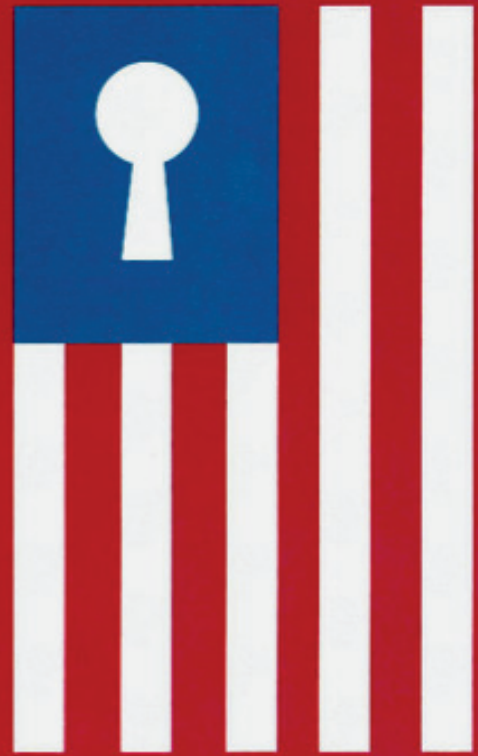
Join Career Development for small group discussions with eight professionals who use their JD in a non-traditional legal job.

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

Plan Ahead *(continued)*

Restore the Right to Vote



AMERICAN
CONSTITUTION
SOCIETY

**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

Announcements

Mediation Team Wins Regional Competition; Advances to National Contest

The mediation team won the American Bar Association (ABA) Representation in Mediation regional competition held at Stetson University College of Law on Feb. 17-18.

- **Ranse Hare** and **Ryan Hawks**, both third year students, won the tournament sweeping the votes of all judges in each round. Second year student **Ty Smith** and third year student **Paige Caraway** also competed in the weekend competition. The team faced other talented mediation teams from Emory University School of Law, Tulane University Law School and the University of Mississippi School of Law.
- The competition is intended to familiarize the students with advocacy skills in mediation. Students are judged on criteria designed to reward the use of a combination of advocacy skills and problem-solving approaches.
- “The teams were effective and confident and did Cumberland proud,” Head Coach **Krista Cowley** said.
- The team will go on to compete in the National Mediation Competition in Washington, D.C. in early April.



Pictured from left to right: Coach Miranda Taylor, Ryan Hawks, Ranse Hare and Coach Krista Cowley



Billie Jean Young was congratulated by Dean Corky Strickland after Young's one-woman show, *Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light*, at Samford on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Young is a 1979 graduate of Cumberland and has achieved much in her career, including receiving a MacArthur Fellow “genius grant” for her creative work and advocacy. Regarding her time at Cumberland, Young recently told the Birmingham Times that “I went to law school with \$100 in my pocket. I went and registered, and then went to the dean . . . he knew my story and I received a scholarship for my tuition. It was the biggest win of my life at that time. It was phenomenal.”



Cumberland alumna Judge **Debra Jones '89** visited the Cumberland Women in Law group last week and offered solid pearls of wisdom, terrific stories of example, and encouragement gained from 28 years of service. Judge Jones served as an assistant district attorney, was in private practice, and currently sits on the circuit court bench in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

Announcements *(continued)*

Time for NOMINATIONS

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law

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



**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.

**Program dates are
July 1-August 2, 2018.**

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

Faculty Notes



Professor Kandice L. Horsey appeared on the *Undisclosed* podcast last week to discuss law enforcement and lawyers' roles in the criminal justice system, drawn from her experiences as a former Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia and as a solicitor advocate in the United Kingdom. You can listen to Professor Horsey's guest appearance on *Undisclosed* [here](#).