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## NTC Regional Championship

The team of Chambers Waller and Jennifer Reynolds (both 2Ls) won the National Trial Competition (NTC) Regional championship this weekend. Danny Patterson and Keith Knowlton were witnesses on the team. Chambers and Jennifer won 17 of the 19 judges that scored them beating Ava Maria, Barry (who also advanced to the finals from this Regional) and Ole Miss in the preliminary rounds. They beat Faulkner in the semi-final round and Florida in the finals.



L-R: DANNY PATTERSON, CHAMBERS WALLER, JUDGE JIM ROBERTS, SARA WILLIAMS, JENNIFER REYNOLDS & KEITH KNOWLTON

The team of SeTara Foster and Todd Buchanan lost in the semi-final round. They were ranked number one following the three preliminary rounds after defeating Miami, Stetson and Faulkner. They did not lose a judge during those rounds. Patrick Hinchey and George Shifflett were their witnesses.

This is the fourth straight year a Cumberland team has won this Regional Championship. The teams were coached by Judge James H. Roberts, Jr., '94 and Sara Williams, '06.

## Presidential Management Fellows Program

Laura Cunliffe, a third year Cumberland student, has been selected for the Presidential Management Fellows Program, a flagship leadership development program. For more information on PMF, click [here](#).

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## 2012 Thurgood Marshall Symposium



THURGOOD MARSHALL

Attorney and federal defender Carlos Williams will be the keynote speaker for the annual Thurgood Marshall symposium at Cumberland School of Law Thursday, February 9. The program will begin at 11:00 AM in the Carroll Moot Courtroom followed by a reception in the Great Room in Robinson Hall. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

**The theme of the program is “Race Matters: A conversation about how the racial composition of a jury affects trial proceedings and a defendant’s outcomes.”**

The Thurgood Marshall symposium is named to honor the first African-American to serve as an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Cumberland’s Black Law Student Association (BLSA) hosts the symposium annually during Black History Month to promote awareness of legal issues involving minorities.

Nannie Reed, a second-year law student from Los Angeles, California, is the chair of this year’s symposium.

### Charlotte, NC Area Alumni Reception

#### **Prior to the Samford vs. Davidson Basketball Game**

Join the Honorable Julian Mann III, '74  
and Professor Strickland

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM (ET), Davidson, NC

For more information, please  
call or email Anne Marovich:

205.726.2443 or [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu)

### Tuscaloosa, AL Alumni Event

Join your fellow Tuscaloosa Cumberland Law graduates for the first ever "RECESS" in your area!

Stop by FIVE, 2324 6<sup>th</sup> Street, after work (from 5 p.m.-until) on Thursday, February 23, 2012

to reconnect with Cumberland alumni,  
expand your network,  
and to simply relax with friends

Let us know you will be there by registering at:

<http://tuscaloosaspringrecess.eventbrite.com/>

Students also welcome to attend!

### Joint Degree Meeting

*There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 in room 120 for anyone considering a joint degree program. We have invited representatives from all schools with which we have joint degree programs to be on hand to explain their programs and answer student questions. All interested students are invited to attend.*

## Phi Alpha Delta Presents "Dress for Success"

**Phi Alpha Delta members are invited to "Dress for Success" on Wednesday, February 8 at noon in the Great Room.**

Representatives from Brooks Brothers will be at Cumberland to show students how to dress in order to land that dream job. First-year students begin on-campus interviewing in February, so this will be a great opportunity to learn how to dress appropriately for an interview, as well as what *not* to wear. Remember Phi Alpha Delta members, you receive a 15% discount at Brooks Brothers!



**For a list of upcoming events at Cumberland, click [here](#).**

## Called to the Bar

The next program in the ***Called to the Bar*** series is scheduled Friday, February 10 at 9:00 AM in the Moot Courtroom.

In this session, first year students will have an opportunity to hear from representatives from Law Review, American Journal of Trial Advocacy, Moot Court Board, Trial Board and Cordell Hull Speakers Forum.

## Works in Progress Series

Professor Jessica Roberts, University of Houston Law Center / Health Law and Policy Institute, will present *The Affordable Care Act as Disability Rights Legislation* to the faculty on Friday, February 10 in the Friendship room at noon.

For more information on Professor Roberts, please click [HERE](#).

## BarBri 3L Talk

*Third Year Educational Seminar*

*Enjoy Free Lunch during a BarBri Third Year Seminar*

*Tuesday, February 7  
Noon to 1:00 PM in the Great Room*

**From the Alumni Relations Office:**

## MAKE COMMUNITY & CAREER CONNECTIONS

*If you would like to get involved in a community or professional organization for service and networking, please visit the Alumni Relations Office, room 130.*

*We will be happy to suggest an organization or association based on your interests and we have information in our office from many. Most likely you will find Cumberland graduates associated with each organization as well. Professional and community service often leads to employment resources, opportunities and business development. Even if you plan on living outside of Birmingham, we can refer you to non-local based organizations.*

## Faculty Colloquium

**Professor Jack Nelson** will speak to the Cumberland faculty Tuesday, February 7 at 3:45 PM in the Bishop Conference Room.

Refreshments will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Laurie Zimmer at 726.2411 or [lzimmer@samford.edu](mailto:lzimmer@samford.edu) no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, February 6.

The topic of Professor Nelson's presentation is:

***"Community Consent" And Catholic Moral Teaching: Are They Compatible?***

# Newsflash from the Alumni Office

Our Associate Director of Alumni Relations and External Communications, Lauren McCaghren, is moving to Washington, DC! Lauren has accepted a position in the alumni relations office of George Washington Law School and her last day at Cumberland is February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will miss Lauren and her positive energy, initiative and organization very much. Feel free to stop in room 130, the afternoon of February 14<sup>th</sup> to wish her luck in her new endeavor. We will miss her very much.



## Retirement Reception for Dean Lewis

Faculty and staff are invited to a retirement reception in honor of Vice Dean Jim Lewis and his 25 years of service to Cumberland School of Law and Samford University.

**Thursday, February 23, 2012  
2 to 4 p.m. • The Great Room**

# Cumberland History Boards



In conjunction with Cumberland's 50th Anniversary Celebration, eight history boards have been hung and are on display in the east wing of the second floor of Robinson Hall. Designed by Lauren McCaghren, the boards are a photographic timeline (the antebellum period to the present) of the history of Cumberland School of Law. Each board contains a "story" about Cumberland's history which was pulled from the book *"From Maverick to Mainstream"* by Professors David Langum and Howard Walthall. This week, the fifth in the series of the history boards is featured.

### **1961 • The Cumberland Phoenix Rises in Birmingham**

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