

## Lunch with a Lawyer Program

The Office of Career Services will present *"How to Try a Personal Injury Case,"* another program in the Lunch with a Lawyer series, today at noon in the Great Room. Mr. Terry Gross, who has been a litigator for 30 years, will be the guest speaker.

This is a continuation of Mr. Gross's outstanding presentation in the fall. He will provide another informative handout/checklist and will teach students how to prepare a case for trial. This program will be valuable regardless of whether you plan to practice on the plaintiff's side or the defense side.

## Career Services Program: How to Find a Job Outside of OCI

This Thursday, February 4, Career Services will hold a program entitled *"How I Networked My Way to a Job."* This program was created specifically to teach law students how to find a job as quickly as possible. The program will take place at **NOON** in the Moot Court Room. Please stop by the Career Services Office to sign up.

During this important program, third-year law students, T. J. Schaffer and Kiel Gross, will detail the specific steps they took that enabled them to obtain clerking jobs and secure permanent employment prior to graduation.

## Tennessee Student Bar Association Meeting

The Tennessee Student Bar Association will meet Thursday, February 4th at 1:00 PM in the Dean's Conference Room.

For more information, please contact Whitney Henry:

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## Student Publication

Margaret Ware, a third year student at Cumberland School of Law, is Law Student Vice Chair for the Products, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee of the ABA Torts, Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and a member of the TIPS Law Student Member Board. The fall 2009 issue of the TIPS newsletter includes an article she wrote summarizing the Credit Card Accountability and Disclosure Act of 2009. The article is entitled, *"Taking the Rough with the Smooth: Credit Card Act of 2009."*

Ms. Ware was a student in Professor Michael Floyd's Consumer Protection course in the fall 2009 semester, she participated in the Cambridge Study-Abroad program in 2008, and she currently serves as Professor Floyd's research assistant.



MARGARET WARE

## Works-in-Progress Program



JASON PALMER

Jason Palmer, Assistant Professor of Legal Skills at Stetson University College of Law, is the first presenter in the series of Works-in-Progress programs for the spring semester. His presentation will take place Friday, February 5 at NOON in the Dean's Conference Room.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FACULTY

Professor Palmer's profile may be found by following this link:

<http://www.law.stetson.edu/tmpl/faculty/memberProfile.aspx?id=1312>

## Faculty News

### PROFESSOR ALYSSA DIRUSSO

Professor Alyssa A. DiRusso served on a working group of the Exempt Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Tax Section that submitted comments to Treasury on the new proposed supporting organization regulations.

Professor DiRusso submitted written comments and participated in a conference call with the committee to finalize the comments.



## February 3 Panel Discussion: "What Does the Bible Say About Immigration?"

Beeson Divinity School and the Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership of the Brock School of Business will sponsor a campus-wide panel discussion on "What Does the Bible Say about Immigration?" on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 3:00 PM in Hodges Chapel. The moderator for this discussion will be Dr. John Knapp, Director of the Mann Center. The panelists will include Professor M. Daniel Carroll R., author of *Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible*; Ms. Isabel Rubio, Director of the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama; and Dr. Osvaldo Padilla, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Beeson.

All law students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this important discussion about one of the most pressing issues in our society today.

## Title Exam Workshop

A Title Examination Workshop presented by the Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, Inc. is scheduled:

Thursday, February 11, 2010 • NOON • The Great Room

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



A real estate transaction involves many parties and the potential for numerous conflicts of interest. At its core, is the title to real property: its quality, and its transfer and/or encumbrance. Historically, the evaluation of the quality of title to real property, and the rendition of an opinion with respect thereto, has belonged to attorneys. Title insurance policies are issued based on the results of the title examination process. Attorneys earn a portion of the title insurance premium when they serve as an agent for a title insurance underwriter. In some areas of the country, a major source of attorneys' fees associated with real estate transactions is the title insurance premium. It is a "bread and butter" practice area for most attorneys in small firm practice. Knowing how to examine title to real property is thus an essential skill newly minted attorneys must have.

The Fund's Title Examination Workshop is designed to provide law students with an introduction to the knowledge and techniques necessary to accurately examine titles. The workshop will include the creation and review of a chain of title and a critical analysis of the documents in the title chain. It will also include an overview of the role of title insurance in transactions, an overview of the title insurance industry, and the types of coverage available.

The mission of the Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, Inc. (The Fund) is to preserve and facilitate the real estate practices of its 6,000 member attorneys in their protection of the public. The Fund supports the needs and promotes the success of attorneys' real estate practices by providing valuable, relevant, and timely information, as well as innovative products and services that allow attorneys to conduct transactions electronically, easily, and efficiently. As the nation's first Bar-related® title insurance underwriter, The Fund has been providing extensive support for the real estate practices of attorneys since 1948.

For more information about this program, please contact:

Professor Mike Floyd ([mdfloyd@samford.edu](mailto:mdfloyd@samford.edu)) or your Property professor

## HELP Project Summer Internship

The Cumberland Public Interest Project is proud to announce an available stipend, provided by the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, for a student interested in providing legal assistance to the homeless over the summer. The student will assist the Public Interest Project with the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) program under the direction of attorneys from various firms in the Birmingham area.

Firms scheduled to participate include Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP; Burr Forman, LLP; Lightfoot, Franklin, & White LLC; and Sirote & Permutt, PC. The amount of the stipend is \$2,500 and all law students are eligible. First year law students are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications are due **March 11**.

Please see Tim Cook or Cassandra Adams in room 215 for an application.

## Upcoming Trial Advocacy Board Spring 2010 Competitions

### Parham H. Williams Freshman Trial Competition

Director: Tim Douthit      Associate Director: Nathan Mays  
 Competition Dates: February 5-7; February 12-14; February 19-20; February 27-28;  
 Championship Round Showcased during Law Week, March 3  
 Contact: [tjdouthi@samford.edu](mailto:tjdouthi@samford.edu)

*Registration Deadline:* January 10

*Fee:* \$25/person

*Requirements:* 1Ls Only

### James O. Haley Federal Trial Competition

Director: Ashley Reitz      Associate Director: Josh Hornady  
 Competition Dates: **April 12-18, 2010**  
 Contact: [abreitz@samford.edu](mailto:abreitz@samford.edu)

*Registration Deadline:* March 30

*Fee:* \$20/person

*Requirements:* 2L/3L

### Mediation Competition

Director: Rachel Eidson      Associate Director: Cliff Nelson  
 Competition Date & Time: **February 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.**  
 Contact: [rawinfor@samford.edu](mailto:rawinfor@samford.edu)

*Registration Deadline:* February 17

*Fee:* \$15/person

*Requirements:* 2Ls/3Ls

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## Trial Advocacy Board Membership

Chief Judge: **Bailey Gladden**

Applications accepted at the end of each semester for membership eligibility the following semester.

Executive Board Applications Due March 30, 2010; Interview sign-ups the following week

For more information about membership eligibility and/or to obtain a membership application

Please contact **Bailey Gladden**: [btbrigha@samford.edu](mailto:btbrigha@samford.edu)

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Please follow the link for a list of upcoming events:

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

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