

AWARDS DAY

The Cumberland School of Law's Awards Day Luncheon is held annually to honor and recognize students who are recipients of various awards. Congratulations to the following students who were presented awards at this year's luncheon on April 9, 2009.

*Alabama Chapter American Association for Justice (AAJ)
Serve & Protect the Public Award*

William E. Scully

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Award

C. Michael Renta

*Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)
Thurgood Marshall Team Outstanding Advocate Award*

R. Menyian Woodall

Cortney D. Hodgen

Alabama State Bar Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section Award

W. Brooks Marks

Alabama State Bar Family Law Section Scholarship

William E. Scully

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship

Katherine E. Reeves

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence

Whitney C. Henry

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Award

Julie E. McMakin

Margaret J. Head

Megan P. Stephens

Lucas W. Griffin

Shannon N. Elliott

*American Law Institute American Bar Association
Award for Scholarship and Leadership*

Jessica J. Thomas



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2009 Award Recipients

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*Balch & Bingham/Harold A. Bowron, Jr.
Labor and Employment Law Award*
Jeffrey Doss

BAR/BRI Bar Review Scholarship Award
Jennifer Smith
Lisha X. Li

Class of 2009 Peer Scholarship
Krislyn D.S. Haynes

*Dean's Award for Commitment to Public Interest Law
and Public Service*
Alyson M. Hood

George M. Stewart Banking Award
Daniel J. Ferretti

*Hand Arendall Award for Excellence in
Appellate Advocacy*
Matthew I. Penfield
Brad A. Howell

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award
Justin L. Jones

Judge Paul O. Moyle Writing Award
Appellant: **Janna H. Dettmer**
Appellee & Overall: **Jason T. Pointer**

M. Alan Stephens Award
Staci M. Pierce

National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Shawna H. Smith

Papantonio Trial Advocacy Award
Lisha X. Li

Richard E. and Marjorie P. Butte Book Scholarship
Kristin A.M. Lough
Alyson M. Hood

Starnes & Atchison Freshman Competition Award

Winning Team:
R. Larry Fantroy, Jr.
Brandon C. Prince

Runner-up Team:
Matthew D. Lehnertz
Reanna L. Todd

Stone/Parker Award
Jennifer K. Benedict

Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar Award
Carin A. Brown
Stacie E. Irwin

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES • 2009 INDUCTEES

Janice Rae Ballard • Jennifer Kathleen Benedict • Carin Anne Brown • Alyson Leigh Cantrell
Jonathan Gabriel Carpenter • Summer Austin Davis • Jeffrey Doss • John Rho Ellis IV • Margaret Jessica Head
Justin Lee Jones • Alan Scott Kirk • Lisha Xiao Li • Julie Elizabeth McMakin • Anna Belle Wilder Norton
Matthew Irvin Penfield • Katherine Ellis Reeves • Shawna Haas Smith • Jessica Joyce Thomas
Matthew William Tynan • Christy Lanter Young • Larry Young, Jr.

2009 ORDER OF BARRISTERS

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school appellate moot court and mock trial programs. The order provides national recognition for graduating law students who have excelled in moot court and mock trial activities. Each year a total of ten third-year students are selected from the membership of the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board and the Trial Advocacy Board to receive this award. This year's recipients are:

Shannon Elliott

John Ellis

Megan Head

Brad Howell

Lisha Li

Matthew Penfield

Julie McMakin

William Scully

Matthew Tynan

Teresa Watson

TENNESSEE STUDENT BAR OFFICERS

Congratulations to the new officers
for the 2009-10

Tennessee Student Bar Association:

President: **Whitney Henry**

Vice President: **Megan Mitchler**

Secretary: **Jane Mauzy**

Treasurer: **Eric Vinsant**

Social Chair: **Apryl Clark**

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY NEW OFFICERS

Election Results for the 2009-10 Officers
of The Christian Legal Society:

President: **Lauren Ellison**

Vice President: **Charles Elliott**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Stephanie Williams**

Chaplain: **Christopher Reid**

Public Relations Chair: **Daniel Milton**

Community Service Chair: **Heather Searcy**

STUDENT HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the 2009-10 Student Health Lawyers Association Officers:

President: **Rebecca Donnellan**

Vice President: **Kiel Gross**

Treasurer: **Katie Sasser**

Secretary: **Shannon Hardin**

Public Relations Officer: **Menyian Woodall**

SPIRIT OF SERVICES AWARD

Congratulations to the 2008-09 recipients of the *Spirit of Service Award*. Members of the faculty, staff and student body were recognized on April 9 for performing 30 hours or more of public interest legal work, community service or public service during the academic year.

**Cassandra W. Adams
Carin Anne Brown
Judge John L. Carroll
David Alexander Ealy
Bradley W. Edmonds
Jennifer Chadwick Erwin
Bailey Brigham Gladden
Ashlee Ann Hightower
Stacie E. Irwin
Kristin M. Lough
Jeanette M. Lincecum
Marcia L. McCormick**

**Pamela J. Nelson
Chandra Dawn Paul
Stephen D. Rygiel
Christina M. Saunders
Kristen T. Sims
David M. Smolin
Alexander Ashton Ulbricht
Brittany N. Waggener
Margaret Ann Ware
LaVone R. Warren
Teresa Belrose Watson
Brandon M. Zimmerman**

2009-10 MOOT COURT EXECUTIVE BOARD

Please congratulate the members of the 2009-10 Moot Court Executive Board:

Chief Justice: T.J. Schaffer

National Team Associate Justice: John Coke

National Team Assistant Justice: Charles Elliot

National Team Assistant Justice: Matt Lehnertz

Saad Competition Associate Justice: Josh Wrady

Saad Competition Assistant Justice: Rebekah Williams

Shores Competition Associate Justice: Kristen Burge

Shores Competition Assistant Justice: Heather Searcy

Donworth Competition Associate Justice: Nick Gonzalez

Donworth Competition Assistant Justice: Alyson Hood



NASHVILLE ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Nashville Area Alumni Reception is scheduled Thursday, **April 16, 2009** at 5:30 PM.

For more details, please contact the Alumni Office at:

1.800.888.7248 or lawalum@samford.edu.

LAW REVIEW AND TRIAL JOURNAL INFORMATION LUNCH

All first year students who think they may be eligible to participate in the write-on competition for either Law Review or Trial Journal are invited to a lunch on Thursday, **April 16** at **11:00 AM** in the **Great Room**.

BARBEQUE FROM JOHNNY RAY'S WILL BE SERVED.

Students are highly encouraged to attend this lunch in order to be eligible to participate in the write-on competitions. Important information will be shared and gathered at this informational meeting.

To be eligible to write onto Law Review, a student must be in the top 15% of the first year class at the end of the first full year of school. To be eligible to write onto Trial Journal, a student must be in the top 1/3rd of the first year class at the end of the first full year of law school.

Any student who thinks there is any chance of falling into either category is highly encouraged to attend.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS PROGRAM



PROFESSOR MAE QUINN
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF LAW

Mae C. Quinn, Associate Professor of Law at The University of Tennessee College of Law, is the speaker for the final Works-in-Progress program for this semester. She will present:

“The Modern Problem-Solving Court Movement: Domination of Discourse and the Untold Stories of Contemporary Criminal Justice Reform”

Friday, April 17 at NOON in the Dean’s Conference Room

Professor Quinn’s profile may be found by following this link:

<http://www.law.utk.edu/faculty/quinn/index.shtml>

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR MICHAEL FLOYD

Professor Mike Floyd will travel to São Paulo, Brazil April 20-24 to promote Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law program. Samford has graduated 34 students from this program; most of those graduates are judges in Brazil, where **Professor Cole** did important work on behalf of our law school and university.

Desembargadora (Justice) Cristina Zucchi, a Cumberland MCL graduate who serves as a state supreme court justice in São Paulo, is an Adjunct Professor in our program. She does valuable and extensive work for our MCL program, and she will spend June in Birmingham to co-teach the "Comparative Constitutional Law: Brazil and the United States" course with **Professor David Smolin**.

Professor Floyd's schedule in Brazil will include lectures at the Brazilian Institute for the Enterprise in Crisis and the São Paulo Commercial Association. He will visit the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado de São Paulo (state supreme court), the Tribunal Regional Federal da 3ª Região (federal court of appeals), and the Escola de Magistrados da Justiça Federal da 3ª Região (federal magistrates' school) in São Paulo; Cumberland is establishing formal cooperation agreements with those three institutions, building on visits by **Judge Carroll**, **Professor Cole**, and **Professor Floyd** in October, 2008. Professor Floyd will also meet with prospective and former MCL students, and with officials at the U.S. Consulate in São Paulo, which has been very supportive of our work in Brazil.

ATTORNEY'S TITLE INSURANCE FUND, INC. LAW STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM 2009 • WINNING ENTRY RECEIVES \$500

Awards will be made to law students for the best legal papers on any subject matter related to the field of real property law; the specific subject to be selected by the student. The paper must be of such a nature that its preparation will be of benefit to the writer. For example, it may be prepared in conjunction with a course of study in real property or for inclusion in a legal publication. All entries must have a minimum of 3,000 words exclusive of footnote citations, and must be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of each sheet of 8.5 x 11" paper.

Please submit your entry to Professor Floyd in 220B no later than April 30, 2009.

CAMBRIDGE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

For those students who are free mid-summer, you may want to consider Cumberland's Cambridge study-abroad program June 28 - July 30. The current exchange rates and airfares make this a good time to travel to the UK. The Cambridge program is open to students in good standing at ABA-accredited law schools, members of the Bar, and graduates of approved foreign law schools.

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SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE • CAMBRIDGE

Cumberland's Cambridge program provides an excellent overview of the UK and European Union legal systems in the first week. Then for the remainder of the program students choose two courses, each of which will enhance their understanding of both a substantive area of law and the comparative-law process. The program also includes a field trip to London, where visits are made to the Royal Courts of Justice, Middle Temple Inn of Court, and Parliament.

Cambridge is a delightful place to spend July, and it is convenient for weekend travel to other parts of the UK and continental Europe. The class schedule incorporates two long weekends to facilitate travel, and it is easy to add excursions onto the beginning or end of the trip. Cumberland's quarters at Sidney Sussex College are attractive, comfortable, and centrally located.

The brochure for the program contains detailed information, including a calendar, course descriptions, faculty biographies, financial information, and other significant topics. You can access the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/StudyAbroad2009Brochure.pdf>

The summary page describing all Cumberland's international programs at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/students/foreign-programs> also has a link to the Cambridge brochure.

Please stop by room 220B in Robinson Hall to see **Professor Mike Floyd** if you have questions or send him an e-mail at mdfloyd@samford.edu.

COURSE AND FACULTY EVALUATIONS

The law school will be conducting course and faculty evaluations through **April 21**. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and teaching and to identify problems that require action. We thus strongly urge all students to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Like last semester, evaluations will be online. The online responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation. The system requires students to log-in only to assure that each student completes only one evaluation per course.

We ask that all students complete evaluations for each of their courses. To complete evaluations, simply access the law school website from any internet connection, click "2009S Evaluations," and follow the instructions. SBA representatives will be visiting all classes to facilitate online evaluations in class. However, students are free to complete evaluations outside class on any computer.

All students in classes which achieve a 75% response rate by the end of business on **April 17** will be eligible for a **pizza party** on the last day of classes and will be entered into a drawing for the new **4GB iPod Shuffle!**

BIOTECH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 20

The Center for Biotechnology, Law, and Ethics is inviting current first year law student applications for the position of Biotech Fellow. Applications are due Monday, April 20.

Biotech Fellows receive a \$5,000 annual fellowship. David Rohwedder and Kristen Burge have served as this year's Biotech Fellows; David is graduating but Kristen will be continuing for a second year of service. We are recruiting rising second year students (current first year students) for the one open Biotech Fellow position. Under current funding, there is one Biotech Fellow from each class.

The Fellow selected would begin their work during the summer, although most of the work is done during the fall and spring semesters. It is not necessary for the Fellow to be present in Birmingham this summer, as e-mail and other means of communication can be used. This position is designed to be compatible with the student's involvement in other responsibilities, including classes, clerkships, student organizations, etc. At the same time, it is best if students have an interest in this area, because there will be some commitment of time.

Biotech Fellows join the Biotech Team in performing the work of the Biotech Center. Team members include the Biotech Fellows, a Law Review Articles Editor, Biotech Research Associates (explained below), and **Professor David Smolin**, Director of the Center.

The Biotech Center focuses on a very broad range of issues, including energy policy, ethical issues pertaining to health care and health care systems, assisted reproduction, adoption, trafficking in persons, standards for human subjects research etc. The February 2011 conference will focus on the "Missing Girls of Asia," which concerns issues related to population and population control policies, gender imbalances occurring in China and India, sex-selective abortion, infanticide and abandonment of baby girls, etc.

Biotech Team members perform research and writing related to biotechnology and bioethics issues; plan and execute the annual Biotech conference; organize the Center Offices; attend weekly Biotech team meetings during the fall and spring semesters; and assist with the web site.

Biotech Research Associates perform the same tasks as Biotech Fellows, but due to funding limitations do not receive a Fellowship. All Cumberland students are eligible to participate in the Biotech Center as Biotech Research Associates. No formal application for Biotech Research Associate positions are required, other than letting Professor Smolin know of your interest.

Applicants for the Biotech Fellow position should submit a résumé and a short statement of interest to the Dean's secretary, Kathy Walton, by Monday, April 20. The short statement should describe any relevant background, and the reason for the student's interest. A selection committee will review the applications and choose the successful candidate.

If you have any questions, please contact **Professor David Smolin** at:

dmsmolin@samford.edu, dmsmolin@gmail.com, or 726-2418

MARCH OF DIMES WALK • APRIL 25, 2009

Grace Simms is the March of Dimes Walk team captain for the law school and law library. She has set up a team on Cumberland's site. Please consider donating to this worthy event or joining Grace in the walk on **Saturday, April 25th** at Caldwell Park.

To join or donate - please go to:
http://www.marchforbabies.org/s_team_page.asp?seid=642615



INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION EVENTS

The International Justice Mission (IJM), a human rights agency which secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression, will present a forum at Cumberland School of Law, on **Thursday, April 16, 2009**, at **3:00 PM** in the **Moot Court Room**. **Dr. John Robinson**, at attorney with IJM, will speak to law students interested in a potential career with IJM upon graduation.

Dr. Robinson will be speaking in the Moot Court Room to those interested in hearing more about the work provided by IJM and about human trafficking. IJM staff intervenes in individual cases of abuse, in partnership with state and local authorities to ensure proper support for victims and to see that appropriate action is taken against perpetrators. IJM's professionals work in several different countries through the local court systems.

If you have an interest in this area of the law, please plan to attend this interesting program of opportunity for potential employment. For more information about IJM, visit their Website at www.ijm.org.

ALABAMA VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

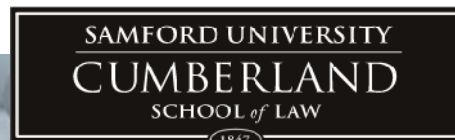
On May 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, **Alabama Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb**, will "Honor Alabama Veterans." This program and dinner will benefit the Alabama Veterans Memorial park and its purpose to honor all Alabama Veterans.

The Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. The Foundation was formed to bring to life the dream of a permanent memorial park to honor all Alabama Veterans of the 20th & 21st Century - those 11,000 killed as well as those who fought, served, and came home. 428,000 veterans currently live in Alabama.

For more information, contact Bob Mosca at 205.985.9488 or avmf@bellsouth.net.



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