

Ferretti '09 Receives American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence

On August 28, Judge John Carroll, Dean James Lewis, and Professor Michael Floyd presented the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal to Daniel Ferretti '09, commemorating his excellence in the study of bankruptcy law.



DEAN LEWIS, PROFESSOR FLOYD, DANIEL FERRETTI, AND JUDGE CARROLL

In addition to his outstanding work in the Bankruptcy and Business Bankruptcy courses, Dan has two bankruptcy law publications to his credit:

Comment, Eviction without Rejection - the Tenant's Bankruptcy Dilemma: Bankruptcy Code Sections 363(f) and 365(h)(1)(A) and the Divergent Interpretations of Precision Industries, Inc. v. Qualitech Steel SBQ, LLC and In re Haskell, 39 CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW 707 (2009).

Article with Timothy M. Lupinacci, Recent Trends in Critical Vendor Jurisprudence Post-Kmart, NORTON BANKRUPTCY LAW ADVISER, Apr. 2009, at 1.

Dan recently joined the Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group at Baker Donelson here in Birmingham.



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Cordell Hull Speakers Forum

CORDELL HULL
SPEAKERS FORUM
FEATURED SPEAKER:
GREG GARRE
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
NOON
MOOT COURTROOM
RECEPTION
THE GREAT ROOM
1:00 PM



GREGORY G. GARRE

Gregory G. Garre, the 44th Solicitor General of the United States, will be the presenter at the Cordell Hull Speakers Forum scheduled Thursday, **September 10** at **noon** in the Moot Court Room. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and took the oath of office on October 6, 2008.

Mr. Garre was formerly a partner at the Hogan & Hartson law firm in Washington, DC where he headed the firm's Supreme Court and appellate practice section. He has argued 25 cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Garre received his J.D. from George Washington University Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of law review, and his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and to Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit following his graduation from law school.

Additionally, Mr. Garre has served as an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington University Law School.

2009-2010 National Trial Team

Congratulations to the following members of the 2009 - 2010 Cumberland National Trial Team:

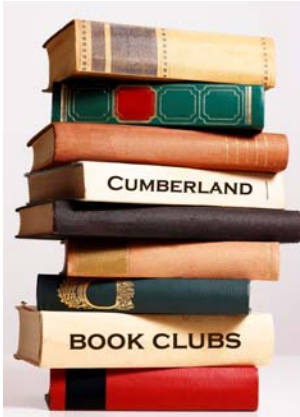
Returning Members

Tim Douthit
Bailey Gladden
Josh Hornady
Nathan Mays
Daniel Milton
Robert Price
Ashley Reitz

New Members

Stewart Civils
Shannon Cornman
Beau Darley
Bethany Harrison
Matt Hill
Carrie Hodge
Alyson Hood

Amanda Kistler
Ross Massey
Megan Murren
Brandon Prince
Reanna Todd
Tripp Watson



Cumberland Book Clubs

In previous years, students have expressed their interest in convening in small groups with faculty to discuss interesting and thought provoking topics outside the classroom. Last fall, in response to that interest, the *Cumberland Book Clubs* were launched. Professors volunteered to lead the discussions, and they selected books that formed the basis for those discussions.

The book clubs will be held again this year, and this is how the clubs will work:

- Starting next week, you will have the opportunity to sign up by choosing one of the book club leaders.
- Your obligation is to read the book selected by the book club leader and participate in a discussion at a mutually agreed upon time. The discussions will be either late this semester or early next semester. Some of the group leaders may have the discussions here at the law school and others may have the discussions at other venues. The details will be worked out after you sign up.
- The law school will reimburse you for the cost of the book that you read to participate in the book club. We will set up the reimbursement process after the clubs get going.
- This is a great opportunity to interact with other students and your professors and staff and engage in broad discussions about important topics.
- Next week, I will send out the names of the books selected by the book club leaders and details about the sign-up process.

A list of the book club leaders follows. You should contact them or me (carroll@samford.edu) with questions. There will be a wide variety of books and topics. Please consider participating in one of the clubs.

Cassandra Adams
John Carroll
Alyssa DiRusso
Bob Greene
Wendy Greene

Greg Laughlin
Dayna Royal
Lynn Schuck
David Smolin
Howard Walthall

Rusty Johnson to Join the Cumberland Faculty

Herman N. (Rusty) Johnson, Jr. will be joining the faculty of Cumberland School of Law on December 1, 2009. He will begin teaching in the spring 2010 semester.

Mr. Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his law degree from Columbia University. He clerked for Judge Myron Thompson in the Middle District of Alabama and Judge Martha Daughtrey on the Sixth Circuit. He is currently a lawyer with the firm of Wiggins, Childs, Quinn, and Pantazis, LLC in Birmingham.

U.S. Marine JAG Corps

On **September 8th**, **Captain Brandon Mott** and **Major John Lehman II**, United States Marine Corps, will be in the law school to present information and answer questions regarding the U.S. Marine JAG Corps, to interested students.

Florida Room • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Shores Moot Court Competition Informational Meeting



An informational meeting for the Justice Janie Shores Moot Court Competition will take place:

Thursday, September 10 • 1:05 PM

The Mezzanine Outside of the Moot Court Board Office
(located above the Great Room)

All 2Ls and 3Ls interested in Moot Court are invited to attend.

Important dates, the process of the brief and oral arguments, and the benefits to participating in the competition will be discussed. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions from current Moot Court Board members.

Please direct any questions to:

Kristen Burge (kldebois@samford.edu) or Heather Searcy (hsearcy@samford.edu)

Writing Workshop

The **Cumberland Law Review** and **Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board** are pleased to announce an upcoming writing workshop. The workshop is free and open to second and third year students and will stress all aspects of both legal and academic writing. Students will benefit greatly from this wonderful opportunity to hone their writing skills. The workshop will help facilitate brief writing and academic writing which will be beneficial for exams, appellate briefs, and journal submissions.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, **September 19th** from 9-12 in the morning in the Dean's Conference Room. Interested students should sign up on the sheet located on the moot court bulletin board.

For further information, please contact T.J. Schaffer at:

tschaffe@samford.edu

Lunch With a Plaintiffs Lawyer

The Career Services Office will host "Lunch with a Plaintiffs Lawyer" on Monday, **September 14 at noon** in the **Great Room**. **Mr. Terence Gross**, who has handled personal injury cases for approximately 30 years, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Gross practices in Pensacola, Florida, where he hosts his own radio show and is an adjunct professor at Pensacola Junior College. He is board certified in civil trial law and speaks frequently at local continuing legal education seminars and at his alma mater, Florida State University.

If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Career Services Office by:

Friday, September 11 • Noon

Street Law Orientation

Street Law Fall 2009 is beginning with Orientation on **September 14 at 6:30 PM** in the Great Room. Street Law is a volunteer program for the law students to go into local schools for six consecutive weeks and teach lessons that directly affect the lives of youth from the Play by the Rules: Alabama Laws for Youth.

There is no need for volunteers to be worried about time constraints or making lesson plans, because the one-hour Monday night training session completely prepares them.

Classes will be held each Monday night at 6:30 PM. Contact **Brittney Hardison** with questions (bhardison@aclce.org).

Called to the Bar

On **September 16, 2009 at noon** in the Moot Court Room, **Doug Jones '79** will be the first of the *Called to the Bar* speakers for the 2009-10 academic year. He is a former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama and is currently with the Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, LLC firm in Birmingham where he represents individual, institutional and corporate clients in complex civil and criminal litigation.

Mr. Jones, along with **Professor Don Cochran** of our faculty, prosecuted the persons accused of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing on September 15, 1963 some 40 years after the bombing occurred. The bombing resulted in the deaths of four young girls. The prosecution of those bombers will be the subject of Mr. Jones' talk.



DOUG JONES '79

Tax Law Attorney

On Wednesday, **September 16th**, Cumberland alumna **Kelly Thrasher Fox** will speak with students about tax practice and about taxation LL.M. programs. She is an attorney with Hand Arendall in Birmingham, and is a 2001 Cumberland graduate. The program will begin at **8:00 AM** and will be held in the **Great Room**. If you are interested in learning more about a career in tax law or about obtaining a LL.M. in taxation, don't miss this program!

United States Navy JAG Corps

Lieutenant Will Bloomfield of the United States Navy JAG Corps will be at Cumberland on Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Dean's Conference Room (room 226) to talk with potential applicants to the Navy JAG Corps. Lieutenant Bloomfield will provide general information regarding the Navy JAG Corps and its application process. He will also answer any specific questions students may have about life in the Navy and what they expect from a career in the JAG Corps. Law students are eligible to apply to the Navy JAG Corps once they have completed their 1L year. The next application deadline is October 30, 2009.

Environmental Law Society Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting of the Cumberland Environmental Law Society on:

Wednesday, September 16

4:15 PM

Room 123

All Cumberland students with an interest in the environment are invited to attend.

Student Organizations Fair

The Students Organizations Fair will be held:

Thursday, September 17

The Great Room

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

All student organizations and any causes are invited to participate. This is a great way for all students to learn about the many ways to become involved at Cumberland.

Exchange Students and International Programs



Last Friday our exchange students from The Norwich Law School at the University of East Anglia met with Cumberland students, staff, and faculty who have graciously volunteered to help with occasional needs for transportation beyond the Samford campus. Pictured are (from left to right) Eric McKnight, Grace Simms, Ross Massey, Laura Guarino, Professor LaVone Warren, Sherrí Peace-Gordon, and UEA students Ben Atkin, Nikki Kalamis, Kaileigh Hazeldine. Special thanks to Erin Carroll and Pam Nelson for their extensive efforts to organize the logistics for these students.

If you'd like to learn more about Cumberland's various international connections and programs, please join us at noon on Thursday, October 22 in Room 123, for discussion of student and faculty international experiences in the past year and plans for the coming year, or see Professor Floyd.

Career Services Open House

The Career Services Office will hold its annual Open House on Tuesday, **September 22** from **9:00 AM** to **3:00 PM**. The CSO is located in suite 222 in Robinson Hall. All students, faculty and staff are invited.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

UPCOMING EVENTS • CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Please follow the link for a list of upcoming events:

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

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.

Please notify the CLE office in advance if you wish to attend a program.

Email lawcle@samford.edu, call extension 2391, or stop by the CLE office to register.

UPCOMING CLE PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 11 • Developments and Trends in Health Care Law 2009

co-sponsored with the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the Health Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham

6 CLE credit hours, includes 1 ethics hour

View the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009HealthLaw.pdf>

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SEPTEMBER 25 • Effective Appellate Practice, Including Writing Skills

Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham
6 CLE credit hours, includes 1 ethics hour

View the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009%20Effective%20Appellate%20Practice.pdf>

OCTOBER 2 • 20th Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar

Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham
6 CLE credit hours, includes 1 ethics hour

View brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009Bankruptcy%20Program.pdf>

OCTOBER 29-30 • Southeastern Business Law Institute 2009

co-sponsored with the Business Law & Corporate Counsel Section of the Alabama State Bar

Ross Bridge Resort, Birmingham

9 CLE credit hours, includes 1 ethics hour

View the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/2009%20Business%20Law.pdf>

The logo for Cumberland School of Law is a black rectangular box with a white border. Inside the box, the text "SAMFORD UNIVERSITY" is at the top, "CUMBERLAND" is in the middle in a larger font, and "SCHOOL of LAW" is at the bottom. Below the box, the year "1847" is written in a small oval.

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