

Cumberland Finishes Third in NYC Bar Regional Moot Court Tournament

Cumberland's National Moot Court Team consisting of Katie Kimbrell (2L), Mallory Schneider (2L), and Sean Goldfarb (2L) competed in Memphis, Tennessee November 12-13. The team competed in two preliminary rounds on Friday and advanced to the quarter-finals. The team reached the semi-finals of the tournament, and were ½ a point away from the final round. The team argued in front of prominent judges and attorneys, and was commended on their passion, poise and knowledge of the law.



MALLORY SCHNEIDER &
KATIE KIMBRELL

Local attorneys Charlie Shah '96 of Christian & Small, LLP and James Henry '97 of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP, coached the team. Both the team and Cumberland thank Charlie and Jim for their dedication to the school and its moot court program.

National Civil Trial Competition

Charles Buchanan, Alyson Hood, Ross Massey, and Megan Murren represented Cumberland in the National Civil Trial Competition this weekend in Los Angeles. The team finished tied for 4th place, but lost the tie breaker on points. The cut was from 16 to 4 after three preliminary rounds.

The team won the NCTC Ethical Lawyering and Professionalism award and got a standing ovation when it was announced. The tournament coaches voted on the winner of the Ethics and Professionalism award winner. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Jim Roberts '94 of Turner, Webb, and Roberts on a great job.



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The Federalist Society Presents:

ObamaCare: Is it Constitutional?

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

The Great Room at 11:30 AM

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The program will feature guest speakers **Ilya Shapiro**, senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute, **Michael Morrissey**, PhD, Director of the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy at UAB, and Cumberland's own **Professor Jack Nelson**, an expert in health care law. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Professor Mike DeBow**.

Faculty News

PROFESSOR BRAD BISHOP

Professor Brad Bishop spoke at the Baldwin County Bar Foundation Annual Continuing Legal Education Seminar at the Baldwin County Courthouse in Bay Minette, Alabama, October 28 through 29, 2010. His topic was "An Update on Driving Under the Influence Laws in Alabama." He participated in the Cumberland Faculty Seminar November 9, 2010 speaking on the topic of "Alabama Safe Streets Act: To Tow or Not to Tow," an article published in *The Alabama Municipal Journal*, July, 2010, Volume 68, Number 1. Professor Bishop was the Chair and Speaker of the Cumberland CLE Program, November 12, 2010. His topic at the program was "DUI Practice in Alabama: From Arrest to Appeal."



Professor Bishop's 2010 Supplement to the book *"The Prosecution and Defense of DUI Cases: A Practitioner's Handbook,"* printed by Darby Printing, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia was available on November 1, 2010.

PROFESSOR PAUL KURUK

On November 1-2, 2010, Professor Paul Kuruk chaired an international program in Accra, Ghana, on the establishment of a regional competition authority to regulate the activities of private and public enterprises in West Africa. Other panelists included Hon. Justice Frederic Jenny, Chairman, OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee and Judge of the Supreme Court of France; Mr. Nicholas Franzycyk, a senior official of the US Federal Trade Commission; and Mr. Hartwig Wangemann, veteran director of the German Competition Authority. The program was attended by government ministers, policy makers and business executives from 15 countries in West Africa.

Following the meeting in Accra, Professor Kuruk proceeded to Geneva, Switzerland, where from November 5-7, 2010, he reviewed proposals regarding exceptions and limitations to the rights of authors of literary and artistic works, and drafted parts of an international instrument being developed by the World Intellectual Property Organization to facilitate access to copyrighted materials by persons with disabilities, educational and research institutions, and libraries and archive centers.

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PROFESSOR MICHAEL DEBOW

On Thursday, November 18, Professor Mike DeBow will present a paper on insurance bad faith litigation to a conference sponsored by the Searle Civil Justice Institute at George Mason University.

JUDGE JOHN L. CARROLL

On Thursday, November 18, Judge Carroll will be moderating a panel at the Georgetown University School of Law Advanced E-discovery Institute. The title of the panel is "New E-discovery Initiatives: What Lies Ahead." Panel members include Judge Lee Rosenthal the Chair of the Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Practice and Procedure.

On November 19 and November 20, Judge Carroll will be participating in the first meeting of the Uniform Law Commission Drafting Committee on Asset Freezing Orders. He is the Reporter to that committee which will be creating a Uniform Law for use by the state courts which will allow courts to issue orders freezing the assets of defendants to insure that there will be adequate resources to satisfy judgments. Asset freezing orders are commonplace in England and Canada but not the United States.

PROFESSOR LAJUANA DAVIS

On November 13, Professor LaJuana Davis participated in the Florida Legal Scholarship Forum, a conference devoted to the presentation and development of works in progress of junior faculty members. The Forum was hosted by Stetson University College of Law.



Professor Floyd and Dean Lewis Travel to Brazil

Dean James Lewis and Professor Michael Floyd spent the week of November 8-12 in Brazil, working to advance our Master of Comparative Law Program and our other ties with that country.

They made a day trip to Belo Horizonte, where they met with MCL alumni and Desembargadores (Justices) of the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado de Minas Gerais (the state supreme court), with which Cumberland has a cooperation agreement. They also made a day trip to Porto Alegre, where they met with MCL alumni; the Diretor (Dean) of AJURIS: Escola Superior de Magistratura do Rio Grande do Sul (the state's magistrates' school); and the President of the Tribunal Regional Federal da 4o Região (the regional federal appellate court).

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In São Paulo, where they spent the majority of their time, they met with MCL alumni and friends of our programs; the President and the Corregedor of the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado de São Paulo (the state supreme court); the President of the Tribunal Regional Federal da 3a Região (the regional federal appellate court); the President of the Instituto dos Advogados de São Paulo (an institute - in existence since 1874 - for distinguished lawyers, prosecutors, and judges); and the President and several professors and administrators at FMU, a major university in Brazil with which Cumberland has a long history of joint work.

Professor Floyd spoke to Masters degree students at FMU, and gave a lecture on the US housing finance situation at the Escola de Magistrados (magistrates' school) affiliated with the Tribunal Regional Federal in São Paulo. Dean Lewis had extensive discussions geared to building our alumni association's presence in Brazil, and planning jointly sponsored conferences for 2011 and December, 2010.

Faculty Colloquium

Professor Wendy Greene will speak to the Cumberland faculty Thursday, November 18 at 2:30 PM in the Dean's Conference Room. Refreshments will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Charmayne Fillmore at 726.2880 or cfillmor@samford.edu no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17. The topic of Professor Greene's presentation is:

Black Women Can't Have Blonde Hair. . . in the Workplace



Cumberland American Military Organization

The Cumberland American Military Organization (CAMO) is collecting coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, and sheets to give to "Three Hots and a Cot," a local homeless shelter for veterans.

New or used donations will be very much appreciated. There will be a box in the Breezeway in which you can place items.

On December 3, you are invited to join CAMO at "Three Hots and a Cot" to deliver the collected items and a spaghetti dinner.

This is an opportunity to give back to those who have given so much for us!

Washington, DC Alumni Luncheon

Please join Dean John L. Carroll, '74 and fellow Cumberland alumni for a luncheon at

The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC

Thursday, November 18 at 11:45 AM

For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 205.726.2444.

AJTA Holiday Dessert Spread

The American Journal of Trial Advocacy is pleased to host the Twenty-Sixth Annual Holiday Dessert Spread between 8:30 and 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 30.

The editorial board and members of the Journal invite Cumberland faculty, administration, and staff to visit the Journal offices and enjoy special treats to begin the holiday season.

Who's Who 2011

The law faculty nominated seventeen students for inclusion in the 2011 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Criteria for selection were GPA; participation and leadership within school organizations or extracurricular activities; community involvement; and future leadership ability or potential. It is an honor to be selected, and we congratulate this year's Cumberland nominees:

Jesse Anderson
Judd Anderton
Michael Barnett
Matthew Brown
Angel Darmer
Larry Fantroy
Sara Hames
Denetra Hartzog
Kristin Jeffreys

Zachary LaFleur
Leslie Palmer
Allison Riley
Brett Thompson
Ginny Willcox
Cassi Witcher
Christopher Yearout
Brandon Zimmerman

Tuscaloosa Alumni Dinner

Please join Dean John L. Carroll, '74 and fellow Cumberland alumni for a dinner at Chuck's Fish Restaurant in Tuscaloosa on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Please RSVP by November 24 to lawalum@samford.edu.

Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award

Two Cumberland Alumni have provided a generous gift to endow the *Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award*. Two awards are given annually - one to a professor who teaches first year courses and one to a professor who teaches upper level courses.

You can nominate someone whose course you are currently taking or someone whose course you have taken in the past. I want to encourage you to nominate your favorite professor for the awards.

The winners are chosen by a joint committee of faculty and students and are announced in the spring. A faculty member who has won the award in a particular category is not eligible for the award in that category for a period of three years. The faculty members who currently are ineligible to receive the award because they have received it in the past three years are Professors Bishop and Stone (First Year Courses) and Professors Denning, DiRusso and DeBow (Upper Level Courses).

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Any Cumberland student or faculty member may nominate a professor for the award by sending a letter or e-mail to me which explains how the nominee meets the criteria for the award which are (1) mastery of the subject matter; (2) ability to convey information effectively to students; (3) demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching; (4) commitment to excellence in the classroom; (5) innovation in teaching techniques and (6) commitment to students.

Please take time to nominate a professor for this important award. In your nomination, please specify which award you are nominating a professor for - the First Year Award or the Upper Level Award. Nominations are due by the last day of class of the fall semester. Please submit nominations via e-mail to:

carroll@samford.edu



Continuing Legal Education Programs

Cumberland's CLE department wants to remind students that you are invited to attend any of Cumberland's CLE programs free of charge, but you must register with the CLE office in advance so we can plan appropriately for the conferences. You can find a full list of programs [HERE](#).

Call extension 726.2391 if you want to register.

UPCOMING CLE PROGRAM

November 19 • Trends in Commercial Real Estate Law

Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, Alabama
6 CLE hours, including 1 hour of ethics

View the brochure at:

<http://cumberland.samford.edu/files/Trends%20in%20Commercial%20Real%20Estate%20Law.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS • CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Please follow the link for a list of upcoming events:

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

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