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We hope you find the publication interesting and helpful. If there are stories and topics you would like to see in future issues, please let us know. This is your publication, and we need your feedback. We welcome your feedback at [cumberlandlawyer@samford.edu](mailto:cumberlandlawyer@samford.edu).



Dean Strickland and winners of the 2017 Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award, Kevin W. Bufford '17 and Jonathan A. Griffith '17

## Professionalism and Service

Cumberland School of Law seeks to graduate lawyers who are committed to outstanding representation of their clients, impeccable professionalism and ethics, and selfless service to their communities and the bar. Efforts to instill these values begins at Cumberland with Called to the Bar, a yearlong series of presentations to the first year class. Pictured on the cover of this issue of *Cumberland Lawyer* are Phillip McCallum '87, executive director of the Alabama State Bar, and Augusta Dowd, president of the Alabama State Bar, who recently led an outstanding discussion on professionalism as part of that series.

The pages that follow contain just a few accounts of Cumberland students and alumni exhibiting these values of service and professionalism in interesting global and local settings. These include Loreta Raulinaitė '98, who has served as the representative of the Lithuanian Parliament to the EU and now heads the parliament's information and communication department. They also include recent graduate Daniel Lopez Rubio '16, who founded his own firm to provide essential legal representation to the Hispanic population in Birmingham.

They also include current students who worked this summer at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, which prosecutes war crimes and crimes against humanity; in the Rural Summer Legal Corp, which provides legal services to underserved rural populations in the U.S.; and in the Washington Legislative Office of the ACLU. I am proud of Cumberland's commitment to professionalism, and the professionalism exhibited each day by thousands of Cumberland lawyers.

Henry C. Strickland III  
Dean, Cumberland School of Law

## Alumni Honored at Founder's Day

In March 2017, the following Cumberland lawyers (and many spouses) were recognized for financially supporting the university for at least 35 years:

Mr. John F. Bennett '69  
Prof. T. Brad Bishop '71  
Hon. Quentin Q. Brown Jr. '73  
Mr. William T. Coplin '77  
Mr. Thomas M. Donahoo '65  
Dr. Chriss H. Doss '68  
Mr. Charles E. Drimal Jr. '73  
Mr. S. Wayne Fuller '75  
Mr. William R. Goodman III '74

Mrs. Susan O. Hamilton '77  
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Hon. George H. Pierce '58  
Mr. Marion A. Quina Jr. '74  
Mr. William H. Satterfield '77  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Stancil Starnes '72  
Mr. Robert H. Stropp Jr. '75  
Ms. Sheila R. Tweed '76 (deceased)  
Mr. Michael W. Young '77

In 2018, Cumberland Law alumni will be added to this list (as they achieve 35 years of giving) and will be recognized on March 22, Samford University's next Founder's Day.



**The Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award** was endowed by Governor Albert Brewer, distinguished professor of law and government and professor emeritus (deceased), in honor of his father. Each year the award is granted to a third-year law student who best exemplifies the high standards of ethics and professionalism expected of members of the legal profession. This year, for the first time, the award was presented to two equally qualified students.

**Kevin W. Bufford** was executive editor of *The American Journal of Trial Advocacy* Vol. 40, Committee Chair Vol. 39; the associate justice of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Cumberland Trial Advocacy Board (overseeing Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration and Client Counseling intramural competitions and tryouts for national teams); a competitor on both Cumberland's National Negotiation Team and its National Mediation Team; served as a student coach for the mediation team, as a peer adviser for the Career Development Office, and as a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow.

Additionally, Bufford was an admissions ambassador for the Office of Admissions and a recipient of the 2016 Frances Marlin Mann Award for Leadership and Character. Currently, Bufford is an associate at Samford & Denson in Opelika, Ala.

**Jonathan A. Griffith** spent nine years prior to law school as a cross-cultural minister in India and Costa Rica. At Cumberland, he was awarded the Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship; was a Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow; served as a team leader for the Center for Children, Law and Ethics; was an associate editor for the *Cumberland Law Review*; and graduated summa cum laude.

Currently, Griffith is clerking for Chief Judge Karon O. Bowdre in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. In 2018, he will begin an associate role with Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt in Birmingham, Ala.



# Commit to the Rule of Law

By William Nunnally

Federal Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit told graduates of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law that commencement for a law school is more than a celebration of the success of its students and faculty.

Law school commencement celebrates "the American commitment to the rule of law, which is the bulwark of our freedom," said Judge Pryor. He quoted Thomas Paine as saying that "in absolute governments the King is law," but, "in America the law is king." Cumberland School of Law has celebrated that fact since 1847, Pryor added.

Pryor, who also serves as acting chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission and is an adjunct faculty member at Cumberland, spoke on May 12 to a law graduation audience of about 1,500 in Samford's Wright Center. The class comprised 130 candidates for the Juris Doctor and three candidates for the Master of

Comparative Law.

Pryor urged the graduates to do three things as they begin their work as lawyers. "First, maintain and defend the nobility of the legal profession. Second, serve the public. Finally, respect the limits of the law," he said. He described the law as "a largely historical project that is as old as civilization itself," adding that "our Anglo-American common law developed over centuries to resolve problems that are fundamental to human nature."

Pryor closed by congratulating the young lawyers, and adding, "Today marks the beginning of a lifetime of professional opportunity and achievement. Seize it."

## Lawyerly Legacies



Courtney Moseley with her father, Chris Moseley '93



Levi Dunagan with his father, J.E. "Sam" Johnston '88



Anna Akers with her cousin, Lindsay Musselman Davis '83



Tulia Larkin with her father-in-law, Tom Larkin '76, and aunt, (ret.) Judge Helen Shores Lee '87



Nathan Hall with his father, David Hall '92



Brooke-Anne Freeman with her father, Ed Freeman '86



Colin Sigler with his father, Patrick Sigler '71. Not pictured, Colin's cousin, David M. Sigler '07

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



As I write this, on deadline for this issue, many of us are still concerned about friends or relatives in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana, due to damage caused by hurricanes Irma and Harvey. Other places and people have recently experienced effects of fires in the West and Northwest, or by earthquakes that recently occurred in Mexico and Italy. Turbulent times. Crisis realigns perspective, doesn't it?

We have alumni in every affected area and our thoughts and prayers are with them. It was nice to be able to "check" on some very quickly via Facebook or see via Instagram that some were faring well and escaped flooding or major damage. However, much of the time only the good news gets "posted." Let us not forget members of the Cumberland community who may have lost their home, car, office or worse.

At the time this issue hits mailboxes, I hope our Cumberland lawyers all over the world are experiencing cool dry autumn air and eating pumpkin-flavored anything. Enjoy reading about our new Class of 2020, summer work experiences of law students and about alumni who are doing very meaningful work. This Thanksgiving season, we at Cumberland are thankful for your ongoing support.

Last, I'd like to thank the students who offered to write features for this issue and especially Leah Johnson '18 who was "on call" for several photo sessions. It truly takes a village.

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## Remembering Justice Janie Ledlow Shores

(April 30, 1932–August 9, 2017)

Justice Shores earned a law degree in 1959 and became the first full-time female faculty member of Cumberland School of Law in 1965. She then went on to receive a degree in history from Samford University in 1968. She taught full time at Cumberland until 1974, when she was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama. She remained a part-time professor until 1991. She served as a justice on the Supreme Court Bench until January 1999, and then as a supernumerary justice until 2001. Justice Shores passed away on August 9, 2017 at the age of 85.



Left to right: Former Attorney General Bill Baxley, Justice Shores and retired 10th Circuit Court Judge Tom King '76 in July 2017



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### November 1

From the Nixon White House to Trump Tower: A Unique Look at Executive Power with a Focus on Supreme Court Appointments featuring John Dean

**2-3**  
Southeastern Business Law Institute 2017

**10**  
Mandatory Professionalism\*

**16**  
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## Loreta Raulinaitytė

### A Cumberland Alumna Making a Difference in Lithuania

By Michael D. Floyd

Loreta wishes to acknowledge the Rev. Bill Friday, then minister of the Highlands United Methodist Church in Birmingham, who was her legal guardian while in Birmingham and whose family graciously became her "second" American family. Throughout the 4 years in Alabama, Loreta lived with Ms. Mildred Green, mother of Carolyn Satterfield, to whom she is very grateful for her hospitality and warm friendship.

Pictured is Prof. Michael D. Floyd and Loreta



Cumberland's influence in the world is significant and varied. I saw one important example this summer in Lithuania, at the eastern edge of Europe. My wife, Annette Thompson, and I visited Loreta Raulinaitytė '98 in Vilnius, Lithuania, after spending July at our annual study abroad program at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Loreta serves in Vilnius as director of the information and communication department at the Seimas, the Lithuanian unicameral Parliament. She and her staff of 60 professionals provide a broad, important range of media and research services for the Seimas.

The connection between our law school and Lithuania goes back decades. Lithuania has a long and rich tradition of choral music, and Loreta first visited Birmingham in 1994 to sing with her Lithuanian choir on a U.S. concert tour. It was our good fortune that she was hosted in Birmingham by Cumberland alumnus Bill Satterfield '77 and his wife, Carolyn. That was the start of a warm, longstanding friendship which brought Loreta to Cumberland as a J.D. student. "I came to Birmingham in 1994, four years after Lithuania proclaimed independence from the Soviet Union," Loreta says. "My studies at Cumberland and the four years spent in the United States opened up a new universe for me. I saw how democracy works in reality and how a prosperous nation remained open and most generous to a foreign student from a little-known European country."

I was associate dean when Loreta finished her J.D., and I practiced for weeks to be able to announce her last name more-or-less correctly at commencement. She has always graciously encouraged everyone to call her "Loreta," which is much easier for English speakers to pronounce. Annette and I had the pleasure of seeing Loreta's Cumberland diploma prominently displayed in her office at the Seimas, along with her Order for Merits to Lithuania and the Cross of the Knight Award, which she received from the president of Lithuania in 2004.

We have kept in touch with Loreta through the ensuing decades, while she worked for the courts in Vilnius and then later served in Brussels as the permanent representative of the Lithuanian Parliament

and as the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat based in the European Parliament. COSAC arranges the activities of the EU national parliaments together with the European Parliament during the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, which rotates every six months. She has never forgotten us. "My degree opened wide career opportunities for me in Lithuania and later in Brussels," she says. "It also allowed me to become a confident professional with a solid academic background and strong work ethic." As Lithuania prepared to take its turn in the E.U. Presidency (July–December 2013), Loreta returned home to oversee that process.

When Loreta studied in the U.S., she spent a July at Cumberland's summer study abroad program in England (which was then run by Professor Bo Cole in Durham, United Kingdom). For a few days in most summers of the last decade, Loreta has joined us in Cambridge to share insights from her experiences. Our Cambridge students and faculty always gain a much richer understanding of Europe from her perspective on the European Union, and her insights into life and politics in a small country in the shadow of its aggressive Russian neighbor.

Loreta has repeatedly invited her many American friends to visit her in Lithuania. We are very happy that we finally took her up on it. We gained a much richer understanding and appreciation of her home country. We enjoyed a vast array of fascinating and delightful experiences—far too many to list, let alone describe—but the most powerful of those was our visit to the Seimas in Vilnius. In Cambridge we had heard Loreta vividly describe the dramatic events in 1989–91, when Lithuania declared its independence from the Soviet Union. However, we gained a rich new level of understanding from seeing the Parliament building and the streets where Lithuanian civilians literally held hands (peacefully and unarmed) in the face of the threatening Soviet tanks and troops.

Loreta Raulinaitytė is a proud and remarkably accomplished Cumberland alumna. We are fortunate to count her as one of our own, and even more fortunate to count her as a good friend.

Loreta showing the Swedish royal family the preserved barricades that guarded the Seimas from the Soviets in 1991

# Daniel Lopez Rubio '16

By Elizabeth H. Rand (Class of 2020)



**D**aniel Lopez Rubio '16 embodies all that it means to be a young Cumberland graduate. Immediately upon being admitted to the Alabama State Bar, he founded Lopez Rubio Lawyers, LLC, in Birmingham, Alabama. This young lawyer focuses on immigration, business and contracts, wills, probate and estate planning, family and domestic legalities, real estate, as well as injury cases. Lopez Rubio wants to "... help anyone who walks into our office, whether or not it involves the law. They may not leave with an answer they want, but it is an honest one."

Lopez Rubio drew inspiration from a familial Cumberland background. "My uncle is also a Cumberland graduate (Freddy Rubio '08), and he said the best way to help the community is to help yourself. In addition, a clerkship I did with Judge Sherry Friday '89 really inspired me to work in the South given my Hispanic background, and utilize the benefits of being bilingual."

brewing against the American resident, who regularly told her that no one would believe her because she is undocumented. It gives us great joy to know we are helping someone get justice."

Reflecting, Lopez Rubio offers a few words of wisdom that he believes young, aspiring lawyers should consider before opening up their own firm. "Don't be scared to give free consultations. Sometimes the best form of payment are the connections that you make along the way. Be humble and get to know people from all backgrounds, those who have differing specialties to better your own reputation."

Lopez Rubio invites anyone to stop by his office to visit and learn about his practice "... and for the tacos. We get to be right next to the best taco truck in all of Birmingham."

*Daniel Lopez Rubio '16, Photo credit: Chris White*

Of counsel on some immigration cases is Yu Huang '14. A former classmate, Kyle Pierce '16, has worked with Lopez Rubio on several cases. Currently, third-year law student Anil Sadhwani clerks at the firm. "The willingness to work collaboratively as a firm to produce the best outcome for our clients is one of our main short-term goals, as well as to build up a good team with many different specialties. 'Aqui para ti' means "we are here for you," the Hispanic people will have a voice for whatever they need with me by their side."

A recent matter that gave Lopez Rubio great satisfaction is one where he successfully obtained a protective order from abuse for an undocumented woman. This client was beaten by her ex-boyfriend (an American citizen) and lost her unborn child as a result. "We've been able to aid her through the criminal case, which is still pending. We secured a protection from abuse order, and will solicit the federal government for a U Visa for her. The U Visa is granted to undocumented people who aid in the prosecution of a qualifying crime. A civil action is



Photo by Leah Johnson '18

## 2017-18 National Trial Team

**Congratulations to the following students selected to represent Cumberland School of Law during 2017-18 as members of the National Trial Team.**

Allison Bendall  
Callie Brister  
Jonathan Brown  
Kameron Buckner  
Walt Cobb  
Brooke DiSalvo  
Ashley Feltman  
Stephanie Gushlaw  
Morgan Hoggle  
Jennifer Jayjohn  
Denzell Moton  
Justice Neloms

Denzel Okinedo  
Kingsley Okpara  
Craig Shirley  
Keith Stephens  
Dylan Sutherland  
Candace Towns  
Krista Tribble  
Carmen Weite  
Paige West  
Amanda Wineman  
Andrew York

### *Team Judges:*

*Judge Jim Roberts '94  
Michael Rasmussen '75  
Sara Williams '06  
Setara Foster '12  
Michael Eldridge '12  
Blake Milner '14  
Spenser Templeton '15*

Other advocacy teams were being finalized during development of this issue. They will be included in the spring issue of *Cumberland Lawyer*.

# Xan Ingram, third-year law student



This past summer, I had the opportunity to intern at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The ICC is the world's first permanent international criminal court. The court is managed by the Assembly of State Parties, which is an assembly of representatives from all 124 states that are state parties to the Rome Statute. The court currently prosecutes war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity (by way of example, the ICC is the court that has an arrest warrant out for Joseph Kony). Working and learning with such a diverse group of individuals at the ICC was an incredible experience.

My internship was a full three months, so there wasn't much time to acclimate in the Netherlands before getting to the ICC. Upon arrival I found a grocery store, learned a couple of Dutch words and figured out how to navigate the city by bike. The day before I started my internship, I was able to attend a lecture by Ben Ferencz, the last surviving prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials. His lecture was both challenging and inspiring and it set the tone for the summer.

My first day at the court was a whirlwind of security clearances, trying to pronounce my new colleagues' names and locating the restrooms. Once I was able to begin doing more substantive work, I was amazed to see how complex the ICC and international criminal law truly are. The ICC is an incredible example of what can happen when sovereign states unite to fight against impunity. Diversity is the name of the game at the ICC. It is staffed by people from all over the world. Walking down the halls, I heard people speaking in languages I had never even heard of, despite the fact that my undergraduate major was linguistics. Ethnic and linguistic diversity

meant that every day was an opportunity to learn about different cultures, histories and people groups.

Moreover, diversity goes much deeper at the ICC than simply having a broad international representation: the court's judicial operations represent a conglomerate of many major legal systems and theories of justice. The ICC and its governing law, the Rome Statute, incorporate many elements of both civil and common law. Cases from ad hoc tribunals like the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY, prosecutes crimes committed during the Bosnian genocide) and the ECCC (Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, prosecutes crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime), as well as international criminal law treaties, and sometimes even domestic jurisprudence can all be applicable law at the ICC. However, the ICC cases and Rome Statute are the binding precedent used by the court.

Because the court has only been in operation for 15 years, there is still a lot left to be settled about how the Rome Statute operates, which made this summer a fantastically interesting time to be at the court. Every new decision has huge ramifications for international criminal law. For instance, the first case involving Article 70 of the Rome Statute (regarding offenses to the administration of justice, in this case, perjury and corruptly influencing witnesses to give false testimony) is currently being adjudicated. The court recently ruled that defendants can be held liable for crimes committed both by and against child soldiers under their control, and the ICC is moving towards prosecuting the crime of aggression.



Having no background in international law and only one semester of criminal law under my belt meant that I had quite a learning curve to overcome. Most of my fellow interns had already finished law school, having specialized in international criminal law, and many of them had completed LLM's in international criminal law, international humanitarian law, or international public law.

Thankfully, my colleagues in my office were incredibly patient and helpful and were always willing to point me to helpful resources or explain basic international criminal law concepts to me. In my office, we had 11 people from ten different countries who spoke (and signed) at least 13 languages and had worked at every major ad hoc tribunal (including the courts for Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Yugoslavia and Cambodia) except for the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Our office operated in both French and English, and despite never having taken a French class, by the end of the summer I could read enough French to understand the basics of most court documents and I could speak enough French to have small conversations with my francophone boss.

Because the ICC is so new, most of the resources that we have



available through WestLaw or Lexis, like practice guides or Practical Law, are not available in a unified database. The prosecutor's office has a massive amount of resources and the defense has significantly fewer resources, so my office existed to ensure that there was "equality of arms" between the prosecution and defense by helping the defense with research projects and other small assignments. Because I did so much research into topics I knew nothing about at the beginning of the summer, I was incredibly thankful for my incredibly supportive team.

My roommates in the Netherlands were from Chicago, Germany and Ireland. Two of them worked at another court based in The Hague: the ICTY. In fact, I made friends who were working at the ICTY, the MICT (Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, the court that would finish adjudicating cases once the ICTY's mandate was over), the OPCW (Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) and others. Whether I was at home or at work, I was learning about history, culture, war, politics, languages and people. This summer internship was a life-changing opportunity to learn more about our legal realm around the world.



# Ivan Gonzalez Dollar, third-year law student

The heading read, “Rural Summer Legal Corp,” and my interest sparked. I grew up in a small cotton town in North Alabama and knew that serving in rural communities struck a note for me. My ambition to give back to my community compelled me to apply for a fellowship position with Equal Justice Works.

I expressed my experience and commitment to serve the underserved population in Alabama after living in rural towns, and later, accepted a summer intern position at Legal Services Alabama. In mid-March I received a call by the director of advocacy at Alabama Legal Services, Michael Forton, and learned I was selected for the fellowship with Equal Justice Works and Legal Services. I chose Selma, Alabama, as my host site.

I began training for the position in Washington, D.C., in early June and briefly visited Martinsville, West Virginia, during the orientation. Martinsville, like other rural communities, experiences reoccurring issues plaguing counties throughout the United States—inadequate access to legal services. Unfortunately, these issues reflect broader social issues woven with inadequate mental and physical healthcare services.

The goal of the fellowship was to create better access to adequate legal services. I urge law students to take advantage of these types of opportunities to serve rural communities. Furthermore, I encourage alumni to help create opportunities for law students and young lawyers to serve rural communities by providing services that may save somebody’s home, car, wages or precious benefits.



**Ivan Dollar was born in Mexico and became a naturalized citizen when he was a teenager. He knew he wanted to become a lawyer after experiencing how difficult the process to become a citizen of the United States was. He hopes to use his experiences to “help others overcome boundaries and bridge gaps among the races.” At Cumberland School of Law, Dollar serves as president of the Hispanic Interest Law Student Association.**

# Sierra Gray, third-year law student

This summer I was a legal intern for the Washington Legislative Office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU is a national organization that works daily in the legislature, courts and communities to defend individual rights and liberties.

Coincidentally while there, I met and worked for an extremely talented attorney, Cumberland alumna Jennifer Bellamy '02. My work focused on a range of topics including racial justice and voting rights. No day was the same and ranged from assisting the development of strategic plans for lobbying of specific legislation, to attending and leading meetings with congressional staffers. A highlight of this internship was writing two articles on voting rights that were published on the ACLU’s national website. I was also quoted in a *U.S. News & World Report* article.

The majority of my time was spent advocating and lobbying for a Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) bill, which passed through the U.S. House of Representatives prior to the start of my internship. At the conclusion of my internship, a version of the bill was passed by the U.S. Senate. While the bill still has to be consolidated in conference before going to the president to be signed into law, I was able to see how my efforts could be a small part of big change.

I was honored to be able to represent Cumberland School of Law as an ACLU legal intern with interns from other prestigious law schools throughout the country. The experience I obtained was invaluable, and will add depth to the next year of my legal studies and in the start of my legal career.



**Sierra is from Tuskegee, Alabama, and received a sales and marketing degree from Tuskegee University. At Cumberland, she is chair of the Thurgood Marshall Symposium for the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), and sub-region 1 director for Southern Region BLSA.**

Assistant Professor and Director of the Advocacy Program

# Ramona Albin

Before joining the Cumberland faculty, Ramona Albin worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for over 10 years. She handled criminal trial and appellate litigation. She was also chief of the Appellate Division and argued cases before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Earlier in her career, Professor Albin worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Texas and Massachusetts, trying cases ranging from assault to rape to murder. She graduated with honors from Wesleyan University and received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

Professor Albin also received a Master of Public Health from Boston University. She is a member of the Alabama, California, Massachusetts, Michigan and Texas State Bars and is admitted to practice before the federal district courts in the Northern and Middle Districts of Alabama, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. She and her husband, Leon Dure, a professor and chief of pediatric neurology at UAB, have two children.



## What are two or three priorities you'd like to accomplish at Cumberland School of Law this year?

Cumberland has a tradition of excellence in advocacy. To continue that tradition, this year I plan to review and evaluate the advocacy curriculum and determine areas where our program can be enhanced and/or expanded; increase the use of technology in our trial skills classes to prepare our students for 21st century litigation; and fully communicate the accomplishments of our advocacy teams to students, alumni, and the legal community at large.

## What is most exciting to you about teaching?

The integrity of our legal system depends on ethical, effective advocacy. Helping students gain the skills and understanding to become lawyers who are ready to practice with honesty and integrity is a privilege and is what most excites me about being in the classroom.

## Is there something unique about your professional experience that you are excited to convey to the students?

I'm not sure if my experience is unique, but I am excited to bring hands-on, practical experience from my work as a trial and appellate attorney into the classroom. Coupling the theoretical with real-world application and exercises, such as plea-bargaining exercises in criminal law, arguing evidentiary motions in evidence or challenging a search warrant in criminal procedure, can only help to enhance students' educational experience.

## Outside the classroom, do you have a specific research interest?

My research interests include issues of race, gender and access to the criminal justice system, particularly victim access, and issues surrounding Institutional Review Board structure and function.

Assistant Professor and Director of Lawyering and Legal Reasoning Program

# Kandice Horsey

Kandice L. Horsey is an assistant professor and director of the Lawyering and Legal Reasoning program. Before joining Cumberland, she worked in the United Kingdom practicing criminal law and teaching British and American law students. As a solicitor with Higher Rights of Audience, she was licensed to be an advocate in every criminal court in England and Wales, on par with criminal barristers.

Professor Horsey also taught at Stetson University College of Law. For three years, she was an advocacy trainer for Irish law students and legal professionals in Dublin, Ireland, as a part of Stetson's partnership with University College Dublin-Sutherland School of Law. Additionally, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and an Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County, Maryland. As a prosecutor, she tried over 100 adult felony cases to verdict in both bench and jury trials.



## What are two priorities you'd like to accomplish with your class at Cumberland School of Law this year?

I want the 1Ls to start their professional careers from the first day of law school. We now have a time stamp for LLR submissions to replicate court filings and reinforce the importance of deadlines. In addition to preparing 1Ls for practice and helping them pass the bar so that they can practice, I am committed to making sure that they are ready for clerkships in the summer after their first year with practical skills and a firm foundation in analysis.

## What is exciting to you about being back in a classroom?

Because every semester and every group is different, the most exciting part is getting to know the new students and discovering the group dynamic.

## Is there something unique about your professional experience that you are excited to convey to the students?

I had the opportunity to start my career in a D.A.'s office where there was an emphasis on ethics, compassion and respect for all people, including the defendants we prosecuted. I am most excited to share the human side of lawyering and the benefits of keeping your moral compass set to due north at all times.

## Outside the classroom, do you have a specific research interest?

Practicing in the U.S. and the U.K. exposed me to many differences in our criminal justice systems. I will focus on those comparisons in my research.

## Terry W. McCarthy

As a partner of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Terry McCarthy has a very diverse litigation practice where he has served as lead counsel and appellate counsel in various matters in more than 20 states. Following an undergraduate education at Auburn University, where he was president of the SGA, he earned master's and doctoral degrees in education from the University of Alabama. Then he went on to law school (University of Alabama) and became an expert in the subject of evidence. In fact, McCarthy co-authored McElroy's *Alabama Evidence* and the latest edition of Gamble's *Alabama Rules of Evidence*. He serves on the Alabama Supreme Court Advisory Committee to the Alabama Rules of Evidence and regularly publishes and presents in the area of education law. Cumberland School of Law students benefit from his expertise in the classroom.

Outside of his legal and teaching careers, Terry is an active member of his church and he supports many charities and educational organizations such as Alex's Lemonade Stand, the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, Adopt a Golden Birmingham, Jimmie Hale Mission and John Carroll Catholic High School.

He is teaching Advanced Evidence at Cumberland.

### Is there anything your law students would be surprised to know about you?

I still get nervous before every class and every time I speak in public.

### Will you describe an "embarrassing" moment or mistake you've made while practicing law; and what, if anything, did you learn from it?

I remember impeaching a witness with a prior inconsistent statement and trying to make the witness look like a liar when the witness really just made an honest mistake. I learned that you don't always have to "attack" a witness on cross examination.

### Who is one of your professional mentors? Is there one thing that you've learned from this mentor that you'd like young lawyers to know?

Too many to mention, but they certainly include Charles Gamble, Warren Lightfoot, Sam Franklin, and my brother, Brian McCarthy. They are humble, treat everyone with respect, are highly ethical and great at what they do.



### How do you balance your legal practice and responsibilities with a hobby or family time?

I love my practice, I love writing about evidence, and I love teaching evidence, so I rarely feel the urge to "get away" from it all. But I still make a point to exercise regularly, hang out with friends, support charities that are important to me, and see my family. I don't have a wife or kids, so I probably have a lot more free time than most!

### Do you have a 5-10 year professional goal you would like to share?

I am doing exactly what I want to do with a perfect blend of law practice and academics. I wouldn't change a thing. In 5-10 years, I hope I am doing the same thing, but hopefully I will be doing it a little better.

## Brooke Nixon '08

A shareholder of Rosen Harwood, PA, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Brooke's practice focuses on labor and employment law and general business law. She has represented clients in discrimination and harassment litigation, contract disputes and retaliatory discharge claims. She also works with clients to form new businesses and helps them deal with a variety of workplace issues. Additionally, she provides management and employee training on numerous topics including anti-discrimination and harassment policies, effective discipline, FMLA, employee investigations, FLSA and retaliation. Brooke received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and her J.D. summa cum laude from Cumberland School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Alabama and Florida.

Outside her firm, Brooke was codirector of the Young Professionals of Tuscaloosa from 2012-16. Then, she became the first female chief volunteer officer of the Tuscaloosa County YMCA Board of Directors in 2016. Currently, she is vice president of the Bessemer Academy Board of Directors and the legislative chair of the Tuscaloosa Human Resource Professionals.

She is teaching Representing Small Businesses at Cumberland.

### What are two of your primary goals in teaching your course?

My primary goal is to teach students how to be a lawyer. We are learning how to talk to clients, how to draft emails to clients and how to interact with other lawyers in meetings or negotiations. My second goal is to provide real-life simulations of duties that young lawyers often have to perform right out of law school.



### Did you have a professional mentor while during or after law school?

I have worked closely with Tom Scroggins, also a partner at Rosen Harwood, since graduating from Cumberland in 2008. One of his mottos is, "If you are explaining, you are losing." Remembering to keep things direct, simple and to the point in brief writing and during oral arguments is a valuable lesson. The facts need to be speak for themselves. If you have to explain them, you are losing.

### How do you balance legal career with family life?

Even before I graduated law school, I decided I wanted to work at a small- to medium-size, family-oriented firm. I knew I needed the work-life balance that a large firm might not offer. Balancing career with family life is not always easy, but if you are at the right firm it doesn't have to be stressful.

## Scott Simpson '93

Scott Simpson established Simpson, McMahan, Glick & Burford law firm in 2007. His vision was to provide the level of experience, creativity and technology required in today's business environment. His areas of experience are civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration. Scott is a registered mediator, registered appellate mediator and commercial arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. He has handled state and federal cases all over the U.S., including cases before the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, as well as the U. S. Supreme Court.

Simpson earned a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Florida in 1989 and received his Juris Doctor magna cum laude from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 1993. Since 2002, he has taught a class at Samford on dispute



resolution to educate and inform tomorrow's young attorneys. He has also spent time lecturing at Cambridge University in England and several law schools in Brazil. Simpson has published numerous articles on evolving issues in alternative dispute resolution. He is teaching ADR and Arbitration at Cumberland.

# 2018 Faculty Awards

The following Cumberland School of Law faculty members received awards for the 2016-17 academic year



Alyssa DiRusso



David Smolin



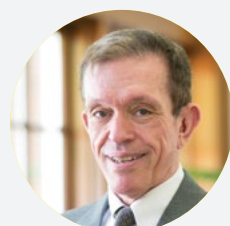
Judge J. Gary Pate '76



Leslie S. Ennis '92



Robert J. Goodwin



William G. Ross

Harvey S. Jackson Teaching Award for first-year courses:  
Robert J. Goodwin

Harvey S. Jackson Teaching Award for upper-level second year courses:  
William G. Ross

Lightfoot, Franklin & White Scholarship Awards:  
Alyssa DiRusso and David M. Smolin

Outstanding Adjunct Professor Awards:  
Dr. Leslie S. Ennis '92 and (retired) Judge J. Gary Pate '76



## Allen Howell

In May 2017, G. Allen Howell was named assistant dean of external relations and career development. Allen graduated from University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2006, then Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in 2009. Allen served as the director of career development and public interest at Jones School of Law for four years prior to becoming the associate director of career development and director of outreach and reporting at Cumberland School of Law in 2014. Currently, Allen is earning a Master of Science in educational leadership at Samford University. At Cumberland, Allen oversees the career development office and coordinates the alumni relations, development, admissions, communications and career development departments.

## New Degree Program: *Master of Studies in Law*

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law is currently accepting applications for a new, fully online, part-time master's degree program, the Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.). Students may choose from one of four M.S.L. concentrations: health law and policy, financial services regulatory compliance, higher education law and compliance or legal project management. Students may also opt for a custom option that allows them to choose from a variety of elective courses. The first cohort will be admitted in fall 2018.

The new degree option was recently approved by Samford University's board of trustees. The M.S.L. concentration will replace the law school's Master of Science in health law and policy which welcomed its third cohort in fall 2017.

A M.S.L. will prepare students for roles in compliance, regulatory affairs, e-discovery, legal project management and more, according to Laura Tomlin, director of graduate and professional programs at Cumberland School of Law. The 36-credit-hour curriculum is specifically designed for mid-career professionals and can be completed in just 24 months, with students taking two courses per semester for six semesters (including two summers). Students who have already earned a J.D. may apply for advanced standing and reduce the total credit hours from 36 to 30.

"The program is designed primarily for nonlawyers interested in pursuing a graduate degree that will position them for advancement in their current field, although practicing attorneys may choose to pursue a degree that complements their current practice or opens doors to a new area of practice," Tomlin said.

Faculty members are industry experts, practicing attorneys, Cumberland School of Law faculty and Samford faculty from other disciplines. The curriculum focuses on both foundational and specialized knowledge as well as real-world, practical skills that can be immediately applied in the workplace. The program is pending approval with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Although the program is completely online, students are required to attend an on-campus orientation before classes begin. According to Tomlin, this provides students with the opportunity to connect with their peers, professors and advisory board members at the outset, facilitating better communication and networking over the next two years.

**The application deadline for fall 2018 admission is June 1, 2018.**

## A GLIMPSE AT FACULTY ACTIVITIES APRIL 2017-AUGUST 2017



**Cassandra E. Adams**

Adams served as a panelist, during the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting, in a program titled "Implicit Bias: A Frank and Continuing Conversation from the Bench's, the Educator's and the Practitioner's Perspectives."



**John L. Carroll**

In July, Judge Carroll, his wife Susan, and a group of American lawyers from Inns of Court in the United States were part of an amity visit to the Middle Temple Inn of Court in London. The visit featured significant dialogue between the American lawyers and English barristers about legal education in both countries and issues facing the courts and the system of justice.

From July 14-18, Judge Carroll attended the annual meeting of the Uniform Law Commission. He was there as a member of a committee which drafted a Model Veteran's Treatment Court Act. At that meeting, the Uniform Law Commission approved the Model Veteran's Treatment Court Act for enactment by the states.



**LaJuana Davis**

Davis wrote "Emerging School Finance Litigation in Mississippi," Mississippi College School of Law Review, publication forthcoming. On August 2, Davis presented at Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) conference, Boca Raton, Fla.; and was a panel moderator for "Student Discipline, School Surveillance, and Racial Disparities."



**Brannon P. Denning**

Denning taught Constitutional Law at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and presented a work-in-progress entitled "Can Judges Be Uncivily Obedient" to the faculty. His most recent publication is, "Is There a Second Amendment 'Right to be Negligent?'" 68 Fla. L. Rev. Forum 99 (2017).



**Alyssa DiRusso**

DiRusso attained the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® designation in March and published two articles: "Wealth Management Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government," *Probate & Property*, Vol. 31, No. 2, p. 46-49 (March/April 2017), and "Clients Thinking Calexit? Consider Taxexit (Tax Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government)," *The Practical Tax Lawyer*, Vol. 31, No. 2, p. 29-33 (Winter 2017).

In addition DiRusso presented two times during the SEALS conference in August: "Inequality, (Re) Distribution of Wealth, and the Federal Tax System: Taxexit (Tax Planning to Shift Revenue from Federal to State and Local Government)", as a panelist; and "Pedagogy and Assessments in Tax Courses", as a moderator and proposer.



**Michael D. Floyd**

Floyd directed Cumberland's Master of Comparative Law Program in June and the Cambridge summer study abroad program in July. The second edition of *Michael D. Floyd, Mastering Negotiable Instruments: UCC Articles 3 and 4 and Other Payment Systems* (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2d ed 2017) is in near-final page proofs.



**Kandice L. Horsey**

Horsey taught for Stetson University, College of Law's Comparative Advocacy Course: Mastering Trial Advocacy, in Oxford England at St. Hughes College.



**Edward C. Martin**

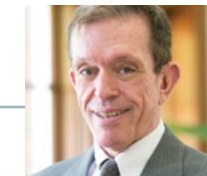
Martin recently published a second edition for the *Mastering Tort Law* (Carolina Academic Press), and is presently finishing up his contribution to the fifth edition of his Torts casebook (also published by Carolina Academic Press) to be released in spring 2018. This marks the 13th year of the publication of Professor Martin's treatise on *Premises Liability Law*, and that publication has now expanded to include five volumes, all of which include continuing bi-annual updates. Martin also taught Professional Responsibility and a course on the Endangered Species Act during the summer semester as part of Cumberland's online course curriculum.



**Tracey M. Roberts**

Roberts delivered her article, "Picking Winners and Losers: Examining Tax Subsidies to the Energy Industry" at Vanderbilt Law School as part of their Faculty Workshop Series on March 29, in Nashville, Tenn. The article was published in 2016 in the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law. She presented her paper, "Plato's Laws and the Demands of the Socratic Dialogue," at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, California on April 1. As part of the Sabin Colloquium at Columbia Law School, she presented "Environmental Opportunities in Comprehensive Tax Reform" on May 4 in New York. She delivered her paper, "Choice of Instrument, Efficiency and the WTO," at the Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators at Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, in Phoenix, Arizona on May 12.

Roberts presented "The Taxing Power as a Reverse Takings Clause" at the 8th Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property, and Society held at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan on May 19, and at the Society for Environmental Law and Economics, held at Worcester College, Oxford University, Oxford, England on May 27. Finally, in July, she participated in the week-long Lochner Era Seminar at Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California, sponsored by the Institute for Constitutional History and led by Professor Barry Cushman, from Notre Dame.



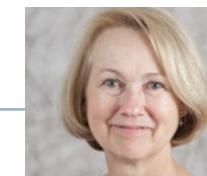
**William G. Ross**

Ross published a book, *World War I and the American Constitution* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).



**Henry C. Strickland III**

Strickland gave BarBri's national Uniform Bar Exam lecture on Conflict of Laws, and gave state-specific lectures on Conflict of Laws or Civil Procedure in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Oklahoma. At SEALS, he served on a panel entitled, "External Challenges Faced by Law School Deans" and made a presentation on "Admissions and Recruitment."



**Deborah Young**

Young returned to Vermont Law School, in South Royalton, Vermont, to teach Evidence during the summer term.

# Cumberland School of Law Bishop Society

Join us as we make tangible differences in the lives of students as they learn skills, tackle challenges, gain professionalism and have unparalleled experiences at Cumberland School of Law.

Named for long-time Cumberland School of Law professor and dean Thomas Brad Bishop. Professor Bishop, this network of supporters help advance the mission of the law school through annual contributions.

### Your contributions are investments that will:

- Provide scholarship support to many deserving law students
- Provide public interest fellowships to deserving law students
- Upgrade technology and law school facilities
- Support the preparation and travel of Cumberland's trial and other teams
- Support faculty research

### Sharing the Benefits

The immediate benefit of joining the Bishop Society is that you directly help students at your alma mater. Additional benefits include:

- Invitations to Cumberland networking events
- A chance to stay connected with alumni throughout the country and globally
- Special recognition at our Alumni Weekend and in *Cumberland Lawyer*
- Invitations to attend guest speaker events and colloquia
- Priority notification and opportunity to attend select Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center events
- Invitation to attend the annual Bishop's Society Gala
- Bishop Society membership packet and gifts
- Invitation to Bulldog Hospitality Suite prior to football games

### Annual Giving Levels

Bishop Trustees .....	\$5,000 and up	Dean's Associate.....	\$250-\$499
Cumberland Counselor .....	\$1,000-\$4,999	Associate .....	\$150-\$249
Dean's Partner .....	\$500-\$999	Rascal* .....	\$25

\*Rascal level is available to those within four years of their graduation year

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## Recognizing our military men and women



This certificate and framed United States flag was sent to Cumberland School of Law from Captain Alan S. Kirk '08, U.S. Army.

### Did you know?

Samford University is ranked #1 in the South for best colleges for veterans among regional universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. Cumberland School of Law received a top 10 designation in the 2018 Military Friendly Schools guide.



# CLASS NOTES COLLECTED FEBRUARY 2017–AUGUST 2017

**1962**  
**Bracy F. “Jack” Lowery** of Lebanon, Tennessee, was appointed to the board of trustees at The University of North Carolina, Pembroke, North Carolina.

**1969**  
**James F. Morgan** was a recipient of the 2017 Citizen Lawyer Award established by the North Carolina Bar Association. He was recognized at the 2017 NCBA Annual Meeting

**1970**  
**Lawrence C. Brown** is an associate at Ganek PC, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

**Judge Robert K. Coleman** (retired from the Third Circuit Court, District of Mississippi), authored a novel, *The Thirteenth Juror*.

**Judge Charles A. Graddick** retired from the 13th Circuit Court, Mobile County. Graddick will serve as senior legal adviser to the city of Mobile, Alabama.

**Frank C. Walker** is a shareholder at GrayRobinson PA, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**1973**  
**Judge Houston L. Brown** was a recipient of Positive Maturity’s 2017 Top 50 over 50 award.

**1974**  
**Judge John L. Carroll** was a facilitator at the American Inns of Court National Advocacy Training Program in Chicago, Illinois. This program brings together American lawyers and English barristers to train American lawyers with less than five years of experience in basic trial advocacy skills using the “Hampel” method which is the trial advocacy training method used in England.

**Judge Julian Mann III** was reappointed by Chief Justice Mark Martin, Supreme Court of North Carolina, on July 1, 2017, for another four-year term (his eighth) as chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, state of North Carolina.

**1975**  
**Judge James E. “Jim” Hill** will serve as chairman of the Alabama House Judiciary Committee for the remainder of the 2014–18 quadrennium.

**1977**  
**Steven Heninger** was selected to the 2017 list of members of the “Nation’s Top One Percent” by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. As well, the firm dedicated and named its new HGD Moot Courtroom in honor of him.

**G. David Johnston** was accepted as a fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation membership class of 2016. Johnston is a shareholder at Johnston Hinesley Flowers Clenney & Turner PC, Dothan, Alabama.

**Richard W. Moore**, previously inspector general of the Tennessee Valley Authority, was confirmed and sworn in to serve as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.

**David A. “Chip” Schwartz** was honored with the Jeanne Marie Leslie Service Award at the Alabama State Bar Association annual meeting.

**1978**  
**Martha J. Patton** received the Maud McLure Kelly Award at the Alabama State Bar Association annual meeting.

**Gray Stiff** was named a fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA). This is an invitation-only construction lawyer honorary society. Gray is a partner of Starnes Davis Florie, Birmingham, Alabama.

**1979**  
**G. Douglas “Doug” Jones** announced his plans to run for the United States Senate seat in Alabama.

**1981**  
**Chief Magistrate Judge John E. Ott** received the Judicial Award of Merit during the Alabama State Bar Association annual meeting.

**Mike Papantonio** authored a new legal thriller titled *Law and Vengeance*, released by SelectBooks in September 2017. This is Mike’s second novel; his first is titled *Law and Disorder* (2016).

**J. Allen Sydnor Jr.** is a new member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Alabama chapter of ABOTA.

**1982**  
**Sarah C. “Sally” Bowers** received the Volunteer Lawyers Program Pro Bono Mediator Award at the Alabama State Bar Association’s annual meeting.

**Judge Alan L. King** was named by President Donald Trump to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Judge King announced he will not seek re-election in the 10th Circuit Court in 2018.

**1985**  
**S. Leslie Barineau** was confirmed president-elect of the National Conference of Bar Foundations.

**Daniel W. Lee** was named partner at Freeman Mathis & Gary LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Richard E. Smith**, a partner at Christian & Small LLP, was appointed to Samford University’s Board of Overseers.

**Daniel D. Sparks** was appointed to the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute’s Board of Directors.

**Judi Z. Wurm** is a vice president of estate administration at Regions Private Wealth Management, Birmingham, Alabama.

**1984**  
**Judge W. Scott Donaldson** was elected president of the Alabama Appellate Judges Association.

**Gregory D. Snell** founded Snell Legal PLLC, Daytona Beach, Florida.

**1986**  
**Charles A. “Chip” McCallum III** was accepted as a fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation membership class of 2016. McCallum is a partner of McCallum Hoaglund & Irby LLP, Vestavia Hills, Alabama. As well, Chip is a member of the board of directors of Progress Bank.

**1987**  
**Joan B. Gilbert** was licensed as a reader in the Diocese of St. Alban in the Church of England at St. Alban’s Abbey.

**Phillip W. McCallum** became the executive director of the Alabama State Bar.

**1988**  
**Thomas Methvin**, managing partner of Beasley Allen, Montgomery, Alabama, is a member of Leadership Alabama Class XXVIII.

**Gregory D. Smith** received the Sharon G. Lee Award of Excellence for his outstanding service to the Tennessee Municipal Judicial Conference. The municipal judges’ board of governors created the award to be presented to a municipal judge who has made a significant contribution to the conference over the course of his/her service on the bench.

**1989**  
**Robert J. Hedge** is cofounder of Hedge Copeland PC, Mobile, Alabama.

**1991**  
**Ted G. Meadows** was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.

**Richard D. Morrison** opened The Morrison Law Firm LLC, Montgomery, Alabama.

**1992**  
**Lee A. Dubois**, senior attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham, was promoted to managing attorney of the Jefferson County Family Court Division.

**William B. Dyer III** was promoted to the rank of brigadier general and he has a new position as assistant judge advocate general for Military Law Operations, U.S. Army.

**A. Barry Grosse** was named chief compliance officer of the University of Miami Health System and the Miller School of Medicine.

**James A. “Jim” Hoover** was elected to serve as chair of the Health Care Section for the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) for the 2017-18 term. Hoover will serve one year in the position and preside over the members in the FDCC Healthcare Section.

**Bryan K. Horsley** is a realtor at Realty South, Mountain Brook, Alabama.

**1993**  
**W. Scott Simpson**, senior partner at Simpson McMahan Glick & Burford, Birmingham, Alabama, was a keynote speaker at the Women in Automotive conference in Orlando, Florida.

**1994**  
**Clinton Carter**, state finance director, state of Alabama, is a member of Leadership Alabama Class XXVIII.

**Rodney L. Moss** is a senior vice president in the infrastructure origination group at Hunt Companies, El Paso, Texas.

**Judge James H. Roberts Jr.** was appointed to the three-person board of directors of the Tournament of Champions. This prestigious tournament is sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

**E. Frank Woodson Jr.** was inducted as president of the Alabama Association for Justice at the organization’s annual meeting.

**1995**  
**Robert A. Boland** was named Pennsylvania State University’s athletics integrity officer.

**Michael I. Fish**, a founder of Fish Nelson & Holden LLC, Birmingham, Alabama, was elected president of the National Workers’ Compensation Defense Network.

**N. Genell Lee** retired as executive officer of the Alabama Board of Nursing.

**1996**  
**Tristan Armer** was named a director of Heidelberg Steinberger, P.A., in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

**Thomas J. Dement II** was elected as Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s 2017-19 national president.

**Christopher H. Macturk** opened Evolution Divorce & Family Law, PLLC, Richmond, Virginia.

**1997**  
**Michael Mizell** is with Ice Miller, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Deborah L. Moskowitz** was presented with a Judge Thomas L. Kirk Founders Award for her participation on the Board of Orange County Teen Court, 2016-17. Ms. Moskowitz is a partner at Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA, Orlando, Florida.

**1998**  
**Marc J. Ayers** was reappointed to the Alabama Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. This is his second term. Marc maintains his practice at Bradley, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Lana Alcorn Olson**, partner of Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham, Alabama, was named to Benchmark Litigation’s “Top 250 Women in Litigation” for 2017.

**Gina E. Pearson** is of counsel at Sterling Deramus, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Loreta Raulinaityte**, Parliament member, was a guest speaker during Cumberland School of Law’s summer program in Cambridge, England.

**Tamula Yelling** is in-house counsel for Hibbetts Sporting Goods Inc, Birmingham, Alabama.

**2000**  
**Warren Perrino** is managing director, eDiscovery Consulting at Precision Discovery, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

**2001**  
**Matthew D. “Matt” Fridy**, Alabama House Representative, was appointed as vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

**Erik S. Heninger** was elected by his peers to serve as treasurer and legislative chair for the 2018 regular session of the Alabama Association for Justice.

**Amy M. Refeca** founded Atlanta Wills + Trusts Law Group, Alpharetta, Georgia.

**Robert L. Stewart** is a senior real estate closing attorney at Halperin Lyman LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

**2002**  
**M. E. “Buck” Dougherty III** is an attorney at Duncan Hatcher Holland & Fleenor PC, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**2003**

**Rachel VanNortwick Barlotta** is a shareholder at Baker Donelson, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Woodrow N. Hartzog** accepted a tenured joint appointment as a professor in Northeastern University School of Law and its College of Computer and Information Science.

**2004**  
**Timothy N. “Tim” Baldwin** opened Property Management Law Solutions LLC in Pensacola, Florida.

**2005**  
**C. Burton Dunn Jr.** is a partner at 5 Points Law Group LLC, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Sonya C. Edwards** is an associate at Haynes & Haynes PC, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Michael Ross** is with the U.S. Department of Justice, National Security Division, Washington D.C.

**2006**  
**Bree T. Wilbourn** is a partner at Grace Matthews and Debro LLC, Huntsville, Alabama.

**2007**  
**Joshua J. Campbell** is advisor, Officer of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C.

**Jonathan G. Wells** is in the Strategic Compliance Department, Regions Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

**2008**  
**Nicole C. Leet** was installed as the 71st president of the State Bar of Georgia’s Young Lawyers Division in June 2017. Nicole is a partner at Gray Rust St Amand Moffett & Brieske LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Ashley McGrane** is division manager, Quality and Safety, Physician Services, for KentuckyOne Health, in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Luisa Kay Reyes** wrote a piece published in the *Foliote Oak Literary Magazine* titled “Destitute Sandlot Baseball.”

**Katie Horn Smith** is a grants and contracts officer at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**April D. Wise** was elected to serve as the 2017-18 treasurer of the Montgomery Estate Planning Council.

**2009**  
**Joel Blankenship** was appointed as speaker of the house for the Alabama Athletics Commission. Joel maintains his private practice in Homewood, Alabama.

**Mu’min Islam** is a member of the American Law Society Board of Directors with ATL distinction.

**Andrew Knowlton** joined Hall Booth Smith, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Joshua R. Pipkin** announced the opening of the Pipkin Law Firm, Enterprise, Alabama.

**Jordan Wood** is COO at Redleaf Biologics, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky.

**2010**  
**Andrew E. Brashier** was a 2017 recipient of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Wiedemann & Wysocki Award presented at the AAJ annual convention in Boston, Massachusetts. He was also named Young Alumni Rising Star, by his undergraduate alma mater, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**Rachel Winford Eidson** opened Elevate Cullman, a fitness venue, in Cullman, Alabama.

**Margaret Hammond Manuel** is an associate at Carr Allison, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Brandi Norred Maiorino** joined MacKenzie Laird, Nashville, Tennessee. She will work in commercial transactions.

**Brittany A. Schaffer** was promoted to senior counsel in the entertainment department at Loeb & Loeb LLP, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Stephanie L. Williams** is in-house counsel at the Brownstone Group, Houston, Texas.

**Charles B. Elliott** opened Charles Elliott, Attorney at Law, in Hartselle, Alabama.

# CLASS NOTES

## 2011

**Jonathan S. Bedwell** is an attorney at Mike Slocumb Law Firm, Auburn, Alabama.

**Benjamin D. Cohn** is a partner at Williams Elliott & Cohn, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Jamella L. Davis** is a manager at Ochsner Health System, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Clark H. Henderson** is a partner at Oberliesen & Henderson Attorneys at Law, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

**Ashlee Hightower** founded a new business, Contracts for Creatives, where she provides contract templates and contract services for bloggers, creative entrepreneurs, and small business owners. As well, she continues her work for Bloomberg BNA, Inc. in Washington D.C.

**Caitlin B. Holland** is president of Shoals Chamber of Commerce, Florence, Alabama.

**Megan Pearson** is chair of the 2017-18 State Bar of Georgia YLD litigation committee. Further, Pearson received an award during the annual meeting for outstanding service to the bar for her work as a co-chair with the litigation committee during 2016-17.

**Jonathan Stokes** is an associate with Mike Slocumb Law Firm, Richmond, Virginia.

## 2012

**Mary H. Keebler** is a legal recruiter at Richard Wayne & Roberts, Houston, Texas.

**James C. “J.C.” Miller** is an attorney at Wilson Smith Cochran Dickerson, Seattle, Washington.

**Catherine B. “Cathy” O’Quinn** is an attorney at The Dansby Law Firm PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

**Kelly Speir** is a partner at Levy, Sibley, Foreman & Speir, Atlanta, Georgia.

## 2013

**Nicholas Arciniegas** is an attorney at Rolon-Grau Immigration Law Firm PLC, Falls Church, Virginia.

**Amanda Rucks Duncan** is an associate at Kirk Drennan Law, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Meg Greer** is cofounder and president of Young Professionals of Dublin—Laurens County (GA). Meg is a partner at Warren Greer Law, Dublin, Georgia.

**Ashley Heidger** joined the Office of the Public Defender in Montgomery County, Montgomery, Alabama.

**Samantha-Anne Horwitch** is general counsel and senior business development manager at Manhattan Resources, Houston, Texas.

**W. Hannah Torbert Kennedy**, an associate at Christian & Small, Birmingham, Alabama, was selected for Birmingham Bar Association’s 2017 Future Leaders Forum.

**Avery C. Livingston Stewart** is coordinator of civic engagement at Troy University, Troy, Alabama.

**Robert S. Walker** joined Armbrecht-Jackson, Mobile, Alabama.

**Willie C. “Chris” Weaver** is an assistant public defender for the Jefferson County Public Defender’s Office, Birmingham, Alabama.

## 2014

**Paul D. Bagley** is an IT manager in category sourcing and procurement for Cotiviti, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Jeffrey E. “Jay” Friedman Jr.** is an associate at Friedman Dazzo Zulanas & Bowling PC, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Aubrey D. Gordon** is an associate at Baker Law Group PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee.

**John K. Schultz** is an associate at Busch Reed Jones & Leeper PC, Marietta, Georgia.

**Samuel J. Weisgarber** is a claims specialist with ProAssurance Companies, Madison, Wisconsin.

**Lauren A. White** is a member of the junior board of the YMCA. Lauren works for Regions Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Michael R. Yaworsky** is chief of staff for the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, Tallahassee, Florida.

## 2015

**Samuel D. Nokovich** is a private trust specialist II at Regions Financial Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Brandi Elliott Rios** opened Brandi Elliott Rios Attorney at Law LLC, Donalsonville, Georgia.

## 2016

**Hilaire Armstrong** is an attorney with Legal Services of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama office.

**Rae Bolton** is an associate attorney with Legal Services of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Sarah Bothma** is an associate with Waller Lansden, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Whitney M. Dyer** was elected to the Corner Community Park Board of Directors, Corner, Alabama.

**P. Clinton Freeman** is corporate counsel at Surgical Care Affiliates, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Matthew Hoyle** is an associate with the Tumlin Law Group and is vice president of Southern Venture Title Co. LLP.

**Nick Leslie** is managing attorney, Jefferson Title Corporation, Trussville, Alabama branch.

**Kelly R. Masters** is an associate at Beckum Kittle LLP, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Elise K. McFall** is an assistant public defender at Enotah Judicial Circuit Court, Cleveland, Georgia.

**Terrell A. “Alan” Moore Jr.** spoke at the University of East Anglia Law School in Norwich at the Ninth Annual Postgraduate Research Colloquium regarding the potential effect of jury nullification on the Edward Snowden case.

**Charles W. Newman III** is an associate at Whitaker Mudd Luke & Wells LLC, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Kyle D. Pierce** was elected vice president of Alabama Young Democrats.

**Brook V. Robertson** is an associate at Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Kristen Schaeff** is cofounder of a middle eastern market, SUQ LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Maci Brooke Smith** is a staff attorney for programs at The Redstone Initiative.

**Linsey W. “Weathers” Veazey** is an associate at Couch, Conville and Blitt LLC, Birmingham, Alabama.

## 2017

**Steven Boydston** is a contracts and compliance manager at University of Montevallo, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Kevin W. Bufford** was one of the two recipients to receive the Daniel Austin Brewer Award on May 12, 2017. This award is given to a graduate candidate who exemplifies the high standards of ethics and professionalism expected of members of the legal profession. He is an associate at Samford & Denson, Opelika, Alabama.

**Hunter Garnett** is an associate at Warren Simpson, Huntsville, Alabama.

**Jonathan A. Griffin** was one of two recipients to receive the Daniel Austin Brewer Award on May 12, 2017. This award is given to a graduate candidate who exemplifies the high standards of ethics and professionalism expected of members of the legal profession. He is a federal judicial law clerk for Chief Judge, Karon O. Bowdre, U.S. District Court (N. Dist. AL).

**Cameron Parsons Jr.** joined The Parsons Firm, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

**Guice “Chip” Slawson III** was named as a 2017 James Wilson Fellow. Slawson will serve as a research assistant in the Department of Justice’s Office of Legislative Affairs for one year, followed by a one-year clerkship with Judge Joel Dubina on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Travis Thomas** is an apprentice at Dekalb County, Georgia, District Attorney Office.

## MARRIAGES

**Franziska E. Abbott ’14** and **Aubrey D. Gordon ’14** were married May 13, 2017. They reside in Columbia, Tennessee.

**Laura L. Cade ’10** and Bryant Flippo were married July 2, 2017. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jeannie B. Cole ’87** and Daniel L. Russell, Jr. were married June 3, 2017. They reside in Hampton Cove, Alabama.

**Austin C. Evans ’17** and Lauren Bachofer were married on August 26, 2017. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Roderick J. Evans ’10** and Cornesha Terry were married July 1, 2017. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Lesley Ireland ’13** and Hunter Sewell were married on August 26, 2017. They reside in Leesville, Louisiana.

**Amanda Kistler ’11** and **Patrick Hinchey ’13** were married on April 22, 2017. They reside in Savannah, Georgia.

**Lacey M. Moore ’02** and Hugh McMath “Mac” Duskin Jr. were married June 3, 2017. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## BIRTHS

**Andrew Brashier ’10** and his wife, Cara Brashier, announced the birth of their son, Beckett Isaiah Brashier on June 1, 2017.

**Matthew D. “Matt” Conn ’09** and Elizabeth Conn announced the birth of their son, James Richard Conn, June 4, 2017.

**Veronica W. Crenshaw ’13** and Earl J. “EJ” Crenshaw announced the birth of their son, Ethan Jameson Crenshaw, June 29, 2017.

**James H. Denham ’12** and LeeAnn Wilson Denham announced the birth of their son, James Howard Denham Jr., July 5, 2017.



**Martin H. Drake ’11** and Jessica Pate announced the birth of their daughter, Martha Ruth Drake, May 24, 2017.

**Charles B. Elliott ’11** and Cara Elizabeth Elliott announced the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elaine Elliott, July 26, 2017.

**Leon Hampton, Jr. ’13** and his wife, Tonquita Hampton, announced the birth of their daughter, Kori, August 12, 2017.

**Wesley J. “Wes” Hunter** and Abby Hunter announced the birth of their son, Henry Hawkins Hunter, April 20, 2017.

**Emily Irvin ’16** and her husband, Jason Curran, announced the birth of their daughter Lucy Merrell Curran, August 30, 2017.

**Whitney Henry Kimerling ’10** and her husband, Alex Kimerling, announced the birth of their son, Maxwell Clark Kimerling, April 12, 2017.

**David Leffard III ’14** and his wife, Caitlyn White Leffard ’14, announced the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Meier Leffard, on August 31, 2017.

**Nicholas D. “Nick” Leslie** and Lauren St. John Leslie announced the birth of their daughter, Eloise Mae Leslie, July 13, 2017.

**Zachary R. Lewis ’13** and Haley Colson Lewis ’13 announced the birth of their daughter, Vivian Lewis, May 19, 2017.

**Andrea Atwell MacKeen ’10** and her husband, Blake L. MacKeen, announced the birth of their son, Wyatt Briggs MacKeen, August 16, 2017.

**Margaret Hammond Manuel ’10** and her husband, Wm. Carter Manuel, announced the birth of their son, William Alexander Manuel, June 15, 2017.

**Ross Massey ’11** and his wife, Keri Massey, announced the birth of their son, Henry Bridges Massey, August 26, 2017.

**Cynthia H. Upton ’15** and Tyler Upton announced the birth of their daughter, Miller Delain Upton, May 14, 2017.

**Jerrika Kiette Walker ’14** and her husband, Anthony Walker, announced the birth of their daughter, Josephine Abigail Walker, August 1, 2017.

**Krista DeWitt Wood ’08** and **R. Jordan Wood ’08** announced the birth of their son, Simon Wood, May 19, 2017.

**J. Breanne Stanley Zarzour ’12** and Grant Zarzour announced the birth of their daughter, Campbell Anne Zarzour, July 3, 2017.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mark Charles Dabold ’89** of Orlando, Florida, died August 15, 2017.

**John Brian Daniels ’89** of Woodinville, Washington, died June 11, 2017.

**Donald R. Harrison ’73** of Dadeville, Alabama, died June 30, 2017.

**J. Parke Keith ’72** of Selma, Alabama, died July 17, 2017.

**Mark L. Rowe ’84** of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, died May 14, 2017.

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## Future Cumberland Alumni *Join the Ranks!*

By Whitney Dachelet, Interim Director of Admission

Cumberland School of Law welcomed 147 engaging, and motivated new 1Ls on August 14. During the first day of orientation, the Class of 2020 received an introduction to professionalism from Judge Carroll, advice from alumna LaBella S. Alvis '84, and learned the history of Cumberland from Professor Walthall. Each day included various activities to ensure each student's success. On the third and final day, over 99% of the incoming class volunteered his or her time to one of seven local service projects. If this gesture of selflessness is any indication of what the future holds for this class, then we can be confident in their ability to carry on the Cumberland commitment to public service.

The Class of 2020 represents 15 states, 54 undergraduate colleges and universities, and 38 college majors. The median age is 24, and the group is 51% male and 49% female. They have played collegiate sports, earned master's degrees, served in the military, lived abroad, served their communities, and, in three years, will be alumni of Cumberland School of Law. Please welcome this class to the Cumberland community by mentoring, coaching or supervising them in your office. As always, I want to encourage you to continue being our top source of referrals. Our alumni are our best ambassadors, so thank you for your help recruiting the Class of 2020!



## Tracy Luke

Behind every successful advocacy team is managerial muscle holding it up. Tracy Luke serves as a manager and muscle for the Cumberland School of Law Advocacy Program. As the program assistant for the Center for Advocacy and Clinical Education, Ms. Luke helps students with advocacy classes, externships, Moot Court Board and Trial Advocacy Board activities, and the law school's national competition teams. In addition, she serves as the point person and event organizer when Cumberland School of Law hosts regional and national advocacy competitions. She began working at Samford University in 1989.

## Did you know?

For the ninth consecutive year, Samford University posted a record-breaking enrollment, with 5,509 students. Of that number, 3,373 are undergraduates and 2,136 are enrolled in our graduate and professional programs. The students come to us from 45 states and 30 countries. This year, Samford is 176 years old and is the top-ranked university in Alabama in national rankings by Forbes Inc. and *The Wall Street Journal*.



## Curtis Seal and Carmen Weite won Award in Top Gun Competition

In June, Curtis Seal '17 and Carmen Weite (3L) participated in the Top Gun competition hosted by Baylor School of Law. Every year, since 2011, Baylor invites competitors from the sixteen premier trial programs across the country to participate in a unique mock trial competition. This was Cumberland's eighth year to be invited and to compete. The competitors, who knew nothing about the case before arriving at Baylor, received the case file the day before the first trial. Moments before trial, the plaintiff is allowed to pick one, two or all three causes of action available. This format is the most intense and fluid used by any of the major national competitions and requires a high level of skill and experience. It is also one of the few competitions that not only allows but encourages the competitors to use courtroom presentation technology. Although Curtis and Carmen did not win the competition, they won the award for the best use of technology. Michael Rasmussen '76, who accompanied the team to the competition, described their use of the technology as masterful.



## Congratulations

During the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting the following alumni were honored and recognized:

**Sarah "Sally" Clark Bowers '82**

with the Mediation Award and Cumberland Law student **Jessica Chang** (Pro Bono awards)

**Chief Magistrate Judge John Ott '81**

with the Judicial Award of Merit

**David Chip Schwartz '77** and **J. Massey Relfe, Jr. '71** (posthumously)

with the Jeanne Marie Leslie Service Award

**Martha Jane Patton '78**

received the Maud McLure Kelly Award.

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**Jan. 18, 2018**  
Birmingham Alumni Luncheon

**April 6-7, 2018**  
**Alumni Reunion Weekend**  
Honoring Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988,  
1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013

- All Alumni Reception on Friday, April 6
- Open House on Saturday, April 7

**Nov. 9, 2018**  
**4th Jere F. White Jr. Trial Advocacy Institute**  
This biennial seminar is cosponsored with the Alabama chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Proceeds from the seminar fund the Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program at Cumberland School of Law.