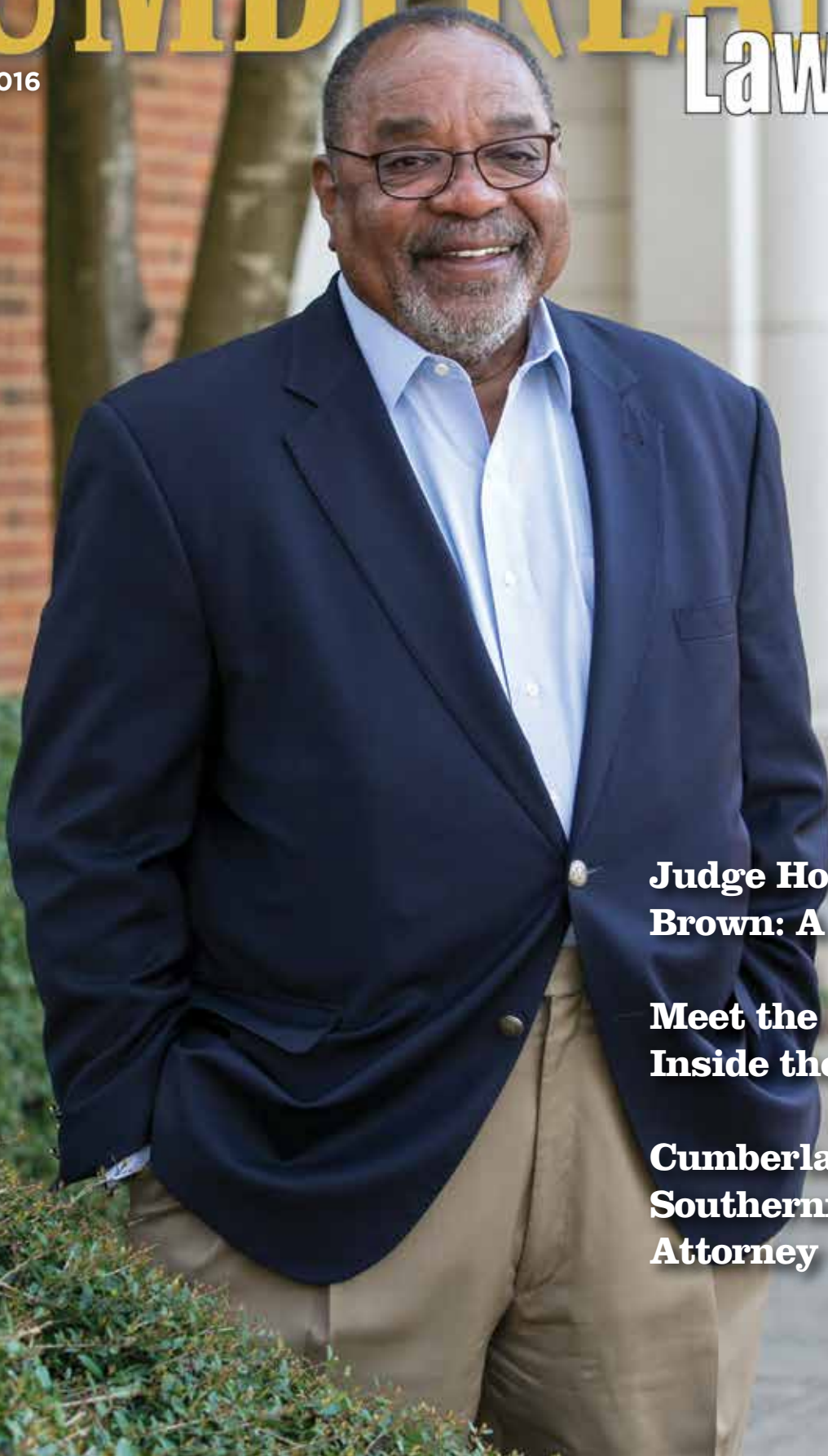


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from Dean Strickland

One of the most interesting aspects of serving as dean of Cumberland School of Law is the opportunity I have to meet Cumberland alumni and learn about their fascinating careers and remarkable accomplishments. During the past year and a half, I have had the opportunity to meet alumni at “official” alumni functions in some thirty cities as well as encounters on campus and at numerous smaller meetings in Birmingham and during other trips. I get to meet and talk to alumni like Judge Houston L. Brown who graduated from Cumberland long before I arrived and who is now a legend for the path he pioneered as a lawyer and judge (Judge Brown’s remarkable career is profiled on page 18). I also met and attended a performance by alumna Billie Jean Young, a celebrated writer, poet, actor and teacher who received the prestigious MacArthur Fellows “genius grant” for her work helping the poor and disenfranchised and celebrating the civil rights movement. I also get to reconnect with alumni like Richard Davis who was a third-year student during my first year as a professor. In addition to being a highly successful business and regulatory litigator, Richard last year ventured into criminal law and achieved what *The American Lawyer* named the “Most Inspiring Pro Bono Win of 2015” (see page 22 for the story of Richard’s extraordinary work in that case). I also get to stay in touch with recent graduates, including some like Ashley Reitz Peinhardt, who have achieved astonishing early success. Ashley’s first jury trial resulted in a \$15 million verdict, which she successfully defended on appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. The list could go on and on.

One of the great strengths of Cumberland is that its many accomplished alumni remain engaged with the law school and support the school’s mission in countless ways. Cumberland alumni recruit promising prospective students. They teach courses as adjunct faculty and provide endless hours of coaching and instruction in appellate advocacy, client counseling, mediation, negotiation, trial advocacy and more. They counsel and mentor students and help students and graduates find employment opportunities. Alumni provide critical advice and insight about the future of the legal profession and legal marketplace and how the law school can best prepare students for that future. Of course, they also give indispensable financial support to provide scholarships, improve facilities and enhance programs. One article in this issue reviews the first year of one particularly creative project that alumnus Roe Frazer ’85 brought to the law school. Roe is the founder of the legal technology company cicayda. As the article describes, cicayda partnered with the law school to establish the eDiscovery Institute & Review Center in the law school, and the center already has provided substantial training and employment opportunities for Cumberland graduates, created a platform for introducing students to the growing role of technology and provided important revenue to the school. As the profession and the world continue to change at an ever faster pace, it is imperative that the law school maintain ever closer ties to our alumni who work in the midst of that change.



H.C. Strickland

Dean Henry “Corky” Strickland III

Dean's Advisory Board

The Cumberland School of Law Dean's Advisory Board is currently comprised of 45 members who meet biannually on campus. Members serve four-year terms. Each spring, nominations are collected for potential new members. A slate of potential new members is presented, voted on and new members commence their terms at the fall meeting. In fall 2015, six new members were welcomed to the Dean's Advisory Board: Casey F. Cogburn, Clark S. Gillespy, Linda W. Knight, Richard H. Knight, Stephanie H. Mays and Sara L. Williams. We are very grateful for all of the Dean's Advisory Board members' service and appreciate their unique insight, advice, perspectives and suggestions.



Casey F. Cogburn



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Cordell Hull Speakers Forum Hosts ABA President Paulette Brown

The Cordell Hull Speakers Forum of Cumberland School of Law hosted American Bar Association President Paulette Brown Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, in the John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom. Brown, the first woman of color to serve as ABA president, spoke on the topic of “Diversifying the Legal Profession During Difficult Times.” The program was well attended by faculty, staff, students and members of Alabama’s legal community.

Brown is a partner with Locke Lord LLP in Morristown, New Jersey, where she is a member of the Labor and Employment Group and serves as co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also a mediator for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and a former president of the National Bar Association and the Association of Black Women Attorneys of New Jersey.

While visiting Birmingham, Brown toured Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and attended a lecture by Doug Jones at 16th Street Baptist Church. Jones, a 1979 graduate of Cumberland School of Law and former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, prosecuted the two people accused of the 1963 bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church.

Cordell Hull Speakers Forum is a Samford University, Cumberland School of Law student-run organization. It hosts two forums a year, in which guest speakers engage in legal dialogue to equip members of the

legal profession with a better understanding of the law, public policy and economics. In the past, speakers have included U.S. presidents George Bush Sr. and Ronald Reagan, U.S. Supreme Court justices Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas, Attorney General Janet Reno, author John Grisham and Alabama Governor Bob Riley, among others.

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Officers of the 2015–16 Cordell Hull Speakers Forum are Brandi Russell, chair; Emily Irvin, vice chair; Depri Hale, hospitality chair; Kelly Masters, marketing chair; Sarah Glass, secretary; and Patrick Perry, parliamentarian. Professor Herman “Rusty” Johnson serves as faculty adviser to the organization. [CL](#)





From Anne Marovich, director, Office of Alumni Relations

In January, I received a beautiful greeting card from William Knisely '77. Knisely has his own niche practice in the Chinatown area of New York City. As you can see from the picture, the card has a "Happy New Year" theme, and it reflects that this year (more accurately from Feb. 8, 2016 to Jan. 27, 2017) is the "year of the monkey." What I especially appreciated about receiving this card, beyond Knisely's thoughtful sentiment, was simply a tangible reminder that our graduates are working around the country, not only in big cities, but in smaller or unique communities around the world as well.



One example is Douglas McMillian '07, who lives and works in Anchorage, Alaska. He recently wrote to me asking: "How can we get more Cumberland alumni to Alaska?" We actually have five alumni in Alaska now.

Mark Williams '93 lives and practices law in Dededo, Guam. I could continue with a long list of places you may not expect one of our graduates to be, but I will end with one more. Topping all unique places of which I know alumni live and work is Antarctica. Read Amanda Crawford's story on page 14. Amanda graduated in 2010 and decided to seek a very unique place to start her career post law school; she found it!

While you, alumni, are literally based around the globe, we have common roots and remain a community. Therefore, if you need to refer a case, find local counsel or seek guidance about another state's practice and procedure, find a fellow Cumberland lawyer. They are literally around the world. If you need assistance identifying one in a particular location, call or email me. Connie Cox and I can help refer you to a Cumberland lawyer. In addition, in the interest of serving our students and other alumni, please forward job leads to me or our Career Development Office. We will relay those opportunities to our students and/or other alumni. Thank you for supporting us so well.

Anne

Annual Birmingham Alumni Luncheon

Cumberland School of Law hosted its annual Birmingham alumni luncheon on Friday, Jan. 22, at Samford's new Cooney Hall, home to Brock School of Business. This year marked the first time the luncheon was held on campus, and it was a great success. Despite threatening wintry weather, a good turnout of local alumni, faculty, staff and third-year law students were in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a seated lunch provided by the law school and viewed a video presentation detailing the past year's events. The Honorable Karon O. Bowdre '80, chief judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, delivered opening remarks. Not only an alumna of the law school, Judge Bowdre received her undergraduate degree from Samford University, directed our legal writing program for many years and currently serves as a trustee of the university. In response to the overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding the on-campus location, next year's luncheon will again be held in Cooney Hall on Jan. 20, 2017.



Admission Advisory Board

During the fall 2015 semester, the admission office solicited the assistance of the alumni office to create the first Alumni Admission Board at Cumberland School of Law. The board consists of 17 Cumberland lawyers who graduated between 1976 and 2015. Board members work in a variety of sectors of business and law and live all over the country. “The formation of this board is an idea we’ve been cultivating for a couple of years now, so I am thrilled to see it come to fruition,” said Admission Director Jennifer Hartzog. Board members’ primary responsibility is communication with admitted students who are still making their decision about where to attend law school. “The law school market has changed and will continue to change. The decision-making process for law school applicants today looks very different than it did just a few years ago. It’s more competitive,” said Hartzog. “The alumni of this school are one of our greatest assets. It makes tons of sense to involve them in the process of continuing to recruit admitted students,” she said. Student surveys of the 1L class at Cumberland repeatedly show that family, friends and alumni are the greatest way students learn about Cumberland and that the influence of family, friends and alumni carries great weight. Students also react positively to continued and varied communication throughout their application and decision-making process. “They like to feel wanted,” said Hartzog, “and often a little extra attention shows them the community culture they’d benefit from at Cumberland School of Law.”

The 2015–16 Alumni Admission Board members are:

Kathleen Bowers '13
Birmingham

Michael Catalano '94
Birmingham

Bill Dyer '92
Atlanta, Georgia

Deborah Ebner '81
Chicago, Illinois

Dara Fernandez '09
Palmetto Bay, Florida

Jay Greene '07
San Francisco, California

Judge Tom King Jr. '76
Rosemary Beach, Florida

Carolyn Lam '06
Dallas, Texas

Jeffrey Lenobel '78
New York, New York

Yawanna McDonald '13
Birmingham

Lydia Messina '15
Birmingham

Harriet Myrick Jones '07
Jacksonville, Florida

Blake Ramsay '14
Los Angeles, California

Mitch Relfe '14
Washington, DC

Mary Roberson '03
Opelika, Alabama

Betsy Sue Scott '76
Reston, Virginia

Brittany Scott '14
Birmingham

Freddie Stokes '12
Mobile, Alabama



Yawanna McDonald

Yawanna McDonald '13 is an associate attorney with Campbell Guin in Birmingham. Her practice focuses on the area of commercial and business litigation, trust and estate litigation, and other general litigation matters representing both plaintiffs and defendants. She is currently a member of the Estate Planning Council of Birmingham, the Alabama Bar Association, the Birmingham Bar Association and the American Bar Association (Litigation Section). She was general vice chair of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources’ Forest Resources Committee from 2012–13.

While a student at Cumberland School of Law, McDonald served as a senior associate editor for the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*. Additionally, she received Scholar of Merit awards for Lawyering and Legal Reasoning (LLR) and Federal Tax I, as well as the award for Best Appellate Brief.

Prior to law school, McDonald worked as an environmental consultant where she focused on aiding her clients in achieving corporate compliance.

McDonald is active in her community. She currently serves on the junior board for the YWCA and as a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama.

“I joined the Cumberland Admission Alumni Board because I had a great experience at the law school and wanted to share that perspective with prospective students. As an Admission Alumni Board member, I strive to encourage prospective students to join the Cumberland family and have the same fulfilling experience I did.”



Jeffrey Lenobel

Jeffrey A. Lenobel '78 is a partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP (“SRZ”), where he serves as chair of the Real Estate Group and a longtime member of the firm’s executive committee and operating committee. A veteran of the firm, Lenobel has grown the real estate practice at SRZ, which today is in an elite class that completes billions of dollars in real estate transactions annually. Lenobel leads the SRZ Real Estate Group, which has developed a reputation for producing inventive solutions to the most difficult challenges in a timely and efficient manner.

An elected member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and consistently listed in *Chambers, Top 100 Super Lawyers in New York and Legal 500*, Lenobel has chaired the Committee on Securitized Mortgage Lending and the Committee on Pension Fund Investments, both committees of the American Bar Association’s Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and was a member of the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Cooperatives and Condominiums and is a former member of the New York City Bar Association’s Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

In his spare time, Lenobel is an avid golfer and traveler. In fact, after making his second trip to Antarctica this year, he will have been to all seven continents at least twice!

“Cumberland School of Law has had an incredible impact on my life, and I owe a debt of gratitude to Cumberland for the education, training and cogent advice I received. By serving on the board, I hope to be an ambassador for the school that I am proud to say is also known for observing the highest standards of academic integrity and ethics.”

Thurgood Marshall Symposium

Each year during Black History Month, the Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) at Cumberland School of Law hosts a symposium with the purpose of providing students, attorneys and the public critical information about legal issues affecting minorities. This year's symposium, "From Selma to Shelby: The Fight for Voting Rights," was held on Friday, March 4, in the Great Room of the law school. The speaker was Ryan Haygood, president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice ("the Institute"). The symposium was well attended by students, faculty, staff, local attorneys, judges and politicians. This year marked the 22nd year of the Thurgood Marshall Symposium's existence. The event was free and open to the public, and one hour of continuing legal education credit was offered to attendees. Refreshments were served following the presentation.

Ryan Haygood




Symposia Bring Speakers to Campus

The *Cumberland Law Review* 2015 symposium,

"The Alabama Trial Attorney: Litigation Lessons from Birmingham's Finest," was held at Cumberland School of Law on Friday, Nov. 20, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. The event provided a forum for outstanding trial lawyers to share their expertise with legal professionals and promoted the law school's commitment to continuing legal education. Speakers included Rodney A. Max of Upchurch Watson White & Max; Michael D. Mulvaney of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC; David H. Marsh of Marsh Rickard & Bryan PC; Walter William "Billy" Bates of Starnes Davis Florie LLP; and Chris Zulanus of Friedman Dazzio Zulanus & Bowling PC. Four hours of continuing legal education were available to attendees.

The *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* 2016 symposium, "Probing: Attorneys Investigating & Uncovering Misconduct Outside the Courtroom," was held at Cumberland School of Law on Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. In keeping with a tradition of publishing practical legal scholarship, the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* was pleased to host this event on the emerging field of investigative findings by lawyers—from high-profile NCAA and NFL cases to exploratory investigations of legal clients. Speakers included Kenneth L. Wainstein of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and Christopher



W. Madel of Robins Kaplan LLP. Presentations and panel discussions on the practical applications of probing were conducted by Robert Boland of the University of Ohio Department of Sports Administration; Jeffrey P. Doss of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC; Anthony L. Joseph of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC; and Clinton T. Speegle of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC. Three hours of continuing legal education were available to attendees. 

Trailblazers

Meet Cumberland's First 3+3 Students

Samford University and Cumberland School of Law have created an accelerated law degree program that enables Samford students to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science and a J.D. in six years rather than the usual seven. The program, commonly referred to as the 3+3, is intended for Samford students who have completed three-fourths of their work toward a bachelor's degree, possess a Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score better than or equal to the median LSAT score of the law school class that entered in the fall prior to their application and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. After successful completion of the first year of law classes, students are awarded a bachelor's degree in their undergraduate majors. If a student chooses to drop out of law school prior to the completion of the first year, any successfully completed law courses apply toward a bachelor's degree.

Students are charged law tuition rates for their fourth year at Samford. Samford students who hold four-year tuition scholarships are able to apply their scholarships toward their fourth year of tuition. Additionally, because students in the law program are classified as graduate students, they are eligible for greater federal aid and higher loan limits than undergraduate students.

To date, Cumberland has enrolled two 3+3 students: Holly Howell and Rachael Greenberg, both members of the class of 2018.



Holly Howell is from Hoover, Alabama, and graduated with honors from Spain Park High School. In May 2016, she will graduate summa cum laude from Samford University with a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in Spanish. During her time at Samford, Howell was a John Howard Scholar and writer for the Samford Department of History BullPup blog and spent her semesters working on the Samford University Oral History Project. She also participated in Step Sing, campus ministries and various other activities.

She has maintained her campus involvement in law school. In Howell's first semester, she made the Dean's List, became a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, and participated in the Parham Williams Mock Trial Competition. When she is not reading for classes and making outlines, she enjoys spending time with her family.

"When I heard about the 3+3 program, I knew it was made for me," explained Howell. "I have known that I wanted to go to law school since I was in the eighth grade and the thought of getting there one year sooner seemed like an excellent opportunity. All of the stars aligned and with the help of high school AP credits, I was able to finish my major and my minor in three years. Although I loved my time at Samford, taking part in this program has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I enjoy every minute of being a law student at Cumberland."



Rachael Greenberg is from Birmingham, Alabama, and attended Mountain Brook High School. As an undergraduate at Samford University, she majored in political science and minored in philosophy. Before becoming a law student, she spent much of her time reading and volunteering.

Greenberg thoroughly enjoyed her time as an undergrad at Samford, where both her major and minor shaped her views on laws and general societal principles. The impact of her experience at Samford furthered her desire to attend law school. Once she learned that the 3+3 degree was an option, she was thrilled about the prospect of beginning her legal education sooner than anticipated.

Greenberg was, admittedly, a little hesitant at first to become a part of the 3+3 degree because it seemed like a "rather big leap." However, she's happy with her decision to take part in the program and says the program has made law school accessible and affordable.

"I have wanted to attend law school since I was 14 and the 3+3 degree program seemed like an excellent opportunity to make that desire a reality," said Greenberg. "As a result of accepting this challenge, I have learned so much in my short time at Cumberland and have even been able to apply many of the concepts that I encountered in my undergraduate career. I am so proud to have had this opportunity and look forward to what the future holds."

cicayda:



Billy Hyatt

A Retrospective

Since its inception in late 2014,

cicayda's eDiscovery Institute & Review Center (EIRC) has been operating out of Cumberland School of Law's Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library. The law school's unique partnership with cicayda has led to many benefits for the law school, its students and alumni.

What is cicayda?

Cicayda is a software company that delivers secure cloud-based, e-discovery solutions. Led by venerable legal technology and legal professionals, including its cofounder and Cumberland 1985 graduate Roe Frazer, the cicayda suite of e-discovery tools includes legal hold management, processing, data and document review, search and advanced text analytics. Cicayda is made for litigation, with the goal of leveling the technology field regardless of the size of the law firm and at a very affordable price.

While headquartered in Nashville, cicayda has made Birmingham the center of its managed review with technology-enabled attorneys on call for any review project, regardless of size or duration. The EIRC features a state-of-the-art review facility with the latest technology, an expert project management staff and top security.

By the Numbers

In 2015, cicayda staffed 25 different projects in the EIRC from 15 different clients, including Fortune 500 companies, defense law firms, plaintiff's law firms and attorney's general offices. Some of those projects came from Alabama, but many came from cities all over the country including Salt Lake City, Kansas

City, Nashville, Louisville, Boise and Minneapolis. Cicayda employed 105 reviewers, 81 of whom were placed in the EIRC. Those not placed in the EIRC worked on remote projects, firm projects in-house or were not able to be placed in the EIRC due to space shortage. Out of the reviewers placed at the EIRC, 50 percent were Cumberland graduates. Today another new 15 Cumberland graduates are awaiting their first review project. More than 20 Cumberland graduates obtained full-time jobs after gaining experience working at cicayda, including a recent graduate who was hired full time by cicayda to be a project attorney lead. The EIRC also resulted in a sizeable monetary contribution to Cumberland.

In connection with the EIRC, cicayda and Cumberland plan to collaborate on new course offerings in the law school and certificate programs in areas such as technology, information governance, compliance, project management and e-discovery. Cicayda has also committed to assist the law school in CLE programs designed to educate practicing lawyers in these same areas.

"Our year plus at Cumberland has been a wonderful experience," said cicayda CEO Billy Hyatt. "Many Cumberland students have enjoyed working on the cicayda-managed review team and are providing excellent service to our clients and customers. We are looking forward to assisting on moving legal technology into the classrooms at Cumberland so that they will be even better prepared for the modern practice of law."

One area that Hyatt said he would like to improve upon in 2016 is alumni outreach. Thus far, cicayda has not had a single project in the EIRC come from Cumberland alumni. "Allowing cicayda and our talented attorneys to help with your next case is not only a great way to provide work for Cumberland graduates, but a perfect way to give back to the law school as well," explained Hyatt.

Cumberland School of Law Dean Henry C. Strickland III echoed Hyatt's sentiments. "Not only does Cumberland's partnership with cicayda provide a platform for introducing law

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students to new and evolving technologies, but all work done at cicayda's facility on campus provides excellent employment and experience for recent Cumberland graduates and even provides revenue to the law school to support scholarships and programs," said Strickland. "I encourage alumni who need e-discovery or similar services to consider cicayda." **CL**

For more information on how you can place your next outsourced review project at the EIRC, contact Jonathan Moody, jmoody@cicayda.com, Frankie Mohylsky, frankie@cicayda.com or Billy Hyatt, billy@cicayda.com. Also check out cicayda's website, cicayda.com.



J. Gary Pate

The Honorable J. Gary Pate, a 1976 graduate of Cumberland School of Law, has taught at the law school as an adjunct professor since 1987. Judge Pate has taught Domestic Relations, Advanced Domestic Relations and Appellate Advocacy.

Judge Pate was appointed to the bench as a domestic relations judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Jefferson County, Alabama, in 1992. He was elected three times, retiring in 2011. Judge Pate was named Judge of the Year by the Family Law Section in 1994 and was President Judge of the Domestic Relations Division from 1994–2011. He co-authored “Family Law in Alabama.” Prior to serving as a judge, he was clerk for the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, a partner in Najjar Denaburg and a partner with Boyd, Pate & Fernambucq.

Judge Pate is on staff with the U.S.A. Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team (2009–present) and attended the 2012 Paralympics in London, England. He is employed part time at the Lakeshore Foundation. He lives in Homewood with his wife, Crystal, and their 20-month-old twins, Riley and Will. In his spare time, Judge Pate enjoys rock climbing, cooking, camping and raising babies!

The Cumberland Lawyer had an opportunity ask Judge Pate a few questions:

With your busy schedule, why do you continue to teach law students?

When I graduated from UAB, I had my teaching certificate and planned on teaching high school history. Upon regaining my sanity, I decided that wasn't a good idea. But teaching was always in my DNA. I have taught Sunday School and spoken at probably a hundred conferences and seminars. I have now been teaching at Cumberland since 1987, with a few years off in the early-mid 1990s. Teaching is simply second nature. I could say corny stuff like

“teaching keeps me connected with young people” or “it is a chance to give back to the profession” but the real reason is I enjoy it. Period. If it ever stops being fun, I will quit.

What is your teaching style, and how has your method of teaching changed over the years?

“Free range” probably best describes it. I know it is my job to teach. To do that it must be interesting, and it must be fun. If I bore you, I have lost the right to expect your attention. And if I don't have your attention, I have failed as a teacher.

What advice do you offer students about the start of their legal careers?

First, every new lawyer needs to understand balance: faith is first; family is second; work is third. Lose the balance and things will quickly go in the ditch. Second, do everything with integrity. Never cut corners, never take undue advantage, live by the Golden Rule. Third, have fun. If you ever go two consecutive days without having fun at what you do, change what you are doing.



Klari B. Tedrow

Klari B. Tedrow, a 1989 graduate of Cumberland School of Law, has taught Immigration and Nationality Law as an adjunct professor at the law school since 1999. She is owner of the firm, Klari B. Tedrow LLC and cofounder of Tedrow and Myers Immigration Law Group, dedicated to the practice of immigration and nationality law. She served on the National Healthcare Committee in 2014 and chaired the Georgia-Alabama Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2012–13. She has also served on various committees including advocacy for immigration law reform and specific immigrant and immigration law issues before being elected to the executive board in 2009. Currently, Tedrow serves on a committee formed to advise the Veterans Administration in matters related to hiring foreign medical graduates.

Tedrow is a naturalized citizen, originally from Budapest, Hungary. She came to the United States as a refugee whose parents escaped the violent Revolution of 1956 by swimming a large waterway into Austria with two small children. She brings a singular and personal interest in immigration to her practice.

The Cumberland Lawyer had the opportunity to ask Tedrow a few questions:

With your busy schedule, why do you continue teaching law students?

Before I went to law school, I received my teaching certificate in high school science. I went to law school right after completing my student teaching. I was not very good at crowd control, I laughed at their jokes, plus that 7 a.m. parking lot duty. I just wanted to teach. Serving as an adjunct allows me to teach as I originally intended and stay connected with students. Plus, teaching is hypothetical. We can study all the hard issues without anyone losing status, going to jail or being deported. I now laugh at the jokes and don't lose control.

What is your teaching style, and how has your method of teaching changed over the years?

When I first started teaching, my goal was to cover as much material as possible. I quickly

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learned the folly of my ways when I wrote an exam that not a single student could finish. I now just try to impress upon my students the vast body of knowledge that encompasses immigration law, the various specialties within the practice and the complicated, convoluted labyrinth of immigration law and policy Congress has created. We cover as much as we can with sufficient detail so that the students get a good grasp of the nature of immigration practice. The students quickly learn that an immigration practice is not about filling out forms, though we do that too.

What advice do you offer students about the start of their legal careers?

First, find an area of the law you truly are passionate about or you will never be able to sustain the pain, but that is true of any profession. In all areas of practice you will suffer some tough and grueling times without glitz and glamour. Second, find some really good, committed mentors who also share a passion for your chosen area of practice. Law school provides the tools to learn and excel as a lawyer with a long, rewarding and meaningful career.



Jay St. Clair

Jay St. Clair has taught Labor Law at Cumberland School of Law as an adjunct professor for 18 years. He is a managing shareholder for the Birmingham and Mobile offices of Littler Mendelson P.C., where his practice focuses on litigation, appellate practice, wage and hour, labor management relations, and workplace safety and health. St. Clair frequently gives presentations to both industry groups in the region and Littler Mendelson clients nationwide on a range of topics to help employers implement strategies to avoid lawsuits. He is former chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Alabama State Bar and has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® numerous times, as well as the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and Chambers USA. St. Clair earned his law degree from Yale University and was a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Merritt on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Cumberland Lawyer had an opportunity to ask St. Clair a few questions:

With your busy schedule, why do you continue teaching law students?

I teach because I enjoy it. It is rewarding to help students become lawyers. Plus, being at the academy keeps me young and engaged.

What is your teaching style, and how has your method of teaching changed over the years?

I try to teach as if I'm talking to a jury. I try to make the cases we study interesting and real.

What advice do you offer students about the start of their legal careers?

I advise students to find what they are passionate about, and do that. When you truly enjoy what you are doing, it's not work! **CL**





The Southernmost Attorney: An Alumna's Adventures in Antarctica





Amanda Crawford is often asked why she decided to work in Antarctica. As an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Alabama, she understands how the choice might seem unexpected. Penguins, after all, tend to be a non-litigious species. But when the opportunity presented itself, Crawford says the choice was clear. “When else would I have the chance to live in Antarctica, the southernmost, coldest, highest, driest, windiest, least populated continent on Earth?” she reasoned.

After graduating from Cumberland in 2010 and accepting a local legal job, Crawford found herself watching a documentary on Netflix one night. The documentary visited Antarctica, and specifically, a place called McMurdo Station.

Located on Ross Island, McMurdo Station is the largest Antarctic research center managed by the National Science Foundation’s United States Antarctic Program. Scientific research there is supported by logistical contractors who employ people to work short contracts—usually five to eight months.

Crawford was intrigued, so she did some additional research and stumbled upon a list of job postings. She hadn’t intended to apply, but she decided to submit an application on a whim. She admits that it seemed far-fetched, and maybe even a little crazy, but a few days later she received a phone call, followed by a job offer. The job involved performing logistics-related duties for the Air Services department and had nothing to do with the legal world.

“While many people in my position may have snubbed such an offer,” Crawford explains, “I found myself facing a huge decision. I had worked very hard to earn my law degree, maintaining a full-time job at night the entire three years of law school. It wasn’t easy, and I averaged about three hours of sleep each night, but earning a law degree was important to me so it was worth it. It felt irresponsible not to put it to immediate use, choosing instead to go to the bottom of the planet to perform a job that didn’t require a law degree. But I’ve always been the adventurous type,

and I knew that I would regret passing up such an opportunity as working in Antarctica.”


After much debate, Crawford decided to accept the offer. She ultimately decided that the prospect of a truly unique experience outweighed the job description. So, she postponed her plans to utilize her law degree and took a chance on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

At this point, Crawford has completed two summer contracts at McMurdo Station. “The draw of working in Antarctica may not be apparent to everyone,” Crawford says with a chuckle, “but I can say for certain that it has been worth it. I’ve gotten to see and do things that most people will never have access to in their lifetime.”

And she isn’t kidding. Crawford has watched Adele penguins waddle and belly-slide across the ice and Weddell seals basking in the Antarctic sun. She has toured historic sites, such as Scott’s Hut at Cape Evans, built by the original Antarctic explorers who met a fateful end in the early 1900s. The interior remains just as it was on the day it was abandoned. She has ridden snow machines across the frozen ocean and up the base of Mt. Erebus, the Earth’s southernmost active volcano. This

volcano spews crystals that are found in only one other place on Earth. She has set up camp and built shelter on the ice shelf and explored the beautiful ice caves carved into the walls of the tongue of Erebus Glacier. Crawford recently flew by twin otter to an Automatic Weather Station located on an ice shelf, where there are 360 degrees of white frozen sea, to assist scientists with the retrieval of solar panels and the replacement of equipment.

Because working in Antarctica places her in the southern hemisphere, on the opposite side of the globe, Crawford has also been able to do lots of traveling in the past year. She has visited New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Indonesia and Peru.

Crawford is not sure what her path holds next, but this summer she plans to return to Birmingham to spend some time closer to family. She hopes she will find a firm looking to take on an adventurous spirit in order to gain more experience and perhaps find her niche in the legal world. 



faculty notes

A glimpse at faculty activities Aug. 2015–Jan. 2016

Cassandra Adams

Adams was keynote speaker for the 61st Annual Women's Leadership Observance on Sept. 13.

On Aug. 27, Adams was a guest panelist on "Aging Successfully:

Embracing the Journey" at the Mureal Crump Senior Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

Adams spoke on "Planes, Trains and Automobiles: From Washington D.C. to Guantanamo Bay Cuba: Seeking Justice for Victims of Terrorist Acts" at the Mountain Brook Progress Study Club luncheon Sept. 9.

Adams presented at the 2015 Successful Aging Initiative Conference Oct. 8 in Huntsville, Alabama.



Brad Bishop '71

On Aug. 14, Bishop spoke at the Alabama Municipal Judges Association meeting held at Hoover Public Safety Center on "Blood Evidence in DUI Cases" and "An Update on Federal Court Cases Pending against Municipal Courts in Alabama."

On Aug. 27, Bishop spoke at the Alabama Court Clerks Association convention in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His topics were "Complaints, Legal Arrests and Jurisdiction."

Judge John L. Carroll '74

Carroll was appointed by the Uniform Law Commission to be a member of a committee to study whether the commission should develop a uniform equal rights law.

Carroll will chair the senior lawyer-new lawyer task force of the state bar. The task force is charged with examining trends within the legal profession and the challenges inherent in passing leadership roles in law firms. There will be particular emphasis on examining whether a need exists for matching younger lawyers with older lawyers who need additional lawyers or who are planning for retirement.

Carroll traveled to Orlando the week of Oct. 26 to attend the annual meeting of Working Group 1 of the Sedona Conference, which is the working group that focuses on the discovery of electronically stored information. He moderated a panel discussion on the new sanction Rule,

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(e).

On Nov. 2, Carroll was one of the featured speakers for the University of Alabama's Honors College Fall Town Hall series. The topic was "Politics, Ethics and Lobbying." Carroll traveled to Chicago the week of Nov. 16 to attend a meeting of a drafting committee of the Uniform Law Commission. The committee is charged with drafting a Model Veteran's Court Act, which would allow state and local governments to develop specialized courts for veterans charged with crimes.

Alyssa DiRusso

DiRusso's children's books, *My Mom Goes to Law School* and *My Dad Goes to Law School*, are now available on Amazon.

Searching for "Alyssa DiRusso" on Amazon will display them. Current and former students will recognize the illustrations, which are based on Cumberland's and Samford's campus.

As part of the Members Consultative Group of the ALI's Restatement of the Law of Charitable Nonprofit Organizations, DiRusso offered written comments to reporters on the second draft of the restatement. She also attended the morning portion of the web conference meeting of the Members Consultative Group Sept. 18. DiRusso was elected to the The American Law Institute in 2013.

DiRusso, as program chair of the AALS Section on Trusts and Estates, and Wendy Greene, chair of the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education, co-moderated a panel they organized titled "Sex and Death: Gender and Sexuality Matters in Trusts and Estates," at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools Jan. 8 in New York City.

Mike Floyd

Floyd traveled to Brazil at the end of October. He gave a lecture on "American Precedent and Some Current Employment Law Issues in the U.S." at the Tribunal Regional do Trabalho da 2ª Região (TRT, Regional Labor Court) in São Paulo. He and Desembargadora (Justice) Maria



Cristina Zucchi discussed cooperation agreements for Samford with senior officials of the Escola Judicial do Tribunal Regional do Trabalho da 2ª Região (EJUD2, the TRT's Judicial School); with administrators at Centro Universitário de Brasília (UnICEUB, the largest university in Brasília); and with administrators at Universidade Braz Cubas (Braz Cubas University) in Mogi das Cruzes.

Bob Greene

Greene was formally inducted into the American College of Environmental Lawyers at its annual meeting Oct. 16 in New York City. The college is a professional association of distinguished lawyers who practice in the field of environmental law. Membership is by invitation and members are recognized by their peers as preeminent in their field.

Wendy Greene

On Sept. 25, Greene presented her paper, "Racial Slavery, Reparations, and 'The Multiracial Distraction' in Brazilian and American Race-Conscious Affirmative Jurisprudence," at the centennial anniversary conference for the Association for the Study of African American Life & History in Atlanta, Georgia. On Oct. 9, during the "Critical Race Theory and Empirical Methods" workshop held at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Professor Greene moderated a panel entitled "#Black-WisconsinLivesMatter: What Can eCRT Add to the Movement?"

On Oct. 28–29, Greene served as a scholar in residence at Thurgood Marshall Texas Southern University School of Law in Houston, Texas. During her residency, Professor Greene delivered lectures to the law school community on emerging issues of race discrimination in the workplace and race-conscious affirmative action in Brazil.

Greene, as chair of the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education, co-moderated a panel with Alyssa DiRusso, program chair of the AALS Section on Trusts and Estates, they organized titled "Sex and Death: Gender and Sexuality Matters in Trusts and Estates," at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools Jan. 8 in New York City.

Woodrow Hartzog '03

Hartzog was quoted in a *Fusion* story about deceptive robots, a *Fusion* story and a *Toronto Star* story about the Ashley Madison hack and fake user profiles, and a *Weld* story about the trademark "It's Nice to Have You in Birmingham."

Hartzog participated as a faculty fellow in the Association of Pacific Rim Universities "Summer Sessions" event for the Digital Economy, hosted by Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. He facilitated several panels on privacy and data security, Internet filtering, and Internet governance.

Hartzog gave two talks in October at the first Privacy + Data Security Forum in Washington D.C. His first talk was with FTC staff attorney Kevin Moriarity called "Understanding the FTC on Privacy and Data Security." His second talk was with FTC Commissioner Terrell McSweeney on "The FTC and Data Security."

Hartzog presented two papers in October, "Anonymization and Risk" (with Ira Rubinstein) and "Taking Trust Seriously in Privacy Law" (with Neil Richards) at the Amsterdam Privacy Conference. He also moderated a panel on Big Data and privacy at the event.

Hartzog spoke at a panel on "Robots and Privacy" at the Privacy and Access 20/20 Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, in November.

Hartzog spoke on a panel sponsored by *Slate* and the New America Foundation titled "How Human Do We Want Our Robots to Be?" Hartzog was also quoted in stories by *Slate* and the Washington Internet Daily about the event.

FiercelTSecurity, a popular data security publication, published "5 Things the FTC Should Do to Improve Data Security in the Wake of Wyndham," coauthored with Daniel Solove.

The Guardian published an essay that Hartzog co-authored with Neil Richards, titled "Facebook's New Digital Assistant 'M' will need to Earn Your Trust."

Wired published an essay Hartzog co-authored with Daniel Solove titled "Don't Kill the Password, Change the Password." *The Boston University Law Review Annex* published a short essay Hartzog co-authored with Professor Evan Selinger titled "Increasing the Transaction Costs of Harassment."

The Washington and Lee Law Review published Hartzog's article with Evan Selinger, "Surveillance as Loss of Obscurity." The Future of

Privacy Forum (FPF) selected two recent papers of Hartzog's to be included in its "Privacy Papers for Policy Makers" program.

The George Washington Law Review published Hartzog's paper with Dan Solove "The Scope and Potential of FTC Data Protection" as part of their issue dedicated to the symposium "The FTC at 100." Hartzog's work on obscurity with Evan Selinger was extensively cited in a report on online reputations issues by the Federal Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

Herman "Rusty" Johnson

Johnson wrote a blog "Dishonor in Alabama" that was published by the Alabama Constitution Society.

Johnson was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, which is the organization that creates the Restatements of Law. He joined Professors John Carroll, Brannon Denning, Alyssa DiRusso, Mike Floyd, Bill Ross and Howard Walthall, who have previously been elected to membership.

The Cumberland Law Review's online site published Johnson's article entitled, "Establishing a Unitary Standard for School-Based Excessive Force Claims." The article discusses the liability standard that should be applied to excessive force claims brought by students in elementary and secondary public schools.

David Langum

Langum's latest book, *Quite Contrary: The Litigious Life of Mary Bennett Love*, won the Willa Literary Award, scholarly nonfiction category, given by the Women Writing the West Association. This is a group of women writers who write about women in the American west. They have been awarding their Willa awards for more than twenty years. Langum cannot say for sure that he is the first male who has ever won an award from them, but he is certain that he is one of the very few!

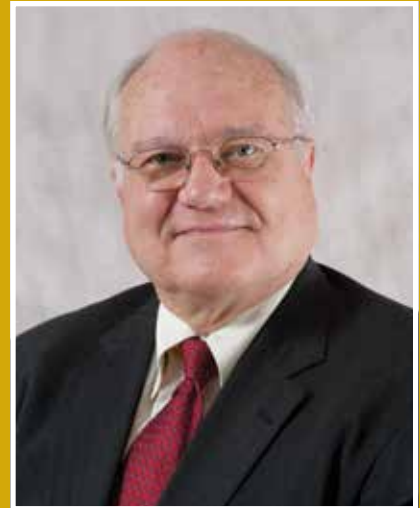
Grace L. Simms

Simms attended the Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey, California, Oct. 25-28. At the conference, she presented "Open-Access or Open Your Wallet: Selecting Free and Fee-Based Information Resources" during the Searches Academy.



David Smolin

Smolin was quoted in the *New York Times* and quoted/filmed by local media regarding actions against an eight year old who allegedly killed a one year old the week of Nov. 16. He was also on the radio of a San Francisco station.



Joseph Snoe

Wolters Kluwer published *Property: Examples & Explanations* (5th ed. 2015), co-authored by Snoe and Professor Barlow Burke of American University. *Property: Examples & Explanations* continues to be popular with first-year law students.

Snoe retired at the end of the Fall 2015 semester. He was a Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professor of Law, and was a critical part of Cumberland since his arrival in 1988. He taught a vast array of courses and continually challenged his students to achieve their best. He plans to continue writing in his retirement and hopes to teach a course from time to time.

Dean Henry C. Strickland III

Strickland was selected to participate in the 2015-16 class of Leadership Birmingham. Leadership Birmingham each year brings together leaders from diverse backgrounds to explore the community's critical issues in education, government, health care, human services, race relations, criminal justice, economic development, arts and entertainment and quality of life. The program includes an opening and closing retreat, monthly day-long seminars and class projects. The goal is to contribute to the betterment of the Birmingham community and its people.



Judge Houston L. Brown

by Robin Burrell

Judge Houston L. Brown entered this world on Dec. 1, 1942, born to Major A. Brown and Eliza Jane Brown. During his early childhood, he lived in the Smithfield housing project. Brown's parents were both educators. His father worked several jobs to support the family, including manual labor at night while maintaining a full-time job as the head coach and athletic director at Parker High School, where he never had a losing season. Brown's mother taught high school English, and his older brother, Major A. Brown Jr., served honorably in the Army, including several tours of duty in Vietnam. During his childhood, the family moved to a home in an area known as "Dynamite Hill," across the street from his lifelong friend Judge Helen Shores Lee, daughter of noted civil rights attorney Arthur Shores, whose home was bombed twice. Brown was first on the scene during one of the bombings of the Shores' home. He kicked the door in and assisted Shores in tending to Lee's mother, who was injured in the blast.

Judge Brown with Judge Helen Shores Lee (daughter of deceased civil right attorney Arthur Shores whose house was bombed several times during the 50s and 60s)







Judge Brown with his wife, children and grandchildren

Brown credits the outstanding education that he received at Parker High School and Talladega College as major components of his success. At that time of strictly enforced segregation laws, the educators at Parker High School were extraordinarily talented and motivated people, as there were few career opportunities open to African-Americans who might have become lawyers, doctors, scientists or other professionals in a different world. After three years at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Brown returned to Alabama to complete his education at Talladega College where he was awarded a B.A. in economics in 1965. He continues his close ties to his alma mater to this day and recently enjoyed his 50th college reunion there. While at Talladega College, Brown met his wife of 50 years, Betty Winston Brown. After graduation, he worked at the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (a social justice agency). While there, he and Betty developed a plan for him to attend law school. They saved as much money as they could with two small children to support, and he enrolled in Cumberland School of Law. For one year, he attended part time at night and worked full time during the day,

after which he worked full time and attended law school full time. Betty worked as a school teacher to support the family in this endeavor. While not the first African-American to attend Cumberland School of Law, Brown holds the distinction of being the first African-American to complete his entire legal education at Cumberland. His attendance was marked by diverse reactions from the students—some were openly hostile and resentful and some were friendly and accepting. Brown forged some of his lifelong friendships while attending. (As to those two “Cumberland babies,” the oldest, H. Lanier Brown II, is a partner at the firm Huie, Fernambucq in Birmingham, and the youngest, Daryl Winston Brown, is a tenured professor at the University of North Alabama.)

While at Cumberland, Brown clerked for J. Mason Davis, a fellow Talladega College alumnus. Upon graduation, he worked for Davis, later becoming his law partner in the firm Davis and Brown. At that time, lawyers generally did not specialize, unlike today’s highly specialized legal environment; they handled everything from wills and civil suits to criminal cases. Brown credits Davis with teaching him the



Judge Brown and Robin Burrell with Birmingham proclamation honoring Brown

importance of professionalism, diligence and being respectful to the Court and opposing counsel, no matter how difficult the situation may be. In 1981, Brown formed a law partnership named Brown, Chappell and Burrell with now Judge Agnes Chappell and Robin Burrell, which would change to Brown and Burrell when Judge Chappell left to become a referee in the Family Court of Jefferson County (later becoming a municipal judge). This was unusual for that time, as the firm included both male and female partners who were both black and white. Governor Siegelman appointed him to the bench in 2000 as a circuit judge, and he was elected and re-elected to continue in that position for three terms (18 years) until his retirement in 2015. Brown's fellow judges unanimously elected him to be the presiding judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit, making him the first African-American presiding judge in this circuit.

Brown's personal and professional life demonstrate his exceptional ability to seek compromise while staying true to his principles. His life has spanned a time of enormous change both locally, nationally and internationally. He was born into a world engaged in World War II, and he grew up in a segregated society that could have made him a bitter and spiteful person, but his altruistic nature overcame this. He recalls having to drive by the fairgrounds in Birmingham and not understanding why he could not go in and enjoy the fun and share in the laughter that he could hear through the fences. Instead, his childhood included being stopped by police officers while riding his bicycle and placed in their car and harassed for simply being a young black boy. He endured the ignominy of entering doors marked "colored" and drinking from water fountains marked the same, but through all of this he emerged with a rare ability to know when to use diplomacy and when to employ resistance while respecting the rights of all. In 1963, he was one of the many people who attended the march on Washington to hear Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech. The program from that event is proudly framed in his home. It profoundly affected him.



Judge Brown speaking at a Birmingham Pledge event honoring him; Brown was on the committee that drafted the pledge.

Brown actively mentored young attorneys during his career. This, ultimately, earned him the Drayton James Award from the Young Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association, an award dedicated to those who provide wise counsel and helpful guidance to young lawyers. Brown's door was always open to attorneys, both young and old, for advice, commiseration, laughter or just discussions. His mentoring, while often free, came with the caveat that those who sought his advice had to actually look at the law, rule or cases with him, rather than take the short cut of Brown providing the answer—a throwback to his mentoring by J. Mason Davis. Even now, in his retirement, he receives daily calls from young attorneys seeking advice, and he always makes himself available. His legal education at Cumberland provided this city with a tremendously talented and compassionate attorney. Throughout his professional life, Brown has served the community as a board member of many important organizations in the greater Birmingham area, receiving numerous awards for his service to the community and the legal profession. Brown looks forward to his continued mentoring of young attorneys, participation in a plethora of organizations that allow him to serve the community and involvement at First Congregational Church UCC, where he has been a member for over 60 years and currently serves as a trustee. **CL**

Robin L. Burrell is a shareholder in the law firm of Najjar Denaburg, PC and practices family law. She was Judge Brown's law partner from 1981 to 1989. Judge Brown is her son's godfather and his wife, Betty, is her daughter's godmother.



Judge Brown with Jim Rotch, author of Birmingham Pledge, and J. Mason Davis, his first law partner.



Richard Davis and Paulette Brown

A Precedent-Setting Pro Bono Victory

Richard Davis, a partner with Starnes Davis Florie LLP, has practiced law for more than 26 years in Birmingham. His areas of practice primarily include environmental, business, white collar crime and government enforcement litigation, including health care. Recently, Davis' name has graced the pages of national legal news for his pro bono work that resulted in the release of Luis Anthony Rivera, a man convicted and sent to prison in 1985.


At the age of 29, Rivera was sentenced to life in prison without parole, plus 140 years for conspiracy to distribute cocaine as a result of his involvement in a drug smuggling operation. The crime was non-violent, and he had no prior criminal record. After serving 30 years in prison without a single disciplinary infraction, Rivera was released. His release was not due to his innocence; he freely admits to his wrongdoing, nor was he granted clemency. Rather, his release was due in part to his model behavior as an inmate and in part to the dogged determination of his lawyers, Richard Davis and Sam Sheldon.

Davis took Rivera's case, pro bono, through Clemency Project 2014 and was subsequently and independently introduced to Washington, D.C., attorney Sam Sheldon of the law firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan. Davis believed that Rivera should be eligible for clemency, but, for various reasons, Davis and Sheldon decided instead to reserve clemency as a back-up plan and to argue that a 2014 U.S. District Court decision in *Holloway v. United States of America* established a doctrine that "district courts have the discretion, inherent in our American system of justice, to subsequently reduce a defendant's sentence in the interest of fairness." They dubbed it the "*Holloway* doctrine."

In *Holloway v. United States of America*, an inmate named Francois Holloway's sentence was shortened by U.S. District Judge John Gleeson of the Eastern District of New York. Like Rivera, Holloway's crime was non-violent, and he was a model inmate while in prison. Although Gleeson imposed Holloway's original sentence in 1995, in retrospect he found it unduly harsh. He asked then-U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch to dismiss two counts against Holloway, which she eventually agreed to do, resulting in his release.

Davis and Sheldon first made their case, based on Rivera's non-violent offense and good conduct in prison, to Mark Green, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, asking for agreement to vacate one count of Rivera's conviction and thereby make Rivera eligible for a sentence reduction with application of the Holloway doctrine. After verifying Rivera's record and other due diligence, U.S. Attorney Green agreed. Subsequently, Davis and Sheldon also convinced the judge who originally sentenced Rivera, U.S. District Judge Frank Seay, to apply the *Holloway* doctrine to Rivera. Judge Seay granted their motion to vacate and ordered Rivera's immediate release in Sept. 2015. Rivera is currently living in Florida and working in construction.

When current ABA President Paulette Brown visited Cumberland School of Law on Sept. 24, 2015, and congratulated Davis on his precedent-setting victory, Davis replied, "Luis did the heavy lifting. He lived the facts and maintained the good conduct on which our legal arguments were based."

In Oct. 2015, during Pro Bono Month, Cumberland School of Law honored Davis with a Profile of Service award for "the work he has done and will continue doing as he seeks to manifest 'justice for all.'" 

LaJuana S. Davis



LaJuana S. Davis

Professor LaJuana S. Davis was recently named director of assessment for the law school. The *Cumberland Lawyer* asked her to explain what the new position entails:

“I see my role as director of assessment as working with Cumberland’s faculty and administration to identify how our instruction, curriculum and programs promote student learning. Assessment has been a central concern in education for decades, but law schools are relatively new to the process of articulating student learning outcomes and measuring institutional effectiveness. While the bar exam and surveys give some schoolwide measures of student achievement, most law schools, until recently, did not

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explicitly link their instruction to specific learning goals or to their graduates’ professional competency.

“In 2014, the American Bar Association adopted new standards that require law schools to identify expected student learning outcomes and to measure their attainment. Those standards go into effect in fall 2016. I, along with a committee that includes Professors Howard Walthall, Alyssa DiRusso and Rusty Johnson, will help review the existing evidence of student learning and seek new ways to evaluate and encourage that learning at Cumberland. I appreciate having the opportunity to work on this important project that will continue to shape the law school and the future of legal education.” **CL**

Daksh Kaushik

Under a cooperative arrangement between Samford and NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad, India, Indian students selected by NALSAR and approved by Samford have the opportunity to study in the U.S., and Samford students selected by Samford and approved by NALSAR have the opportunity to spend a semester of study in India.

Daksh Kaushik, a student from NALSAR University, is spending spring 2016 at Cumberland School of Law. Kaushik is a native of Rajasthan, India. He is a keen follower of European football (soccer), with an avid interest in the team Manchester United. He is currently in the third year of the five-year undergraduate law program at NALSAR University. Upon graduation, he would like to pursue his LL.M. degree and a career in academia. **CL**



Howard P. Walthall

Cumberland School of Law Professor Howard P. Walthall receives a top faculty award

The George Macon Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a teacher, counselor and friend who inspires students to greatness was presented to Walthall at the spring semester opening convocation on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Samford President Andrew Westmoreland presented Walthall with a \$1,000 cash prize and a video presentation highlighted his service and dedication to the university.

Walthall, who has taught at the law school for 40 years, was cited for his teaching, innovation, energy and devotion to students. He has taught an array of courses, including first-year contracts, federal and state constitutional law, numerous business and commercial law courses, and cultural perspectives in the Samford undergraduate core curriculum. He has won the law school’s Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award multiple times.

By pioneering the integration of writing instruction and assessment processes into classes and addressing a need for essential analytical skills, he continues to develop new approaches to meet the unique needs of students—making the law school program better for each new generation of students.

His tribute to the legend of Rascal, a dog that was awarded the degree of canine jurisprudence when Cumberland School of Law was located in Tennessee, is a popular part of the law school’s annual Rascal Day celebration. He is also a longtime participant and organizer of Samford’s Old Howard 100 bike ride held each spring.

Walthall is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and a graduate of Harvard Law School. Before joining the Cumberland School of Law faculty, he was a partner in a Birmingham law firm. **CL**



The Man Inside of the Suit



As first-year Cumberland School of Law student Mike Milton puts it, he's the "most anonymous celebrity you'll ever meet." That's because Milton has spent much of his adult life dressed up as various team mascots, from Samford University's Spike to the Baltimore Orioles' Bird. Many people are familiar with these mascots, but most have not had the opportunity to get to know the man inside of the suit, outside of the suit.

A Veteran Mascot

Milton was the cougar at Northview High School in Dothan, Alabama, before enrolling at Samford University, where he majored in business management. While a student, he was also the Noid for Domino's Pizza promotions and the Easter bunny at the Summit shopping center. After college, Milton was contacted by the Baltimore Orioles Major League Baseball club and asked if he would be interested in being considered for their mascot

director position. His name had been recommended by mascots he had befriended in both the collegiate and professional arenas.

Milton was one of 24 mascots who were initially tapped for the Orioles position, and after two rounds of flying to Baltimore to actively compete in auditions, he was selected and hired as the full-time mascot director and community outreach coordinator. As the full-time Oriole Bird, Milton was responsible for managing four part-time birds, scheduling, appearances and game-day operations. His contract required him to perform at least 55 of the 81 home games and to make over 400 appearances throughout the year for various external events.

While serving as the Oriole Bird, Milton had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of America's top leaders. He was able to visit the Pentagon on several occasions, where he was the only 6'5" black and orange bird walking up and down the concourses with a "no escort needed" badge. While there, he met many three- and four-star officers, as well as



current military occupation and a strong legal education from Cumberland could put me in a prime sector for a legal career in national security law.”

Dreams Realized

According to Milton, his time and experiences as a mascot had a huge impact on his decision to join the military and ultimately attend law school. In 2005, he was interviewed for an article in the *Samford* magazine, *Seasons*. In that interview, when asked what he wanted to do after his mascot days were over, he immediately replied that he wanted to join the military and attend Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law.

“Being in a professional entertainment job, you always run the risk of injuring yourself and being out of a job that you love,” Milton explained. “Mascots are not known for longevity in the suit. It is far too hot and the injuries too frequent. One always has to be on the lookout for what will come next. For some that is an office job in the club headquarters, and for others it is to follow a dream that they have always had. I have always wanted to be a lawyer. I’ve always thought that I had the mind and disposition to be a lawyer. During my time in the bird suit, I had the opportunity to meet many people who had a huge impact on the lives of others; many of those people were lawyers. I had a chance to participate in causes that had a distinctive legal component or meet someone who was in the midst of fighting for a cause that was controlled by the legal world. I didn’t want to always be the one making people smile just because I was entertaining. I endeavor to be a lawyer who helps others to make a real difference and to help those who need a voice to fight for causes that matter.” **CL**

former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. At one of the Oriole’s home games, Milton signed a game ball for United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who in turn signed a game ball for him. He also met late United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on that occasion. During a visit to Annapolis one year later, he met former Vice President Dick Cheney. Milton has countless other stories about encounters with the rich and famous while in the bird suit if you care to ask him.

Did he enjoy being an anonymous celebrity? “Sure,” he says. “It was great to receive all of that attention while the suit was on, but I could always take it off and be a regular guy.”

A Tradition of Service

The Orioles had a tradition of its mascots eventually going into either the military or other federal service, and Milton did not disappoint. He joined the army in 2007, beginning as an enlisted soldier. After a

few years, he decided to seek a direct commission as a second lieutenant within his field. Since that time, he has attended several of the top schools in his field of work. He was also given the job of running one of the Army Reserve’s schoolhouses, training non-commissioned officers and officers in specialized skill sets.

Before returning to his alma mater, Samford University, to attend Cumberland School of Law, Milton worked for the Defense Department as a contractor. He served as the lead software test engineer for several of the computer systems under the Army’s Communications and Electronics Command. It was during this time that he finally decided to make the move back to the southeast and attend law school.

“During my entire time with the military, I have worked with the laws that govern my military branch and operations,” Milton explained. “I decided that I wanted to become a lawyer working on national security issues. I saw that my past training, experience,

Classnotes

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1969

Roy B. Gonas of Coral Gables, Florida, will give a lecture series spring 2016 on international commercial arbitration at the University of Szeged, Hungary, followed by a residency at the National Academy of Science, Institute of Legal Studies, Budapest, Hungary. Gonas is a Fulbright specialist on the subject of the lectures.

1972

John P. Whittington retired on Dec. 31, 2015, as general counsel and executive vice president of HealthSouth, Birmingham. Starting Jan. 2016, Whittington works of counsel solely on special projects at HealthSouth.

1974

Judge John L. Carroll was appointed chairperson for the Senior Lawyer & New Lawyer Task Force of the Alabama State Bar. Carroll is a professor at Cumberland School of Law.

Thomas F. Garth was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. Garth is with Phelps Dunbar LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

Earl V. Johnson was appointed to Troy University's board of trustees. Johnson is the mayor of Andalusia, Alabama.

Judge J. Randall May was recently appointed to the preprofessional board for the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University; he was also nominated for the professional achievement award from this department. May is an administrative law judge with the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, High Point, North Carolina.

1975

Miles A. McGrane III was appointed to the board of directors for Florida's Children First, a statewide nonprofit organization that advances the rights of at-risk children. McGrane is with Salmon & Dulberg Dispute Resolution, Miami, Florida.

S. Craig Smith was elected to a fourth term as mayor of Paris, Illinois. He is with Asher & Smith, Paris, Illinois.

1976

Wayne Morse Jr. was named a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Morse is with Waldrep Stewart & Kendrick LLC, Birmingham.

1977

Lee R. Benton was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. He is with Benton & Centeno LLP, Birmingham.

1978

Alexander M. Smith was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. He is with Smith & NeSmith, Oneonta, Alabama.

1980

Judge Karon O. Bowdre was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. Bowdre is presiding judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham.

Anthony A. Joseph is a member of the 2016 board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Joseph is with Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham.

Robert O. Posey is a member of Leadership Birmingham's 2015–16 class. Posey is with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham.

David L. Silverstein is a member of Leadership Alabama's class of 2015–16. Silverstein is with Bayer Properties, Birmingham.

Randal Lee "Randy" Wood retired on Sept. 1, 2014, from his position as associate professor of criminal justice at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama.

1981

Ernest Cory is a member of the 2016 board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. He is with Cory Watson PC, Birmingham.

Mitchell O. "Mickey" Palmer is the county attorney for Manatee County, Florida.

1982

Judge Alan L. King was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. King is presiding judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit Probate Court, Birmingham.

1983

Forrest S. Latta was reappointed to Troy University's board of trustees. Latta is with Burr & Forman LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

Peter S. Mackey was elected 2016 president of the Mobile Bar Association. Mackey is with Burns Cunningham & Mackey PC, Mobile, Alabama.

Dennis M. Wright received a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Wright is with the Alabama Department of Insurance, Legal Division, Montgomery, Alabama. He has served in the U.S. Army reserve for over 25 years.

1984

Lindsey J. Allison was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. She is with Allison May & Kimbrough LLC, Birmingham.

Russell Q. Allison was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. He is with Carr Allison, Vestavia, Alabama.

Robert P. MacKenzie III is a member of Leadership Birmingham's 2015–16 class. He serves through 2016 as president of the Birmingham Bar Association. MacKenzie is with Starnes Davis Florie LLP, Birmingham.

1985

Eric L. Olsen was re-elected the commonwealth's attorney for Stafford County, Virginia, in Nov. 2015.

Jay Michael Ross was named a partner with Adams & Reese LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

1987

F. Martin Lester was named headmaster of Brookstone School, Columbus, Georgia, effective July 1, 2016.

1988

Thomas J. Methvin was appointed president of the Commerce Executives Society (CES), Montgomery Chapter, University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Commerce; the CES is the annual fund of the college and provides student scholarships. Methvin is with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

Peyton C. "Pat" Thetford was appointed, by Gov. Robert Bentley, as a judge with the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division; Birmingham. The appointment was effective Nov. 5, 2015.

1989

W. Daniel "Dee" Miles was appointed, by U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, to the Plaintiffs Steering Committee of the multidistrict litigation that involves Volkswagen and accusations of cheating emissions standards. Miles is with Beasley Allen, Montgomery, Alabama.

1991

W. Todd Carlisle ('88) and his wife, Karen Carlisle ('88), were both honored as Samford University Alumni of the Year at the homecoming banquet on Nov. 6, 2015. Carlisle is with Sirote & Permutt PC, Birmingham.

1992

William C. "Beau" Byrd II was named 2015–16 chairperson for the real property, probate and trust section of the Alabama State Bar. Byrd is with Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, Birmingham.

David B. Hall received the Transportation Lawyers Association's 2015 distinguished service award. Hall is with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, Birmingham.

1993

Leslie Mitchell Kroeger was presented the 2015 Champion of Consumer Safety Award by the Florida Justice Association. Kroeger is with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

1994

Celeste Patton Armstrong was elected to Berea College's board of trustees, Berea, Kentucky. Armstrong is an alumna of Berea College and has a solo law practice in Hoover, Alabama.

Stephen A. Bradley was appointed district attorney for the Ocmulgee Circuit, Milledgeville, Georgia, by Gov. Nathan Deal.

W. Franklin "Frank" Coppersmith III is CEO with Possum Interactive, a video game and software development company in Austin, Texas.

S. Keith Eady is the supervising attorney for the southeast office of RCO Legal PS, Atlanta, Georgia.

Edward C. Hixon is an attorney with the Alabama Department of Mental Health, Montgomery, Alabama.

Robert G. Methvin Jr. is a member of the 2016 board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. He is with McCallum Methvin & Terrell PC, Birmingham.

1995

Nolan E. Awbrey opened a new law practice, Awbrey Law, in Birmingham.

Robert A. Boland was appointed director of the Master of Sports Administration program in Ohio University's Department of Sports Administration, Athens, Ohio, effective Jan. 2016.

Kenneth H. "Casey" Compton of Lakeland, Florida, was appointed to the board of directors for Sunshine Bancorp.

Jessica M. McDill was named a 2015 Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation. She also received the 2015 Pro Bono Appreciation Award from the South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers program. McDill is with Chason & Chason PC, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Richard J. Nickels is an attorney with Frost Brown Todd LLC, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sidney Summers Welch is a shareholder with Polsinelli, Atlanta, Georgia.

Christopher J. Zulanis was inducted into the Alabama chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Zulanis is with Friedman Dazzio Zulanis & Bowling PC, Birmingham.

1996

Christopher A. Bottcher is of counsel with McGlinchey Stafford, Birmingham.

Christopher H. Macturk was granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Macturk is with Barnes & Diehl PC, Richmond, Virginia.

1997

Don W. Thompson was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to the Lookout Mountain Circuit (Georgia) Public Defender Advisory Panel. He is with Bruce & Thompson LLC, Summerville, Georgia.

1998

Randy G. Mathews is associate dean for enrollment services at Duncan School of Law, Lincoln Memorial University, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Lloyd C. Peeples opened a Your Pie pizza restaurant in Homewood, Alabama.

2000

Audrey Reitz Channell was elected to the board of trustees for the Birmingham Legal Aid Society. Channell is with the Office of the Public Defender for Jefferson County, Birmingham.

Demetra L. Liggins presented "Fees Post ASAPCO/Pro-Snax" at the 34th annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, Austin, Texas. Liggins is with Thompson & Knight LLP, Houston, Texas.

Sean S. Modjarrad was awarded the Nasser Modjarrad Progressive Achievement Award by the North Texas Asian Democrats. He is with Modjarrad Abusaad Said Law Firm, Richardson, Texas.

2001

Brigette B. Cromwell is an attorney with Bennett Jacobs & Adams PA, Tampa, Florida.

Christopher D. Glover has written a book, *Introduction to Truck Accident Claims: A Guide to Getting Started*. Glover is with Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles PC, Montgomery, Alabama.

H. Spencer Morano is a partner with Leak Douglas & Morano PC, Birmingham.

Latanishia D. Watters is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). Watters is with Hand Arendall LLC, Birmingham.

2002

James A. Barnes IV is a partner with Oxendine Barnes PLLC, Raleigh, North Carolina.

2003

Kent E. Altom of Johns Creek, Georgia, published an article in the *Georgia Bar Journal*, "A Life Worth Living and a Gift Worth Giving: Becoming the Professional You Aspire to Be."

Blake L. Oliver is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). He is with Adams White Oliver Short & Forbus LLP, Opelika, Alabama.

2004

D. Trice Stabler was named a shareholder of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Mobile, Alabama.

2005

Joseph W. Carlisle is an attorney with Zupancic Rathbone Law Group PC, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

C. Burton Dunn is an attorney with Moses & Moses, Birmingham.

George L. Morris IV is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). Morris is with Cabaniss Johnston, Birmingham.

2006

Robert B. Goss was named a top lawyer of 2015 by *Houstonia* magazine in recognition of his legal service to veterans. Goss, who is grand knight of Council 14700, was appointed to the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council's legal affairs committee. He is with the Law Office of Robert B. Goss PC, Houston, Texas.

Susan Nettles Han is the 2016 chairperson of the Birmingham Bar women lawyers section. Han is with Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham.

2007

Casey Tidwell Barron was a featured presenter at the Sept. 2015 Child Protection Summit, Orlando, Florida. Barron is with the Department of Children & Families, Chipley, Florida.

Jennifer Reid Egbe was named a partner with Huie Fernambucq & Stewart LLP, Birmingham.

Charles T. Greene was named a partner at Lightfoot Franklin White LLC, Birmingham.

James H. "Jay" Haithcock III was named a partner with Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham.

Kelli Byers Hooper was named a fellow with the American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Diversity Committee for 2015-17. She is with Hooper & Honore LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

Katherine Taylor Powell was elected to the Birmingham Bar Association executive committee (place 2). Powell is Butler Snow LLP, Birmingham.

J. Thomas Richie was named a partner with Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, Birmingham.

Randall L. Woodfin is a member of Leadership Alabama's class of 2015-16 and was named by the *Birmingham Business Journal* in its "40 under 40" list for 2016. He serves as an at-large member of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens board of directors. He was also tapped to lead the new young professional advisory council for the Birmingham office of the United Negro College Fund. Woodfin is with the Birmingham City Attorney's Office.

2008

Griffin H. Bridgers is an associate with Berenbaum Weinsienk PC, Denver, Colorado.

Paige Janney Casey is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). Casey is with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, Birmingham.

Timothy R. Hicks was named a partner with Mayer Brown, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Justin H. Kelly was named a partner with Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham.

Robert E. LeMoine is an associate with Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Birmingham.

Andrea C. Lyons received the Escambia/Santa Rosa (Florida) Bar's 2015 William S. Meador Award, which recognizes a young attorney for excellence, integrity and community service. Lyons is with Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon, Pensacola, Florida.

Brooke Garner Malcolm is a member of the 2016 board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Malcolm is with Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Birmingham.

Brian J. Malcom was named a partner with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP, Birmingham.

Brooke Milstead Nixon was named a shareholder with Rosen Harwood PA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Heather D. Piper was named as one of Tennessee's ten best family law attorneys by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys. Piper is with Hall Booth Smith PC, Nashville, Tennessee.

2009

Summer Austin Davis is the 2016 secretary of the Birmingham Bar Women Lawyers Section. Davis is with Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, Birmingham.

Ian S. Palmer is an associate with the tax controversy services of Alliant Group, Houston, Texas.

Stephen D. "Steve" Rygiel is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). Rygiel is with Birmingham AIDS Outreach.

Anna L. (Smith) Scully was elected the 2016 treasurer of the Mobile Bar Association. Scully is with Burr & Forman LLP, Mobile, Alabama.

Megan P. Stephens was re-elected to the Young Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association executive board for 2016. Stephens is with Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham.

Jessica J. Thomas is a senior staff attorney at Cracker Barrel, Lebanon, Tennessee.

2010

Madeline Krontiras Bader is an attorney with Coulter & Sierra LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

Christopher K. Gifford is an attorney with the Law Office of Benjamin Y. Gerber LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

Leann Parey is an in-house counsel at Browning Development Solutions, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Ashley Reitz Peinhardt is a member of the Alabama State Bar 2016 Leadership Forum (class 12). Peinhardt is with Hare Wynn Newell & Newton LLP, Birmingham.

Staci M. Pierce is executive vice president of corporate acquisition and development and associate general counsel at Action Specialized Transportation & Environmental Services, Birmingham.

Heather E. Ward is an associate with Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham.

Joseph E. "Tripp" Watson III was elected to a second term as president of the Alabama Economics Club, the state chapter of the National Association of Business Economists. He is with Watson Firm, Birmingham.

Lindsay Singletary Whitworth is an attorney with Books-A-Million Inc., Birmingham.

2011

Jessica L. Champion opened a law practice, Champion Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Benjamin D. Cohn is a member of the 2016 advisory board for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Cohn is with Williams Elliott & Edwards, Birmingham.

Erik S. Heninger is a member of Leadership Birmingham's 2015-16 class. He is with Heninger Garrison Davis LLC, Birmingham.

Douglas R. McMillan is an associate with Clover Law LLC, Anchorage, Alaska.

Joshua F. Reif is an associate with Dentons US LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

J. Patrick Warfield was named by the *Nashville Business Journal* in its "40 under 40" list for 2016. Warfield is with Burr & Forman LLP, Nashville, Tennessee.

2012

Patrick L. Barkley is an associate with Hunter Maclean, Savannah, Georgia.

Andrew E. Boulter is a member of the 2016 advisory board for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Boulter is with Leitman Siegal & Payne PC, Birmingham.

Whitney L. Haley is an associate with McKenzie Laird PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee.

Ryan J. Hicks is a litigation attorney with Tennessee Health Care and Finance Administration, Nashville, Tennessee.

Brett H. Knight is a founding partner of Jaffe Hanie Whisonant & Knight PC, Birmingham.

Brian E. Richardson is an associate with Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Birmingham.

Kurt A. Schmissrauter is an attorney with Walden Security, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Joseph D. Thetford Jr. was named 2015 Young Lawyer of the Year by the South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers program. Thetford is with Chason & Chason PC, Bay Minette, Alabama.

2013

Justin B. Cureton is a member and 2016 treasurer of the board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Cureton is with Deloitte Consulting, Birmingham.

Sarah Outlaw McLaughlin is an associate with Hand Arendall LLC, Mobile, Alabama.

David L. Stewart graduated from the Montgomery (Alabama) Police Academy and during the ceremony received the W. Marvin Stanley Award of Excellence for outstanding merit and accomplishment.

2014

Allen B. Blow is an associate with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, Birmingham.

Laura J. Boures is a lease negotiator with Hibbett Sporting Goods Inc., Birmingham.

J. Wester Crockett is compliance services coordinator for the Southwestern Athletic Conference, Birmingham.

Christopher K. Friedman is an associate with Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham.

Eleanor G. Jolly is an associate with Donahue & Associates LLC, Birmingham.

Ashley R. Rhea is a member of the 2016 advisory board for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program. Rhea is with Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham.

Brittany "Britt" Schneider Williams is vice president of Schneider & Williams PC, Stuart, Virginia.

Wren M. Williams is president of Schneider & Williams PC, Stuart, Virginia.

2015

Stefan J. Bachman is a law clerk for Senior Judge G. Ross Anderson Jr., U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, Anderson, South Carolina.

Jessica D. Brookshire is an associate with Ferguson Frost Moore & Young LLP, Birmingham.

Alison Almeida Dennis is a law clerk with Judge C. Lynwood Smith Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Huntsville, Alabama.

Garrett P. Dennis is an attorney with Shunnarah Injury Lawyers PC, Birmingham.

Thomas P. Edington is pursuing an LL.M. in international business/trade/commerce from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England.

Bradley S. Foster is pursuing an LL.M. in media law and policy from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England.

J. Nathaniel Guin is an associate with Gardberg Clausen & Kemmerly PC, Mobile, Alabama.

Cody B. Isbell is an attorney with Shunnarah Injury Lawyers PC, Birmingham.

Matthew B. Jager is an associate with The Finley Firm PC, Columbus, Georgia.

Amanda Graham Kisor is an associate with Gaines Gault Hendrix PC, Vestavia, Alabama.

Nicholas D. Leslie is a closing attorney with Jefferson Title Corporation, Birmingham.

Lauren E. Miles is an associate with Burke Harvey LLC, Birmingham.

Lindsay C. Mims is an attorney with Mims Law Firm PC, Mobile, Alabama.

Justin A. Mitchell is an attorney with The Revill Law Firm, Birmingham.

Sarah Sutton Osborne is a law clerk with Judge Joel F. Dubina, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, Montgomery, Alabama.

Carl Ray Sewell III is law clerk with Judge John T. Simpson, Coweta Circuit Superior Court (Georgia), Carrollton, Georgia.

R. Jackson "Jay" Sewell is an associate with Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Birmingham.

David L. Silverstein Jr. is an associate with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, Birmingham.

John R. Spade is an associate with Hollis Wright Clay & Vail PC, Birmingham.

Faye Doss Suggs is an attorney with Gorham & Associates LLC, Birmingham.

Ruston G. Thrift is an associate with Laney & Foster PC, Birmingham.

Emily Slay Walters is an associate with Huie Fernambucq & Stuart LLP, Birmingham.

Katie E. Willoughby is pursuing an LL.M. in agriculture and food law from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Kaila B. Wilson is an associate with Carr Allison, Vestavia, Alabama.

Marriages

Courtney E. Bailey '14 married Kevin Hall on June 6, 2015. They reside in Montgomery, Alabama.

Michelle Delgado '12 married Adam Parsons on Dec. 5, 2015. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lauren E. Ellis '13 married Aaron S. DeWitt M.D. on Sept. 5, 2015. They reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Hannah L. Garner '12 and **W. Chambers Waller IV '13** were married on Aug. 22, 2015. They reside in Birmingham.

Rachel Goodson '10 married Ryan Jones on May 16, 2015. They reside in Birmingham.

Leon Hampton Jr. '13 married Tonquita Knott on Oct. 3, 2015. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Emily V. Huntzinger '11 and **G. Caleb Bowman '12** were married on Sept. 5, 2015. They reside in New York, New York.

Britney Kennedy '12 and **Patrick Pope '12** were married on Oct. 24, 2015. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nicholas Leslie '15 married Lauren St. John on Dec. 12, 2015. They reside in Vestavia, Alabama.

Andrea C. Lyons '08 married Darek Schmiedebush on July 25, 2015. They reside in Pensacola, Florida.

Bryan Morgan '81 married Terrie Scott on Nov. 27, 2015. They reside in Prattville, Alabama.

Jackson Neal '14 married Tiffany Hill on Nov. 21, 2015. They reside in Vestavia, Alabama.

Sarah B. Outlaw '13 married Rane McLaughlin on April 4, 2015. They reside in Mobile, Alabama.

Jennifer H. Reid '07 married Anthony Egbe on Sept. 19, 2015. They reside in Birmingham.

Jennifer Reynolds '13 and **M. Bert Bray '13** were married on April 25, 2015. They reside in Albertville, Alabama.

Jarot H. Scarbrough '13 married Nancy Ennis on Sept. 26, 2015. They reside in Birmingham.

Brittany "Britt" E. Schneider '14 and **Wren M. Williams '14** were married on April 25, 2015. They reside in Stuart, Virginia.

Lydia Wimberly '15 married Michael Messina on Oct. 3, 2015. They reside in Birmingham.

Births

Veronica Williams Crenshaw '13 and Earl J. Crenshaw Jr. announced the birth of a son, Earl J. Crenshaw III, on Oct. 20, 2015.

Chelsey Mitchell Edgerly '10 and Jeremy Edgerly announced the birth of a son, Hudson Daniel Edgerly, on Oct. 16, 2015.

Monica Nelson Fischer '07 and **Kurt S. Fischer '10** announced the birth of a son, John Conrad Fischer, Sept. 21, 2015.

Molly Savage Hamsher '11 and Chris Hamsher announced the birth of a son, Owen Charles Hamsher, on Nov. 20, 2015.

Laura West Hume '07 and **David Hume '06** announced the birth of a daughter, Harper Ann Hume, on July 1, 2015.

Alan Kirk '09 and Melanie Gaskin Kirk announced the birth of a son, John Willis Kirk, on Jan. 24, 2016.

Patrick Lowther '06 and Kristen Lowther announced the birth of a daughter, Emma Caroline Lowther, on Sept. 17, 2015.

Andrea Atwell MacKeen '10 and Blake MacKeen announced the birth of a son, William "Banks" MacKeen, on Jan. 31, 2016.

Polly Allen Manuel '11 and Wilson Manuel announced the birth of a daughter, Emmaline Allen Manuel, on Sept. 10, 2015.

Ross Massey '11 and Keri Massey announced the birth of a daughter, Alden Amelia Massey, on Jan. 1, 2016.

Joshua F. Reif '11 and Lauren Wright Reif announced the birth of a daughter, Abigail Frances Reif, on Dec. 11, 2015.

Chandler Shinkle Rohwedder '09 and **David T. Rohwedder '09** announced the birth of a son, Edward Atkinson Rohwedder on Aug. 15, 2015.

Christopher C. Romeo '11 and Morgan Lee Romeo announced the birth of a daughter, Stella Grace Romeo, on Nov. 6, 2015.

Lindsay Haynes Sisco '07 and Stephen Knox Sisco announced the birth of a son, Dylan Lee Sisco, on Aug. 18, 2015.

Steven W. Strother Jr. '14 and Lane Bailey Strother announced the birth of a daughter, Lillian Grace Strother, on Dec. 28, 2015.

Cynthia Hill Upton '15 and Tyler Upton announced the birth of a son, James Everett Upton, on Nov. 23, 2015.

Amanda Wendenburg '12 and Esteban Nell announced the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie Scarlett Nell, on Sept. 16, 2015.

In Memoriam

James Victor Baskerville '80 of Vestavia, Alabama, died on Oct. 24, 2015.

Jerry Lee Cruse '62 of Pine Level, Alabama, died on Aug. 25, 2015.

Judge John Walter Davis III '71 of Montgomery, Alabama, died on Dec. 9, 2015.

Bruce Henderson Guthrie II '88 of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died on Nov. 20, 2015.

James Raymond Hutchens '75 of Sarasota, Florida, died on Sept. 28, 2015.

Riverson Samuel Leonard '68 of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, died on Aug. 17, 2015.

Arthur C. Nilsen '86 of Roswell, Georgia, died on March 7, 2015.

Summer Alumni Events

April 19, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Montgomery Alumni Luncheon
The Warehouse, Montgomery, Alabama
Hosted by Beasley Allen
Honoring J. Anthony McLain '77

April 21, 2016 at 7 a.m.

Who's Who in Law, Panel Presentation
The Harbert Center, Birmingham
Hosted by BBJ, Samford University,
Cumberland School of Law
Email kkennedy@samford.edu for
registration information

April 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Tallahassee, Florida, Alumni Event
Proof Brewing Company
644 McDonnell Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32310
Email Anne Marovich (amarovic@samford.edu)
by Friday, April 22 if you plan on attending.

May 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Reception for graduates and their guests
Cumberland School of Law, Brewer Plaza

June 16-17, 2016

Orlando, Florida
Florida Bar Convention, TBA

June 23, 2016

Alumni Reception
Sandestin Baytowne Wharf,
West Miramar Beach, Florida
Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting

June 24, 2016

Alumni Reception
Charlotte, North Carolina
North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting

August 25, 2016

Alumni Reception Huntsville, Alabama

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2014 keynote speaker: ESPN broadcaster, attorney and
best-selling author Jay Bilas
2012 keynote speaker: expert trial attorney Bobby Lee Cook
- ▶ 6 CLE hours, including 1 ethics hour
- ▶ Proceeds fund the Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program.
- ▶ Every attendee will be entered in drawings to win tickets to the
2016 SEC Championship football game, among other prizes.

