

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

CUMBERLAND

SCHOOL *of* LAW



WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

If you are pursuing law school, you have likely been asked “why?” It’s important for you to think deeply so that you can answer with confidence and purpose. At Cumberland School of Law, we nurture your passion, or your “why,” so that you can find a meaningful career that allows you to lead with intention and elevate the lives of others. We hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about our community and decide to pursue your why at Cumberland!



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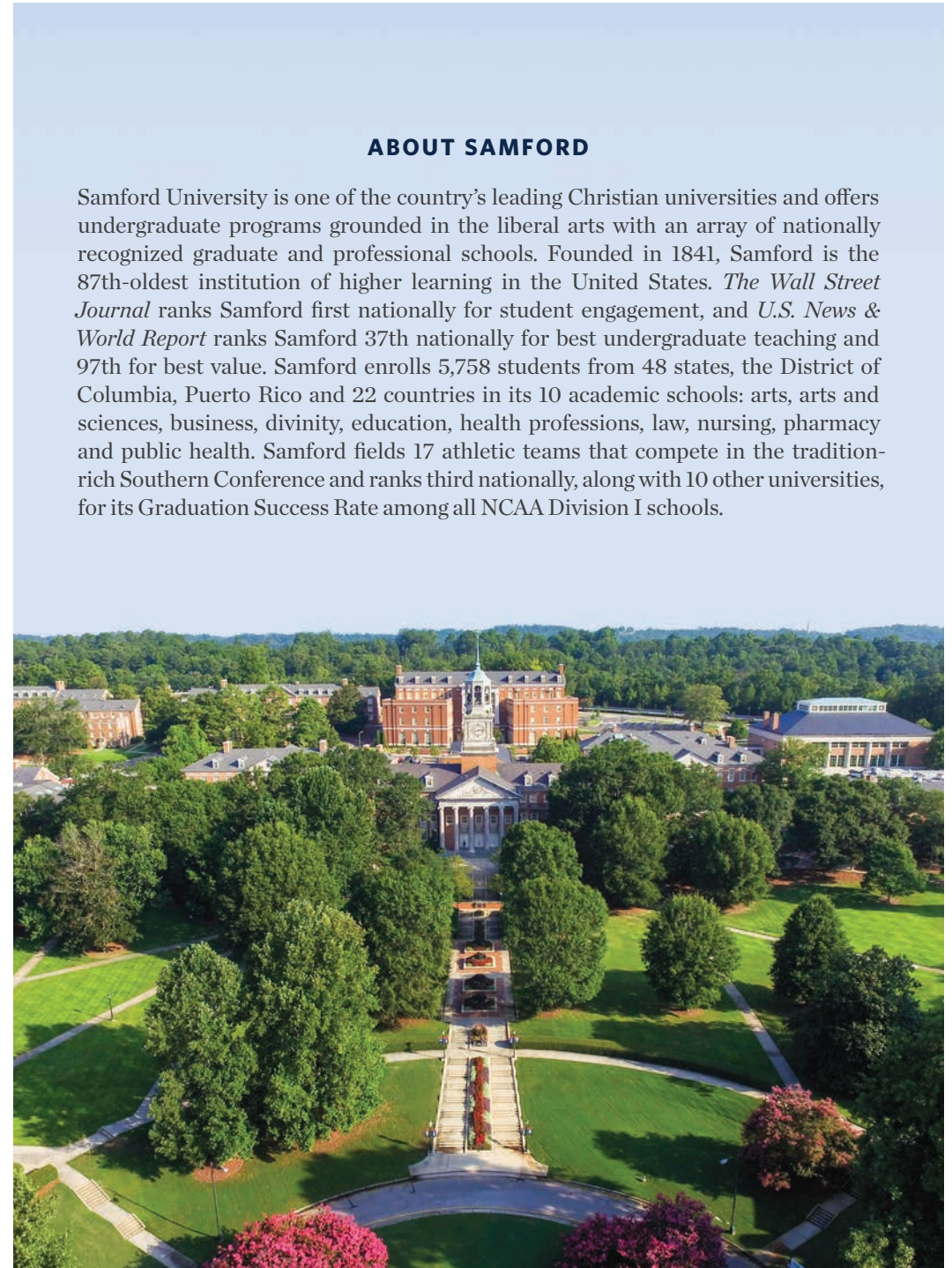
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VIEW CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW **FAST FACTS**



ABOUT SAMFORD

Samford University is one of the country's leading Christian universities and offers undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. *The Wall Street Journal* ranks Samford first nationally for student engagement, and *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Samford 37th nationally for best undergraduate teaching and 97th for best value. Samford enrolls 5,758 students from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 22 countries in its 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford fields 17 athletic teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference and ranks third nationally, along with 10 other universities, for its Graduation Success Rate among all NCAA Division I schools.





FINDING YOUR PURPOSE

Like our fall entering class, I am new to Cumberland School of Law. After 15 years in the legal profession, I am still on the path of pursuing my purpose. My path has led me through the practice, research and teaching of environmental, natural resources and land use law—and now to be Cumberland’s new dean. I pursued environmental law because of my love for family forestland in south Alabama. Through my experiences growing up on that land, I found my purpose: to develop and advocate legal and policy solutions for better management of valuable lands and resources.

My love for that south Alabama forestland recently played a role in spurring me further along my path: I care deeply for this state and decided to come back home to be a part of the wonderful Cumberland and Samford communities. Specifically, I want to help provide greater access to legal education for a wider range of the population. Access to a legal education changed the trajectory of my family. My father was the first in our family to go to college, and I was the first to attend law school. Without others helping me believe that a career in law was a possibility, I never would have pursued it. It is a purpose that you can pursue, too. Whether you are a first-generation college student, have a background that is underrepresented in the profession or come from a family of lawyers, there is a place for everyone at Cumberland School of Law.

Cumberland’s mission is to educate a diverse community of students with knowledge and practical skills, equipping them to become highly competent, ethical lawyers committed to professionalism and service. Hallmarks of a Cumberland education are practice-ready approaches to legal education and cultivating a culture of community. Cumberland School of Law has deep roots in trial practice, with an exceptional, nationally ranked program in trial advocacy. We are also excited to offer expanded opportunities in transactional, regulatory and international law, among a wide variety of other practice areas.

A Cumberland education not only prepares you for legal practice, but also for impacting the lives of others. Cumberland’s student body is collegial and supportive. While our faculty are excellent teachers and legal scholars, they care deeply about our students, their success and cultivating personal relationships with them. We want every member of our law school—faculty, staff and students—to care deeply not only for each other, but also for the broader community we serve in the city of Birmingham, the state of Alabama and beyond.

Come visit us on campus! Our admission staff and I are ready to help in any way that we can so that you can experience all that Cumberland has to offer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Blake Hudson, Dean, Cumberland School of Law



BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Birmingham was founded in 1871 and later earned its nickname, the Magic City, due to its rapid growth and prosperity as an anchor for the steel industry. Now, the Birmingham metro area has a population over 1 million people and boasts incredible opportunities for careers, service, community and entertainment.

Birmingham has a robust legal market with over 5,000 practicing attorneys and serves as the headquarters for a number of major law firms. Also, eight out of Alabama's top 10 private law firms call Birmingham home. Midsized and smaller firms, as well as solo practices, round out Birmingham's lively legal landscape, providing a multitude of convenient job opportunities for Cumberland School of Law students and graduates.

Birmingham pairs a vibrant foodie culture with an outstanding music and performing arts scene. Not to mention, it's the home of many hot spots recognized by the James

Beard Foundation such as Automatic Seafood, Hot and Hot Fish Club, Golden Age Wine and Johnny's Restaurant. You can broaden your horizons by attending numerous art, food, film and music festivals; stretch your legs hiking or biking through one of the many parks or trail systems; satisfy your inner sports fan by attending a professional baseball, basketball, football or soccer game; or take advantage of Birmingham's proximity to the ocean and mountains. Birmingham is a great place to study the law and explore your why.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE LOVE
ABOUT BIRMINGHAM





CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW HISTORY

Founded in 1847, Cumberland School of Law has been a leader in legal education for more than 175 years. In that time, thousands of Cumberland lawyers have represented our law school's distinctive culture and dedication to professionalism and service.

As we approach the 200 year milestone, we look forward to advancing our mission for the benefit of all.

1847

In Lebanon, Tennessee, seven students gather for the first day of classes on Oct. 1.

1891

Cordell Hull graduates from Cumberland School of Law, eventually becoming the longest serving U.S. Secretary of State, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, and known as the "Father of the United Nations."



1961

Cumberland School of Law was acquired by Howard College, now Samford University.



1965

Memory Leake Robinson Hall was dedicated.



1975

Trial advocacy program wins first national championship.



2020

Cumberland School of Law launches four legal clinics.

2021

Cumberland School of Law admits the most diverse first-year class in its history.

2015

Established first of many online master's degree programs.

1933

Judge Edwin Horton, class of 1899, set aside the verdict in the famous "Scottsboro Boys" case.



1878

Caruthers Hall was constructed.

1952

The law school received full approval by the American Bar Association and membership in the American Association of Law Schools.



1935

Rascal, the "perfect law student," was awarded the rare degree of canine jurisprudence and made an honorary member of the class of 1935.

1970

Audrey Lattimore Gaston Howard receives her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, becoming the first African American to graduate from Samford University.



2022

Beeson Law Library marks its 1 millionth visitor since its opening.



1996

President Gerald R. Ford dedicated the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library.

READ MORE ABOUT **OUR "WHY"** THROUGHOUT THE YEARS





PRE-1L SUMMER PROGRAM

Entering first-year students have the opportunity to take two summer courses that provide an introduction to many of the first-year subjects and the legal process. Students earn a total of five law school credit hours before they begin in the fall.

Law 697 B: Legal Process
Law 624 B: Public Law Process

The Pre-1L Summer Program is beneficial in establishing early friendships, study habits and relationships with professors. Students also benefit from the experience of creating course outlines and completing two law school final exams. Students who participate in the summer program give high praise to their “readiness quotient” when tackling a full course load in the fall.

\$1,455 per credit hour = \$7,275 (five credit hours)

Email lawadm@samford.edu by May 12, 2023, to register.
Summer tuition is due in full by June 5, 2023.

FIND YOUR WHY IN THE **PRE-1L SUMMER PROGRAM**



“Taking the pre-1L summer classes allowed me to start my law school journey with more confidence. The curriculum and exams were the perfect foundation to help me understand the framework for my first year. The classes also allowed me to meet amazing people who I now consider close friends. I highly recommend the courses for all rising 1Ls!”

- Kiana Kennamore '22



“Cumberland’s LLR program gave me the skills I needed to have successful summer clerkships for a law firm and a federal judge.”

- Kate Belyayeva '22



FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM

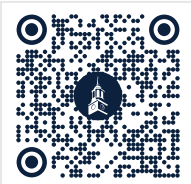
During your first year at Cumberland School of Law, you will examine fundamental legal concepts applicable to all areas of practice—with an emphasis on legal analysis, legal writing, research and lawyering skills.

FALL		SPRING	
Civil Procedure I	2	Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts I	3	Contracts II	2
Torts	4	Real Property	4
Criminal Law	3	Evidence	3
Lawyering and Legal Reasoning I	3	Lawyering and Legal Reasoning II	3
Total	15	Total	15

LAWYERING AND LEGAL REASONING (LLR)

Cumberland’s LLR program provides practical experience in legal research and analysis and communicating that analysis to lawyers, clients and judges—in other words, doing what lawyers do every day. Through small-section instruction, consistent practice and frequent feedback from instructors, the LLR program seeks to give students a solid foundation in legal reasoning and legal writing that will help them learn how to think—and write—like lawyers.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR **FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM**





SECOND- AND THIRD-YEAR CURRICULUM

For second- or third-year students, we suggest you take 15–16 credit hours each fall and spring semester. Our courses cover a multitude of subject areas, including the following:

Business and Commercial Law | Civil Litigation | Civil Rights Law |
 Criminal Defense and Prosecution | Environmental Law | Family Law | Health Law |
 Immigration Law | Intellectual Property | International Law | Municipal Law |
 Skills-based Courses | Sports Law | Taxation | Trusts and Estates

SECOND-YEAR REQUIREMENTS

FALL

Constitutional Law I 2

SPRING

Constitutional Law II 3

Total 5

SECOND- OR THIRD-YEAR REQUIREMENTS

Business Organizations* 4

Wills, Trusts and Estates** 3

Secured Transactions 3

Professional Responsibilities 2

Criminal Procedure I 3

Total 15

*required to be taken no later than the fourth semester
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EXPERIENTIAL COURSE WORK

After attaining 30 credit hours, you must complete a writing requirement and six hours of experiential learning course work in trial advocacy, negotiation, advanced skills in trial advocacy, mediator practice, appellate advocacy, advanced appellate advocacy, pretrial practice, law office practice and management, health law transactions, or estate and trust administration.

Students must register for a course or seminar designated as satisfying the upper-level writing requirement no later than the semester prior to the semester in which the student is slated to graduate.





WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

"I believe there has been an overwhelmingly loud siren for change for a minute now. Every time we check the news and there's a mass shooting—that's the siren; every time we scroll on social media and see that people are being targeted for the color of their skin—that's the siren. The siren is calling for change, but we as a people are becoming more and more tone deaf to the needs of the world. I want to be a change agent; I want to be in the rooms where change happens. My fight begins with combatting social injustices."

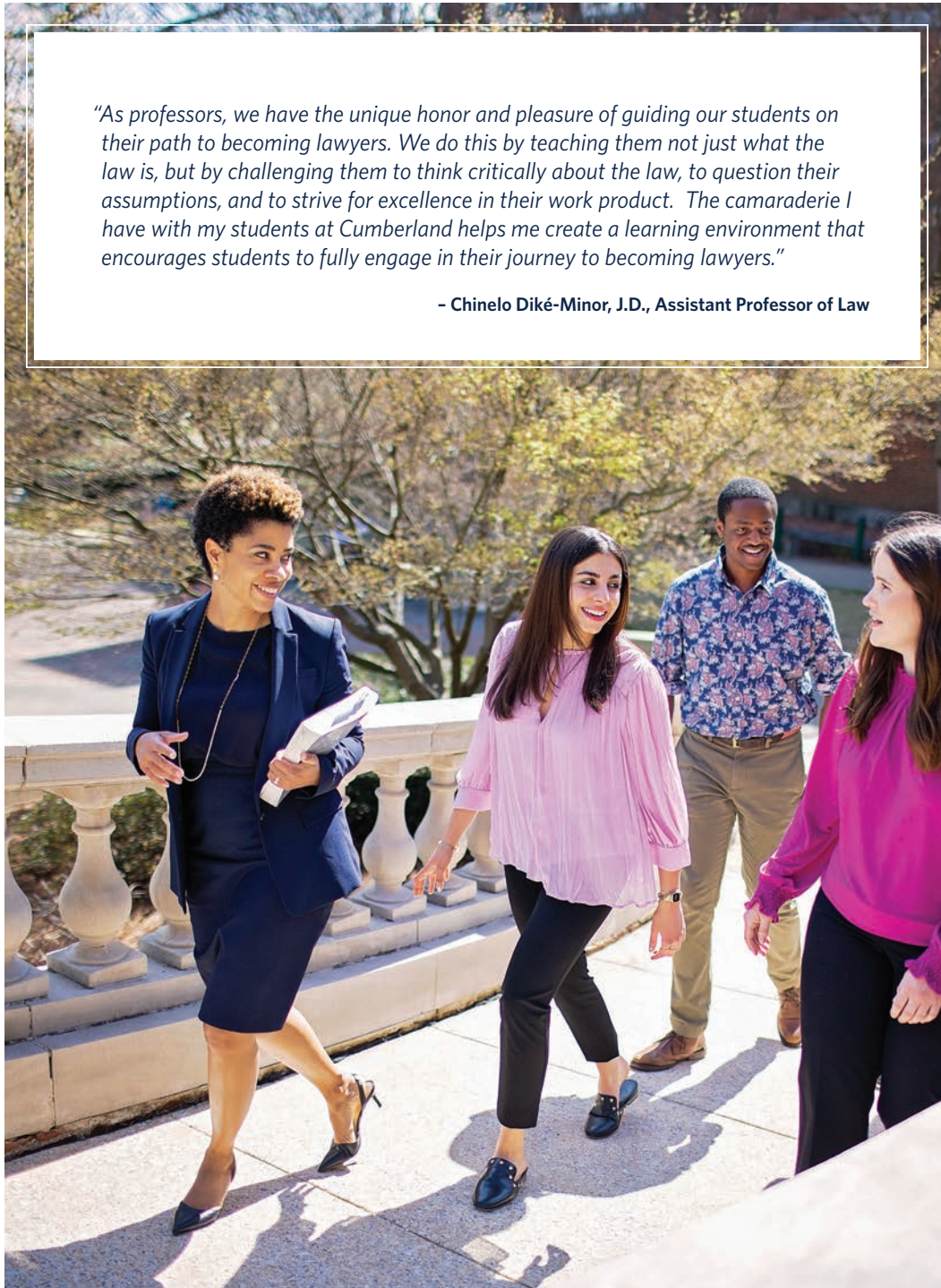
- Treasure Sutton, second-year student



WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

"The reason I want to be a lawyer may sound cliché, but it is to help people—whether it be an individual, community, state or country. At its core, the legal profession involves helping others. At people's lowest points, whether it be civil, criminal or family issues, they turn to someone. I want to be the person who others turn to for help, guidance and counsel."

- Walker McCrary, third-year student



"As professors, we have the unique honor and pleasure of guiding our students on their path to becoming lawyers. We do this by teaching them not just what the law is, but by challenging them to think critically about the law, to question their assumptions, and to strive for excellence in their work product. The camaraderie I have with my students at Cumberland helps me create a learning environment that encourages students to fully engage in their journey to becoming lawyers."

- Chinelo Diké-Minor, J.D., Assistant Professor of Law



ESTEEMED FACULTY

Cumberland School of Law faculty members possess a wealth of knowledge and experience and have a passion for sharing it. In addition to being accomplished scholars, all faculty members practiced law before becoming educators.

Not only are they nationally known experts in their own specialty areas, our faculty promote student interaction beyond the classroom with an open-door policy to encourage students to seek advice, counsel and conversation. At Cumberland School of Law, our students are known by name, which is just one of many reasons our law school is ranked fourth in the nation for Best Quality of Life by the Princeton Review.

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Number of Law Schools from which Faculty Hold Degrees
Includes: Harvard, NYU, Stanford, UVA and Yale

"Communicating with—not just at—students is so vital. At Cumberland, we cultivate these conversations in person, both in and out of the classroom, and also online. For example, my classes utilize collaborative online reading, which allows us to deeply contemplate and discuss the law directly within the assignments. Not only do the students learn, but I learn from them—what they think, what they question, what they care about most. Conversations like these—the heart of the faculty-student relationship—shape in a profound way how we teach at Cumberland."



- Tim McFarlin, J.D., Associate Professor of Law

ENGAGE WITH OUR **FACULTY**





JOINT DEGREES

Keeping legal education relevant requires offering more than one traditional law degree. To broaden perspectives or to help prepare for careers in special fields, Cumberland School of Law students have the option to pursue eight different joint degrees that complement the traditional Juris Doctor.

Juris Doctor/Master of Accountancy*

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration*

Juris Doctor/Master of Divinity

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration*

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health*

Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Environmental Management*

Juris Doctor/Master of Laws*†

*Can be completed in three years in conjunction with a Juris Doctor

†Concentrations offered: financial services regulatory compliance, health law and compliance, higher education law and compliance, and legal operations

EXPLORE OUR **JOINT DEGREE OPTIONS**



"My judicial externship with Judge Martha Cook provided me with experience as well as comfort and familiarity within a judicial setting. The continuous opportunities to grow my network were also very beneficial. In the externship seminar, not only do you receive class credit for gaining experience and boosting your résumé, but you also receive valuable guidance and career advice. All students should think about doing an externship, especially a judicial clerkship."

- Zachary Kervin '22



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Learning by experience is a hallmark of a Cumberland School of Law education. This is done through numerous opportunities such as internships, externships, clinics and more.

COURSES

Advocacy training is a cornerstone of our curriculum. Students have the opportunity to take experiential learning courses focusing on the following:

Case preparation | Closing arguments | Cross examination | Direct examination | Expert witnesses | Mediation | Negotiation | Technology use | Trial evidence/jury selection

RECENT INTERNSHIPS

Hoar Construction Corporate Counsel's Office
 Southern Company
 Supreme Court of Alabama
 UAB Medicine Supply Chain and Contract Sourcing
 United States Department of Justice
 United States House of Representatives

RECENT EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

CORPORATE:

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners; Alabama Power; Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc.; New Orleans Pelicans; The Legal Tea

GOVERNMENT AGENCY:

Fayette County District Attorney; Jefferson County District Attorney; Jefferson County Public Defender; Maxwell Air Force Base, JAG Office

PUBLIC INTEREST:

Legal Services of Alabama; Redemption Earned Inc.; Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham

LITIGATION:

Beasley Allen Law Firm; Dicello Levitt Gutzler; Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart LLP; Maynard, Cooper & Gale; Tommy Spina Law

JUDICIAL:

Judge Martha Cook; Judge Anne Durward; Judge Elisabeth French; Judge Madeline Haikala; Judge David Proctor

CLINICS

Capital Defense Clinic
 Criminal Appeals Clinic
 Cumberland Innocence Clinic
 Cumberland Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic

LEARN MORE ABOUT **THESE OPPORTUNITIES**





STUDENT JOURNALS

Cumberland School of Law has two student-edited journals, the Cumberland Law Review and the American Journal of Trial Advocacy.

The Cumberland Law Review, founded in 1970, is designed to provide the legal community with comprehensive legal analysis of national and regional topics authored by legal scholars, judges, attorneys and students.

Founded in 1977, the American Journal of Trial Advocacy is the oldest law review publication in the nation dedicated to the art of trial advocacy. In the journal, prominent attorneys, judges and professors serve the needs and interests of the courtroom advocate with analysis of the demands and issues of litigation.

Journal membership provides students with a unique opportunity to refine their research, editing and writing skills. The ability to self-edit and to edit the work of others is essential in the practice of law; few other experiences in law school provide the number of opportunities to hone that skill.

Our two student-edited journals are cited on Westlaw and LexisNexis.

"Membership on the Cumberland Law Review allows me to improve my legal research and writing skills while also expanding my network by meeting authors and alumni. Perhaps most significantly, the law review is a platform through which I am able to meaningfully contribute to the scholarship that challenges and evaluates the application of current law. I know that I will leave Cumberland better equipped as a lawyer because of my time on law review."

Haleigh Chambliss, third-year student, Cumberland Law Review, editor-in-chief

"Being a member of The American Journal of Trial Advocacy has helped me grow as a legal writer, expanded my legal network, and provided me with friends who will support me throughout my legal career. The continued use of editing and cite checking skills helps prepare you for summer jobs and pushes you to grow. I am passionate about my article topics, and the writing skills I developed directly lead to project assignments at my summer jobs. Journal membership is one of the most beneficial first steps you can take in your legal career."

Jackson Parker, third-year student, AJTA, editor-in-chief





PRACTICING YOUR WHY



INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Cumberland School of Law offers opportunities for students to study abroad and for non-U.S. students to study on Samford University's campus. Students gain an international perspective by studying and living in a legal system and culture different from their own. These programs also enhance the international exposure of host students by bringing students from other nations to campus.

STUDY ABROAD IN CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

Every summer, Cumberland School of Law administers a five-credit study abroad program at Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, England. The program allows students to compare U.S., British and European Union law. Additional participants of the Cambridge program are students from partnering institutions: Campbell University in North Carolina and Chapman University in California.

Courses:

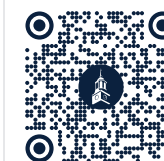
The English Legal System | Law of the European Union |
Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy* | Global Issues in Education, Equality and Human Rights*

**Elective courses that vary each summer*

INTERNATIONAL LL.M. IN NORWICH, ENGLAND

Under a cooperative arrangement between Cumberland School of Law and Norwich Law School at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, British law students spend a year at Cumberland School of Law after their second year of legal studies. In return, two Cumberland School of Law graduates are awarded full-tuition scholarships for studies toward an LL.M. at Norwich Law School, and numerous partial tuition scholarships are also awarded. Cumberland graduates can choose from six different LL.M. programs through this partnership.

CHECK OUT OUR **STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**





EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY

Cumberland School of Law's advocacy program develops each advocate's style while teaching the art and science of advocacy. We train advocates to use their distinct and diverse voices to effectively represent their clients and serve their communities.

Our comprehensive advocacy training equips students with the skills needed for every legal career and enables them to become life-changing advocates. Our program encompasses the trial and appellate levels of the court system as well as alternative dispute resolution with arbitration, mediation and negotiation training. Opportunities to participate on a national competition team for each area are available.

Cumberland School of Law is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country for trial advocacy training.

	in the nation for Trial Advocacy Training <i>U.S. News & World Report (2023)</i>		in the National Trial Competition Performance Rankings <i>(overall since 2016)</i>
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Students can explore advocacy early by participating in trial, moot court, negotiation and arbitration competitions during their first year. Additionally, Cumberland School of Law is one of the few law schools where students run first-year intramural advocacy competitions.

Our outstanding curriculum begins with Evidence in the first year and extends to the capstone class of Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy. If certain requirements are completed by the third year, the state of Alabama allows students to obtain third-year certification and try their own cases with a supervising attorney. Additional courses are offered for every aspect of advocacy: mediation, negotiation, drafting, complex litigation and client counseling. Students receive hands-on practical instruction so that our graduates are practice-ready.

INVESTIGATE OUR ADVOCACY TRAINING	
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Rascal Day



Women in Law's
Networking Social



Race Judicata



Serve Day

SHARING YOUR WHY

STUDENT LIFE

Cumberland School of Law has approximately 35 active student organizations every year, some geared to extend scholarship and academic opportunities, while others are designed for networking. In addition to their primary purpose, these groups capture the essence of our community and truly make Cumberland School of Law a special place to get your legal education.

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| Alabama Student Bar Association | Cumberland International Law Student Association | Military Justice Society |
| American Bar Association - Law Student Division | Cumberland Public Interest & Community Service Organizations | Moot Court Board |
| American Constitution Society | Cumberland Republicans | Native American Law Student Association |
| Animal Legal Defense Fund | Cumberland Society of the Arts | Phi Alpha Delta |
| Black Law Students Association | Cumberland Student Health Lawyers Association | South Carolina Student Bar Association |
| Cambridge Scholars Society | Environmental Law Society | Sports and Entertainment Law Society |
| Christian Legal Society | Federalist Society | Student Bar Association |
| Cordell Hull Speakers Forum | First Generation Law Students | Tennessee Student Bar Association |
| Cumberland Council for Student Athlete Resiliency | Florida Student Bar Association | Thomas More Society |
| Cumberland Democrats | Georgia Student Bar Association | Transactional Law Advocacy Organization |
| Cumberland Environmental Law Society | Hispanic Interest Law Students Association | Trial Advocacy Board |
| Cumberland Health and Wellness Society | Honor Court | Volunteers for Income Tax Assistance |
| Cumberland Independents | Intellectual Property Society | Women in Law Organization |

In addition to getting involved in one or more student organizations, the Student Bar Association hosts many events so that you can get to know your classmates in a social setting.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Back to School Bash | Faculty/Student Socials | Race Judicata |
| Bar Review Trivia Nights | Freshman Follies | Rascal Day |
| Barristers Ball | Gavel Games | Volleyball Tournament |
| Cumberland Classic Golf Tournament | Halloween Party | |

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Best Quality of Life
The Princeton Review (2022)



CAREER READY

Through our in-house Career Development Office, Cumberland School of Law students discover the real-world aspects of the practice of law. They receive training on how to conduct efficient job searches and learn how to match their skills, interests and experiences to the needs of the legal market.

CALLED TO THE BAR

Our innovative course, Called to the Bar, is designed to give first-year students a competitive edge when it comes to reaching their career goals. Called to the Bar allows students to think and plan for their legal career early, and, unlike most law schools, is incorporated into their class schedule. Students develop their résumé and cover letters, meet employers and engage in interactive workshops such as mock interviews, professional etiquette seminars and social media training. Students gain an understanding of the breadth of legal careers available and are paired with an upperclassman mentor to help them navigate challenges of the legal job market.

ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Second- and third-year students have ongoing access to professional development opportunities including regular career fairs, speed-networking events, on-campus interviews and other programs that focus on important topics such as salary negotiation. Students have access to one-on-one coaching and counseling sessions as they develop their professional career path. All students and alumni have access to Cumberland's legal job database.

THE CUMBERLAND NETWORK

Students have access to Cumberland School of Law's robust network of alumni representing a variety of employers, nationally and internationally, who are always willing to aid them in their job searches and professional development. Many students secure employment in private practice firms, nonprofits and corporations, including Fortune 500 companies. Others opt to continue their education at some of the nation's top Master of Laws (LL.M.) programs. Additionally, some students accept international opportunities. Recent graduates have worked in Geneva, Switzerland, and in The Hague, Netherlands.

Our graduates work in industries such as:

Aerospace	Entertainment	Higher Education	Publishing
Business	Health Care	Politics	Technology

Students have secured clerkships and jobs with firms in major cities across the U.S., including hot spots such as Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Nashville and Washington, D.C. Some of these firms include:

BIG LAW

Baker Donelson
Beasley Allen
Bradley Arant
Burr & Forman
Maynard Cooper & Gale

MID-SIZE

Carr Allison
Gilpin Givhan
Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC
McDowell Knight Roedder & Sledge, LLC
Rushton Stakely

SMALL

Campbell Partners
Fortif Law Partners
Methvin Terrell
Scott, Sullivan, Streetman & Fox, P.C.
Tanner & Guin



- 67%** Law Firms
- 11%** Business and Industry
- 9%** Government
- 8%** Federal, State and Local Clerkships
- 4%** Public Interest
- 1%** Academic/Education

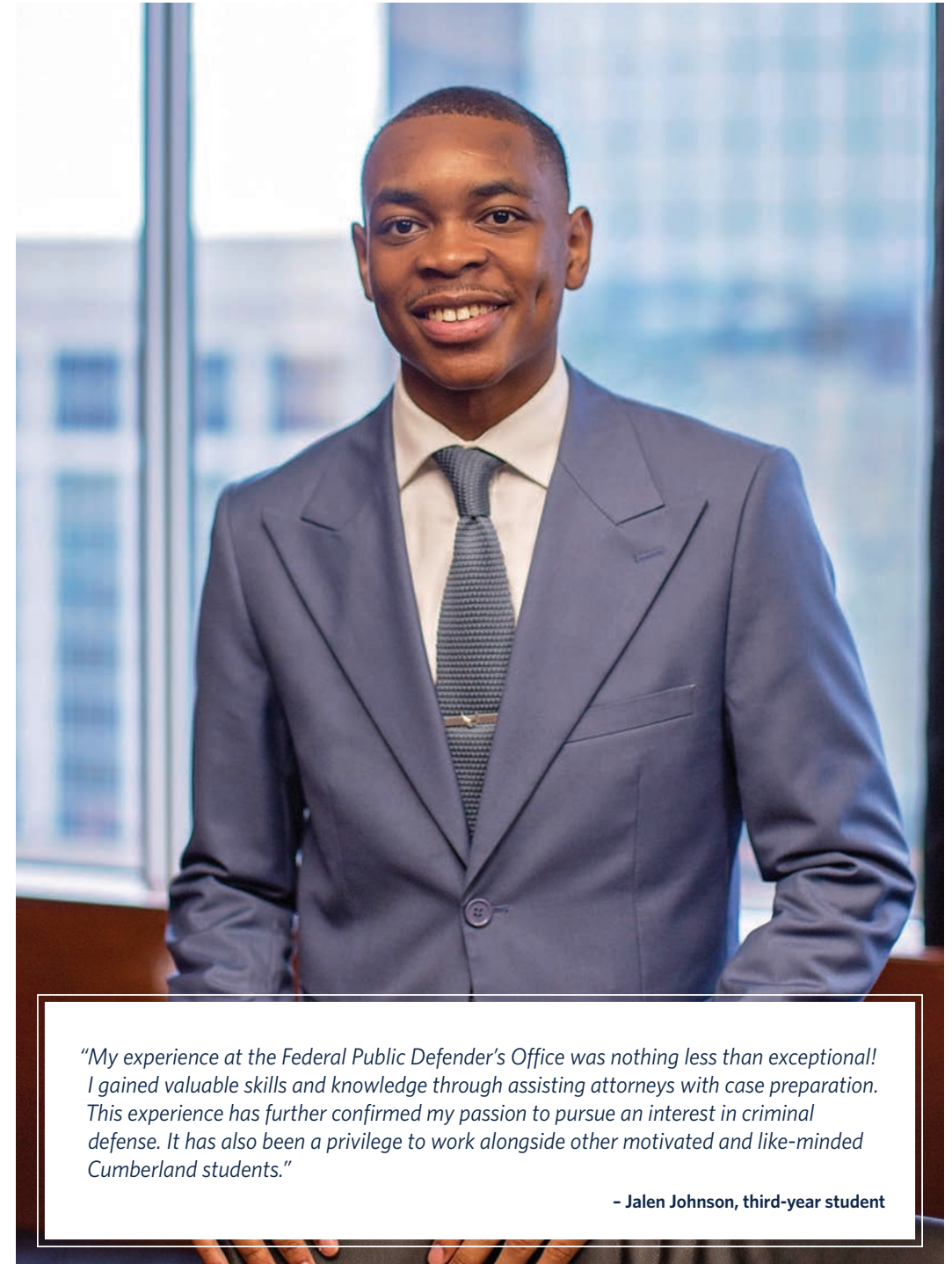
This chart, rounded to the nearest whole number, indicates the employment outcomes for 2021 graduates who are not pursuing an additional graduate degree, 92% of whom were employed 10 months after graduation.

LEARN MORE ABOUT **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**



"The Career Development Office provided me with the resources and opportunities to solidify my first summer clerkship while also giving me the self-marketing tools and alumni connections to find my internship with UAB Medicine's Office of Supply Chain Management."

- Ghada Abouhaidar '22



"My experience at the Federal Public Defender's Office was nothing less than exceptional! I gained valuable skills and knowledge through assisting attorneys with case preparation. This experience has further confirmed my passion to pursue an interest in criminal defense. It has also been a privilege to work alongside other motivated and like-minded Cumberland students."

- Jalen Johnson, third-year student

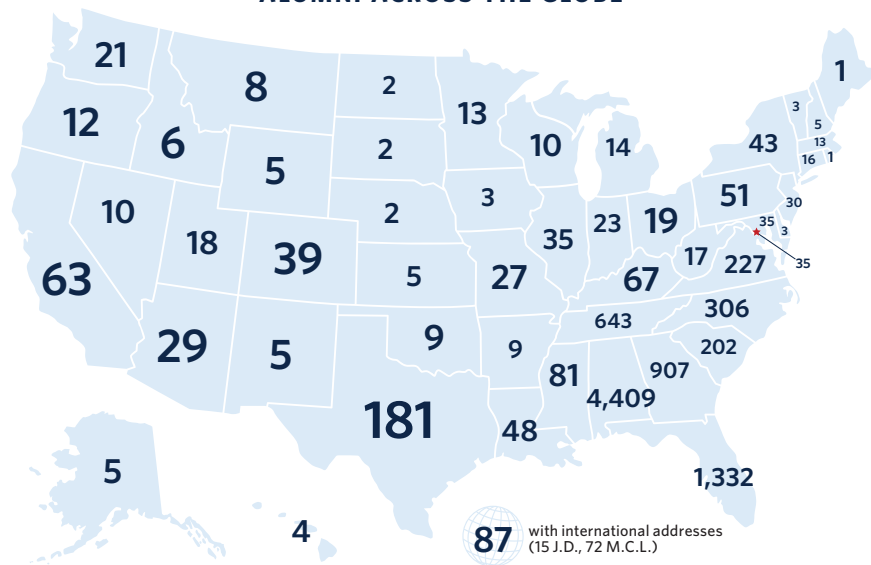


CUMBERLAND LAWYERS

Cumberland School of Law has been preparing exceptional lawyers dedicated to professionalism and service for more than 175 years. Our 9,000+ active alumni are associates and partners in large national and regional law firms and small practices. They also work for corporations, nonprofit agencies, government offices and in nontraditional jobs that require legal expertise.

Cumberland School of Law staff members plan programs and offer ongoing opportunities for students to network with and meet alumni. Alumni often serve as mentors, offering professional guidance to students throughout law school and to graduates entering their legal careers.

ALUMNI ACROSS THE GLOBE



Data as of January 2022. Alumni earned LL.B. degree through the 1960s.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH **OUR ALUMNI**



"Cumberland opened its doors to me with open arms and allowed me to pursue my dream of becoming an attorney. Exchanging ideas was not confined to coursework; it was part of daily discourse. After graduation, Cumberland was always there for me. My professors' recommendations and support provided a pathway into an LL.M. program and my 25-year legal career with the Department of Justice."

- Marcella Auerbach '76, Managing Partner, Nolan Auerbach & White LLP, Fort Lauderdale, Florida & San Francisco, California



"My time at Cumberland was the cornerstone of my education. It armed me with the legal knowledge I would need to graduate law school, become a member of three bars, move to Europe and begin practicing international law. It provided me with the confidence, resources and contacts I needed over the years to expand my legal horizon and a solid foundation on which to move from the practice of law to the application of legal knowledge."

Clark Gillespy '87
Global Head, Data Center for Economic Development, Google, Sunnyvale, California



"I chose Cumberland for its smaller classes and hands-on approach to practice. I knew that after graduation, I would already have practical skills to use."

Demetra Liggins '00
Partner,
McQuire Woods LLP
Houston, Texas



"I chose Cumberland because I knew going into law school that I wanted to be ready to step foot in the courtroom upon graduation. My years there not only helped me to gain knowledge and real-world experience of the law, but also helped to build many lasting relationships within the legal community."

Nhan-Ai Simms '08
Judge, Gwinnett County (Georgia)
Juvenile Court
Lawrenceville, Georgia



"Among other reasons, I chose Cumberland because of its commitment to a diverse student body and the success of its students both inside the classroom and beyond graduation."

Ritesh Patel '12
Attorney,
Cohen Pollock Merlin Turner PC
Atlanta, Georgia

2022-2023 ADMISSION TIMELINE:

Sept. 1 Application Opens	Oct. 1 FAFSA Available	Oct. 15 Admission Notification Begins	Dec. 31 Aim to Have Your Application In	Jan. 6 Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship Deadline	March 31 Admitted Student Day	April 7 First Deposit Due*	May 1 Application Deadline	May 12 Registration Deadline for Pre-1L Summer Program	June 9 Second Deposit Due*	Aug. 7-10 Orientation
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*Check your acceptance packet for your deposit due dates if you applied later in the application cycle.

STEPS TO YOUR WHY

START YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

Cumberland School of Law has a rolling admission process. Applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received. If you apply before December 31, you will typically receive a decision within four to six weeks of completing your application. If you apply after December 31, a decision may take longer due to application volume.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree from a college or university with institutional accreditation | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts from all higher education institutions from which you received a grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report through LSAC.
<i>Make arrangements for LSAC to receive and compile your letters of recommendation, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended and LSAT score in a CAS report.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score (taken within the last five years)
<i>The LSAT is offered nine times annually. The June LSAT is the last administration we accept for the admission cycle. Cumberland accepts your highest score.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Official application, completed by the required deadline, May 1.
<i>You are encouraged to submit your application by the end of December for the best chance of admission.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Addenda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Résumé | |

VIEW MORE **ADMISSION DETAILS AND APPLY**



FIRST-YEAR CLASS PROFILE

Fall 2022 Entering Class Profile

Median LSAT: **155**

75th percentile LSAT: **157**

25th percentile LSAT: **152**

Median GPA: **3.62**

75th percentile GPA: **3.82**

25th percentile GPA: **3.36**

Total students: **146**

Female: **54%**

Underrepresented Racial Groups: **18%**

Undergraduate colleges/universities: **44**

"I chose Cumberland because of the culture. I met countless students who have a drive and passion for the law school—one that you just don't see every day. Cumberland's collegial and familial environment allows us to work together as we learn to navigate the legal profession. I'm proud to have attended a law school where I've been able to not only learn a ton, but also create great friendships."

- Fran Pecci '22





PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

We know law school can be expensive, so we evaluate every admitted student for scholarship. In fact, we award scholarships to over 90% of the incoming class. Here are several ways Cumberland School of Law helps you with the cost of law school:

Cumberland Application Fee: \$0

2022-2023 Tuition: \$43,662 for the year (two semesters)

Bar Preparation Course: \$0 (included in tuition)

Fall 2022 Scholarships:

- 99% of first-year students received merit-based scholarships
- Average merit-based award was \$16,200
- One full-tuition scholarship awarded: Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship

Cumberland students have access to Themis' full suite of resources, from pre-1L through 3L. When you are ready to prepare for the bar exam, we also cover the full cost of your Themis bar preparation course. Together these resources have a total value of \$3,800.

2022-2023 TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

Books & Supplies	\$2,000	Room & Board	\$13,950
Additional Required Fees	\$656	Transportation	\$1,750
Loan Fees	\$689	Tuition	\$43,662
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,193	Total Cost of Attendance	\$65,900

LEARN MORE ABOUT **FINANCIAL AID**



FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Cumberland School of Law recognizes the rising costs of legal education and makes every effort to manage costs while ensuring students receive a high-quality legal education. Federal financial aid and scholarships are separate from one another. Federal financial aid, in the form of student loans, is administered through the federal government. Scholarships provided by the law school are based on merit (cumulative undergraduate GPA and LSAT score).

FINANCIAL AID

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine eligibility for need-based federal financial aid that is administered by Samford University's Student Financial Services.

- Submit the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov.
- The federal school code for Samford University is 001036.
- The priority FAFSA application deadline is March 1.
- Direct Unsubsidized Loans allow eligible students to borrow up to a maximum amount of \$20,500 each academic year.
- Direct Plus Loans cover the remaining costs associated with your education up to the estimated total cost of attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship committee makes scholarship selections based on the information you provide in your application. Upon admission, students who are selected to receive scholarship assistance are notified by email and U.S. mail. Flextime students are not eligible for scholarships during their first two semesters of study. Scholarships are offered in the form of the full-tuition Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship or partial-tuition merit scholarships.

JERE F. WHITE JR. FELLOWSHIP

Each year the Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship offers a unique learning experience to one entering student who demonstrates superior academic performance, a strong record of service and exceptional potential for professional and personal leadership. The Jere F. White Jr. Fellow receives a full-tuition scholarship in addition to many other benefits. Preference is given to applicants who served in the military, Peace Corps, Teach for America or other programs benefiting underserved communities. A separate application is due in early January.



READY TO PURSUE YOUR WHY?

Contact our Office of Admission to schedule a visit to sit in on a class, meet with an admission counselor and speak with current students. We look forward to sharing more about our Cumberland School of Law community and helping you pursue your why!

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