



## Shakespeare weekend at Cumberland: Law school celebrates successful campaign

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**Cumberland School of Law** at Samford University celebrated its successful capital campaign on Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 with a Donor Appreciation Weekend featuring four performance-events by the American Shakespeare Center.

Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt law firm, as well as Hare Wynn Newell & Newton law firm sponsored the performances of Christopher Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus," William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Hamlet." They also hosted a continuing legal education workshop on Shakespeare and the Law.

Ralph Alan Cohen, one of the two co-founders of the ASC, was also in attendance. **Cohen is the author of "ShakesFear and How to Cure It: A Handbook for Teaching Shakespeare."**

The weekend marked the first Donor Appreciation Weekend this weekend at Cumberland School of Law with ASC and signaled the conclusion of Cumberland's five-year, \$15 million capital campaign. **The school raised more than \$17.2 million in the largest fundraising campaign in the school's 168-year history.**

With the money:

- 28 new student scholarships were formed
- 116 existing student scholarships and special funds increased in size
- 554 Public Interest Fellowship stipends were granted for first and second year law students to be able to provide community service through the Public Interest Academic Program, which occurred over the five years of the campaign
- 10 law faculty research stipends were granted
- 2 professorial chairs were created and endowed

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