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**From the Desk of the Editor in Chief: A Preview of Volume 47**

As Cumberland School of Law's flagship legal journal, the *Cumberland Law Review* has earned a reputation for the publication of scholarly and practical works. Volume 47 will be no exception. Similar to years past, Volume 47 will be published in two installments—Winter 2016 and Spring 2017. The first installment will feature a symposia of articles commissioned by the *Review* on Harper Lee's works: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Go Set a Watchman*. The Editors are excited to publish this symposia given Cumberland's unique geographical location and historical dedication to civil rights jurisprudence, in addition to the topic's relevance in light of Ms. Lee's unfortunate passing.

Installment two will feature articles of utmost importance for the practicing bar, focusing on complex issues in civil procedure, evidence, negotiation, and trial practice. In addition, the second installment will again feature the Compendium of Noteworthy Legal Developments in the State of Alabama. Beyond print publication, the Editors also hope to expand the *Law Review's* online presence in the coming year, and intend to solicit short works for online publication from area practitioners.

Beyond publishing, the Editors of Volume 47 will host a symposium in November, 2016, entitled "Alcohol in Alabama." The symposium will feature presentations on Alabama's Dram Shop Act, the prosecution and defense of DUI cases, and alcohol regulation in Alabama. The event will be hosted at Cahaba Brewing Company in Birmingham, and will offer area attorneys the opportunity to network, learn from peers, and earn Continuing Legal Education credits. Following the symposium, the *Review*, in partnership with Cumberland's Office of Alumni Relations, will host a networking event at the venue. The *Review* expects this event to be well attended given the topics' growing relevance and the event's unique location. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks and get your tickets early!<sup>1</sup>

The Editors of the *Cumberland Law Review* are excited about what's to come in the 2016–2017 academic year. We remain dedicated to publishing useful, practical, and relevant materials for lawyers and judges in Alabama, the southeast, and nationwide. We also remain dedicated to the tasks of inspiring academic achievement of prospective members, refining current members' legal writing and analytical skills, and to the expansion of current members' scholastic achievement through publication of their own scholarly works.

The Editors thank you for your support. We hope to see you at Cahaba Brewing Company in November, and we also hope you'll find yourself immersed in Volume 47 of the *Cumberland Law Review* soon. Until then we remain:

Very Truly Yours,

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about our publication, or to register for the *Review's* presentation of "Alcohol in Alabama," please visit: [Cumberlandlawreview.wordpress.com](http://Cumberlandlawreview.wordpress.com), "Like" us on Facebook, or send us an email at [lawrev.samford.edu](mailto:lawrev.samford.edu).