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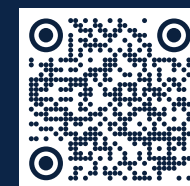
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Cumberland School of Law*

November 6, 2026

The Harbert Center | Birmingham, Alabama

Six CLE hours, including one ethics hour

Featuring Rick Bragg, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and member of
the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame



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Program Agenda

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** Ethics Hour

7:45 a.m.	Check-in
8:25 a.m.	Welcome Drawing for 2026 Iron Bowl Tickets* Welcome: Kendall Dunson Beasley Allen Law Firm Montgomery, Alabama Morning Session Moderator: M. Christian King Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC Birmingham, Alabama
8:30 a.m.	Voir Dire Jessica McDill Chason & Chason, PC Bay Minette, Alabama
9 a.m.	Opening Statement Plaintiff Perspective: Kendall C. Dunson Beasley Allen Law Firm Montgomery, Alabama Defendant Perspective: Chuck Burkhart Balch & Bingham, LLP Birmingham, Alabama
10 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:15 a.m.	Direct Examination Drawing for Helen Restaurant Gift Certificate* Michael L Bell Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC Birmingham, Alabama
10:45 a.m.	Judicial Panel** Hon. Gregory C. Cook Supreme Court of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama Hon. Embry J. Kidd U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit Atlanta, Georgia Hon. Elisabeth A. French 10th Judicial Circuit Birmingham, Alabama Hon. Madeline H. Haikala U.S. District Circuit Court Northern District of Alabama Birmingham, Alabama Moderator: Sandra Forbes President, ACTL Toronto, Ontario
11:45 a.m.	The Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program and Tribute to Jere F. White Jr. Samuel H. Franklin Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC Birmingham, Alabama Dean Blake Hudson Cumberland School of Law Birmingham, Alabama

12:10 p.m.	Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Introduction of Speaker: Harlan I. Prater IV Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC Birmingham, Alabama Speaker: Rick Bragg The University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama	
1:15 p.m.	Break Afternoon Session Moderator: Eddie Jackson Jackson Brakefield, LLC Jasper, Alabama	
1:30 p.m.	Cross-Examination Drawing for Harrison Limited Custom Suit* Plaintiff Perspective: Leon Ashford Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton Birmingham, Alabama Defendant Perspective: Walter W. Bates (Billy) Starnes Davis Florie LLP Birmingham, Alabama	
2:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break	
2:40 p.m.	Ethics Panel** Hon. Roman Shaul Alabama State Bar Montgomery, Alabama Michael Upchurch Frazer Greene LLC Mobile, Alabama Gaynor St. John St. John & St. John Cullman, Alabama Eugene K. Pettis ACTL Regent Osborne, Francis & Pettis Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Moderator: Bob MacKenzie Starnes Davis Florie LLP Birmingham, Alabama	
3:40 p.m.	Closing Arguments Drawing for Gus Mayer Gift Certificate* Plaintiff Perspective: David H. Marsh Marsh, Rickard & Bryan Birmingham, Alabama Defendant Perspective: D. Taylor Flowers Lewis, Brackin, Flowers & Johnson Dothan, Alabama	
4:40 p.m.	Adjourn Drawing for 2026 SEC Championship Football Tickets*	



Rick Bragg

Rick Bragg was born in the small city of Piedmont in northeastern Alabama and grew up in the tiny community of Possum Trot near Jacksonville. He credited his ability to write to listening to his family tell stories. He was raised primarily by his mother, as his father was an alcoholic and rarely home. His relatives were also very involved in his young life and greatly influenced his personal and emotional development.

Bragg worked at several newspapers before joining the New York Times in 1994. He covered murders and unrest in Haiti as a metro reporter, then wrote about the Oklahoma City bombing, the 1998 Westside idle School shooting, and the Susan Smith trial as a national correspondent based in Atlanta. He later became the paper’s Miami bureau chief. Bragg won the Pulitzer Prize for his work.

Bragg has authored eleven books. His first, and the title readers around the world most recognize, “All Over But the Shoutin’” tells of his childhood in Alabama, his rise to becoming a journalist, his personal struggles and the stories of the people he cares about. The book pays special attention to his mother who raised Bragg and his two brothers on her own.

Rick Bragg, along with Harper Lee was in the inaugural class of the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame. He holds more than fifty major writing awards and with the passing of Harper Lee and his friend Pat Conroy, is considered by critics as the most beloved living Southern writer.

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In Memory of Jere F. White Jr.

Jere F. White Jr. will long be recognized as one of the most outstanding lawyers in the country. More importantly, he will be remembered as a great person, friend and mentor. A graduate of the University of Georgia and Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law, Jere was a founding member of Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC in Birmingham. Jere held himself and others to the highest standard of the practice of law. A third-generation laawyer, he was truly a lawyer’s lawyer. He cherished his relationships with the Bench and lawyers on both sides of the Bar. Jere balanced his success as a lawyer with an even stronger devotion to his faith, family, friends and community. Prior to his death on Oct. 3, 2011, Jere and his wife, Lyda, established the Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program at Cumberland. The Fellows Program seeks to recruit not only outstanding students with strong academic credentials, but also a history of leadership and commitment to service, thereby promoting the development of lawyers who share the ideals that were so important to Jere.