



Positions: Assistant Professor of Law

Status: (9-month, Tenure-Track)

Start Date: August 2026

Posting Date: July 11, 2025

Preferred Subjects: Property Law, Real Estate Law, Contracts, Business Organizations, Commercial Law (and other transactional law), Civil Rights Law, Criminal Law, and Evidence.

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for a tenure-track professor of law position. The tenure-track faculty position is a nine-month appointment that will begin in August 2026 at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Required qualifications include outstanding academic credentials, including a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school or equivalent degree and demonstrated experience in a relevant subject matter. Preference will be given to candidates with teaching experience (or significant and relevant experience in private practice, government, or public service), and a demonstrated publication record and research agenda.

Applicants with demonstrated expertise in property law, real estate law, business organizations, contracts, commercial law (and other areas of transactional law), civil rights law, criminal law, and evidence are especially encouraged to apply.

Cumberland School of Law is one of Samford University's ten academic schools. Cumberland Law's national recognition includes being ranked 6th in the nation for best quality of life (*Princeton Review*, 2024) and 4th in the nation for trial advocacy (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2025). Cumberland prides itself on its commitment to teaching and to ensuring not only the success of its students upon graduation but their recognition of the ethical obligations that flow from being an officer of the court and a servant of the community. The ideal candidate will thus demonstrate the ability and motivation to develop meaningful mentoring relationships with students both in and out of class.

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Review of applications will begin August 1, 2025, and applications will be accepted until October 15, 2025. Application materials should include a letter of interest, curriculum vita, Application for Faculty Position and the Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience. The

successful candidate must pass a background check. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position.

“Application for Faculty Position” can be found at:

https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf

“Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement” can be found at:

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx>

Please submit all materials in PDF format to:

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Subject: Law School Assistant Professor of Law Application

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