



Lawyer in Residence 2009

The Lawyer In Residence Program at Cumberland School of Law, Samford University recognizes the accomplishments of Cumberland Alumni. Each year, a distinguished practitioner is invited to spend two days on campus as the Lawyer In Residence, speaking in a variety of classes related to his/her area of practice and meeting with students in formal and informal settings. This unique educational program allows students to augment the traditional curriculum with experiences of current practitioners.



As the son of a former professional football player and College Football Hall of Fame coach, Pat Dye Jr. has been around football literally since birth. Consequently, he saw firsthand the price football players must pay to have a professional career. Unfortunately, he also saw players routinely misguided by incompetent and unscrupulous agents. Seeing these misfortunes inspired him to become a sports attorney. After graduating from Cumberland School of Law in 1987 with a sterling academic resume and a top five class ranking, Pat combined this lifelong background in football with his legal training and was instantly successful as a sports attorney.

Pat received his B.A. degree from Auburn University in 1984 and graduated in the top 5% of his class. During his time at Cumberland School of Law, Pat was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Curia Honoris honor society, the National Dean's List of American Law Schools, National Who's Who of American Law Schools, and of the Cumberland Law Review, of which he was Associate Editor. Pat made the Dean's List every semester he attended Cumberland, and as a result he received the American Jurisprudence Book Awards for Contracts and Constitutional Law Classes, the Cumberland School of Law Merit Scholarship in 1986 and 1987, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1987.

After more than 20 years in his profession, he has established a reputation, even among his competitors, for being professional, honest, and very effective. He has negotiated nearly two billion dollars in NFL contracts and has represented numerous star players, including future NFL Hall of Famers, Emmitt Smith, Brian Urlacher, DeMarcus Ware and Keith Brooking. The landmark results he has achieved for his clients have been chronicled by Sports Illustrated, ESPN, Fox Sports, The NFL Network, USA Today, The Sporting News, Pro Football Weekly, numerous other websites, publications and newspapers in every NFL city.

Above and beyond his success and recognition, however, Pat still cherishes his close personal relationship with each client more than anything. He is the founder and President of ProFiles Sports, Inc., which is based in Atlanta and currently represents 45 NFL players, 13 of whom have been recent Pro Bowl selections. With a reputation for integrity that is unique to the profession, major universities frequently call on Pat to address players on the pitfalls of choosing an agent. His professional expertise is so highly regarded that he routinely speaks at sports law seminars and law schools around the country.

With a deep football family heritage, a track record that is unsurpassed in his profession and an impeccable reputation for integrity, Pat Dye, Jr. is the ideal representative for today's NFL player. Mr. Dye will be on campus October 19 and 20.