Dear Reader,

It is with great enthusiasm that we present to you the first 2015-2016 issue of *The Legal Eye*. In commemoration of MC Law’s 40th Anniversary, this year’s theme is “Past. Present. Future.” Building on this theme, there is a collective effort among our staff writers and guest contributors to celebrate our past and embrace our exciting future. You will see this theme woven throughout the issues.

*The Legal Eye* has great things planned this year, including a variety of student articles, as well as featured articles from alumni and even a Mississippi Supreme Court Justice in this issue. We have been

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### The Dean’s Corner

**Looking Back, Looking Forward**

By: Wendy Scott, Dean of MC Law

Dear Student Collegues,

I am honored to write a brief “welcome” for the first issue of this year’s *Legal Eye*. This year began with an outstanding Orientation program for the class of 2018. Assisting the Admissions Office staff was a cadre of “Dean’s Ambassadors” under the leadership of AnnMarie Sledge. We quickly proceeded to the beginning of the fall semester, which included my Investiture as the 8th dean of MC Law School on September 10th. The next day, the Board of Bar Admissions released results of the July 2015 Mississippi Bar exam. Following are the response of MC Law to the bar exam results and excerpts from my remarks at the Investiture.

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hanging out with faculty, spending time with MC Law staff, and keeping in the mix with student organizations to really try and ensure that these issues reflect our community. Let us know if we are missing out on your event or group interest!

Speaking of promoting interests, that’s exactly what The Legal Eye is all about—promoting the interests of others. In essence, The Legal Eye’s in the business of making connections. My goal as editor this year is to link new networks together and encourage everyone—alumni, faculty, and students—to become members of a greater enterprise.

The success of The Legal Eye depends on building a team that is committed to motivating our community to speak louder by enhancing coverage of all things MC Law.

While not a journal, the publication is professional, smart and offers sophisticated critical analysis of the law. At the same time, it provides a means for students to escape from the daily grind, to relax and laugh a little. It provides alumni a means to stay connected and to more fully integrate themselves in the MC Law community. The contributions from faculty and the administration allow for more transparency and cultivate relations with prospective students, current students, and alumni.

As you read each issue, I hope you feel the amount of labor and countless hours that went into preparing each issue. It’s rewarding in a way that defies description. I would like to thank the administration and faculty for their incredible support, as well as The Legal Eye’s Editorial Board, staff writers and guest contributors. This issue would not be possible without your diligent efforts and commitment.

So, without further ado, dive in! We think you’ll love it.

Looking forward,
Jenna Fugarino, Editor-in-Chief

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LOOKING BACK

Dean Will and the Academic Support staff (Ben Smith and Carla Johnson) have combed through a mountain of data and have reached the following conclusions. An analysis of data regarding the academic qualifications of the recent bar takers leads us to conclude that the quality of MC Law graduates does not explain the precipitous drop in bar passage. The disparity between our February and July statistics (nearly 90% passage v. 52% passage), is all the more puzzling given that it is the same group of students (entered as 1Ls in 2012). We had a large number of these students graduate early or otherwise take the February Bar. Of particular import, the law school GPAs for those sitting for the Mississippi Bar in 2013 and 2014 are consistent with 2015. In other words, although our bar passage was much higher in 2013 and 2014, and Feb 2015, the students did not have statistically higher 1L or graduating GPAs. Indeed, the average GPAs of those who failed in July 2015 were actually higher than those who failed in 2014.

We have met with the Board of Bar Admissions and have encouraged our graduates to appeal. The decisions should be rendered around Thanksgiving. Please keep our recent graduates in your prayers.

LOOKING FORWARD

Now that I have had this past year to determine how best to lead MC Law School, my mission is to illuminate the path to a shared vision of success. The hallmark of "success" for any institution of higher learning is the ability to provide an exceptional education. For law schools, that education is premised on the principle that the maintenance of a truly democratic society will always need its systems of law to be administered by experts trained in the law, supported by competent ethical members of the judiciary who take an oath to protect and defend our constitutional system of laws and not men. We are also charged with the responsibility of producing the next generation of ethical community leaders, advancing the principals of professionalism, and maintaining strong ties with the alumni, their family and the many friends of MC Law School.

The steps to reaching this shared vision of success are clear and straightforward: financial support for students in the form of scholarships and loan forgiveness; funding for faculty research and teacher development through chairs, grants and other financial supplements; enhanced experiential learning opportunities and support of our new alumni with post-graduate programs as they continue to learn the practice of law. But while the vision is plain and the steps are clear, getting there requires you to partner with me on this journey to continue attracting qualified students in an increasingly competitive market. All of these plans require our willingness to invest in the future of MC Law School to achieve the vision of success. Simply put, we must create a culture of philanthropy to support the vision of success; to ensure the continued development of innovative pro-

“\[The most powerful position on earth is kneeling before the Lord of the universe.\]”

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Greetings MC Law! As many of you know, the LSBA President customarily writes the State of the Union. But I am glad to be able to give the MC Law community an update as we find ourselves already in the middle of the fall semester. Before I go any further, I would like to congratulate our President, Adam Perry, on his recent nuptials. It goes without saying that wedding preparations and law school do not exactly go hand in hand. Our President, however, rose to the occasion and continues to serve every LSBA member well — so we are giving him a break. Hard to believe that we find ourselves half-way through the fall semester. As anyone around campus will tell you, time flies when you’re miserable. In all seriousness, from all of the Executive Officers and Senate, we are delighted about how the semester has begun, and we look forward to the great things planned for this year.

Borrowing from President Kennedy (but in a more appropriate context), “the state of this old but youthful [law school], in the [40th year] of its life, is good.” As our law school community celebrates the school’s 40th year, we should all celebrate its past and be excited about the trajectory for its future.

In case you have been in a hole somewhere (or in a corner crying about Legal Writing III), you missed some great events so far this semester. The LSBA set the tone and provided a great start to the semester with a back-to-school party at Hal & Mals. A large thank you to everyone who made this happen, especially our LSBA Event Chair, Carolyn Lewis. Most recently, the LSBA partnered with the Sports and Entertainment Law Society to bring you the Metropolitan Flag Football Tournament. I was very pleased to hear that many of the participants supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing some form of pink. Again, thank you to all those who made the event happen, including President Perry and Senator Rudy Watkins. In between those events, we had the privilege of attending Dean Scott’s Investiture, celebrating her arrival as the 8th dean of MC Law and as our institution’s first black leader.

What else is in store? You need not look but to the Riddick Report to see all of the upcoming activities for the school. I am continually impressed with all the student organizations and their ability to bring quality speakers on campus. We should all support these organizations by both joining and becoming involved, or attending the lunch meetings, which provide valuable networking opportunities.

Last, the Executive Officers, Senate, faculty, and administration are in the process of amending the LSBA Constitution, which includes the creation of new by-laws for student governance. I cannot thank our Assistant Parliamentarian, Candice Rucker, enough for her diligence in assisting me with the proposed revisions. As outlined in our current Constitution, including notice in The Legal Eye is imperative to the process. Please be on the lookout over the next several months for final amendments to be posted throughout the law school. A general vote will take place, tentatively, at the beginning of next semester.

From all the Executive Officers and Senate, we look forward to the rest of the school year — keeping our promise to facilitate a better law school environment for every LSBA member. 40
I started as a legal extern in May. About a month into my externship, there was a change in the office. The former State Office Director/General Counsel left for a new opportunity, and was replaced by a new State Office Director, but no new General Counsel, at least not in the state. So, my summer externship transformed from dealing with the day-to-day issues facing counsel to a senator to contributing to larger-scale projects that I would then pass on to our DC office. As my externship came to an end, I lamented to the office that I wish I had the opportunity to have more interaction with the constituency.

A few days later, they offered me a paid internship with the office for the fall semester. There’s nothing legal involved, but I got my wish for more interaction with the constituency. As an intern, answering the phone and serving as a switchboard of sorts is one of my primary duties. That means I talk to nearly every person that calls the office. I’ve been yelled at, insulted, and called names, but that’s rare. Even when that happens, I’m still grateful to work where I do.

Most of the time, callers just want to talk. They want to know that someone is listening to what they have to say. Not just listening, but hearing and communicating their concerns to the Senator. It’s the part of my job I both love and hate the most. I love to listen to people and connect them with the staffers who can get their problem solved. Conversely, the thing I hate above all else is when our hands are tied and we must tell a constituent that in their case, the Senator cannot intervene. It’s the law and our hands are tied. It’s the nature of this profession.

I accepted the internship with the Senator’s office because I want to use my law degree to help my state. In my eyes, the first step to helping Mississippi is to know what the people of Mississippi worry about, what they need help with, what issues concern them. During my time so far at the Senator’s office, I have truly learned the difference between public interest and public service. They often overlap, and I’ve seen both sides working for Senator Cochran. To me, public interest work is things like keeping track of legislative issues, researching federal projects, and requesting information from federal agencies. Public service, on the other hand, is listening to a person cry on the phone because they need Social Security benefits, or a place to live, and then working to get them those basic things they need to survive. Luckily, I have been blessed enough to receive an opportunity to learn how to do both, and I love it.

“Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.” 1 Thessalonians 5:15
COPELAND, COOK, TAYLOR AND BUSH

Moot Court Competition

EVENT PHOTOS
Tammy Henderson is one of the most passionate people in the 1L class. She knows her purpose and works hard every hour of every day to achieve her goals. She has a clear vision for what she seeks to achieve and a heart full of love for children. She already has an M.D. and is on her way to a J.D.! I don’t know many others that can say they are both a doctor and a lawyer. What an amazing combination! Tammy is on the road to accomplishing great things. If you get a chance, ask her about her experiences. She has many stories and loves to talk about the things she has been involved in. Let’s hear a little more from Tammy…

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I am originally from a small town just north of Meridian, called Collinsville.

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND UNDERGRAD?
I did my undergrad at Ole Miss and got a degree in biology. I also attended medical school at Ole Miss.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE MC LAW?
I applied three places. I applied here, Ole Miss, and Florida. It was the closest to home and it’s a Christian school, which is very important to me. MC Law also has the family law program, and I was looking for a place that would have what I wanted to do.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS?
I am a member of the Family Law Society.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PRACTICE FAMILY LAW?
I’ve been working with children for the past twenty years. I was a doctor, but I wasn’t boarded in pediatrics. Now, I would need that piece of paper that says I have a specialty, and I don’t have that. I was a Navy doctor for four years. When my time with the Navy ended, I had two children and I didn’t want to go back and perform the hours required for residency. Now, twenty years later, it matters a lot. I missed the pediatric ‘grandfathering-in’ by two years.

I have the experience, but not the title. Also, my health makes it very difficult for me to practice. There are many things that I wish to fix, and the best way I know how to approach it from the legal side, rather than the medical side.

WHERE WOULD YOU BE IF YOU WEREN’T IN LAW SCHOOL?
I would be a teacher, probably upper high school. I want to help children and try to motivate them. One of my favorite sayings is there has not been one child who has ever asked to be born on this planet. As adults, we must help them succeed.

WHAT WAS THE BEST ADVICE YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU BEGAN LAW SCHOOL?
Read everything. Prepare for every class. Don’t get behind.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE SO FAR?
My health. I’m old. I’m a lot older than you guys.

HOW DOES IT FEEL HAVING TAKEN TIME BETWEEN UNDERGRAD AND LAW SCHOOL?
The only disadvantage I’ve found is the technology. As far as the rest of it, I have confidence. I know I can do this. I may be different than some of the older ones because I’ve...
already done medical school. I’ve had the confidence ever since I got here. Some of us are coming from the working world and that gives us a stronger sense of confidence, we know how to buckle down and make a plan and stick to it.

**HOW DO YOU BALANCE HOME LIFE AND SCHOOL?**

I moved to Jackson alone. My husband is in Meridian and my two children are in college. It’s been an adjustment.

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MC Law alumna Kate Rapp (‘15) has been awarded the 2015 National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award. The award is presented to an outstanding law student in the graduating class of participating ABA-approved law schools who demonstrated academic achievement, exhibited motivation, tenacity and enthusiasm, contributed to the advancement of women in society, promoted issues and concerns of women in the legal profession, and earned the respect of the dean and law faculty.

As a recipient of the award, Rapp will be recognized in the nationally published Women Lawyers Journal. She will also be presented with a certificate acknowledging her accomplishments.

Rapp says that she views the receipt of the award as a personal challenge and motivation. “I view this as a challenge,” she said, “to continue to contribute to the advancement of women both within the legal profession and within our society at large.” The award also served to encourage and reinforce her pursuit of equal regard for the issues and concerns of women: “I view the receipt of this award as a promise, a promise to see to it that the concerns of women within the legal community are heard and that women continue to be treated fairly and with the respect that all individuals rightly deserve.”

Rapp also remarked on the tremendous progress that has been made in years past, and the work that still lies ahead. “It is difficult to believe that just ninety-five years ago, women gained the right to vote and marked the year that all states allowed women to be admitted to the bar. We have come a long way, but there is still much to be done.”

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**Successes Worth Noting**

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Anderson’s book will be broken into four parts. The book will first present an overview of insider trading enforcement in the United States and around the world. Then it will explain why the current system of enforcement in the U.S. is dysfunctional, including addressing the vague language in the law. Next, the book will attempt to suggest an answer to the question, “What is wrong with insider trading?” Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the book will be that Anderson concludes “issuer-licensed insider trading,” where the corporate insider trades with firm approval (and the firm has made certain disclosures), is economically harmless and morally permissible. After identifying problems with the existing enforcement regime, the book will recommend specific steps to reform. One of the proposed changes will be to legalize issuer-licensed insider trading. Anderson will argue that this, along with other proposed reforms, will improve the existing enforcement regime by making it more just, efficient, and rational. Anderson acknowledges that some of his ideas for reform will be met with resistance. He will therefore conclude the book by suggesting ways to reframe the problem of insider trading in the public culture to change attitudes and clear the way for his proposed reforms.

Anderson expressed his sincere appreciation to MC Law, Dean Wendy Scott, and Dean Jonathan Will, for providing financial and administrative support for this project. Anderson also thanked his research assistants, 3Ls Laura Barton and Matt Rich, for their excellent research and critical feedback in support of this project.
By the time of this publication we will be over halfway through the fall semester. It is hard to believe that final exams will be here before we know it. In the past I have contributed articles to the Legal Eye on the topic of library behavior. However, this year I’m letting current and former library student workers tell you how you should behave in the law library. In the five years I’ve worked here at MC Law, I’ve had the privilege of supervising between 10-12 student workers each semester. Perhaps you will listen to their suggestions better than you will listen to those I or Thomas Walter would give. I will throw in any commentary where needed:

- **Ask for help.** (You have probably never been inside a law library before coming to law school. Not sure how to find anything? Ask any of us. We are here to help you.)

- **Be gentle with the books.** Don’t just toss them onto the table. (Agreed. Some of these books are older than your grandparents. Be gentle.)

- **Don’t take study room keys home with you.** (This happens quite often around exam time. If you take them home, you will rack up a huge library fine. You do not want unpaid library fines to keep you from seeing your grades, do you?)

- **Do not talk on your phone in the library.** (Self-explanatory. Besides, don’t we all text these days?)

- **“Talking Floor” is not synonymous with “Loud Discussion Floor.”** If I am a mere five tables away from your table, I should not be able to hear how difficult res ipsa loquitur is to you. Also, I do not care to hear how amazing your weekend was. (This is a direct quote. I know I should cite this student worker, but I will keep our workers anonymous.)

- **The Library is not a business supply store.** We have a law school book store for those needs. (Yes. The “May I borrow a paperclip?” or “May I borrow a piece of paper?” questions. Let’s be honest. You’re never going to return these things.)

- **The “talking floor” is not a social hour.**

- **Push your chairs back under the table.** Do you want visitors coming in and seeing how messy you leave this pace at times? (Yes!)

- **The library’s hours are posted on the door, on the Web site, and by the clock at the front desk.** You should not have to constantly ask when the library is closed.

- **If someone is being loud or talking on the quiet floors, ask them to be quiet.** Self-policing oftentimes works better than asking me to tell Stephen or Thomas about it. (True.)

A final note. The second floor, aka the “talking floor,” is essentially the office for myself, Thomas Walter, and Tiwana Cantrell. At times we have to do work that may cause noise. I specifically deal with countless hours of video work for our nationally-recognized Judicial Data Project and Legislative History Project. Thomas handles reference questions both in person and over the telephone. Tiwana answers the central telephone line for the Library and deals with patrons. If our work becomes too loud for you as you sit outside of our offices, it is probably best you simply study elsewhere. We do not ask you to move tables when your talking disturbs our work. Likewise, you should not be asking us to quiet down or to shut our doors.
Students, staff, and faculty of MC Law joined members of the legal community as they made their way to First Baptist Church of Jackson to participate in the installation of Dean Wendy B. Scott as the eighth Dean of Mississippi College School of Law. Esteemed guests included Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice William Waller, Jr., Attorney General Jim Hood, and Dean Morant of George Washington Law School. Serving as a member of Dean’s Ambassadors, I had the privilege of playing an intricate role in the momentous September 10th Investiture.

Dean Scott joined MC Law the same year I did, and sharing in this inaugural experience, albeit in vastly different capacities, was what made it all the more special. In addition to the host-oriented responsibilities I shared as an Ambassador, I also had the privilege of serving as a member of the color guard, which led the faculty into the sanctuary.

Following an opening prayer, the First Baptist Church of Jackson and Natchez Worship Teams treated the congregation to sung praises, which Dean Scott praised as “motivational, inspirational, and one of [her] favorite parts of the ceremony.”

Dean Morant delivered the Investiture Address that explained the role ahead for Dean Scott. He spoke on the challenges facing legal academia today, and how it must be confronted. He shared his personal conviction of unwavering “faith that Dean Scott is up for that challenge.” Finally, Chief Justice Waller swore in Dean Scott as her husband, Reverend Eddie B. Scott, stood beside her.

Dean Scott delivered her Investiture Response with a heartfelt thank-you to those who traveled from around the country to attend the ceremony. She expressed gratitude and appreciation for the faculty and staff here at MC Law for what they have done to facilitate her transition into this leadership role. Finally, she recognized the love she felt from the students that attended, commenting that it was “overwhelming seeing so much support from many different parts of the community. Especially so many students, sitting together, in unity showing support.”

Dean Scott reminded the legal community that, “with a new Dean comes a new vision.” This new vision was crafted and developed in support of the MC Law’s mission, which she learned during her first year of serving as Dean: “Illuminate a path to a shared vision of success.” She explained that this vision can and will be achieved through the implementation of four strategies: 1) providing more financial support for students in forms of scholarships and loans, 2) funding faculty research and teacher development, 3) enhancement of experiential learning opportunities, and 4) providing alumni with post-graduate support.

Afterward, I had a chance to ask the Dean what her next step was, now that she was finally, formally, inaugurated. She explained that her current mission is to get this vision out to the community. To that end, Dean Scott traveled throughout Mississippi and Louisiana during September to connect with alumni and friends of MC Law “to create a culture of philanthropy” and to keep them “motivated, engaged and connected.”
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A LAW CLERK?

By: Justice Randy G. Pierce

In my seven years on the Mississippi Supreme Court, I have learned that law clerks are vital to the success of the court. Each justice has two law clerks and a judicial assistant. Some justices have one-year clerkship, some have open-ended clerkships, while others, like myself, have a combination of both.

When I interview a prospective law clerk, the first criteria I review is the academic background of the applicant. This will include law school rank and grade point average (GPA). I will also review other graduate work and undergraduate work. Law clerks at the court are required to process information quickly and write in a coherent and consistent manner. In addition, a strong ability to provide timely, accurate research is imperative.

After prospective applicants survive the screening process and I grant an interview, I look for candidates who are team players and have humble spirits. My clerks are required to work with other clerks and staff, and it is important to be approachable, kind, and courteous. Clerks must also be able to accept constructive criticism. Even though my clerks work for me, the other eight justices rely on them as well. Thus, the successful law clerk must be willing to listen to the points of view of the other justices.

A typical day in the life of a law clerk involves mostly writing and research. On the surface to some, this may seem mundane. However, the experience a clerk gains in the short time he or she is at the court is invaluable. A clerkship provides an amazing opportunity to continue the learning process, which is required to be successful in the legal field.

Law clerks are free to participate in civic activities but are prohibited from participation in partisan political campaigns. Justices are nonpartisan, and the court and its employees must remain independent both in substance and in form. Upon becoming a law clerk, the clerk is required to take an oath and to participate in mandatory orientation sessions to learn appropriate behavior for the position.

To conclude, being a law clerk is not for everyone, but the work is rewarding and challenging. My former law clerks are now employed in the private and public sector. I am proud of each one of them. During the time they spend in my office, it is my hope that they will take something with them, which will enable them to reach their career goals and become better lawyers.

How One Guy’s Networking Skills Lead to a Potential Job Opportunity

By: Cirilo Manego, 3L, Co-Founder
The Lawful Thread

As law students, we often pass up opportunities to expand our professional network, whether because of school, family, significant other, etc. Indeed those are very plausible reasons; however, to matriculate through law school, neglecting to network is akin to a trial lawyer having the facts in their favor but failing to capture the jury. Law school and networking go hand-in-hand. To simply put it, you cannot have one without the other.

Roughly two weeks ago, I took a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation week. While there, I also attended the National Black Law Student Association’s Advocacy week. My goal for the week was to take as many business cards as possible to follow up with once I returned to Jackson. Little did I know a fifteen-minute, impromptu cab drive to the convention center—where CBCF week was held—would change the course of my trip and perhaps my life.

On this cab ride, there were talks of life goals, the stark differences of our
hometowns, our experience as NCAA Division-I athletes and a brief chat on our interest in sports law. The conversation seemed as if we were riding in the cab for an hour. We finally reached the convention and all I could think was, “what just happened?” Thinking to myself, “did I just have this candid conversation with in-house counsel for the National Football League Players Association?” I sure did.

As if the day couldn’t have grown any better, I received a phone call thirty minutes after I arrived to the convention center. The call was from an MC Law graduate, Cedric Haynes, a seasoned vet on the Hill, who works under Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson. He invited me to a mixer where he introduced me to countless individuals working in various areas of politics. Afterwards, to round out the night, we headed to Congressman Richmond’s event to mingle with more political figures and socialites.

After experiencing what felt like three days in one, I caught an Uber home. Walking up to my friend’s apartment, feet hurting and brush burns on my neck from wearing the shirt and tie I had on since 7:00 a.m. the previous morning, I was exhausted, yet inspired. After a few hours of sleep, I reached out to Cedric to recap on possibility of pursuing an externship on the “Hill.” He reassured me that all I had to do is say the “word” and I would have the externship. It didn’t take long to make the decision that D.C. would be my home for my last semester of law school. Ultimately when we submit to the “flow of life,” God will place you where you need to be.

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MC Law celebrated its 4th annual Mary Libby Payne Lecture Series on “The Christian Judge: Sir Matthew Hale and the Fear of the Lord” presented by distinguished lecturer Professor William S. Brewbaker, III. Professor Brewbaker teaches law at the University of Alabama. Brewbaker became fascinated with Judge Hale after reading some of his books and shared with the law school his thoughts on the relationship between Christianity, the Scriptures and the law.

Brewbaker posed three questions to Judge Hale that would not only be of interest to judges but law students, lawyers and professors of the like. First, can we learn anything from the Bible about law or being a good judge? Second, what do we need to know about being a good judge or what wisdom do we need to have? Third, what are the most important challenges a judge can face?

In answering the first question, Brewbaker recognized that Judge Hale did not have the Bible explicitly in his legal opinions, but as he answered the second question he realized that Judge Hale drew on the teachings from the Bible for wisdom in his mission as a judge. He said a wise human being is one who fears the Lord in the sense that he listens to God and studies His character and will, keeping in mind that he is in need of God’s wisdom not only because he is a finite creature but also because he is a fallen sinner.

According to Judge Hale, God’s transcendent majesty motivates the fear of God. “If a person has right and true apprehensions concerning Almighty God, then the fear of God will follow. But this requires a true and a deep sense not only of God’s existence and presence but also of His majesty and glory, His power, His goodness, His omniscience, His holiness, purity and justice.”

But the fear of the Lord doesn’t mean being despondent before God and terrified as if God were a disastrous storm out in the Gulf of Mexico about to make landfall. Rather, he has in mind recognition of God’s glory, majesty, greatness...
Judge Hale believes that one of the biggest problems humans face is that our wisdom so easily becomes something ugly instead of something beautiful. Without the fear of God, worldly wisdom becomes merely a tool for accomplishing selfish human ends.

“Take a man that is employed as a statesman or politician—though he have much wisdom and prudence in the worldly sense, it commonly degenerates into craft, cunning and pitiful shuffling without the fear of God. It’s the same with learning—learning as worldly wisdom degenerates into pride, arrogance, self-conceit, curiosity and presumption.”

Lastly, according to Brewbaker, Judge Hale said, “Judging is hard because it’s full of labor and pains. It requires incessant attention to detail and an entire absence of affection and passion, so that justice isn’t perverted. It requires resolution and courage to do what is just. It requires a mind steadily possessed with a love of justice. It requires a mind constantly in awe with the fear of Almighty God and a sense of his presence.” Therefore, to be a good judge requires expertise in the law without which even someone with a just temperament and the fear of God will be but a very unfit judge. Brewbaker jokes, “So let’s be clear about that, it ain’t enough to just have your Bible and have your heart in the right place, that will not make you a good judge by itself. Hale says, you would be a very unfit judge ‘if that’s all you got.’”

Law school class attendance is mandatory per the ABA, at least attending a certain percentage of class meetings, yet a number of students treat it as if it is optional. However, attending now will pay dividends later.

I have been an adjunct professor since 2013. I graduated from MC Law in 2005, and my attitude was likely much like yours. The classes I enjoyed I went to most of the time and the ones I did not I may have missed a time or two.

Having practiced law for over a decade, taught over 135 students and having founded and managed my own law firm, which has grown by leaps and bounds, a few things have stood out.

You should go to class. You should be prepared. You should participate and you should care. And, if you cannot do these things, fake it. While you cannot fake attendance, you can fake the rest. You can act like you care and participate in class discussions.

Recently, I was contacted by a former classmate, who is the managing partner of a regional firm. They were looking to make an immediate hire and had a number of resumes. Of the ones that attended MC, the lawyer asked me if I knew “so-and-so.” I knew all of the MC candidates. They wanted the scoop. I gave it.

Candidate X. Great student, participated in class, cared, good attitude. They would be a good fit.

Candidate Y. Good student, tried hard, attended class, participated. You would be fine hiring this one.

Candidate Z. Vaguely remember the name. Took my class, at least I’m pretty sure they did. I don’t remember anything distinguishable about that person.

If you need any more motivation to care or pretend like you do, then I hope your uncle is the managing partner of the regional firm so you will at least get an interview.
There is a good chance that you have already met Assma Ali. She often arrives on campus early and leaves late. She attends many meetings and events, and she is very friendly and fun to talk to. Assma was my opponent in the first round of our 1L Closing Argument Competition. I was extremely nervous, but she was calm. She talked me through my nerves, telling me what to expect and assuring me that I would do fine. Her closing argument was impressive; she presented it with conviction and demonstrated her ability to advocate passionately on behalf of her client. What impressed me most, though, was her willingness to help me—her opponent—when she saw I needed it. Assma is not only a dedicated law student, she is a wonderful person with a big heart. I look forward to seeing the great things she does in the future.

WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED?

I resided in Bakersfield, California for 22 years of my life and I spent over a year in Louisiana and I have been in Mississippi for over a year.

WHAT COLLEGE DID YOU ATTEND FOR UNDERGRAD AND WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR?

I went to Cal State of Bakersfield where I received a BA in Criminal Justice with a minor in Philosophy.

DO YOU SPEAK ANY OTHER LANGUAGES BESIDES ARABIC? WHAT LANGUAGE WAS PRIMARILY USED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GROWING UP?

I speak English and Arabic fluently, and some Spanish. My father always told us “Arabic” at home and “English” outside the house in order to maintain learning both languages. Knowing the Arabic language has opened a vast variety of jobs for me.

ARE YOU TEACHING YOUR SON TO SPEAK ARABIC?

Yes, I am teaching my 3-year-old Arabic and his daycare is teaching him English and Spanish.

I REMEMBER AT OUR LAW SCHOOL ORIENTATION YOUR “INTERESTING FACT” WAS THAT YOU ARE A MUSLIM AT A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. THERE ARE A LOT OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ISLAM. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH MORE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT YOUR RELIGION?

For all that individuals hear on the Media I don’t blame them for having all the misconceptions they have about Muslims and Islam. It will take time for others to understand that a small group of the 1.5 Billion Muslims in this world should not be used to generalize a large group of people who share only the same religion. Islam preaches peace, love, and kindness. Islam has many similarities to Christianity but the holy Quran has never been changed or edited and has remained in its original text. Looking at the Old Testament hand in hand with the Quran, one will see an astonishing amount of similarities. I hope that by knowing me others will stop fearing Muslims and Islam. And for those who don’t like me, remember I don’t represent the 1.5 Billion Muslims in this world; Everyone is different and unique.
2L Spotlight: Assma Ali, continued from page 14

HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE BEEN IN MISSISSIPPI SO FAR?

Living in Mississippi has been different and exciting. I have always wished to live in the South where I would be exposed to horses, land, and cowboys/cowgirls. But after being here for a whole year I came to realize that a lot of what I saw on TV and movies was acting and staged and not reality. I do however, like southern food and the southern hospitality as many people have been very kind to me.

WHAT LAW JOBS HAVE YOU HAD AND WHAT WERE YOUR DUTIES?

My first legal Job was with Dawn Mapp Law firm and that was during my 1L year and I have to say I am grateful to have worked with her as my first law experience. I messed up so many times but she assisted, explained, and guided me through it all. She is a fantastic mentor and she is the perfect lawyer when it comes to working with law students. I also worked for Patti Gandy at the Mission Aid Legal Clinic. Working for her is always a rewarding experience and is always worthwhile.

During my summer internship I worked at the Madison County Chancery Court with Judge Brewer and I wish there are enough words in the dictionary that I could use to explain how rewarding that experience was to me as a law student and as a future attorney. As I entered the Chambers for the first time I was not hopeful and didn’t know if I was perfect for the position. But by the end of the day everyone working in the Judge’s Chambers comforted me and made me feel like I was one of them and not a stranger. If there is one thing I could tell every law student that I learned from working at the Chancery Court, it will be “work somewhere you are appreciated.” Respect everyone because everyone is human and a law degree does not put you above the law. Respecting others will get anyone far in life, as it is a key to success. So for anyone seeking to intern for Judge Brewer next year, know you are working with the best of the best and you will love the law field more and more everyday. The Chancery Clerk’s office and the bailiffs are some of the sweetest, kindhearted, and most genuine people you’ll ever meet in your life. If I seek anything from this article, it is to properly thank them because they gave me the courage to endure all the difficulties that I have faced during my 2L year, and when I left that office I was more excited than ever to become a lawyer. They are a major part of why I will succeed.

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO WHEN YOU GRADUATE AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR LAW DEGREE?

There are two possible places I might end up with depending on multiple factors. Returning to California was and still is my main goal because all my family resides there and I always dreamed of myself becoming a lawyer there. Or I might stay in Mississippi for a while as my husband’s business is doing and I will hate to have him leave a successful company he has built from the ground up.

HOW DO YOU BALANCE YOUR ROLES AS A MOTHER, A WIFE, AND A LAW STUDENT?

Being a mother, a wife, and a law student is hard, but I would not change it for the world. I am blessed with an amazing, kind hearted, husband who is understanding and sincere, and without him law school would be unbearable. Having my 3-year old in our lives brings us smiles, joy, and happiness and a reason to succeed in this world. Although, it has been hard to balance between all three, having the right people on your side takes weight from your shoulders. And although, many things can come up at the wrong time including illness, you have to learn how to take things as they come and figure things out; there is no real way to prepare for certain things.

Professor Anita Hill AT MC LAW
AmJerk: Those who used to follow the Law Library’s Instagram but now have blocked it. That’s quite a few steps you took to follow the Library, unfollow it, and then block it. Why block pictures of beautiful books and our great campus?

AmJur: Professor Campbell on the publication of his book “Construction Law in a Nutshell.” Anytime our Professors publish, it enhances the MC Law name. Congratulations!

AmJerk: Hey sticky fingers! Some of us were looking forward to our lunch with the pudding cup. Stop stealing lunches that aren’t yours!

AmJur: 2Ls! Congrats on making it through Legal Writing III/App Ad/whatever it’s called. You can breathe, again.

AmJerk: 1Ls on the library’s talking floor. Yes, it is a “talking floor.” However, it isn’t a “talking loudly floor.” Be reasonable guys and girls!

AmJur: 1Ls making it through their first semester. Midterms, Writing assignments, the Research Plan, and everything in between. Keep on keeping on. December and the completion of your first semester is just around the corner!

AmJurJerk: I think everyone is appreciative of the new lock system put in place for the law school. It certainly makes us feel safer! However, we hear that only half of the 1L class’s ID cards worked on the first day of implementation. What happened? Hopefully all the kinks have been ironed out by publication of this Legal Eye.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF JACKSON’S Mistletoe Marketplace

By: Lauryn Joyce, 1L

As the holidays approach, we can look forward to the 35th annual Mistletoe Marketplace’s week of events, a plethora of holiday festivities hosted by The Junior League of Jackson, a charitable group celebrating their own 75th birthday this year. The events start Wednesday, November 4th, and will run until November 7th. Activities include a formal Carnival Ball, an auction, a traditional brunch honoring board members, the opportunity to take a picture with Santa, and much more.

The Junior League of Jackson is part of an international organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Similarly, we should all be striving, as aspiring attorneys and as individuals, to be advocates that give back to our communities; more fundamentally, we should demonstrate vested interests in our community’s well being. Supporting this holiday event helps the Junior League of Jackson support dozens of community projects.

If you enjoy having fun while contributing to a wonderful cause for the community, visit the Junior League of Jackson’s website to purchase tickets and join the City of Jackson in the Mistletoe Marketplace celebration!
SAs part of their responsibilities, commanders in the military are entrusted to enforce punishments for minor infractions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). These can range from Letters of Counseling, which typically note a failure to maintain military standards, to a typically career-ending Article 15 charge for more severe offenses, such as violating orders.

Laughlin Air Force Base, located in southwest Texas, has recently encountered a controversy relating to these punishments after questions arose around the processes of evidence discovery for a fraternization investigation. Fraternization refers to an unprofessional relationship that violates the UCMJ: for example, an unprofessional relationship between military personnel of different ranks. This policy is enforced because unprofessional relationships between people of different ranks can adversely affect order and discipline. As a pilot-training facility, anti-fraternization policy at Laughlin Air Force Base is also meant to preclude improper relationships between the instructor pilots and the student pilots, despite their being close in rank.

The Air Force Times reported on September 21st that a fraternization investigation led to the grounding of four instructor pilots at Laughlin Air Force Base. Other military members, though marginal to the dispute itself, can face repercussions for not reporting the improper conduct. Accordingly, military investigators seized personal cell phones from instructor pilots deemed likely to have known about the fraternization. Text messages found on these phones reflected banter between the pilots, including vulgar pop culture references that seemingly alluded to active drug use. Some of the notable references were from Miley Cyrus’ “We Can’t Stop”, “Pop Another Pill” by JellyRoll, and The Wedding Crashers movie. The detained pilots argued in response that these were merely instances of misunderstood sarcasm that should not be taken seriously. The pilots voluntarily submitted to drug tests, which came back negative. Notwithstanding, their commander maintained that the officers were guilty and subsequently pursued Article 15 hearings against the pilots.

Article 15 hearings are non-judicial punishments that are handed down by the commanding officer in a hearing for minor offenses—that is, those offenses considered to be less serious than offenses warranting court martial. The first pilot was exonerated during his Article 15 hearing and was returned to flying status. The hearings for the other three pilots were dropped, with the commander instead placing official Letters of Reprimand into their files. A Letter of Reprimand is a severe, formal admonishment by the commander with limited legal recourse. The evidence standard is proof by a preponderance of the evidence—as determined by the commander. The pilots can insert a rebuttal into their file to mitigate the accusations, though the letter is severe enough to prevent their ever flying again.

This situation has brought negative publicity to the Air Force and has prompted a congressional investigation into the matter. The Daily Beast reports that Representatives Duncan Hunter and Adam Kinzinger are seeking an investigation into the legal grounds of the search and seizure of the phones. In a letter to Air Force Chief of Staff General Mark Welsh, they stated, “At this time it is our firm belief that the Air Force had no grounds to proceed with the charges against the pilots involved.” They go on to say, “The Air Force may not like showboating of any kind, even among its pilots, but to think that it could be considered criminal, especially in the absence of evidence that a crime occurred, severely undermines the integrity of the Air Force’s investigation process.”

The case is interesting for its roots in civil liberties as well as its context in the military. The potential for implications around what standards of privacy (and rights) are enforced in such a regimented environment is an ever-present part of such a conversation...and worth staying tuned for.
All right, everyone, we’re getting to that time of year, again. Fall semester finals. Even for those 1Ls who are about to experience the massacre that is a Law School Exam Period for the first time, we’ve all (more or less) survives these stressful times before, and some of the same skills to do so apply. So, let’s review a few tips for keeping us at our healthiest and most effective over the new few weeks.

1. **Sleep.** Make sure you do it! This is probably one of the easiest necessary behaviors to overlook and underestimate. This is when your body and your brain recharge. Need more incentive? Sleep affects memory and complete REM cycles reinforce what you learned during the day.

2. **Eat.** I am not even spending time with you on this one.

3. **Shower.** Because no one wants to be or sit next to the “Smelly One” in the library or the exam room. Washing yourself (and your clothes) can help you feel refreshed and renewed! It’s also a totally justifiable study break and will help you unwind a little bit.

4. **Exercise.** Exercise generates endorphins in your brain. Endorphins make you happy. And who doesn’t need a few extra endorphins at this point in the semester? And, you can read your casebook while on a treadmill or lifting. You can even use your casebooks as weights. So, it’s really just multi-tasking, making you extra ready to take on the day (or the all-nighter: review Tip #1)!

5. **Routine.** The importance of this cannot be overstated. Even if you have a different routine (and you probably do) during the regular semester, make sure you have a routine and schedule you can depend on during finals. Whether it’s a regular breakfast or expected commute time...let your professors provide the curveballs.

6. **Study Groups.** By this point, most of you have probably already settled into groups or study partners you work with, either as a whole or per class. This is especially important at this point in the semester when your outlines, pre-answers, flashcards, and whatever else you are using are at the polishing stage. Working with others at this stage is often beneficial because you can help each other think of new “what if” scenarios that may come up on an exam, as well as just act as sounding boards for each other when you’re stressed.

7. **Timed Conditions.** This is part of exam prep, and I have yet to hear anyone provide study tips that didn’t include this. That’s only to say that even if practicing essay responses under timed conditions don’t make sense to you, all of these people can’t be wrong.

8. **Decompress.** One of the worst things you can do is burn yourself out. Ironically, some of you are stressing over whether or not you’re stressing and studying enough. So, even when you’re taking a break or participating in non-academic activities, you’re not taking a real mental break from it all. Definitely take breaks. Give yourself permission to unwind. If you can truly detach and rest during a study break, you’ll be able to return to classes, review sessions, and the material much more engaged. Decompressing is particularly important after an exam, before you jump into studying for the next one.

9. **Balance.** This one is tricky, and definitely personal. “Everyone knows what works for them.” Some of you may be “non-traditional students” that are returning to school after a while, or simply haven’t had such a heavy workload before, or have families and other responsibilities, and “finding a balance” practically seems like a joke. You know yourself best. It’s all about balance.

10. **Back Up Your Work.** Everyone has heard a horror story or two, and some of you have lived them: your computer crashes the night before a paper is due, or your laptop catches a virus and your files become corrupted. Some great resources for backing up info include: Dropbox, Google Docs, flash drives (USBs), Cloud tech, external hard drives, and even just emailing work to yourself. If you’ve shared access to these folders and documents with anyone, consider a second back-up—simply to provide against human error (e.g. anyone else rearranging files, etc.). Save your files twice, save your sanity a little longer.

Good luck! 40
Diploma Privilege

R.I.P. 1916–1984

By Norman Paul

The graduates of the University of Mississippi Law School since 1916 have been exempt from the requirement of taking and passing the Mississippi State Bar Examination as a prerequisite for admission to the bar. However, such preferential treatment for the “ole boys” may soon come to an end.

On February 6, 1979, the Mississippi House of Representatives voted 91 to 22 in favor of the following described bill, thus sending it on to the Senate for deliberation and hopefully, approval, before becoming law. The controversial bill, number 666, proposes major innovation of the policies which have long governed the states’ bar admissions, by repealing sections 73-3-1 et seq. Mississippi Code of 1972. It was drafted in accordance with recommendations from the Judicial Council and representatives of the two law schools of the state and subsequently introduced into the two House Judiciary Committees by Representative John Hampton Stanis of Jackson.

The principle effect of the bill, which is predicted to easily pass through the Senate, is to vest complete control of the bar admissions in the Supreme Court of Mississippi. It specifically provides that the Supreme Court appoint an administrative board comprised of nine (9) members, with one coming from each Supreme Court district and that each member serve a term of three years.

For the students of the respective law schools of the state the bill is significantly important because it does away with the controversial diploma privilege which Ole Miss has enjoyed over the years. Therefore their graduates will likewise be required to test their competence before being allowed to practice law. Additionally, the bill provides that any applicant to the bar who fails the examination may obtain copies of his answers and the model answers which were used in grading the examination. It further provides that failing applicants shall have both the right to review by the board and the right to appeal the board’s decision to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County.

Like any other bill that is hopeful of passage through both houses of the Legislature there is necessarily compromise. This bill reflects the giving up of the diploma privilege by the Ole Miss proponents and the compromise by all others that applicants must have both a bachelor’s degree or the first three (3) years of an integrated six (6) year pre-law and law study program, and have graduated from either a provisionally or fully accredited law school by the American Bar Association in order to be eligible to make application for admission to the Mississippi Bar.

The brunt of this bill shall immediately be detrimental to the graduates of out of state, non-accredited law schools, who intend to make application to the Mississippi Bar. However the bill includes three separate grandfather clauses that refer to instate law students. The first provides that students enrolled in the Mississippi College, School of Law prior to November 1, 1979 shall be permitted to make application to the bar until November 1, 1984 without regard to the aforementioned ABA accreditation prerequisites. The second grandfather clause allows the graduates of the University of Mississippi, Law School to continue to be exempt from taking and passing the bar examination until November 1984, provided that they have been validly enrolled in classes prior to November 1, 1979.

The third so-called grandfather clause has to do with the preceptorship program and concerns those individuals who are studying a general course of law by simply working under the close supervision of an attorney of this state for two years. Prior to this bill those individuals only had two additional prerequisites, a bachelor’s degree and at least two years of undergraduate study and secondly, they were required to have taken and passed the bar examination. The bill shall only allow those individuals who are properly registered in said program prior to March 1, 1979 to continue to take advantage of this course of law study.

The favorable vote by the members of the House on this bill signifies an awareness and desire on the part of our elected lawmakers throughout the state to upgrade the level of competence of the attorneys who wish to practice in this state. This bill shall certainly assist in achieving this purpose, since it has raised the educational prerequisites and provided further that all prospective attorneys take the bar examination.

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It is this author’s opinion, that far too many people to mention were responsible for the passing of this bill by the House of Representatives. However, he would like to make special acknowledgment to Representatives H. L. (Sonny) Meredith, Stone Bumfield, Gerald Blessey, John Hampton Stennis and Dempsey Levi for either their active role in presenting the bill in committee and on the floor of the House, or for helping me gather the information for this article.

Further a point of caution should be made in reference to the mechanistic workings of House Bill 666. Should the University of Mississippi law school lose its ABA accreditation anytime after 1984, then its graduates will not be permitted to make application to take the Mississippi Bar Examination. Likewise, in the event that Mississippi College School of Law is unsuccessful in obtaining at least provisional accreditation than its graduates will not be permitted to sit for the bar examination after November of 1984. Thus it is now more important than ever before that our students, faculty members and businesses and individuals alike, throughout the state, lend all assistance in helping Mississippi College acquire its ABA Accreditation in the near future.
MAGNOLIA BIG THREE
GRIDIRON ROUNDPUP

OLE MISS
(5-1, 2-1 SEC)
By: Trey Spillman, Staff Writer

Mississippi State started their season out with a much anticipated win over Southern Miss. Senior quarterback, Dak Prescott, is leading the team but even with him leading the team they have fallen short on a few occasions. A season that looks less than impressive on paper has been defined by missed field goals and a lack of run game from the backfield. Coming off a bitter SEC loss to Texas A&M, Mississippi State is looking to finish the year strong in hopes of making a bowl game. In the mean time, they need to focus on the task at hand and ultimately prepare to battle the University of Mississippi in the Egg Bowl.

MISSISSIPPI STATE
(4-2, 1-2 SEC)
By: Justin Glenn, Staff Writer

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
(3-3, 1-1 C-USA)
By: Matthew Raphael, Staff Writer

Southern Miss football has had quite a turnaround this year compared to seasons past. As of week six, the Golden Eagles are boasting a 3-3 record, one that nearly totals the four wins it collected since its 12 win 2011 season. Coach Todd Monken has injected some life into a previously listless team that has struggled to find an identity after the departure of Coach Larry Fedora in 2011. In the offseason, Coach Monken focused on bolstering the offensive line by adding size and depth, a move which has helped rank the Golden Eagles 11th overall in the nation in total offense. Behind this revamped line, junior Quarterback Nick Mullens has accumulated 2,005 passing yards, 15 touchdowns and four interceptions. If the Golden Eagles can keep up this pace they have a good chance at playing in a bowl game, something that hasn’t happened in nearly four years.

The #14 ranked Ole Miss football team got off to a fast start this season, winning 5 of their first 6 games including wins over SEC rivals Alabama and Vanderbilt before falling to Florida in week 5 by a score of 38-10. The Rebels have outscored their opponents 281-118 thus far and are led by junior college transfer QB Chad Kelly, who has thrown 14 touchdowns to 5 interceptions through six weeks while averaging over 300 yards passing per game passing.

The Rebels have been decimated early on by injuries, losing numerous starters on both offense and defense. Hugh Freeze is still awaiting word from the NCAA regarding the eligibility of star offensive linemen Laremy Tunsil, who has missed all five games due to an ongoing investigation stemming from an altercation between Tunsil and his stepfather this summer. The Rebels are on track to become bowl eligible for the third straight year and have a legitimate chance to make the SEC championship game in Atlanta at year’s end for the first time in program history.

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I had the pleasure of getting to know Ray during our 2L year when we both became members of the Moot Court Board. Ray is something of a queen walking among us. She commands the room and is a force to be reckoned with. Along with being an ardent law student, Ray is a captivating woman, carrying herself with grace, beauty and a charm that is guaranteed to make you smile. What I love most about Ray is her constant encouragement: She is that one friend who will always pick you up when you are down. Ray is a treasure, and I am blessed to call her my friend. Once you get to know her, you’ll see what I’m talking about…

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I am from Hazlehurst, Mississippi. I attended college at Jackson State University where I received a degree in Music Vocal Performance with an emphasis on Classical and Jazz.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE MC LAW?

MC Law was really the only logical choice. I have a young child and trying to tackle law school far away from home was not an option. Also, I have lived and built professional relationships in the Jackson area. MC Law was the only school I applied to and once I got accepted it was all she wrote!

WHAT WAS THE BEST ADVICE YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU BEGAN LAW SCHOOL?

The best advice I’ve received thus far is to remember to take time for yourself. I am and always have been a planner. And as a planner I hate to have assignments, readings, and deadlines hanging over my head. But the thing about law school is you will never be done with everything. You can always study more. You can always work ahead. There will never be a time when there is absolutely nothing to do (if you’re doing it right, that is). And because of that, sometimes it’s hard to just take a breath, especially when you’re like me and want to have everything done. But you have to enjoy life. Take time with your friends and family and most importantly with yourself. When you do, you’ll find that all the pressure that comes with this law school experience isn’t really so bad.

EVEN THOUGH I THINK YOU ARE A ROCKSTAR, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN LAW SCHOOL?

Ha! I wish I were a rockstar (a real one)! I was so active in undergrad with SGA, mentoring, and performing that once I got accepted into law school I promised I would just get my degree and get out—I failed miserably. But I wouldn’t trade one second of it! Right now, I am the External Appellate Chair of the Moot Court Board, a member of BLSA, the Business Law Association, and a pupil of the Inns of Court. A big challenge for me is learning how to say no. And once I figure it out, I’ll get back to you!

I BELIEVE EVERYONE WOULD AGREE THAT LAW SCHOOL IS SUCH A STRESSFUL AND RIGOROUS EXPERIENCE. WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK HARD?

Definitely my son. Whenever I feel like everything is getting to be too much I just think about the life I want him to have. He is the best little person I know. I want to give him the whole world, so I suck it up and do what I have to do!
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AS A FELLOW 3L, I KNOW I AM SEEING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KNOW GRADUATION IS FAST APPROACHING?

Can something be both the best feeling and the worst feeling in the world? I worked for a year between undergrad and law school, so I have seen the real world—it is a scary, scary place. But I know MC Law has better prepared me to deal with it this time!

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

My plans are up in the air right now! I wanted to make sure when I graduated that I knew exactly what I wanted to do, so I have kind of dabbled in all types of work. I’ve worked for the DA and the Secretary of State. I have externed with the Supreme Court of MS and worked for a few great firms both Plaintiff and Defense. And it is safe to say having all of this experience has definitely helped me narrow down my choices. But who knows what the future holds!

IF YOU WERE NOT IN LAW SCHOOL, WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

Rockstar. Hands down. Think Rihanna + Adele.
Deciding to study abroad was easy, preparing to study abroad was challenging, and studying abroad was enthralling.

Deciding to study abroad was pretty simple. After numerous attempts, I wanted to ensure my law education contained some international experience. That desire, along with numerous interest meetings filled with enticing stories, made the decision to study abroad simple. Armed with this knowledge, I knew I would be eating German food and seeing German sights in no time. Even though all of this and more would happen, I forgot to consider the stressful preparatory phase.

This phase, in many ways, is the most crucial, especially for students going to Germany. There is a sense of freedom when planning your trip, but this type of freedom in a foreign land can be terrifying. Choosing where to live, the flights to take, and remaining within a reasonable budget are extremely daunting, especially for first-year law students. But, the initial fear of freedom dissipates because you arrive on foreign ground on your terms. Now, what you’ve got is a sense of control. Now, the actual studying abroad begins.

Remember all of the statistics and the “you’ll become more independent after studying abroad” stories? They’re all true. The classroom environment remains relatively the same, but after that class time is over, a new experience begins. Because my life revolves around food, the types of food I wanted to eat usually influenced my days in Berlin. The most memorable dining experience was definitely Nocti Vagus, a restaurant that employs blind waiters. You choose your dinner from three menus (meat, vegetarian, or surprise), but the real surprise isn’t the food. After waiting for about twenty minutes, diners are led to a pitch-black room. Your sense of sight is eliminated for the entire dinner to simulate the experience of the blind. There are bound to be mishaps but the overall experience is worth any shattered glass or water spilled.

Speaking of water, not all water in Germany is created equal. That was the biggest culture shock for me. The Germans, at least the ones I interacted with, prefer a hybrid of mineral water and club soda. The regular or “still” water is usually more expensive and is predominantly used for making coffee or tea. This article can easily be all about the different foods in Berlin, but that might bore some people.

If sightseeing is more exciting for you, Berlin definitely does not disappoint. Everything from the Berlin TV Tower to the Berlin Wall is easily accessible. All you need is a willingness to explore. My favorite was East Side Gallery, an actual segment of the Berlin Wall filled with artwork from artists all over the world. The frustrations of German division and the relief from German unification are all expressed in artwork that attracts thousands of visitors each day.

I hope I have successfully expressed that studying abroad one of the greatest experiences a student can have in law school. We’ve got the time that won’t exist when in practice, so get out there. See the world! 40
One of the great things about our Law School and our downtown location is the opportunity for our students to hear prominent local speakers who are leaders in the legal community, in politics, or in business. In addition MC Law invites speakers of some renown to make presentations on special occasions. Student groups bring in speakers for their organizations on a weekly basis.

I want to share a few thoughts about how to get the most benefit and educational experience from a guest speaker whether it is a speaker for a particular class or one that is speaking during the lunch period to a student organization.

The first step is to be aware of the upcoming speakers and plan which ones you want to hear. Debbie Riddick’s daily emails provide a good source as the TV monitors.

After you note the time, date, and location on your calendar, do some research. Google the speaker’s name and then explore some of the sites that come up. See what issues the speaker holds dear and note facts such as where the speaker grew up, what schools the speaker attended, and what jobs or positions the speaker has held. See if there is some portion of the speaker’s background that you share so you can make that connection later.

Arrive a few minutes early for the program and sit towards the front. Have a question formulated before you arrive that you would like the speaker to address. Listen when the speaker talks to see if the question remains relevant, needs to be modified, or is supplanted by another question raised by the speaker’s remarks.

After the presentation when the moderator or the speaker invites questions, ASK A QUESTION! The question should be concise, open ended, and focus on the speaker. It should not be asked in a manner to show how smart you are, but should address an issue on which you want the speaker to comment or to clear up a point. Never use a question to embarrass or to argue with a speaker. Rather, a question should provide an intellectual exchange.

When asking a question, begin with your name, what year you are in law school, and where you are from. This adds interest and background to your question and allows the speaker to connect with you. If you are in a large auditorium type room, stand when you ask your question.

If a microphone has been set up for questioners to use, approach the microphone or stand in line to ask the question. Speak clearly into the microphone, ask your question, and then remain behind the microphone while the question is answered by the speaker. This will allow you to provide any supplemental information the speaker might request or allow you to say thank you at the end of the answer. You then step aside for the next questioner.

It is embarrassing and awkward when a guest speaker opens up for questions and there are none. It gives the speaker the impression that what was said was of little interest to the audience. Nothing makes a speaker feel better than to be peppered with thoughtful and genuine questions. In fact, many speakers would rather engage in the give and take of questions as opposed to speaking from a podium. Don’t be reluctant to ask the first question and get things going! Our speakers invariably comment on what a bright group of students we have when questions are asked.

After the event is concluded, go up and introduce yourself to the speaker. Give your name and where you are from and mention any common connection you have with the speaker. Speak briefly and shake hands and then allow others to speak.

It is always good to send the speaker a handwritten note afterwards. Such notes mean so much to a speaker and reflect favorably on you and your social graces. It also is a means to follow up if you want to stay in touch with the speaker.

Take advantage of the wonderful array of speakers who come to our Law School and use them as an opportunity to learn and make connections.

“Let Justice Roll”
As future lawyers, one thing is certain; each of us will travel distinct paths to acquire success. I presume this is what makes the law such an incredible but unpredictable profession. I, for one, am grateful that MC Law has rendered me this incredible opportunity to immerse myself in the study of law. Today, tomorrow, and forever, we are zealous advocates of just laws that create opportunities of fairness for a better society, and we have agreed to take an oath to become competent representatives for our clients to serve them in their time of need or crisis. I believe if we adopt these fundamental principles daily, our perception of the law school journey will best be served. If I may offer a nugget of advice, it would be to treat each reading and writing assignment as though you are representing a real-life client. This type of real-life thinking will force you to take your work seriously and yield necessary outcomes for your client.

As Barack Obama once said, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change we seek.” Kabah Ealy, MC Law class of 2004, has adopted this mantra and dedicated her life to it. She attributes her desire to be an attorney to her father, Carlton Fred McCullough, a short-lived attorney, who passed when she was 3 years old. As she grew up, she better understood the sacrifices her father made to become an attorney to help provide “justice for all.” Since her father was unable to live out his dream and professional legal career, she felt somewhat of an obligation and a desire to carry on his legacy.

That understanding fueled her quest to attend MC Law. I asked her if she considered any other law schools. She replied, “No, I knew I wanted to attend MC after I visited Dean Rosenblatt, and to this day we still have a relationship.” She said her law school experience was rich with immense opportunities, and after her first semester, she knew that it was her responsibility to continue her father’s dream.

After graduation, she worked for Langston Sweet & Freese, PA.; some years later for Morgan & Morgan, and Young Williams Law firm. Presently, she is the Vice President of Minact Incorporated. In these positions, she learned to legally and persuasively articulate laws that best served her clients. When asked what gave her the most happiness, she replied, “Whenever I called a client to tell them we settled for some amount, or after winning at trial, which gave my client a new opportunity at life.” As future lawyers, the law saves life, takes life, and even renews life; this we should always remember.

Most (if not all) of us can say that we have been seen by doctor, cared for by a nurse, dealt with an insurance company, and stood in line at a pharmacy; the list of exchanges possible with the healthcare industry is too numerous to list here. As ordinary people, we do not necessarily think about the laws and underlying policies implicated in each one of these interactions—but as future attorneys, we must. The Health Law Society (HLS) is a student-led organization, which seeks to facilitate opportunities that showcase the many points where these two seemingly independent fields, healthcare and the law, converge. And I’m here to tell you it is far more than medical malpractice. The Health Law Society endeavors to bridge a certain gap between the theory learned in the classroom and the embodied practice performed by health law attorneys.

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grate ourselves with our Jackson healthcare community as well as healthcare community at large. This means we must be both aware of and engaged in current and emerging issues in healthcare and the law. We want our speakers and events to reflect just that.

We kicked-off our monthly meetings in September with attorneys Courtney Hunt and Tina Brown. Courtney Hunt serves as a staff attorney for the Mississippi Center for Justice and works to prevent HIV/AIDS-status-related discrimination. Tina Brown serves as In-House Counsel for Sta-Home Health Services and spoke about her role in advising the company, ensuring compliance with healthcare laws, and writing appeals for denials of payment from CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

Our October meeting will feature attorneys Conner Reeves, who serves as General Counsel for the Mississippi State Medical Association, and Joyce Hall of Watkins and Eager, who currently as Chair-Elect, will become the Chair of the Health Law Section of American Bar Association in 2016.

In November we are excited to host attorneys Andy Taggart of Taggart, Rimes, and Graham, PLLC and Stan Ingram of Biggs, Ingram, and Solop, PLLC who will speak from opposing perspectives on healthcare provider discipline hearings in front of a state regulatory board/agency. Ingram will discuss representation of the state disciplinary agency while Taggart will discuss representation of a healthcare provider before the authoritative agency.

Healthcare is one of the largest and ever-evolving industries in the United States. And it is one with which we all inevitably participate. It changes and grows daily. So also must the law and its practitioners tasked with addressing the variety of legal issues accompanying such a dynamic field. We desire that the Health Law Society will both enlighten students to the many facets and opportunities in health law practice and provide a forum for learning and interaction with notable health law attorneys and leaders.

We hope to see you at one of our future Health Law Society meetings or events! 40

Q: Is it true that Professor Hetherington moonlights as a bus driver on the Flowood to Jackson route?

Notwithstanding Mr. Hetherington’s fondness of grey suits with narrow lapels, black ties, and matching caps, he does not moonlight as a bus driver. The thing on his lapel, which appears to be an emblem of a greyhound, is a gravy stain.

March 16, 1979

Q: Why does a certain individual walk through the library all the time?

This person obviously has nothing to do, or no one to be with, and probably needs to see a psychiatrist.

April 1986

Q: During App. Ad. the judge asked me questions I couldn’t answer or understand. Does this mean I haven’t learned anything?

You’re not supposed to understand App. Ad., just survive it. If you won, congratulations. If you lost, WHO CARES. It’s a pass/fail class, anyway. Worry about your real classes.

March 1994

To submit your question, email it to legaleyemc.edu, and hopefully the Wiseone will deem it worthy of a response in the next issue of The Legal Eye.
It is common knowledge that law school is full of tense deadlines and high stress assignments. Every now and then, students need to take a breather, relieve that stress and remember how to have fun. The Metropolitan Bank Flag Football Tournament provided a day to do just that.

The aspiring lawyers of MC Law are usually studying and perfecting their legal skills, but on the first Friday of October, they were showcasing their skills with the pigskin. Students formed their teams and came together on the football field in a double elimination tournament for good fun and friendly competition.

The Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) and the Law Student Body Association (LSBA) joined forces to bring the event to their fellow students, securing sponsorships from the community and making sure that the only thing students had to worry about was putting points on the scoreboard. Metropolitan Bank, John R. Lewis Realty, Academy Sports and Outdoors and Mississippi Barbell were a few of the gracious contributors. With their help, the tournament was a major success that SELS and LSBA leaders hope becomes an annual tradition.

While most students were reminded that their glory days are long in the past, some were able to impress the crowds with long runs and accurate passes as they found their way to the end zone. Everyone, however, enjoyed the buffet of delicious BBQ pulled pork and brisket provided by Dickey’s BBQ.

After a long day of football, the Law Dogs anchored by elusive 3L, Stephen Otey, faced off in the championship game against Come Get This L, led by the speed of 1L, Stonie Lyons. The Law Dogs came out on top (for the second year in a row), forever engraving their names onto the championship plaque.

Win or lose, students were able to let loose and forget about work for a day. Some faculty and staff, like Professor Jackson, Professor Anderson and Dean Rosenblatt, were even able to make it out to cheer on their favorite students, although they’ll never admit who they were.

Murmurs can already be heard from those already putting together their teams for next year. Until then, they can continue to rest their bruises and soreness, as the most common phrase since the tournament has been; “I’m not as young as I once was.”
There is a fire hydrant on my desk that reads “Associate Dean.” It is a Styrofoam, stress reliever-type thing that was left here by my predecessor, Phillip McIntosh. Clever, I thought. After all, associate deans across the country quip about “putting out fires.” I will admit that I initially did not give the fire hydrant the respect that it was due; my three-year-old daughter ripped it the first time she visited my office this summer. Take note: this is no child’s toy.

Let me explain the significance of the fire hydrant through the call of this essay from The Legal Eye’s editors, which was to give some visibility into the office of the Academic Dean.

The formal job description of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs notes that the person serving in this role is the Chief Academic Officer of the institution, responsible for ensuring compliance with, among other things, the accreditation requirements of the American Bar Association (ABA) and American Association of Law Schools (AALS). My older brother is in the business world. He gets impressed by any title with the word “Chief” in it. That alone is probably worth the price of admission (er, promotion). But what does this chief actually do?

More often than not, ensuring compliance with ABA and AALS standards is easy. MC Law operates pursuant to institutional policies (most of which can be found online in the Course Catalog) that already reflect compliance. Examples include the number of credits required for graduation, or the number of classroom hours that a student may take off campus. From time to time, I am asked to determine whether (or how) a unique circumstance involving a student can be handled within this framework—such as students spending a semester in a different city and taking courses remotely. At the risk of stating the obvious, when the ABA or AALS change their standards, we must adjust. To illustrate: the ABA recently adopted new standards regarding the assessment of student learning outcomes. I chair the committee that has been charged with developing a plan for MC Law to come into compliance with these new standards. It is a multi-year process.

We also have policies specific to MC Law with which we must comply. I might be asked to determine whether a given situation is a permissible exception to an institutional policy—such as dropping or adding a course after the designated period for doing so. Despite often being, by their nature, exceptions, these are relatively easy things. They come in relatively predictable waves, and rarely require me to make use of my fire hydrant.

As with many other things in life, the challenging aspect of this job comes from that which I cannot predict. Every morning I check my calendar to see what meetings are planned for the day. I develop a mental or sometimes physical list of what I will try to accomplish in between those meetings (yes, I am both anal retentive and a control freak). Then I open my office door, turn on my computer, open my inbox, and read all of the emails that will prevent me from accomplishing anything on said list.

Now, don’t get me wrong. This brings with it a certain level of excitement (using a very loose definition of that term). And if nothing else, being Associate Dean serves as an interesting social experiment. For instance, I’ve learned that there is a species of grandmother who can die multiple times over a three-year period, but apparently only in the months of December and May (or during intersessions). Also, you can never trust someone who starts a conversation with “do you have a second” or “this will only take a minute.” This person’s perception of a “second” is

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skewed wildly from the true definition: “the duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the caesium 133 atom” (a fact I learned elsewhere, which belongs to The Legal Eye’s next issue). This mental skewing is perhaps caused by the fact that no matter how young, old, educated, etc. people are, they are convinced that (1) their problem is the most important problem ever experienced by humankind; and (2) it is the only problem currently facing humanity as we know it, and must be resolved this instant.

Of course, I jest. One of the better differences between being a full-time academic and being an administrator is that I can rejoice in small victories on a fairly regular basis. It can take months or even years of toiling before gaining the opportunity to celebrate the publication of an article. Now, I might see a smile within twenty minutes from a person who enters my office on the verge of tears or in the midst of a panic attack. It makes my day (nay, my week) to see emails about abandonment (regarding the recent bar results) turn into emails of appreciation for all that we are doing to assist our recent graduates.

This is the work that takes up most of my day: fielding issues as they come up, ranging from off-color student comments made on social media, or varying faculty opinions regarding web design, and on to very serious family crises, or issues potentially affecting our very institutional existence. My challenge is to give them all the respect they deserve while not losing sight—and in fact, viewing them in the context—of the bigger picture.

So please do stop by with any questions, concerns, or complaints. Fires and other crises of various sorts arise. Luckily, there is a fire hydrant on my desk…with tape on it. 40

STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND GO TO Livingston, MS!

By: David Horton, Staff Writer

You need to go to Livingston, Mississippi. Right now. This very second. Livingston Square is built around the original town square of Livingston erected in the 1800s that over time transformed into a densely covered woodland area, which is now seeing a great revival. After you get past the suburbia that is Madison, the air becomes lighter and the drive becomes something out of a country song—winding back roads and fields of green.

As I pulled up, I see a sign to my left with directions to get to the farmers market. Gravel rolling under my tires, I park right across from the general store, Livingston Mercantile—a restaurant, gourmet grocery, gifts, provisions and an upscale convenience store with a full service gas station. Walking through Livingston Mercantile is like walking through an adult toy store—mouth wide open, taking in all of the goodies. Upstairs I find an industrial-styled restaurant. The ceilings were lined with tin, which the owner, Bowen Eason, had to jump through quite a few hoops with the health department to get every piece sealed and protected. This dining hotspot named “The Gathering” carries a variety of hand-made gifts and home décor along with a delectable menu ranging from roasted duck to fried catfish. I had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. Eason about the concept of Livingston and how the dreamers made Liv-

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ingston Square a reality. He stated that the entire concept of the town square was in the works for over six years, and a little over a year ago, the Square came into existence along with having the number one best farmers markets in the state of Mississippi.

After visiting with Mr. Eason, I took a stroll right around the corner to find a farmers market filled with booths set up by local farmers, merchants, and artists. It’s not your typical market, though. There was a rooster akin to a peacock on showcase right in the very center. I mean, I’ve seen roosters before, but this bird was beautiful. The tents ranged from locally bottled cold drip coffee to homemade jams. I felt like I stepped out of the city for a moment and made it back to my grandmother’s house, where everything was made with purpose and care. Now, of course I did not leave without buying anything. I ended up buying a painted silhouette of a mallard duck—the only one of its kind—because the artist, Tamra Garner, said she only painted certain things for different moods; so, naturally I impulsively bought it.

I made a few more stops, namely: Farmers Table Cooking School, Livingston Cellars, The Cellar Door, and County Seat. One of my favorites of these places was County Seat. The entire restaurant exuded west meets south: from the cedar covered dining tables to the wide-open deck with live music, and friendly employees, I was absolutely enraptured with Livingston. I had to force myself to leave. The old south charm and the unique offerings of each business was an unforgettable experience. The Farmers Market begins at 4 o’clock in the afternoon every Thursday. The restaurants have regular business hours during the week if you’re looking for a quick bite. If you’re looking for a short getaway from the hustle of Jackson, take a trip down to Livingston. I promise you’ll have to force yourself to leave.

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MC LAW USES 9/11 TO FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF STUDENT VETERANS

By: Richard Meyer, Director of the Foreign Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program

On September 11, 2015 the Military Justice Society and the International and Comparative Law Center (ICLC) in conjunction with the International Programs Office at MC Law sponsored a panel on the unique challenges facing veterans who attend law school. The panel was lead and moderated by Professor John Haskell, who along with Richard Meyer and Evan Seamone, has spearheaded multiple veterans initiatives in the last year. The panel event was titled, ‘The Rules of Engagement: At Home and Abroad’ and is available to watch from the MC Law ICLC seminar series website page.

The first speaker was Professor Richard Meyer, a retired soldier with twenty-six years of military service as both an enlisted Soldier and a JAG officer. Professor Meyer called attention to the unique legal environment of the asymmetric battlefield. He explained that military deployed to an armed conflict are outside the ordinary protection of law that civilians reside within. Uniformed enemy can kill a U.S. Soldier without fear of criminal punishment. Further, in the modern asymmetric environment, the threat can come from...
any direction and almost any member of the local populace. Soldiers necessarily develop reactive survival skills that they have difficulty setting aside once they make it home.

Ron Carbo, a 2L Marine veteran of the first Gulf War, followed Meyer and discussed an array of possible options to support veterans while they face the increased stress is law school. Carbo suggested that all law school faculty and staff be trained to identify the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Carbo shared that he had suffered from PTSD for years before it was diagnosed. Carbo also suggested a mentorship program for all 1L veterans and other support initiatives.

The third speaker was Professor Evan Seamone, who still serves as an Army Reserve Judge Advocate. Seamone is a nationally recognized expert on the subject of Veterans courts and will be on an episode of 60 Minutes discussing that subject later this year. He discussed the need for judicial expertise in dealing with veterans’ issues. He explained how this need was being met by the development of Veterans courts across the country. Professor Seamone also warned that much more needed to be done.

The audience consisted of students from all three year classes, student veterans, members of the Mississippi National Guard, alumni and some veterans from the local community. There was a lively question and answer session after the presentation as the entire audience exhibited deep concern for the issues raised.

Professor Haskell closed out this very successful event by declaring that this was just the first step in the long journey towards providing veterans the support they have earned. The next event sponsored by the Military Justice Society, the ICLC and the International Programs Office will occur on November 11th/ Veterans Day. Be sure to check the Announcements to get further details.

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ARBTRATION: TRENDING UP

By: Bill Leech

Bill Leech is an equity shareholder at Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush P.A., and is an adjunct professor of Arbitration Practice and Procedure and of Consumer Bankruptcy at MC School of Law.

Arbitration is one form of what is known as alternative dispute resolution ("ADR"). ADR encompasses the various alternatives to litigation as a means of resolving disputes among parties.

In arbitration, an arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators rules on a dispute between parties, as opposed to that decision being made by a judge or jury. The decision of the arbitrator comes in the form of an arbitration award, which can then be confirmed as a judgment by a court.

The use of arbitration in the United States has grown in popularity over the years. Indeed, arbitration is routinely used today with regard to disputes in various areas, such as construction, labor and employment, maritime matters, commercial matters, securities regulation, consumer transactions, real estate matters and professional sports matters. If you have bought a car, purchased a computer over the internet or have credit card accounts, it is likely that you have entered into one or more arbitration agreements.

While arbitration has traditionally been used by parties to resolve disputes over the interpretation or performance of contractual obligations, the United States Supreme Court has expanded the application of the Federal Arbitration Act to govern a wide range of additional disputes, such as those concerning statutory rights.

There are several characteristics of arbitration that make it different from litigation:

- Arbitration proceedings are private, and not open to the public. They are oftentimes held in a private conference room setting, rather than in a large, public courtroom.
- Arbitration awards are generally confidential, with a few exceptions such as maritime arbitration awards, which are sometimes published. But even confidential arbitration awards can become of public record once suit is filed to confirm the arbitration award.
- Arbitration awards are usually binding, but the parties can agree to non-binding arbitration.
- Arbitrations are usually less expensive for the parties as to attorney’s fees. This is because most arbitrations tend to have far less discovery and motion practice than is allowed in state or federal court litigation.
- Arbitration service provider’s fees are generally more expensive than court filing fees, especially in proceedings with larger amounts in controversy.
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- In matters involving larger amounts in controversy, arbitrators charge the parties on an hourly basis for the time spent by the arbitrators in deciding the dispute, whereas oftentimes in matters with small amounts in controversy the arbitrator’s fee is a fixed fee of a relatively small amount. By contrast, judges in state and federal court litigation are of course already paid a salary by the government.
- Arbitrations are usually quicker and more efficient than most state and federal court litigation.
- Arbitrations are established by agreement of the parties, by statute, or by treaty.
- Whereas state and federal court litigation is governed by rules of civil procedure, the parties to an arbitration can make specific provisions within their agreement for the procedures to be followed in the arbitration proceeding. Unless the arbitration agreement provides otherwise, arbitrators are not obligated to follow either state or federal rules of evidence or state or federal rules of civil procedure.
- The parties can choose to provide in their arbitration agreement for the selection of non-lawyer experts to adjudicate their dispute.
- The grounds for appeal of an arbitration award are extremely limited, generally on grounds of alleged fundamental procedural errors in the arbitration proceeding amounting to a failure to provide the parties with a fair, reasonable opportunity to present their arguments and their evidence. Most courts do not allow merit-based grounds of appeal. The parties can, however, provide in their arbitration agreement for an arbitration appeals panel to consider merit-based grounds for appeal (as well as other parameters governing the appeal to the arbitration appeal panel).


*Arbitration Law, by Catherine V. W. Stone and Richard A. Bales (2nd edition 2012) (Foundation Press)*
Solo practice is looked down upon by many people. Some argue that solo practice is the last refuge of someone not smart enough, too lazy, or downright too crazy to practice in a firm setting. Well, that is outdated thinking. In today’s legal market in Mississippi, solo practitioners are setting themselves up for success. Some fail, as all business ventures will have some failures, but others are determined to beat the band. Why is that? Where should young solos start? How are they finding clients? It is all about the personality of the person that is caught between two stools: the gambler who opens his or her own shop or the safer method of working for a firm, assuming a job can be found. Pros and cons exist on both sides and certain folks will be better suited for one option or the other. On a personal level, I have seen both sides of these decisions. I’m engaged to a gal who works for a small workers comp firm here in town and I struck out on my own looking to do better than break even in my first year out.

I could not write a book on how to be a solo. I could not write a business model to save my life. What I can do is explain what I have seen others do that has worked or not and what I have done to sign clients, deal with the courts, and attempt to be a one man band.

I was a child of Highlights Magazine. Many would recognize this as the magazine that dentist offices keep for kids to look at and giggle as they flip the pages waiting to get a cavity filled. In Highlights, there was always a comic called “Goofus and Galant” that for some reason stuck with me over time. The premise was that Galant always did things the right way and Goofus was a doofus. While considering this piece, I immediately thought of other solos that act more like Goofus or more like Galant.

Galant: Strikes out on his own by laying the groundwork early and often. Galant attends any networking event he can. Galant does not ignore the opportunities around him and always is talking up his business. He finds a law firm through his networking that is renting an extra office or cubicle and has a conference room he can use. Galant never turns down a potential client because Galant has made connections with other attorneys in fields which he is not proficient. Galant has carved a small niche for himself and makes sure others know he is available. Galant does not cut corners. Galant knows that a chance meeting of an older lawyer in a courthouse is not to be wasted. Galant keeps his promises. He emails when he says he will and returns phone calls as soon as possible. Galant always has plenty of business cards and chats up everyone from store clerks to grease monkeys at the lube shop. Galant starts filling up his office with client files and even has return customers due to his good personality and sound legal advice. Luck favors the hardworking and Galant makes a solid salary that he uses to expand his business by hiring a legal assistant or advertising to gain more clientele.

Goofus: Clumsily opens a law practice with a rent he cannot afford and the idea that he isn’t going to share his fees with anyone. He can do it all on his own and doesn’t need anyone else. Goofus hates those people who got jobs at other firms so he doesn’t waste time talking with them. Goofus clocks in at 8 and leaves at 5 and never calls a client back after hours or on the weekend because that is “Goofus Time.” Goofus never hustles and never plays the part of a small business owner. Goofus sits at his desk and waits for his phone to ring or his office door to jingle. Neither does often and Goofus stews. When the phone does ring, Goofus answers in a foul mood and scares people off. When (by some miracle) a potential client does come for a consult, Goofus spends more time talking about himself and what he does than listening to the client’s issues and offering sound legal advice. Goofus always scares a client into signing up by overstating possible negative outcomes and understating the possibility of a good outcome should the client not sign up. Even a blind pig finds a truffle now and then and Goofus gets by financially but barely. Goofus starts looking for jobs on craigslist and even non-law job opportunities.

Okay, so many are thinking, “We know this part…that is the easy and obvious part. How do solos get clients other than by just being nice?” If this is crossing your mind, go back and review the Galant paragraph.

By: Aaron Hommell, MC Law ’14

LIFE OF A SOLO

GOOFUS OR GALANT?

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Things many overlook:

1. Galant opened a niche practice. Galant is “the guy” among his friend group and a growing number of lawyers after he successfully gets through a few cases and networks his business to others. Galant can charge more for his services in this field because he is proficient. Galant can easily network with other attorneys because he isn’t coming after their business. He may be crossing the other lawyer in this niche…but that is one lawyer, not twenty.

2. Galant doesn’t go out and rent a grand office and fill it with furniture. Galant uses his networking to scope out a simple office to work from until he can afford a storefront or building. I have seen so many make the mistake of renting an office (or worse, borrowing money to rent an office space) and then have no fees to pay the rent with or pay back the loans; never the less the rest of the start up costs in a business. Remember, the internet is a friend. I have many clients who never meet me in person until we walk into court together.

3. Galant laid the groundwork early and often: More law students should plan for a solo spot at an earlier time in their law school journey. Even if a student decides not to go the solo route, they will have more experience with the business and networking elements that go into practice, thus making them a better candidate for employment at a firm.

4. Galant never stops chatting up his practice. This is huge. A law office is a small business. Why do young lawyers continue to ignore this? Make good business decisions! One great business decision is to get your practice in front of as many people as possible. A solo practice can have one chance encounter make or break their year financially. Anecdotally, I know a lawyer who raked in over $100,000 in legal fees on a case where he overheard people talking and interjected himself into the conversation. This lawyer had only passed the bar two months earlier.

5. Galant expanded as he could. Galant did not take home everything that the office made in a week. Remember: this is a business. If an attorney fails to treat the business as a living and breathing extension of his or herself, then the business will die. It requires constant attention; just like a small child. Children grow out of shirts and shoes and businesses grow out of one man shops into larger entities. Grow when available.

Being more of a Galant and less of a Goofus will help any lawyer, but it is especially important when the stresses are squarely on the shoulders of a solo.

IllegaL batting in the NFL

By: Kyle Swafford, Staff Writer

We all know—or at least pretend to know, when it benefits our team—the basic rules of football. Holding, pass interference, off-sides, and false starts... Most of you probably even associated the corresponding officials’ hand signals when you read the words. However, I’m willing to bet that none of you knows the rule or the gesture of an “Illegal Bat.” After all, neither did the NFL’s finest officials.

On a certain Monday evening in early October, ESPN graced us with another game analyzed by the great Jon Gruden in an NFC matchup between the Seattle Seahawks and the Detroit Lions. Viewers got to appreciate a primarily defensive battle, with a final score of 13-10, Seattle’s favor. Sadly, the game could have ended much differently (giving Matthew Stafford, Lions’ QB, his first road win against a .500 team or better) if a certain rules violation had been penalized.

Having struggled most of the game, the Lions regained the ball with roughly six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. With a little over two minutes left, the Lions were at “3rd & 1” on Seattle’s 11-yard line. Stafford dropped a few steps back before attempting to pass the ball to Calvin “Mega-Tron” Johnson in the end zone. Just before the ball crossed the goal line, however, Seattle’s Cam Chancellor knocked the ball out

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which could have been easily recovered by Seattle’s K.J. Wright. Instead, and with a certain amount of self-satisfaction, Wright tapped the ball out of bounds to get a touch-back and give Seattle the ball—and a chance to run out the clock. This brings us to the crux of our dilemma here: that tap was illegal, and the related missed call just might have blown the game for the Lions.

Let’s take a look at Rule 12, and I’m not for dismissing for failure to state a claim. Okay, that was painful, but it’s over now. Here’s the rule for an Illegal Bat in the NFL:

Rule 12, Section 4, Article 1
Illegal Bat

It is an illegal bat if: (a) a player of either team bats or purchases a loose ball that has touched the ground in any direction, if it is in either end zone
Penalty: If the foul is by the defense, it is an automatic first down.

Basically, as the defender, you cannot purposely hit, kick, or toss out of bounds a loose ball that comes into the end zone. If you dove for the ball trying to recover it and accidentally knock the ball out of bounds in that effort, that would be fine. What you cannot do is give the ball momentum for the purpose to make it go out of bounds.

What should have happened when Wright purposefully pushed the ball out of the end zone was a call against him under Rule 12. Then, the Lions would have had the ball where they last had possession. That would have been on the one-yard line. More significantly, it would have been half the distance from the one-yard line to the goal line and an automatic first down. At that point, the Lions would have had four chances to move the ball a mere eighteen inches for a touchdown, other factors aside. But, as mentioned earlier, because an official did not call the violation, the Lions did not get this opportunity.

What is most disappointing of all is how badly this call was missed. It was blatant. When I watched it live, I asked my roommate, “Did you see that? Why wouldn’t he recover it?” Admittedly, at the time I didn’t know that it was an illegal bat, but I just couldn’t understand why Wright didn’t just grab it. I thought the whole thing was odd—and then I looked it up. Surely the back judge, who gets paid to know the rules just five feet away, would think the same thing, but he did not. There was also no way to review the play; it was a clear fumble and defensive “recovery”, and no touchdown.

Oftentimes, fans hate to see the refs give the game away on controversial or “ticky-tack” calls. Obviously, there would much less dispute and fanfare if we never encountered calls that required much judgment. This was not the case here, though. Sure, Calvin Johnson should have been a little quicker to retrieve the pass himself. Sure, there were three other quarters-worth of possibilities to win the game. But in the same way that you don’t feel sorry for the Lions for fumbling, you wouldn’t feel sorry for the Seahawks if the call had been made—Wright purposefully knocked it out of bounds in a clear violation of game rules.

At the end of the day, though, Seattle improved to 2-2, the Lions sank to 0-4, and I went 3-0 in my fantasy leagues for the week. And let’s face it: now that I’ve gotten this off my chest to you folks, that last stat is the one that really matters.
portion, and I would cover the entertainment law side. Six months later, we are very proud to have The Lawful Thread up and running at full speed.

What’s with the name?

We believe the law is the common thread behind the media we interact with every day. Whatever the outlet—music, film, radio, sports, fashion, news, advertising—the law shapes the industry. It’s threaded into what you’re already doing, whether you realize it or not. What the average person sees is only part of the story; The Lawful Thread gives readers a look behind the curtain into the legal undercurrent of the sports and entertainment world.

What can we expect from The Lawful Thread?

Our readers should expect to learn something—and have a good time doing it! Our weekly articles marry broad legal concepts with current, relevant sports and entertainment topics. We’ll also be interviewing artists, athletes, managers, entrepreneurs, and other professionals from the area to share with you their stories about the intersection of their work and the law. The Lawful Thread strives to be engaging, witty, and street smart. We want our readers to think “Hey, I could talk with a friend about this right now.” It’s the missing link between ‘boring’ law and entertainment; we’re bringing energy to the legal transactions that drive the business of sports and entertainment!

As most students quickly discover, law school is an entirely different animal than the undergraduate level or any previous academic endeavor. It requires almost all of your time, and even your free time is spent outlining or briefing cases in preparation for class. It can be extremely stressful, as you realize that you are in competition and graded against everyone in your class. Although law school should be a top priority, it is important not to forget about your family, friends, and other relationships.

Your family can be your biggest support system and is probably the most understanding of your decision to undertake an additional three years of rigorous academics. Unlike friends and other relationships, who may not understand how much time you need to devote to law school, your family may be more likely to see how valuable of an experience it is for you as well as being in your best interest.

Being extremely close to my family, I make sure to see them as often as I can. Fortunately, Jackson is only about two hours away from where my family lives, so it is easier to take time to see them at least once every two weeks. I know others are not as fortunate. MC Law has many students who have traveled very far to come here, for example New York, New Jersey, California, and even Hawaii. Additionally, the law school has several international students. However, communication with your families is essential, whether that communication be in person, phone, or e-mail.

As I mentioned before, it is easy to become stressed and forget about other important things, such as your family and other relationships. However, allocating some time to talk with friends and family can help alleviate a lot of that stress. For example, if you have spent five hours in the library researching, writing, or briefing, take a moment to call someone close to you and talk about things other than law school. Go out to eat, to the gym, or to the movies with friends and discuss other things that will give your mind a break. While law school is extremely important and crucial in preparing you for your future, it should not be your only priority. Once you graduate and pass your chosen state’s bar, you will still want to
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R O N C A R B O
A LEGEND AMONG US

By: Jay Long, 2L

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1986, he made his first big move to take on Boston and the East Coast to attend Berklee College of Music.

Ron fell in love with Boston; the pace of the city suited him, with one little exception: the frigid winters. Ron excelled at Berklee, eventually receiving a Bachelors of Music with an emphasis in film scoring and music production/engineering. Later, Ron would go on to continue his education at Jackson State University, earning a Masters of Science in Education and a Specialist in Education. A lifelong student, his work toward a Ph.D. in Education from Jackson State University is only paused for law school.

While studying at Berklee, Ron took a job as a janitor at Maurice Starr’s House of Hits studio—providing him with behind-the-scenes exposure in one of the hottest studios in the industry. Here, he met Greg McPherson, a producer who encouraged him to learn from his fellow producers and engineers every chance he got, and even allowed Ron to use the studio equipment “after hours” to develop his skills. As Ron will tell you, preparation, with a little bit of luck and an eye for opportunity, is the key to success. Late one night, Maurice Starr arrived at the studio to record a new track; with no one else in the studio and a budding familiarity with the equipment, Ron quickly volunteered to fill in as an engineer for the project. The next day there was a new janitor and Ron was—officially—a studio engineer for the “hit maker.”

Ron’s tenure with House of Hits opened the door for him to work with premiere artists on a series of award-winning albums. Throughout his career in the music industry, he has worked with some of the biggest names of the era, including New Kids On The Block, Mark Wahlberg, Will Smith, and Janet Jackson. Ron became a superstar in the studio, accumulating dozens of gold records, platinum records, Grammy Awards, and other industry awards over the years.

The chapters in Ron’s life did not happen in finite, consecutive periods, though. In 1988, Ron joined the Marines, where he served until 1995. Initially, he joined as a reservist to help pay for college. In 1990, though, when many of his current classmates were learning to walk, Desert Storm broke out, and Ron entered active duty, subsequently deploying to Saudi Arabia. There, Ron worked with the Marine units tasked with making a direct incursion into Kuwait—directly across an expansive mine field, while Army units circumvented the field in an effort to cut off the Iraqi Army. Well, that was the plan: Ron’s firsthand account relays a scene reminiscent of Hollywood: the Marines moved so quickly across the minefield, and the Iraqis so quickly away, that ultimately there was no one for the Army to engage. (Sorry, Army, but Ron tells that story like a “true” Marine. And you can take up the merits of that debate with the Marine, himself.)

Following an honorable service discharge and a return stateside, Ron returned to his first love: music. In 1992, he moved to New York and took a job with Wynton Marsalis as a copyist. A few short months later, Ron was attending President Clinton’s inauguration with Marsalis in Washington, D.C. After meeting the President, Ron was waiting in a staging area for the concert to begin, where he had the opportunity to visit with The King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Ron continued to work for Marsalis for the next seven years, collaborating on projects that won Grammy Awards and Pulitzer Prizes.

Ultimately, Ron’s marriage brought him from the bustling East Coast to Jackson, Mississippi, his wife’s hometown. This is where Ron has chosen to lay his roots. Father of three, Ron has a son, Brent, and two daughters, Jolie and Bria. His son studies at Hinds and has followed in his father’s footsteps as he pursues his own career in the music industry. Jolie is a talented student-athlete attending University of Mississippi on scholarship, while Bria is active in athletics at Clinton High School, in addition to working in music with her brother. Ron is proud of his children for their accomplishments and their discipline in pursuing their goals, and makes it a priority to be active in their lives. And, while supporting their dreams, he also makes it a point to stress to them the importance of pursuing a formal education.

Since making his home in Mississippi, Ron has founded Soul Kitchen Recording Studio, a premier studio for urban and gospel music, as well as Carbo Entertainment Group, LLC, an artist management firm. He has started the Carbo Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes music, arts,
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and sports to children that do not otherwise have access to those extracurricular activities. He hopes to expand the Foundation’s work after law school to help immigrants with legal needs.

Alongside law school, Ron has continued his work in the music industry. Ever the suave businessman, he only hints for now to “a couple of big projects on the horizon” that he won’t discuss “on the record” just yet. In addition to those projects, he is currently the producer on a new project with Bobby Rush, a Mississippi Blues icon, and Terminal Studios. There’s no comment from this modest Marine on the rumors suggesting Grammy attention for this project.

Ron is currently in his second year at MC Law and says that he feels comfortable here; this statement is significant for yet another anomaly to his road to land here: Ron initially started law school at Ole Miss, but quickly realized that was not the place for him. Here at MC Law, he has found a better fit with the administrators, faculty, and students that he interacts with on a daily basis. He praises the nurturing and welcoming feel of MC Law, referring specifically to the inclusivity extended to both traditional and non-traditional students.

Ron wants to practice Entertainment and Sports Law, building on his music industry roots and connections, in addition to the interest he’s expressed in visiting the arena of immigration law through the Carbo Foundation. When asked if there was any other area of law that interested him, he replied with that classic sideways grin, “Whatever pays the bills.”

Finally, I asked Ron for the most important advice he could give to his fellow students about law school and life beyond. He said, “Network, network, network. Grades are important, but life is really more about ‘who’ you know than ‘what’ you know.”

To say that Ron Carbo is a “non-traditional student” is wholly inadequate. The life experience he brings to our campus is an asset to the institution, as well as every student here. If you do not know Ron, take my advice and get to know him: he is truly one of the best people you will meet while you attend MC Law. Since meeting him in June 2014, I have considered Ron a colleague—but I am blessed to call him “friend.”

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Professor Jeffrey Jackson

Professor Jeffrey Jackson has been teaching at MC Law since 1987. He received his Bachelor degree from Haverford College in 1978 and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1983. Professor Jackson decided to become a lawyer because, in his community growing up, lawyers were respected as professionals. They were viewed as problem solvers, and had the power and knowledge to help you in time of need.

His legal role model is Herschel Rose. Rose became Jackson’s mentor in law school after Jackson’s father passed, and later they became close friends. Jackson describes Rose warmly, stating that he was very generous with his time and advice, and allowed Jackson to make mistakes at full speed, as only a mentor would.

Is it possible to measure Professor Jackson’s impact on MC Law? Can it be measured in the amount of teaching awards? He has won thirty-one of them on local and national levels. Can it be measured in the amount of books he’s written? He has written and co-authored fifteen of those. What about his presence in the legal community? His reputation on the Bar is widespread and

by: Kathlyn Faulkner, Staff Writer

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unsurpassed. Then there’s his renowned teaching style...his ability to turn the most complex material into subject matter that even the greenest 1L can understand? His teaching style, like his personal style, is like no other as it combines wit, humor, insight, understanding, awareness, and high standards. Having him as a professor is an experience, and a privileged one, within itself.

Can his impact be measured by the opinions of his peers? When I posed the question to some of Professor Jackson’s colleagues of how they would describe his impact on MC Law, the responses I received were resounding and similar in their respect and admiration of him. Professor Jackson is synonymous with MC Law. His impact is his presence. There is no one more talented or accomplished here. No one has done more for the law school in terms of enhancing the school’s reputation and helping out students and graduates than he. We are all beneficiaries of his unconditional loyalty, devotion, and love for the law school. Over the many years we have spent here together, we have become not only colleagues, but also great friends. To describe him in one word would make him seem flat and one dimensional, which he is not, but we can try: Superb. Memorable. Professional. Unique. Peerless.

While his presence can be intimidating (his resume is literally 13 pages long), my interview with him revealed a warm and humble soul. And when I asked him what he would like his legacy at MC Law to be, he stated that he is proud of being a lawyer, proud to educate lawyers, proud of students exceeding him, and proud to have helped law students, as well as the profession, grow.

Special thanks to Professors Jackson, Lee, Hetherington, and Campbell, as well as Deans Miller and Emeritus Rosenblatt for their contributions to this article, MC Law, and the legal profession.

JACKSON RESTAURANT WEEK
AND OTHER JACKSON HAPPENINGS

By: Bethany Gaal, 2L

The sixth annual Jackson Restaurant Week was held October 5-11 and showcased the best of Jackson restaurants’ delectable offerings. Presented by EatJxn, Jackson Restaurant Week is a great way for Jackson residents (or passers-through) to check out the city’s culinary scene while also raising money for charities in the area.

How it works: Over 30 restaurants in the Jackson area participated, with some serving special restaurant week-only menu items (some 2015 favorites were Babalu’s Stuffed Pork Tenderloin with Honey Chipotle Glaze and the Pimento Cheese BLT from The Gathering at Livingston). Supporters nominated local charities, and diners could choose at their table from the ten finalists to be awarded cash at the end of the week. The eligible charities included:

- Ever Reaching Community Outreach
- Gateway Rescue Mission
- Grace House Services
- Jackson Free Clinic
- Magnolia Speech School
- Methodist Children’s Homes of Mississippi
- Mississippi Spay and Neuter
- Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.
- The Salvation Army of Greater Jackson, and
- Stewpot Community Services

If you missed it this year, head to www.jacksonrestaurantweek.com to create your personalized dining guide for 2016, and visit www.eatjackson.com for all your dining out needs.
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From the LSBA to the ABA, Sarah-Lindsey Ott has striven for the success and recognition of MC Law, and she has earned it quite graciously. During her 1L year, Sarah-Lindsey was elected to the judicial branch of the LSBA, where she served as an honor court justice. However, when the honor court was dissolved during her 2L year, Sarah-Lindsey wanted to find a way to remain active in the organization—that is when she found her role with the American Bar Association.

Sarah-Lindsey began her 2L year working under Leanna Cannafax on the executive branch of the LSBA as Co-ABA Representative for MC Law. During that time, Sarah-Lindsey learned the ins-and-outs of the ABA and quickly discovered the significance of membership in such an outstanding organization. Sarah-Lindsey discovered the huge benefits and opportunities available to not only herself as an individual, but also to MC Law. She recognized that the stronger the law school’s presence was in the ABA, the more attention the school gained. Sarah-Lindsey, seeing how positive the attention was for MC Law and wanting to continue that work, applied and was selected to be a Lieutenant Governor for the 10th Circuit of the ABA Law Student Division. By the end of her 2L year, Sarah-Lindsey understood what many of us still don’t have the tightest grasp on—the ABA runs the law school world.

With knowledge and experience in the ABA already under her belt, Sarah-Lindsey got to work her 3L year by running for the LSBA position of ABA Representative. Feeling as though it was her personal responsibility to properly represent her school, it became her priority to gain positive attention for MC Law. She began by setting up ABA tables at the law school every other month to increase awareness among her fellow students of the vast amount of opportunities available to active ABA members. She encouraged students to get involved and to take advantage of the events and competitions offered by the ABA. She built a platform for the school and put its name at the forefront of the ABA community.

In addition to her efforts toward increased student involvement, Sarah-Lindsey has strengthened MC Law’s presence in the ABA through her own involvement. Every year the ABA holds an annual meeting where they hand out a total of six awards to law schools that have been nominated by students. Sarah-Lindsey wanted to take home those awards for MC Law. So, she began writing essays to the ABA. Sarah-Lindsey spent weeks researching and writing about the extensive involvement MC Law has had in the ABA, justifying her nomination of MC Law for each award.

In July, Sarah-Lindsey and LSBA President Adam Perry attended the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago as MC Law’s voting delegates. At the meeting, and in the company of ABA accredited law schools all over the country, the chair announced the winners of the six awards—two of them went to MC Law. Sarah-Lindsey and Adam were able to proudly stand and accept the Membership and Activity Award, as well as recognition for full school enrollment in the ABA.

For the remainder of their trip, Sarah-Lindsey and Adam were asked to speak about the work MC Law has done with the ABA and what the school has done to get students more involved. They spoke on encouraging leadership and networking opportunities, but most of all they were made to be a prime example of the effects of hard work and dedication in a law school.

Because of the efforts of Sarah-Lindsey this year, every Lieutenant Governor position (except one) in the tenth circuit—consisting of AL, TN, and MS—is filled by an MC Law student; out of the six total awards given yearly by the ABA, MC Law took home two of those honors; and MC Law’s name is proudly displayed on the country’s largest voluntary bar association’s website for all to see. Sarah-Lindsey set out to successfully represent and gain positive attention for her law school, and thanks to her hard work and dedication, that is exactly what she did.
The MC Law Moot Court Board is off to an extraordinary start this year! So far, MC Law has competed in two moot court competitions—with some impressive hardware to show for both. MC Law advocates were consistently praised for their poise and professionalism by the many judges and attorneys who evaluated their courtroom performances.

**E. Earle Zehmer National Worker’s Compensation Moot Court Competition**

The season kicked off with the 28th Annual E. Earle Zehmer National Worker’s Compensation Moot Court Competition sponsored and hosted by the Worker’s Compensation Institute. Over 20 teams from across the nation descended on Orlando in late August to vie for the championship. Two teams represented MC Law. One team consisted of Sloan Chesney, Drew Williamson, and Stephen Otey; the other comprised of Ray Gustavis, Kaylon McCou and Matt Walton. Professor Meta Copeland ‘96, Daniel Culpepper of Anderson, Crawley, and Burk, and Amanda Myers ‘12 also of Anderson Crawley coached both teams. They each came out of the corner swinging—earning high marks in the preliminary rounds to secure their place in the advanced “knock-out” rounds. Chesney, Williamson, and Otey were edged out in the Quarterfinals by Florida Coastal to finish as National Quarterfinalists. Gustavis, McCou, and Walton battled through the advanced rounds—defeating Baylor and Stetson. In the final round, Gustavis, McCou, and Walton faced off against Florida Coastal in an attempt to avenge their comrades’ earlier defeat. After a tough round of questioning from sitting Florida Court of Appeals Judges, they were outscored by Florida Coastal to finish as National Finalists—but not before securing the award for 2nd Best Overall Brief.

**Stetson National Pre-Trial Advocacy Competition**

Inspired by the “Zehmer” showing earlier in the semester—which also happened to be in Florida—the Moot Court Board was fired up for “Stetson” at which MC placed 3rd last year. It was our time! Candice Rucker, Jace Ferraez, Ashley Neal, and Ty Wilkins journeyed to Tampa in early October to compete in Stetson University College of Law’s National Pretrial Competition. For weeks, they prepared for motion arguments and evidentiary hearings, after writing memoranda of law in support of both the plaintiff’s and the defendant’s position. The team, coached by Professor Meta Copeland ‘96 and Will Manuel of Bradley Arant, faced Regent University, Baylor University, and the University of South Dakota in three preliminary rounds. Winning all three preliminary rounds, the team advanced to the semifinal round, where it represented the plaintiff and defeated Chicago Kent to position itself for a final round showdown with Texas Tech. Unfortunately, the team was defeated by Texas Tech in the final round. The night before, however, the team was recognized for having written the Best Overall Plaintiff’s Memorandum. This year was the first time in the history of MC Law that a team has advanced to the final round at Stetson.

With two national competitions down MC Law boasts two National Finalist teams, 2nd Best Overall Brief, and Best Plaintiff’s Brief—we’ll take it! If MC Law’s first two showings are any indication of what’s to come—look out advocacy world!
It isn’t a stretch to say that racial tension exists in the state of Mississippi. The painful history between races here infiltrates the way that we relate to each other even today. Interactions filled with resentment, condescension, fear, and sometimes even hatred are prevalent in Jackson. Many organizations in the state have attempted to address the problem from a top-down approach: legislative change, political debate, etc., and with great success in some cases.

Mission Mississippi emerged in 1992 with a different idea — racial reconciliation comes through sitting down with someone of another race to talk, listen, understand. Its motto, “Changing Mississippi, One Relationship at a Time,” has struck a chord across the state. National and state leaders have become involved and many counties now have Mission Mississippi chapters that hold regular meetings, called “gatherings.” MC Law has hosted “days of dialogue” for students and faculty in conjunction with Mission Mississippi, as well.

This past April, Mission Mississippi held the annual Governor’s Leadership Prayer Luncheon with a panel of speakers, such as Ben Watson of the New Orleans Saints and David Gates of Atmos Energy, to discuss methods of racial reconciliation. Governor Phil Bryant led the group in prayer for state officials and law enforcement. On November 4, Mission Mississippi will host Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Jerry Young, President of the National Baptist Convention, as part of the annual Racial Reconciliation Celebration.

The theme of the celebration, “A Conversation on Race in America,” is the very essence of Mission Mississippi. The organization believes that healing comes from genuine, heart-to-heart relationships. Professor John Anderson has been involved with Mission Mississippi for a couple of years and says that this relational approach is what makes the association stand out from other organizations of the sort: “If you build relationships, then the mutual respect and understanding necessary for open dialogue will follow.”

Mission Mississippi President Neddie Winters acknowledges that the message of Mission Mississippi can be uncomfortable. Part of the stated “DNA” of Mission Mississippi is to challenge the familiar social bubbles we live in:

Confronting both personal and social prejudice is imperative if racism in both cultures is to be destroyed. We do not apologize for creating a discomforting atmosphere where minds are challenged and hearts are exposed. Of course, we seek to do so with the humility and grace of Christ. But ensuring someone is not uncomfortable is one of the great distractions preventing honest discussion and open personal evaluation.

Winters coined the phrase, “Gracism,” as way to sum up the mission and to challenge others to live in light of the grace that has been extended to them through Christ. He defines Gracism in three ways:

1. the act of extending Grace—that we have experienced from Jesus Christ—to promote racial reconciliation;
2. knowing and living out the idea that Grace is greater than Race; and
3. the answer to racism.
As we all know, life in law school can be very demanding and very difficult. Things can pile up, and before we know it, 100 page assignments and memos are due in three days. This is the type of pressure and stress that makes law school famous. In combination with a semester’s worth of poor grades, unfortunate consequences are likely to follow. As a 3L “seasoned vet”, I have found a few ways that have helped me through law school.

1. Don’t let the work pile up. This, I feel should probably go unsaid, but nonetheless, it’s still an issue—even for to 2Ls and 3Ls. If you keep up with the reading and outlining, not only will you be ready for class, but come exam time, you’ll be prepared and already very familiar with the material. You won’t be scrounging around to finish outlines (like I was). Instead, you’ll be able to use that time memorizing rules and practicing hypotheticals. As any “A” student will tell you: memorizing and practicing are the keys to academic success.

2. Get a Planner. Despite what we all think, none of us have superhuman memory. Writing down due dates and blocking off days of the week into time slots helps manage our day and manage large assignments. Just remember: “all nighters” can be grade killers and working on large assignments a bit at a time can easily prevent this.

3. Get outside and exercise. As law students, we stay inside sitting down for most of the day. Set some time off every afternoon to go outside and exercise. Not only will it whip you into shape, but it’ll clear your head, as well. It doesn’t need to be anything strenuous: walking for 45 minutes does the trick, too. The secret is to put school out of your thoughts and let you mind go blank. When you get back to the grind of school, you’ll feel like you’re starting fresh.

4. Go out on the town. Go out with friends or by yourself and forget about school for the afternoon or evening. I have found that relaxing and celebrating the weekend are two surefire ways to unwind.

5. Go to bed early and wake up early. Even if you have 10 o’clock class, going to bed early and waking up early is the key to having a successful and productive day. You can get an early jump on the day’s schoolwork and won’t be stuck doing it late into the evening. As Benjamin Franklin always said: “Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.”
It is always a pleasure to write an article for The Legal Eye on issues that pertain to the safety and security of MC Law.

Attending school, living, and working in a metropolitan area like Jackson presents its own unique challenges compared to say, our main college campus in Clinton. Issues that are dealt with in downtown are more prevalent than in other areas of the city. We tend to encounter panhandlers, homeless persons, and sometimes thieves. The fact is, that people encountered on the street commonly suffer from some type of mental incapacity and sometimes, drug/alcohol issues.

It has been a long time in the works, but times have changed and the openness of the campus must be sacrificed for the safety of the students, faculty/staff, and visitors. The current plan is to have all exterior doors, except for the door by the Dean’s Suite, locked 24/7. All visitors must report to the Dean’s Suite lobby to receive a visitor’s pass. I realize there will be a learning curve with this new system. I, as well as the IT Department, will be ready to assist in this transition. The Dean’s Suite entrance door will be open from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday–Friday. The magnetic locks will engage all other times. You may still enter with your card during school hours.

Everyone will be required to keep their new ID accessible since it will be needed to enter doors throughout the day. This card may still be used in the bookstore and café like the old cards. You will place your card close to the square pad on the outside of each exterior door; the light is red, but will turn green when granted access. When leaving through one of these doors, the motion sensor should detect your presence and release the lock. If this does not occur, there is an “Exit” button near each door; press it to release the lock. You will not have access to the school during times the school is closed. The guards will continue physically locking the doors as usual. If the door is physically locked, you will not be able to enter regardless if the magnetic locks release or not. Faculty/Staff will have access at all times, but this will also require use of a key, and if required, an alarm code. All doors will automatically unlock if the fire alarm is activated.

THE most important thing to remember in this process is this: DO NOT hold the door open or let someone into the building if you are not certain who the person is. We have had individuals in the past passing themselves off as students in order to steal school equipment. ALL visitors, no matter who they are, what they say their issue is, or who they are here to see, MUST report to the Dean’s Suite lobby to acquire a visitor’s pass. This system will not work without your cooperation.

Please remember to not punch any holes in your new ID cards due to there being electronics woven throughout the interior of the card which could be destroyed. There is a charge for a replacement card. I have heard a rumor circulating that there is a concern that your whereabouts can be traced wherever you are like GPS. This is entirely false. These are proximity cards and have to be close to the receiver to be “read.”

To further enhance safety and security, we will also be installing new cameras throughout the campus to update the system currently in place.

Please feel free to contact me in person, by email, or text with any questions or concerns you may have. I want to make your time here at MC Law both a memorable and pleasurable experience.
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