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"MC Law made a childhood dream of mine to become a lawyer come true.

The location, faculty and support students and alumni receive is unparalleled."

- Rebecca Mansell, '94

Welcome to MC Law School!

Mississippi College School of Law provides a superior legal education in an environment that promotes intellectual growth, practical learning, professional responsibility and service. Our curriculum is designed to train students to become skilled and ethical lawyers capable of adapting their practices in a changing world. Our courses emphasize individual responsibility for learning, while providing every student with instruction in the substantive and analytical skills necessary to succeed in school and in practice. We provide grounding in the common law and statutory foundations of our legal system, while exploring emerging doctrines, employing in each context the traditional methods of legal analysis, enriched by the insights of related disciplines. To assure that our curriculum remains current and relevant, our outstanding faculty is actively engaged in research in their respective areas of expertise.

In addition to courses in legal doctrine, we offer a wide range of instruction in the practical skills of modern practice. Because we view writing as the most fundamental of these skills, we teach writing at every stage of legal training. In addition, we offer courses in oral advocacy, counseling, negotiation, and the many skills of pretrial and trial advocacy. Located in a major legal center, we draw on leading practitioners and judges as adjunct professors and as supervisors of externship programs.



We also recognize the law school's responsibility to improve our profession. Consequently, faculty and students are involved in a variety of activities, including research and advocacy in law reform projects, service on bar association committees, student organizations, and teaching in continuing legal education programs. And as part of a Christian university, we place great value on offering our talents in service to the surrounding communities. Students serve as volunteers in local organizations or enroll in our various experiential learning courses, such as clinics and externships, which offer free legal services throughout the state. There are several ways to begin your studies at MC Law. You may apply for admission to the traditional three year program. Some applicants chose to enter through our early start or academic success programs in the summer. You can also apply for the two year course of study, or the Executive Program for working professionals. Whatever way you choose to enroll, you will experience all of the benefits that MC Law has to offer.

In a nutshell, our goal is to train lawyers of high intellectual and practical ability, who are committed to ethical practice; to assist the disadvantaged; and to promote free and open discussion among students and faculty from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. All of our programs and activities reflect the commitment of MC Law School to the belief that human beings are God's creations, equally entitled to dignity and respect. As you turn the pages, I know you will be inspired to reach your goal of becoming an attorney at MC Law!

All the best,
Wendy Scott

Dean and Henry Vaughan Watkins and Selby Watkins McRae Professor of Law

DIVERSE COMMUNITY. CAPITAL LIFE.

STUDENT LIFE

MC Law students come from a variety of geographic locations and cultural backgrounds, resulting in a diverse student body with a wide array of talents, personalities, and interests.

More than 30 student-led organizations encourage students to explore areas of legal or personal interest. These diverse organizations coordinate rewarding community service projects and educational activities, as well as fun-filled social events that help students connect outside the classroom.

Our location in the heart of Jackson allows students the opportunities to interact with prominent leaders in business, law and politics, and enjoy the best cultural offerings of Mississippi lifestyle.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

American Association for Justice:
Mississippi Chapter

Advocacy Society

Agriculture Law Society

Arts & Culture Society

American Association for Justice Mississippi

Black Law Student Association

Business Law Society

Christian Legal Society

Civil Law Society

Environmental Law Association

Family Law Society

Federal Bar Association

Federalist Society

Food & Agriculture Law Group

Golf Club

Habitat for Humanity

Health Care Law Society

Law Review

Law Student Bar Association

Legal Eye

Military Justice Society

Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association

Mississippi Association for Justice

Moot Court

Oil & Gas Society

Phi Alpha Delta, International Law Fraternity

Phi Delta Phi

Public Interest Law Group

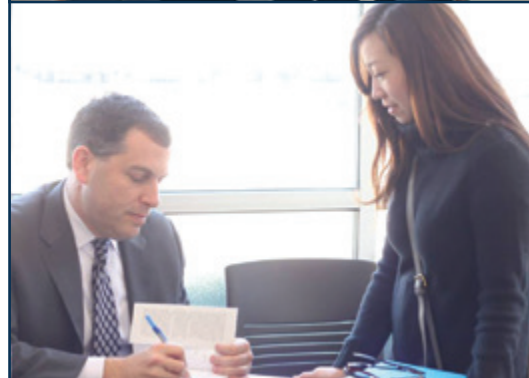
Sports & Entertainment Law Society

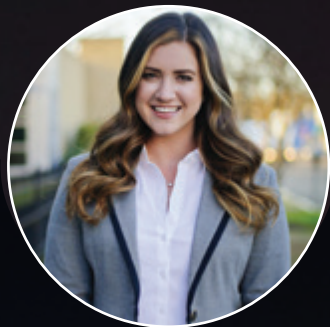
Tennis Club

MC Law Veterans Association

Women's Student Bar Association

Young Republicans





"I moved here three years ago for the sole purpose of beginning law school. I did not know anyone and had no intention of remaining in Jackson after graduation, but as I am finishing my last semester, this Louisiana-transplant is calling Jackson 'home.' Even though Jackson is the capital, it exudes small town charm and southern hospitality. The adventure of living in and being a law student in the state capital is unmatched. The location of MC Law allows me to immerse myself in the community and network with alumni and other members of the Mississippi Bar.

I can't imagine being anywhere else!"

-Jenna Fugarino, '16



Forbes magazine recently named Jackson, Mississippi as one of

The Top 10 Up-And-Coming Cities For Recent College Grads.



GET INVOLVED. TRAVEL FAR.

EXTERNSHIPS

Why participate in the externship program? An externship offers excellent on-the-job experience. It gives you legal work experience for your resume. An externship allows you to experience a practice area before you graduate, or fulfill a desire to perform public interest legal work. And ultimately, an externship provides networking resources that can continue after you graduate.

MC Law has a vibrant externship program in the metro-Jackson area, with over 80 active placements available spring, summer and fall. Opportunities are not limited to Jackson. Students can take a remote externship anywhere in the United States; in fact, MC Law students have taken remote externships in cities and towns across the United States.

CLINICS

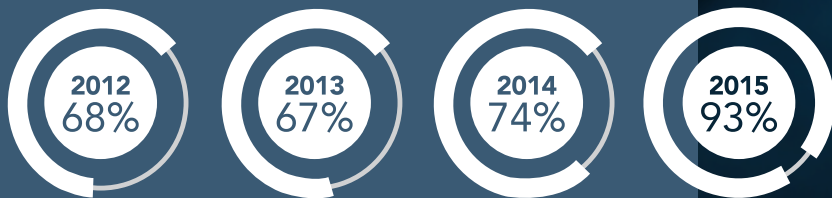
Adoption Legal Clinic
Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic
Child Welfare and Family Justice Clinic *NEW 2016
Guardian Ad Litem Clinic
HIV and the Law Clinic
Immigration Clinic *NEW 2016
Mission First Legal Aid Clinic
Youth Court Clinic



Learn more about all our clinics at
law.mc.edu/academics/clinics

EXTERNSHIPS PROVIDE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

Percentage of Students Participating in Externships:



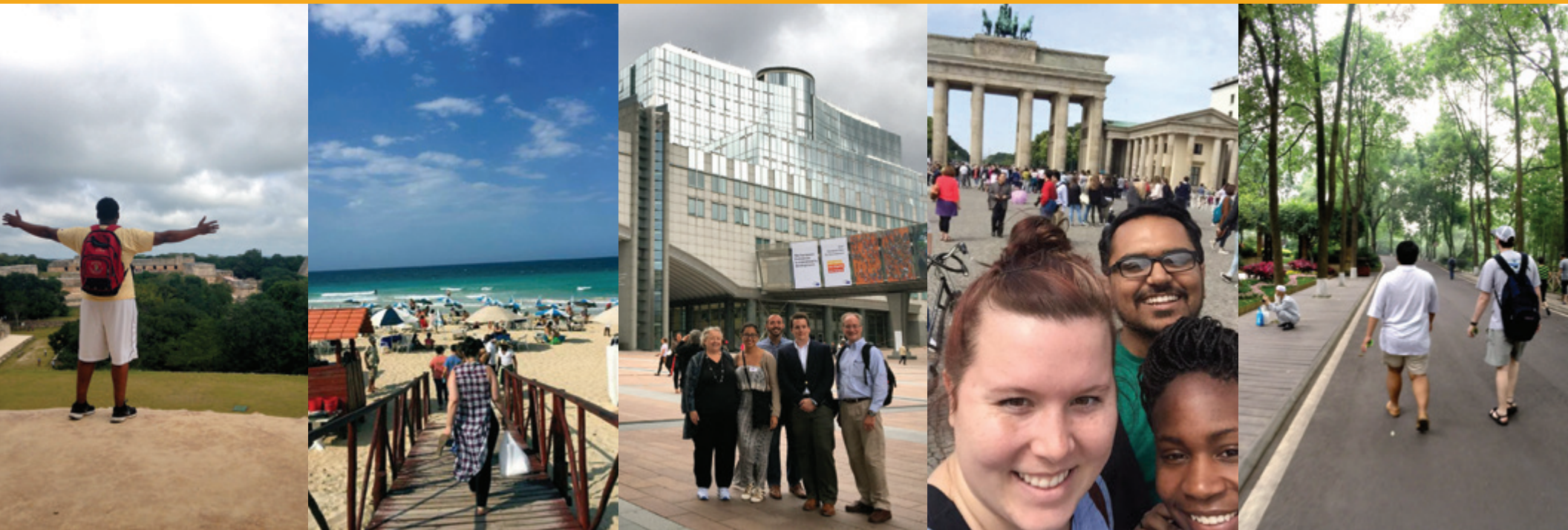
STUDY ABROAD.

SPRING BREAK IN CUBA: HAVANA, CUBA

The MC Law Havana, Cuba study abroad trip is the second longest running program to Cuba in the US and is offered every Spring Break. Participants fly out of Tampa, FL and will spend the week studying Comparative Constitutional Law and exploring the wonders of Havana, Cuba. Havana, the capital city, is known for Spanish colonial architecture, 1950's American-made cars, and rumba groups playing in the painted alleyways.

SUMMER IN ASIA: CHENGDU, XI'AN, AND BEIJING, CHINA; SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

The Asia program occurs every summer from mid-May until mid-June. Students start in Chengdu, China and conclude in Seoul, South Korea. Between these cities, participants visit Xi'an and Beijing, China, and get the opportunity to study alongside Chinese law students in a comparative study of international criminal law. While in Seoul participants will experience first-hand what a Status of Forces Agreement looks like with the US' forces' occupation in South Korea and a trip to the US Embassy.



WINTER IN MEXICO: MERIDA, MEXICO

The popular Merida, Mexico study abroad program is hosted every year during winter intersession for approximately two weeks. Students stay and learn at the Hotel del Peregrino, a small boutique hotel, while studying international human rights. Merida is the capital city of the Yucatan and an excellent base to explore the Mexican culture through ruin sites and ecological wonders.

SUMMER IN LILLE, FRANCE

The France program is offered every summer during the month of July and lasts for approximately four weeks. It is conducted in one of France's hidden treasures, Lille, France. Lille is considered one of France's cultural and commercial hubs and is only a short train ride from other major cities such as Paris, London, and Brussels. While in Lille, students have an opportunity to study various aspects of international business law alongside law students from countries all over the world.

SUMMER IN BERLIN, GERMANY

Berlin serves as a perfect backdrop for studying introduction to European Union law. It is the capital city of Germany and is a thriving, modern destination with one of the most vibrant art scenes in Europe. It is also rich with history which is evidenced by the many buildings still riddled with bullet holes from Berlin's significant part of the Second World War and the infamous Berlin Wall which divided East and West Germany from 1961 to 1989.



RIGOROUS ACADEMICS. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.

J.D. PROGRAM

MC Law offers certificates for J.D. students in several practice areas. These certificate programs assist students who have an interest in these practice areas by guiding them in design of their educational program while in law school to prepare them for practice in these particular practice areas. The certificates also provide recognition of academic excellence for students who fulfill the certificate requirements. Certificate programs available:

- Certificate in Criminal Practice
- Certificate in Business and Commercial Law
- Certificate in Health Law
- Certificate in Family and Juvenile Law
- Certificate in International and Comparative Law
- Certificate in Civil Litigation
- Certificate in Civil Law Studies
- Certificate in Solo and Small Law Practice

TWO YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

Designed for motivated and hard-working students, the Two Year J.D. Program enables students to earn a law degree in two years and at a substantially discounted tuition rate. Strong academic credentials are required to participate in the Two Year J.D. Program.

J.D./M.B.A. PROGRAM

Designed for students who want a competitive edge in both traditional legal practice and the corporate setting, the J.D./M.B.A. Program enables students to earn a J.D. and an M.B.A. in only four years.

EXECUTIVE LAW PROGRAM

Designed for working professionals with flexible work schedules, the Executive Law Program enables students to earn a law degree over five years while continuing to work. A flexible work schedule and strong academic credentials are needed to participate in the Executive Program.

LL.M. PROGRAMS

Students may choose from four different Masters of Law (LL.M.) programs, which are individualized to each student's professional goals. The programs excel at bar passage and job placement.

- The American Legal Studies LL.M. is the premier program to help foreign law graduates qualify for and pass the bar exam in New York, Alabama, or a number of other states.
- The International and European Law LL.M. allows students to focus on Human Rights or International Business, and involves a semester at our partner school, Lille Catholic University in France.
- The Advocacy LL.M. is an experiential learning-based program with both trial and appellate courtroom experience.
- The Traditional LL.M. allows students to craft their own academic paths to meet specific professional goals.

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

25

25 EXTERNAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITIONS ANNUALLY

8

8 CLINICS
8 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

391

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

34

34 ON-CAMPUS STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS



84% OF GRADUATES
EMPLOYED
WITHIN 9 MONTHS



MC LAW RANKS AMONG THE
TOP FIVE MOST AFFORDABLE
PRIVATE LAW SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTRY



126
MC LAW ALUMNI WHO ARE
STATE OR FEDERAL JUDGES



55% MALE STUDENTS
45% FEMALE STUDENTS

5

5 INTERNATIONAL STUDY
ABROAD PROGRAMS

80.8%

80.8%
MISSISSIPPI BAR PASSAGE
JULY 2015

15

15
FACULTY MEMBERS WITH A
LAW DEGREE & A MASTER'S
DEGREE OR PH.D.

46

46
STATES WITH PRACTICING ALUMNI

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. WITHIN REACH.

MC Law offers a variety of scholarships for entering students and, unlike most law schools, also offers scholarships to current students based on their performance.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are based on academic potential demonstrated through undergraduate grades and LSAT score. We award scholarships up to and including full tuition awards, which may be renewed if specific academic standards are met. Scholarship amounts may be increased based on outstanding academic achievement during your first year. All applicants are considered for these scholarships with no separate application.

FEEDER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

MC Law awards at least one full tuition scholarship to the best qualified applicant from each school which has a historical association with our law school. These schools include:

Alcorn State University	Jackson State University
Louisiana State University	Louisiana Tech University
Millsaps College	Mississippi College
Mississippi State University	Mississippi University for Women
Tougaloo College	University of Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi	

The scholarship recipient is chosen using a “whole person” approach that considers leadership, service, and character as well as GPA and LSAT score. Applicants are automatically considered for this scholarship with no separate application.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

MC Law awards Leadership Scholarships for applicants who have strong academic credentials and who were active in leadership in undergraduate school or in their communities. Ensure you check this block on the application form to indicate your leadership work and describe it in your personal statement.

MOCK TRIAL/MOOT COURT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who were active in Mock Trial, Moot Court, Debate, or Model United Nations with strong academic credentials will be considered for our Advocacy Scholarships. There will be advocacy opportunities for students in their first year of study at MC Law. Be sure to check the block on the application form to show this work and describe it in your personal statement.

FEDERAL LOANS

Law students are eligible to receive a maximum of \$20,500 per year in Federal Direct student loans. Student must complete and submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov. A copy of the FAFSA financial aid report should be released to Mississippi College School of Law, Code E00479.

GRADPLUS LOANS/PRIVATE LOANS

Students will submit an electronic loan application on the lender’s website. Once confirmed, the Financial Aid Office receives funds from the lender and disburses funds to student’s account. Any money owed is deducted and the student receives the remainder.



“MC Law provided me an opportunity to engage with my peers.

I have enjoyed seeing the diverse paths
each of us has taken in the legal profession.”

- Judge Winston Kidd, '91



APPLY.

As at any law school, your undergraduate grade point average and LSAT score are important elements of the evaluation. MC Law, however, also gives significant weight to your personal statement, recommendations, employment history, military service, graduate work, activities, community service, and personal circumstances. These factors help the admissions committee identify applicants who bring not only academic potential, but also diverse perspectives and experiences to the MC Law community.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

law.mc.edu/apply

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. PRACTICE SUCCESS.

BIOETHICS & HEALTH LAW CENTER

The Bioethics and Health Law Center aims to connect students with members of the lay, medical, legal and policy-making communities. Located in downtown Jackson, minutes from Mississippi's health care corridor, MC Law is uniquely positioned among regional law schools to open the lines of communication necessary to address contemporary health care dilemmas ranging from the beginning to the end of life.

BUSINESS & TAX LAW CENTER

The Business & Tax Law Center provides the analytical tools necessary for an attorney to integrate the legal, financial, economic, and taxation issues involved in making decisions and taking actions in today's global business world. The Center connects law students with practicing attorneys and business leaders, and creates opportunities for representatives of each discipline to work together toward common business goals.

CENTER FOR CIVIL LAW STUDIES

MC Law is the only law school outside the state of Louisiana that offers a civil law curriculum designed to prepare graduates to take the Louisiana bar exam. The Center for Civil Law Studies offers a Certificate Program in Civil Law, organizes the Civil Law curricular offerings, sponsors an annual scholarly symposium, and supports events designed to promote the academic and professional development of students pursuing studies in civil law and who plan to practice law in Louisiana. Since more than 10% of the MC Law student body is from Louisiana, and because many MC Law alumni are licensed in Louisiana, the Center's programming is of great benefit to a large segment of our students.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

The Family and Children's Law Center provides a vital service to children involved in the legal system as well as practical training for MC Law students. The Family and Children's Law Center is both a valuable resource for students and a ministry for children in Mississippi. The Center equips students and community volunteers with the skills required to shepherd children in need of an advocate through the court system.

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW CENTER

This Center broadly examines transnational legal resolution in relation to economics, politics, religion, and society. The research agenda of the Center is aimed to foster an interdisciplinary, research-based forum for innovative collaboration and scholarship by emerging and established scholars. The Center works with the International Law Student Association to organize regular events and support research projects, and also assists in coordinating MC Law's Summer Abroad program.

LAW REVIEW

The Mississippi College Law Review is a student-edited law journal that publishes innovative scholarship from leading jurists nationwide. The Law Review demands excellence from its members and vigorously strives to publish relevant and original works of authorship. Its members are dedicated to providing authors with open lines of communication in the editing process, and above all, the Law Review is devoted to connecting the author with her reader. Beyond producing a legal journal of the highest reputation and quality, the Law Review actively encourages its members to develop pioneering legal commentary for potential publication.

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

The Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center prepares students for work in trial or appellate litigation and in resolving disputes through mediation and arbitration. The Center includes both a criminal and a civil focus. In addition to MC Law professors, the Center brings in judges and skilled practitioners who instruct students in the art and science of litigation. MC Law's nationally recognized moot court program falls under the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center. Annually, MC Law students participate in approximately 25 regional and national competitions held throughout the United States.

MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board of Mississippi College School of Law strives to increase the reputation and prestige of our law school overall, with the twin goals of honing the professional advocacy skills of our members and ensuring increased academic rigor through our focus on superior legal writing skills. The Board also strives to enhance the academic credentials and professionalism of our students and the legal community by fostering interest in the vital advocacy skills required of successful appellate and trial attorneys.

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW CENTER

The Public Service Center Law Center exposes students to a wide range of public service opportunities that not only enhance their legal education experience, but also promote a commitment to helping under-served people and communities. This emphasis on the delivery of pro bono services takes root in the law school's mission statement, which includes our belief that "human beings are God's creations, equally entitled to dignity and respect".

SMALL LAW CURRICULUM

Small Law is an award-winning curriculum and one of the first of its kind in the United States. The Small Law Curriculum is designed for students who desire to open their own law firms and/or who plan to practice law as a solo practitioner, in a small law firm or small town or rural area. Over 62% of MC Law graduates are employed in small law firms or have their own law practices, making this program a timely and relevant addition to the J.D. program at MC Law.



"The reason I chose MC Law is simple: The people and its "open door" policy. From the moment I talked to the Dean of Admissions, to the hand written note I received expressing why MC Law wanted me to be a part of its mission, I was sold.

Never in a million years did I think I could be a part of such an amazing law school family."

- Cirilo Manego

FAITH IN SERVICE.

The law school is dedicated to community service - what we see as our Christian heritage in action. Whether participating in charity drives, volunteering at food banks, lending a hand with Habitat for Humanity and other outreach programs, students have the opportunity to work closely with faculty, staff and community leaders in the conviction that all people are endowed with the inalienable right to dignity. Student organizations also offer students opportunities to collectively explore their faith and get involved with religious communities.

EXPERT FACULTY AND STAFF.

MC Law has more than 24 full-time faculty members that offer expertise in all major disciplines of law, with more than 20% of the faculty holding a PhD or equivalent degree, and more than 50% of the faculty with an LL.M. or Masters in a specialized field.

The faculty are committed to not only training students to pass the bar, but offering mentorship, support and career guidance that continues even past graduation.

CAREER SERVICES

In today's competitive marketplace, it isn't necessarily enough to just have a law degree. Success requires experience. MC Law's location in downtown Jackson offers many part-time employment opportunities during the academic year as well as summer positions, externships and clerkships. Many of these jobs lead to permanent positions upon graduation.

The Office of Career Services serves as a liaison between employers and students. We help students prepare, interview, and secure employment. Our students are highly sought after by a spectrum of firms, agencies, and businesses. Year after year, the job placement rate for MC Law graduates has been exceptional, well above the national average for law schools.





"Teaching MC Law's study-abroad programs in Mexico and Cuba allows me to situate issues of human rights and comparative constitutional law within the cultures of our host countries. Students get to live the law, not just read about it."

- Professor John P. Anderson



"It can be very unusual in legal education for law students to co-author with a professor, make academic presentations, publish their own papers, and win law student writing competitions. Fortunately, my experiences with my students have been different. I have had many of the students I mentor and advise to publish, present and win competitions. All of our students can excel and distinguish themselves. I enjoy working with our diverse student body, our first generation lawyers, our exceptionally committed lawyers-to-be and energetic scholars."

- Professor Angela Mae Kupenda



"MC Law is truly unique among law schools for its sense of community and family. In less than a month we saw the entire student body mobilize under the leadership of the Health Law Society to raise over \$6,000 for the Children's Cancer Center. I've never been more proud to be a member of this community and all that it represents."

- Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Jonathan Will



"It is immensely rewarding to teach and get to know students who are not just bright and passionate about the law but who are also engaged and committed to their communities. These are individuals who will be the leaders of tomorrow, who will one day solve pressing problems, and who will build bridges to finally unite long-standing factions. I wish them every success and happiness. "

- Professor Alina Ng



"I chose MC Law because I desired to be in the center of Mississippi's legal community and learn from some of Mississippi's best attorneys. I haven't been disappointed—MC Law does a fantastic job of providing its students with regular opportunities to meet, work with, or take classes from some of the most respected legal figures within our state. In addition to these valuable networking opportunities, one of the best aspects of MC Law is the faculty. Whether a professor has taught me in the classroom or judged my round in a moot court competition,

they have gone above and beyond to help ensure my success, both academic and professional."

- Stevie Farrar



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