

# Mississippi College School of Law

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## Academic Calendar

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### MAY 2017 INTERSESSION

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May 15-26

Intersession

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May 15 (Monday)

Last day to drop course with 100% tuition only refund

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May 17 (Wednesday)

Last day to drop a class

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May 26 (Friday)

Last day of class

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### SUMMER 2017 REGULAR SESSION

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May 30 (Tuesday)

Summer school begins

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June 1 (Thursday)

Last Day for enrolling or adding courses

Last day to drop course with 100% tuition only refund

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June 16 (Friday)

Last day to drop a class

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August 1 (Tuesday) Last day of class

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August 2 (Wednesday) Reading Day

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August 3-4 (Thursday - Friday) Final Exams, Summer School

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August 5 (Saturday, 10:00 a.m.) Graduation

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## SUMMER 2017 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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May 17 - June 9 China/Korea

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June 27 - July 22 France

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**Drop deadlines for a full tuition refund would be 2 weeks prior to the start date of each summer abroad program.**

**Dates for full or partial refunds for other fees will be provided at any time of acceptance into a study abroad program or as provided on the law school webpage for each study abroad program.**

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## 2017 1L SUMMER ENTRY PROGRAM

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**PROPERTY CLASS** June 13 (Tuesday) - July 28  
(Friday)

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Final Exam Monday, July 31

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**ACADEMIC SUCCESS  
CLASSES**

July 5 (Wednesday) - July 28  
(Friday)

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Final Exam

Monday, July 31

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July 4 (Tuesday)

Independence Day Holiday (no  
classes)

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**LL.M. PROGRAM - SUMMER 2017**

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July 3 (Monday)

Classes Begin

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July 28 (Friday)

Last day of class

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August 2 (Wednesday)

Final Exam

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**FALL SEMESTER 2017**

August 8-11 (Tuesday - Friday)

First Year Orientation

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August 14 (Monday)

Classes Begin

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**August 21 (Monday)**

**Last Day for adding courses  
Last day to drop course with 100%  
tuition only refund.**

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September 4 (Monday)

Labor Day Holiday, No Classes.

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October 12 – October 13 (Thursday-Friday)	Fall Break, No classes
October 27 (Friday)	Last day to withdraw from a course
November 20 - 24(Monday - Friday)	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
November 27 (Monday)	Classes resume regular schedule Last Day of Class
November 28 (Tuesday)	Tuesday/Thursday and Thursday only classes meet Last Day of Class
November 29 (Wednesday)	Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Friday only classes meet Last Day of Class
November 30 - December 1 (Thursday - Friday)	Reading Days
December 4 - 14 (Monday - Friday, Monday - Thursday)	Final Exams
December 15 (Friday, 7:00 p.m.)	GRADUATION

## SPRING SEMESTER 2018

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 - Sunday, January 7, 2018	Merida, Mexico Study Abroad Program
January 2 (Monday) - January 5 (Friday) and January 8 (Monday)	Winter Intersession

January 10 (Wednesday)	Classes Begin Monday only classes meet on January 10 Wednesday only classes DO NOT meet Monday/Wednesday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes meet as scheduled
January 15 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)
<b>January 18 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Last day for adding courses</b> <b>Last day to drop course with 100% tuition</b> <b>only refund</b>
March 10 (Saturday) - March 17 (Saturday)	Cuba Study Abroad Program
March 12 - 16 (Monday - Friday)	Spring Break
March 19 (Monday)	Classes resume
March 23 (Friday)	Last day to withdraw from a course
March 30 (Friday)	Easter Holiday (no classes)
April 26 (Thursday)	Last Day of Class No Tuesday/Thursday only classes meet Regularly scheduled Friday only and MWF classes meet on Thursday, April 27
April 27 (Friday)	Reading Day
April 30 - May 10 (Monday - Friday, Monday - Thursday)	Final Exams
May 11 (Friday, 10:00 a.m.)	GRADUATION

# General Information

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## Mission Statement

Mississippi College School of Law seeks to provide a superior legal education within the context of a Christian institution. Our aim is to create an institutional environment that promotes intellectual and practical learning. Our student body and faculty reflect a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Out of this diversity, we seek to create a scholarly community in which students and faculty discuss issues freely in a variety of settings, both formal and informal.

Our curriculum is designed to train students to become skilled and ethical lawyers capable of adapting their practice to a changing legal world. To accomplish this goal, we have looked to a liberal arts model in shaping the law school's curriculum. Our courses emphasize individual responsibility for learning, while providing every student instruction in the substantive and analytical skills necessary for successful practice.

We provide grounding in the common law and statutory foundations of our legal system, but also explore emerging doctrine, employing in each context the traditional methods of legal analysis, enriched by the insights of related disciplines. To assure that our curriculum incorporates the most current scholarship, our 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 skills of modern practice. Because we view writing as the most fundamental of these skills, we emphasize teaching of 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. Because of our location in a major legal center, we are able to draw on leading

practitioners and judges as adjunct professors and as supervisors of externship programs.

We recognize the law school's responsibility to the legal community and the larger society. Consequently, the law school and its faculty are involved in a variety of activities to improve the legal system, including research and advocacy in law reform projects, service on bar association committees, and teaching in continuing legal education programs.

All of these goals reflect the commitment of the law school and the founding institution to the belief that human beings are God's creations, equally entitled to dignity and respect. In every setting, we seek to train lawyers of high intellectual and practical ability, who are committed to ethical practice; to assisting the disadvantaged; and to free and open discussion of issues of law, policy, and values.

## Accreditation

MC Law is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, the International Association of Law Schools, and the American Society of Comparative Law. J.D. graduates are eligible to take the bar exam in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. MC Law is approved by the ABA to offer the LL.M. degree to students holding an academic law degree from a foreign university, but the ABA does not accredit LL.M. programs. LL.M. graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in several states. Interested persons should consult with the bar examining authorities for specific states for eligibility requirements. For further information regarding eligibility for admission to the bar, see the section on Admission to a State Bar in this catalog for further information regarding bar admissions. The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association may be

contacted at 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654-7598, telephone, 312-988-6738.

Mississippi College is accredited by The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the bachelor's and master's degrees, education specialist degrees, the education doctorate, and the first professional doctorate in law. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 2033-4097, or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Mississippi College. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support the university's significant noncompliance with a requirement or standard.

## Statements of Compliance with Federal Education Laws

In compliance with federal law, including provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Mississippi College does not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or military service in admissions, in the administration of its education policies, programs, and activities or in employment. Under federal law, the University may exercise religious preferences in employment in order to fulfill its mission and purpose.

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (Confidentiality of Student Information)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Students have specific, protected rights regarding the release of such records or information



contained therein. Mississippi College will release confidential or personally identifiable information only with the student's written consent and will release information defined as "Directory Information" only in the best interest of the student.

Each year (fall semester) MC Law publishes a law school directory including information on faculty, staff and students. Within the first fifteen calendar days after the beginning of the fall semester, faculty and staff should contact Office of Human Resources, and students should contact the MC Law School Director of Student Records to make changes. Students also should view their Personal Information in Banner Web to assure the accuracy of the information and to determine what changes, if any, should be made in the university's student information system. Under FERPA, currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of their information if they do not wish to have such information published in the directory. A request to withhold information should be filed in writing with the Director of Student Records within the first fifteen days of the beginning of the fall semester. Absent a written request to withhold directory information, Mississippi College assumes that the student approves disclosure in the law school directory. All listings in the law school directory are taken from information contained in the university's computer information system.

Parents can file a copy of their income tax return with the registrar to establish that their child/student is a dependent for the purpose of receiving grades. A student may give written permission to the university registrar to release grades to parents.

A law school student who does not wish any information released for any reason may file a written request with the dean of the law school. A confidential notice will be placed on the student's record and this confidential

status will remain on their record permanently until a signed release by the student is filed with the dean.

Law students who want access to their education records shall make the request in writing by a USPS mailing. The writing should be signed with an original signature, include a copy of a photo identification card, and include a current return mailing address.

Any correspondence or requests involving FERPA shall be sent to the Director of Law School Records, Mississippi College School of Law, 151 E. Griffith Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The Director of Law School Records serves as the sole point of contact for FERPA matters.

## Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the ADA of 1990

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Mississippi College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. If students need special accommodations due to learning, physical, psychological, or other disabilities, they should direct their inquiries to the Assistant Dean for Student Services, 151 East Griffith St., Jackson, MS, 39201.

## Title IX Compliance

Mississippi College has completed the self evaluation study required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for men and women and, as such, does not discriminate on the basis of sex in employment or admissions except in those instances which are claimed and exempted under Section 86.12 of the guidelines based on conflict with the religious tenets of the Mississippi

Baptist Convention. Official Grievance Procedures have been established and copies may be obtained from and complaints filed with the Office of the President, Box 4001, Telephone: 601.925.3200 or the Vice President for Planning and Assessment, Box 4029, Telephone: 601.925.3225.

## Non-Discrimination and Equality of Opportunity

MC Law does not use admissions policies or take other action to preclude admission of applicants or retention of students on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.

## Academic Facilities

Academic facilities at Mississippi College are designed primarily for use in the education of Mississippi College students; other uses, although quite worthy in themselves, should not be allowed to interfere with that primary purpose.

## Admissions Information

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### J.D. Program Admissions

The faculty annually sets the admissions standards for the Doctor of Jurisprudence program. These standards are primarily based on the undergraduate and/or graduate grade point average, the LSAT score, and personal and/or academic achievements.

An admissions file is acted upon after it is complete, and a candidate is notified shortly thereafter. Applications are received until July 15th or until the class is filled. Candidates are encouraged to complete admissions files as early as possible.

When an applicant is accepted, two deposits are required to secure a place in the class. Applicants will be notified in their acceptance letters of the amount of the deposits and the dates they are due. Upon enrollment, both nonrefundable deposits are credited to the applicant's tuition. Students who apply for the early decision program or the two-year program may have earlier deposit due dates as well as students who begin their legal studies in the summer. Students who do not make timely seat deposits will forfeit their acceptance.

As a general rule, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited, four-year college or university is a prerequisite for admission. However, the law school has partnered with a limited number of undergraduate institutions pursuant to which undergraduate students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability may combine baccalaureate and law school studies to receive a bachelor's degree and the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in six years. These students are permitted to spend the senior undergraduate year as full-time law students, accumulating credit toward the undergraduate and law degrees simultaneously. At the end of the first year of successful law study, the undergraduate degree may be awarded; after two additional years of full-time law study the law degree may be awarded. A student desiring such an arrangement with these undergraduate institutions should consult with the undergraduate catalogs at their respective institutions regarding each university's program and requirements for participation.

## Executive Program (Part-Time J.D. Program)

MC Law has a part-time degree program for a limited number of entering students. Successful applicants normally must have an LSAT score and an undergraduate grade point average that would place the applicant in the top 25% of each score category of the entering class. Each part-time student must enter intending to earn the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence. The number of

students participating in the part-time program in any fall or spring semester shall not exceed ten in any of the first, second, and third year classes. If more than ten applicants for admission in a given class apply for part-time status, those applicants who present the more compelling needs, as judged by the Admissions Committee, shall be admitted to part-time status. Except as otherwise stated in this paragraph, all other requirements with respect to the application process for the Executive Program are the same as for other applicants.

## Joint J.D./M.B.A. Degree Program

Mississippi College offers a joint degree program for the Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Business Administration degrees. Students must be separately admitted to both the J.D and M.B.A. programs. For more information on the program consult the Degrees Offered section of the Law School Catalog and [Joint J.D./M.B.A. section](#) of the Graduate School Catalog

## Accelerated J.D. Program (2 years)

A limited number of highly qualified students may be selected for the accelerated two-year J.D. program. These students begin their legal studies in the summer and complete their J.D. requirements in their third summer.

## Admission of International Students, J.D. Program

A prospective student who is not a citizen of the United States applying for admission to MC Law's J.D. Program must make application at least six months prior to the desired date of entrance and submit all required materials three months prior to registration. These are to include a completed application with fee, certified and complete academic records from all

secondary schools and universities attended, and documentary evidence showing that adequate financial resources are insured.

International students must otherwise comply with the admissions criteria of the law school. Special provisions related to payment of tuition and fees apply to international students and are contained in the [Financial Information Section](#) of this catalog.

## Transfer Students

Students from ABA-approved law schools who have completed the first year of law school and are in good academic standing may be considered in any semester for admission with advanced standing. An application for admission with advanced standing should reach the Admissions Office at least six weeks prior to the registration date of the semester. A transcript from the student's law school must also be provided, as well as a copy of the LSDAS report.

Transfer of credits earned at another law school will be decided on a case by case basis and will depend upon the comparability of the curriculum of the law school from which the student is transferring to that of MC Law. Transfer credits will be accepted only from ABA-accredited law schools. A student transferring to MC Law from another law school may not receive more than 30 hours of credits. An applicant for transfer will be advised as to what transfer credits will be accepted for credit at MC Law. Transfers are permitted only if space is available. The dean may impose other restrictions in addition to those set forth above. Additional information regarding residency requirements for transfer students are contained in the [Academic Information Section](#) of this catalog. Transfer students are not officially ranked. However, transfer students may request an unofficial class rank from the Director of School Records at the end of each regular semester completed at MC Law.

MC Law does not have an established articulation agreement with any other law school.

## Visiting Students

Students from ABA-accredited law schools are eligible to apply to study at Mississippi College School of Law during any semester beyond their first year of study. Visiting students must be in good academic standing and have permission from the dean of their law school to take courses at MC Law.

## Admissions for the LL.M. Program for International Lawyers

Applicants must hold an academic degree in law from an educational institution in a country other than the United States and be eligible to become licensed to practice law in that country. However, students requiring additional English language preparation may arrive for the spring semester to attend the Intensive English Language Program (IEP) at Mississippi College. IEP will not grant credit toward the LL.M. degree, but will help ensure students have the requisite English language skills to be successful in the LL.M. program. The university degree in law must have been awarded by an accredited institution and must be earned prior to admission to Mississippi College School of Law. Documentation of all academic degrees and, where applicable, a law license is required.

Applicants for whom English is a second language must have a score of at least 600 on the paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), a score of at least 250 on the computer based TOEFL, a score of at least 100 on the iBT TOEFL (Internet-Based test), and a score of at least 6.5 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System). Qualifying language scores must be less than two years old.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- › Academic achievement, documented with official academic transcripts, diplomas and/or graduation certificates and three letters of academic reference
- › Professional accomplishment, where applicable, documented with letters of professional reference
- › English language competency as required by MC Law.

Applicants for the LL.M. Program must complete the application for admission which may be found at <http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students/llm/>.

LL.M. candidates who meet the academic standards for admission, but who do not, in the determination of the LL.M. Admissions Committee, have sufficient English language skills, may be conditionally accepted to the program. These students must complete the one-year Intensive English Program offered by Mississippi College on the Clinton campus prior to beginning the LL.M. program.

A deposit of \$500.00 must be made by accepted LL.M. program applicants within 30 days of acceptance or by May 1, whichever occurs first. The deposit is nonrefundable and will be credited to the applicant's tuition

## Academic Information

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### Dean Approval

When any action is required by the dean, the dean may authorize another member of the faculty or staff to act on the dean's behalf.



# Law School Matriculation

Applicants selected for admission normally matriculate in August (fall semester) and attend a mandatory orientation. Some applicants are accepted on the requirement that they matriculate for a summer program. All other accepted applicants have the option of matriculating in the summer to take a designated course from the first-year curriculum. Students who matriculate in this optional program will take a designated course in the spring semester. Students who matriculate in the summer are required to attend the August orientation. A student is considered as having matriculated if enrolled on the first day of classes for the term. The American Bar Association establishes the matriculation date of students for the purpose of its reports.

LL.M. students in the American Legal Studies Program generally matriculate in the summer term. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of the LL.M. Program. Students in LL.M. programs with international partner schools matriculate as provided in agreements with those schools. LL.M. students with a J.D. from a law school in the United States may matriculate in any term.

## Class Attendance

Class attendance is required. Emergency absences are handled on an individual basis. Any student whose absences, excused or unexcused, exceed 25 percent of the time allotted for the course will not be allowed to take the final exam and will receive a grade of "F" for that course.

Absences due to illness will be excused by the instructor when a written statement of such fact is presented by the student within a week of the student's return to class. Each unexcused absence in excess of a total of one week of classes for a regular semester, or the equivalent, may reduce the

student's final grade. Students should consult the course syllabus regarding rules for unexcused absences in each particular course.

In all cases a student will be held responsible for assignments and other work in the class during the student's absence. The responsibility for work missed rests entirely with the student.

## Degrees Offered

### DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

The courses currently required of all candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree are listed below. Elective courses constitute the remainder of the **90 semester hours**.

A required orientation program is held for entering students each fall prior to the beginning of classes. In addition to matters traditionally covered by orientation, these program address topics such as case briefing, introduction to legal method, and professionalism. All entering first-year students, whether matriculating in the summer or fall terms, are required to attend.

### Required First Year Courses

#### First Year - Fall

- › LAW 625 - Civil Procedure I
- › LAW 506 - Contracts I
- › LAW 502 - Torts I
- › LAW 561 - Criminal Law
- › LAW 582 - Legal Analysis and Communication I
- › LAW 580 - Legal Research I

Total 15 Hours

First Year - Spring

- › LAW 626 - Civil Procedure II
- › LAW 507 - Contracts II
- › LAW 573 - Property \*
- › LAW 503 - Torts II
- › LAW 583 - Legal Analysis and Communication II
- › LAW 581 - Legal Research II

Total 15 Hours

Notes:

\* First-year students who enter in the summer and take Property in the summer will choose from among the following courses for the spring semester of the first year in place of Property: LAW 638 - Federal Taxation Law, LAW 619 - Business Associations I, LAW 623 - Evidence, or LAW 522 - Constitutional Law. The grade for such replacement course will not be included for purposes of spring ranks nor determining good academic standing after the first year, but will be included thereafter. [See Grades Required for Good Academic Standing section of this catalog.](#)

In addition to required first year courses, first year students are required to participate in Trial Practice courses as jurors, parties, and/or court officials when called upon.

**Required Courses after First Year**

After completion of the first year of legal studies, students (other than those on the guided curriculum) are required to take LAW 747 - Professional Responsibility and Ethics, LAW 587 - Legal Analysis and Communication III, LAW 522 - Constitutional Law, and to satisfy the school's writing requirement. All students entering in the fall of 2016 and thereafter will also be required to take at least six credits of experiential learning course(s). Qualifying courses are listed [here](#) and will be identified as such in the course descriptions.

With so few required courses, students bear a great responsibility to plan their coursework so that they will be well-grounded in fundamental subjects that are likely to be tested on the bar exam. To assist students in the important task of selecting courses that will adequately prepare them for the bar exam, faculty members advise students and the law school administration provides a list of bar exam topics for the various states.

### **Writing Requirement**

After finishing the first year of the law school program but prior to graduation, each student must complete a substantial and intensive research project under the supervision of a tenured or tenure-track faculty member, the Dean, the Assistant Dean for Information and Technology, a full-time visiting professor, or a director. The paper must be original and analytical and it must warrant a grade not lower than a C. Superficial or predominantly descriptive writing will not suffice. The writing requirement may be satisfied in one of four ways:

1. In connection with a seminar or other course in which a paper of high quality which is at least 20 pages in length excluding footnotes is required in lieu of an examination;

2. In connection with an in-depth individual study and research of a selected topic under the supervision of a full-time faculty member pursuant to LAW 795;
3. By completion of a significant and highly meritorious law review piece, with approval of and supervision by a faculty member; or
4. By other substantial writing projects approved by the faculty, including the completion of two papers, each of which are at least 10 pages in length. Courses fulfilling the writing requirement will be so designated in the registration materials each semester; there is no fixed list of such courses.

### **Guided Curriculum**

Full-time students whose grade point average is below 2.5 at the end of the first semester of their 1L year (excluding summer courses) are required to participate in the course Law 500 – Principles of Legal Analysis in the spring semester of their 1L year. This course, designed to help first year students further develop legal analysis and writing skills, is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

Full-time students whose grade point average is below 2.5 at the end of the first year of law school are required to participate in the Guided Curriculum. The Guided Curriculum consists of six courses to be taken during the second and third years of law school as a requirement for graduation. Students must take

- › Law 623 Evidence
- › Law 619 Business Associations I
- › Law 562 Criminal Procedure
- › Law 798 Advanced Legal Analysis

and two courses from the following group:

- › Law 651 Domestic Relations
- › Law 618 Wills and Estates
- › Law 638 Federal Income Tax
- › Either Law 621 Secured Transactions or Law 508 Sales and Leasing.

Students who are participating in the Civil Law Certificate Program may choose:

Law 713 Louisiana Security Devices in place of Law 621 Secured Transactions

Law 735 Civil Law of Sales and Leases in place of Law 508 Sales and Leasing

Law 708 Civil Law of Persons and Family in place of Law 651 Domestic Relations

Law 709 Civil Law Successions and Donations in place of Law 618 Wills and Estates.

Students who plan to take only the Louisiana Bar may, at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, may take Law 711 Civil Law of Property in place of Law 798 Advanced Legal Analysis.

Three of these six courses must be taken in the second year. Students who are required to participate in the Guided Curriculum and who attain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average during the second or third year are no longer required to remain in the Guided Curriculum. The Guided Curriculum requirements reflect the commitment of the MC Law faculty to preparing all students for the bar examination and for practice across a variety of areas of law.

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## **Certificate Programs**

MC Law offers certificates for J.D. students in several practice areas, specifically in Business and Commercial Law, Civil Litigation, Criminal Practice, Family and Juvenile Law, Health Care Law, International Law and Solo and Small Law Practice. 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.

Students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 in courses in the certificate program in which they participate to complete the certificate requirements. Additionally, students must earn at least a grade of C+ in any individual course that is counted toward the certificate. Each program consists of specified required courses, designated elective courses and skills courses, a writing requirement, and, in some programs, a minimum number of hours of courtroom observation. The writing requirement in satisfaction of the certificate requirements may also satisfy the writing requirement for the J.D. degree. Students may earn only one of these certificates in the J.D. program. A student may, however, earn both the Civil Law Certificate (described below) and one of the practice area certificates. Students seeking to earn a certificate in one of the designated practice areas must [apply for admission](#) to the certificate program with the designated faculty advisor for that program. The designated faculty advisor is identified in the registration materials provided to students each fall and spring semester, or this information may be obtained from the Director of Student Records.

Click the following links for more information about the various certificate programs.

Certificate in Civil Litigation

Certificate in Business and Commercial Law

Certificate in Criminal Practice

Certificate in Family and Juvenile Law

Certificate in International and Comparative Law

Certificate in Health Law

Certificate in Civil Law Studies

Certificate in Solo and Small Law Practice

#### **EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (PART-TIME)**

No student who is a part-time student and has eight (8) or more hours remaining before being eligible to graduate shall be permitted to enroll for and take less than eight (8) hours in either the fall or spring semester. Part-time students must complete the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence within seventy-two (72) months after commencing the program of legal studies unless the Academic Standards Committee grants an exception. Any exception must comply with ABA Standard 304 as effective at the time of the request. Subject to the grade point average requirements applicable to students generally, students in the part-time program must enroll and complete classes every fall and spring semester and are encouraged to enroll for the summer semester.

Part-time students shall be classified as 1L until they have earned at least thirty (30) hours of law school credit, as 2L until they have earned at least sixty (60) hours of law school credit, and as 3L when they have earned at least



sixty (60) hours of law school credit. Part-time students will pay tuition at the rates prescribed for their classifications as determined in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence. The Academic Standards Committee shall appoint a faculty member who shall serve as faculty advisory for all part-time students and shall approve the schedules of each part-time student.

Except as provided above, part-time students shall be subject to all rules, regulations, requirements, standards, limitations, procedures, discipline, guidelines, and, to the extent not including the foregoing, catalogue provisions applicable to all students who are not part-time students, including GPA standards and limitations resulting from failures to attain or maintain required GPA levels.

Students in the Executive Program are not ranked with full-time students. However, such students may request an unofficial rank from the Director of Student Records at the end of any regular semester after they have earned at least 30 hours.

During the first two years of law school, Executive Program students must take at least the following classes:

### **First Year - Fall**

- › LAW 506 - Contracts I
- › LAW 502 - Torts I
- › LAW 582 - Legal Analysis and Communication I
- › LAW 580 - Legal Research I

### **First Year - Spring**

- › LAW 507 - Contracts II

- › LAW 503 - Torts II
- › LAW 583 - Legal Analysis and Communication II
- › LAW 581 - Legal Research II

### **Second Year - Fall**

- › LAW 625 - Civil Procedure I
- › LAW 561 - Criminal Law
- › LAW 601 - Legal Analysis and Communications III

### **Second Year - Spring**

- › LAW 626 - Civil Procedure II
- › LAW 573 - Property\*
- › Elective

\*If Property is taken during the summer term, another course will be selected with approval of the student's faculty advisor, preferably from Federal Taxation Law (Law 638), Business Associations I (Law 619), Evidence (Law 623), or Constitutional Law (Law 522).

### **ACCELERATED TWO-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM**

MC Law offers an accelerated two-year JD program at a set price for the entire program. Students must begin the program in the summer and then take courses in the two fall semesters, two spring semesters, the intersession, and two additional summers. The entrance requirements for this program are greater than for the regular JD program due to the demanding nature of the program. Each year MC Law announces the details for the program in its recruiting materials. The Associate Dean for Academics serves as the coordinator for the program. For further information contact the Admissions Office.

## Sample Course Schedule (just an example)

CUM HOURS	SEMESTER HOURS	PERIOD	COURSE(S)
4	4	Summer	Property
19	15	Fall	Regular Courses
34	15	Spring	Regular Courses + Constitutional Law
44	10	Summer	2 hours May Intersession plus 8 hours over summer
62	18	Fall	Electives plus Legal Analysis and Communication III and Evidence
66	4	Intersession	Trial Practice
84	18	Spring	Regular Courses
90	6	Summer	6 hour externship <i>following</i> bar exam (or 6 hours of summer courses if not taking July bar)

## **MASTER OF LAWS**

### **Advocacy LL.M.**

A hands on, practice based course of study, the Advocacy LL.M. integrates trial and appellate advocacy externships at top State and Federal agencies. Students can focus on developing their knowledge and skills in civil or criminal advocacy at the trial and/or appellate level. Perfect for the practicing attorney, students have five years to complete the degree, a variety of scheduling options and all classes also count towards CLE credit. This is a 24 credit program. For information about the specific classes under this program, contact [meyer@mc.edu](mailto:meyer@mc.edu).

### **American Legal Studies LL.M.**

This LL.M. Program, designed to help foreign students to qualify and prepare for a US bar examination. It requires a minimum of (30) credits consisting of a summer term and two semesters in residence at MC Law.

#### Required Courses:

LAW 901 - Academic Legal Writing for Foreign Lawyers (2 credits) (Summer Semester)

LAW 902 - Introduction to American Law (2 credits) (Summer Semester)

LAW 903 - American Legal System I (1 credit)

LAW 904 - American Legal System II (1 credit)

LAW 747 - Professional Responsibility and Ethics

Choose a minimum of nine (9) credits from the following:

LAW 502 - Torts I

LAW 503 - Torts II

LAW 625 - Civil Procedure I

LAW 626 - Civil Procedure II  
LAW 506 - Contracts I  
LAW 507 - Contracts II  
LAW 561 - Criminal Law  
LAW 573 - Property  
LAW 562 - Criminal Procedure  
LAW 623 - Evidence  
LAW 522 - Constitutional Law

Students are expected to take 13 credits both the fall and the spring semesters. Students in the program are eligible to transfer to the JD program if they meet certain criterion (2.6 grade point average in a restricted core course curriculum). Contact the Director to the LL.M. Program at [meyer@mc.edu](mailto:meyer@mc.edu) for more information.

### **International & European Legal Studies LL.M.**

This degree involves one semester of study at MC Law and one semester of student at Lille Catholic University in France.

It is a 30 credit program with the credits split evenly between the two schools/semesters. The program offers both a business and a human rights track. MC Law JD students may earn an LL.M. from Lille Catholic University in addition to their JD following a single semester at that school. For more information, see <http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students/llm> or contact [meyer@mc.edu](mailto:meyer@mc.edu).

### **Traditional (General) LL.M.**

The Traditional LL.M. is a program designed to allow the student to craft their own academic plan, (in conjunction with the Director of the LL.M. Program).

1. The Master of Laws (General) degree requires a minimum of 24 credits.

A. Up to six credits can be recognized for coursework completed at another A.B.A. accredited law school.

B. A portion of these credits can be recognized for coursework at MC Law. Specifically:

Up to six credits can be recognized for coursework at MC Law earned while the student was successfully completing their Juris Doctor degree at MC Law.

If an MC Law student in the Master of Laws in American Legal Studies Program elects to transfer to the Master of Laws (General) Program, any credits earned and coursework completed prior to the transfer will be recognized.

2. Up to 9 of the 24 credits can be earned for out of classroom education, including:

A. LAW 790 or LAW 791 Special Research Projects (3 credits maximum)

B. LAW 795 Writing Requirements (2 credits maximum)

C. LAW 905 LL.M. Thesis (This course is being developed but it not yet available.)

D. LAW 770, LAW 771, LAW 772, LAW 776 Legal Extern Programs (6 credits maximum)

3. If the student does not hold a Juris Doctor (or LL.B.) from an ABA accredited school, then the following are required courses for the Master of Laws (General) degree:

- A. LAW 901 Introduction to American Law (2 credits)
- B. LAW 902 Legal Research & Writing for Foreign Lawyers (2 credits)
- C. Writing Requirement (2 credits)

4. Contact the Director to the LL.M. Program at [meyer@mc.edu](mailto:meyer@mc.edu) for more information.

### **Joint J.D./M.B.A.**

Mississippi College offers a joint degree program for the Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees. Students must be separately admitted to both the J.D. and M.B.A. programs, and candidates in the joint degree program, in order to receive the J.D. degree, must substantially complete the requirements for the M.B.A degree and complete all of the requirements for the J.D. degree, of which six hours of work required for the J.D. degree may be satisfied by the following Business School classes: Accounting Issues in Business Decisions (ACC 6501) and Policy Formulation and Administration (MGT 6572). Further, nine of the 30 semester hours of course work required for the M.B.A. degree may be satisfied by law school course work. The Law, Business and Society class (three credit-hours) will be satisfied by completion of the following law school classes: Contracts I and Contracts II, Property, and Professional Responsibility and Ethics. The two electives (three credit-hours each) in the M.B.A. curriculum will be satisfied by completing six credit hours of any of the following law classes: Agency, Antitrust, Banking, Business Associations I, Business Associations II, Business Planning, Commercial Paper, Corporate and Partnership Taxation, Bankruptcy, Employment Law, Estate and Gift Taxation, Federal Taxation, Insurance, International Business Transactions, Labor Law, Pension and Employee Benefit Law, Real Estate Finance and Development, Real Estate Transactions, Sales and Leasing, Secured Transactions and Creditors' Rights, and Securities Regulation.

Students must earn a C or better in all classes for which dual credit may be given. Law school credit for business school classes will not be finally awarded until the student has substantially completed the M.B.A. portion of the joint degree program and has completed all the requirements for the J.D. degree including the six hours of Business School courses. In sum, a law student who has completed all prerequisites to the M.B.A. program could complete the requirements for the two degrees in three and one-half years of full-time study. Students pursuing the joint degree may sequence the law and business classes in almost any way, except that students may not take business school classes during the first year of law school.

The law school and business school each have assigned one faculty member to serve as advisor to the students in the joint degree program regarding course sequencing. Except during the first year of law school, a student may take both law and business classes in the same semester, or take all course work during a given semester in one program or the other. The flexibility in sequencing permits M.B.A. students to enter the joint degree program at any time and law students to enter at any time after the first year of law school.

As currently required for the J.D. degree, students must complete the course work necessary for the law degree within five years. The J.D. degree requires a minimum of five semesters in residence (four for transfer students) at the law school. Residency credit for purposes of the J.D. degree will be awarded proportionately for semesters in which a student takes both J.D. and M.B.A. courses. See the Mississippi College Graduate Catalog for further details and joint degree requirements.

## Policy on Awarding Credit

Policy on Awarding Credit (ABA Standard 310)



The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools contain a formula for calculating the amount of work necessary to earn one credit hour. ABA Standard 310 defines a “credit hour” as an amount of work that reasonably approximates:

1. not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
2. at least an equivalent amount of work as required in subparagraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including simulation, field placement, clinical, co-curricular, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

Interpretation 310-1 states that 50 minutes suffices for an hour of classroom instruction, but an “hour” for out-of-class student work is 60 minutes. The Interpretation also includes a final examination week in the 15-week calculation. All told, you should expect to spend a minimum of 42.5 hours per semester per credit earned.

### **Courses:**

At MC Law a typical class will meet 50 minutes per week, per credit hour for 14 weeks, followed by an exam period. For instance, a three-credit course will meet 150 minutes per week (three, 50-minute blocks; or two, 75-minute blocks) for 14 weeks followed by a three hour final exam. The minimum length of the exam will be tied to the 50 minute “in-class” hour and the credits in the course: 3 credits = 150 minutes; 4 credits = 200 minutes; etc., though exams are most often administered as one 60-minute hour per credit.

You should expect a minimum of two hours of work per week for every fifty minutes in class. For a three credit course, this would be six hours of out-of-

class work attributed to reading, reviewing, outlining, studying, homework assignments, etc.

Each course syllabus will include a statement regarding student work expectations to earn credit for the course. To the extent there is any variation from the standard course meeting times discussed above, the syllabus will describe the additional out-of-class work that makes up for the difference. For example, in writing intensive courses, you will expect to work a significant amount of time out of class on independent research and writing.

### **Clinics, Externships, Law Review, Moot Court, Special Projects, Writing Requirements:**

For academic credits earned outside the typical course setting, students are required to log the number of hours they are working. Students must log a minimum of 42.5 hours per semester per credit earned in the online portal established for this purpose. Individual programs and professors may require more hours than the minimum. At the conclusion of the semester, students are required to submit a log of their hours to the supervising faculty member.

Credit will be withheld from any student failing to comply with this institutional policy.

### **Compliance:**

The Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, in conjunction with the Academic Programming Committee (APC), is tasked with ensuring compliance with this policy.

For existing courses, each professor is required to submit a Standard 310 Form that identifies how each course complies with the requirements of Standard 310. Each syllabus must also include a statement of the course workload expectations, which are consistent with the standard. For new courses, the course proposal form requires those proposing courses to justify the number of credits sought to be offered. The APC evaluates such justifications in connection with approving or modifying proposed courses.

Student course evaluations include new questions geared toward informing the Associate Dean and APC as to the amount of work experienced in each course. All of the above are reviewed by the Associate Dean and APC to ensure compliance and institute changes as necessary.

## Grades and Academic Standing

### GRADING SYSTEM

The law school uses the following grading system:

**A** Reserved for work which is definitely superior in quality.

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**B+** Intermediate grade.

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**B** Given for work which is consistently good and which manifests sufficient interest, effort, or originality to distinguish it as above average work.

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**C+** Intermediate grade.

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**C** Given for average work.

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**D+** Intermediate grade.

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**D** Earns credit, but students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 are not in good academic standing.

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**F** Indicates failure and carries no credit.

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**W** Withdrawal (does not count in the student's academic standing).

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**P** Indicates the student has done at least average work in a pass/fail course.

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**IP** (In Progress) may be given to a student who has been hindered from completing work required in a course by circumstances beyond the student's control, if prior arrangements are made with the faculty member to complete work at a later date. A student receiving an IP grade must arrange with the faculty member to take whatever action is needed to remove the in progress grade at the earliest possible date. Absent extraordinary circumstances, a grade of IP not removed at the end of the next semester or summer term becomes an F; it cannot be removed by repeating the course. The IP grade does not count in the GPA calculations.

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**CR** Credit

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**AU** Indicates a student has attended a course for noncredit for at least 75% of the regular class meetings.

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**NA** Indicates no audit because the requirements were not met.

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## QUALITY POINTS

A 4.00 grade points per hour

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B+ 3.50 grade points per hour

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B 3.00 grade points per hour

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C+ 2.50 grade points per hour

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C 2.00 grade points per hour

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D+ 1.50 grade points per hour

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D 1.00 grade points per hour

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F 0.00 grade points per hour

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P Carries no quality points. Courses graded with a P will not be counted in GPA calculations.

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Please note that there is no appeal process for grades unless the instructor made a mathematical error. The [complaints procedure](#) does not apply to

complaints regarding grades. Also be aware that there is no "conditional" failure. A student who receives a grade of F in a course may not receive another grade without repeating the course.

No more than 12 pass/fail graded hours may count toward the 90 hours needed to earn the JD degree exclusive of Law Review and Moot Court Board.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

Grade point average is based on graded work attempted at Mississippi College. If one repeats a course, both grades enter into calculation of the grade point average. Formula for calculation of the GPA:  $GPA = \text{number of grade points} / \text{grade point hours}$ . Credits in non-graded (pass-fail) courses do not carry grade points.

The GPA included on a student transcript will include all courses taken. However, for purposes of determining class rank and whether first year students are in good academic standing, all first year students will be assessed based on the **same courses**. Thus, grades from summer Property (typically a spring course) and Agency (not a typical first year course) will not be included after the fall semester of the first year. While Property will be included with spring grades in the first year, no other non-first year course will be included until subsequent to the spring semester.

### **MANDATORY CLASS AVERAGE FOR FIRST YEAR REQUIRED DOCTRINAL COURSES, LEGAL ANALYSIS AND COMMUNICATION AND LEGAL RESEARCH**

Absent exceptional circumstances, the grade point average for each section of first year courses, except for Legal Analysis and Communication I, Legal Analysis and Communication II, Legal Research I and Legal Research II shall be between 2.50 and 2.7999. In the event of exceptional circumstances, a professor may depart from this standard after consultation with the Associate

Dean. Academic transcripts shall document that overall class average for first year doctrinal courses is expected to be between 2.50 and 2.7999.

Absent exceptional circumstances, the overall grade point average each semester for the sections for Legal Analysis and Communication I, Legal Analysis and Communication II, Legal Research I and Legal Research II shall not exceed 2.90. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the Director of Legal Analysis and Communication or the Assistant Dean for Information, Technology and Research, may depart from this standard after consultation with the Associate Dean. Academic transcripts shall document that the overall class averages for the first year Legal Analysis and Communication and Legal Research courses are expected not to exceed 2.90.

#### **DEAN'S LIST**

Students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.25 or higher on at least 12 graded credit hours (excluding non-graded or pass-fail courses) will be recognized on the Dean's List for that semester. Students who meet this requirement will have a notation on their transcripts that they have earned "Dean's List" recognition. Students earning Dean's List recognition will receive an official certificate recognizing their achievement. Students in their final semester, who are enrolled for fewer than 12 graded credit hours and whose semester grade point average is 3.25 or higher may request that a Dean's List certificate be issued to them, but the notation will not be on their transcripts.

#### **GRADE REQUIREMENT FOR GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AND LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT IN INTERSESSION AND SUMMER COURSES**

A cumulative average of at least 2.00 on hours for which a student registered and received a letter grade is required for good academic standing and for graduation from Mississippi College School of Law.

For purposes of determining whether first year students are in good academic standing, GPAs for all first year students will be calculated using the [same first year courses](#). Thus, good academic standing after the fall semester will not include grades from summer Property or Agency. Similarly, good academic standing after the spring semester will include Property (typically a spring course), but not Agency or any other non-first year course taken by a first year during the spring semester. Subsequent to the spring semester, the grades for all courses taken will be included in student GPA.

A first year student who enters law school in the summer term and whose GPA for the summer term is below a 2.0 will be given an academic warning (Law Warning). Such student is eligible to continue in the fall semester.

Any first year student whose cumulative GPA (excluding summer courses) is below 1.60 at the end of the first (fall) semester shall be dismissed from law school **with no right of appeal**. Beginning with the GPA at the end of the first (fall) semester of the first year, any other student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 will be placed on academic probation. Students on probation and those who have been on probation during law school must have their class schedules approved each semester by the Chair of the Academic Standards Committee or the Chair's designee.

Students on academic probation are restricted in their ability to register for courses. [Consult the Course Registration Policies/Procedures section of this catalog](#).

If a student on probation fails to have a cumulative 2.00 by the end of the next succeeding fall or spring semester, whichever is earlier, that student shall be dismissed from law school. Any student who raises his/her cumulative GPA to an acceptable level of 2.00 after having been placed on probation and who's cumulative GPA subsequently falls below a 2.00 shall be dismissed from law school.



A student other than a student whose cumulative GPA is below 1.60 at the end of the first (fall) semester has the right to appeal upon first dismissal for failure to maintain good academic standing. Such appeal must be received no later than seven (7) calendar days after the effective date of dismissal. Upon the showing of exceptional circumstances, the Academic Standards Committee may, in the exercise of its discretion, set aside a dismissal and allow the student an additional Fall or Spring Semester of probation. Thereafter, any student failing to have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 shall be dismissed from law school with no right of appeal.

### **DISMISSAL FROM JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

If a student who is enrolled in a joint degree program such as the J.D./M.B.A. is dismissed from one of the degree programs, then the student is automatically dismissed from the other degree program as well. The student may appeal for readmission to either or both of the programs. A student wishing to register an appeal should contact the Graduate Office immediately for a specific form to be used for that purpose.

### **EXAMINATIONS AND GRADE REPORTING**

Regular examinations are held at the end of each semester for most courses. Instructors may schedule other examinations during the semester. Final examinations must be given at the time designated by the administration. Final grades for the fall semester are due to be reported from faculty to the Director of Law School Records not later than three weeks from the day of the last regularly scheduled final exam for first year students and four weeks from the day of the last regularly scheduled exam for upper level students. All grades are due for the spring semester not later than four weeks from the last regularly scheduled exam. Summer term grades are due not later than three weeks after the last regularly scheduled exam.

A student who is deliberately absent from a final examination without legitimate reason will be given a grade of F in the course.

### **INCOMPLETE GRADES AND SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS**

All examinations must be taken at the regularly scheduled time. A student may request an alternate exam date only in the event of an emergency. A student requesting an alternate exam date must complete an Alternate Exam Date Request Form. Both the professor and the Associate Dean must approve a request for an alternate exam date by signing the Alternate Exam Date Request Form. After the required signatures are obtained, the student must submit the original form to the professor and give copies of the form to the Associate Dean and the faculty assistant responsible for scheduling alternate exam dates.

When a student with such permission does not take the examination at the regularly scheduled time, the course grade will be recorded as "in progress" (IP) by the faculty member. An "in progress" grade automatically becomes an F at the end of the next semester if the requirements for the course have not been met by that time. This rule applies whether a student remains in school or withdraws.

A student with permission to take a special examination must arrange a time for the examination which is acceptable to the faculty member who teaches the course in question and the Associate Dean. Responsibility for initiating these arrangements rests upon the student. Upon completing the examination, the student should complete the proper form available in the office of the dean in order to remove the incomplete grade. There is a \$30 IP grade removal fee.

Any student requesting reasonable accommodations for a disability should disclose the disability upon admission to the law school or as soon as possible

after the disability is known. Disclosures and requests for accommodation must be made in writing to the Assistant Dean of Students.

## Graduation

### APPLICATION FOR DEGREE

Application for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree should be filed when the student registers for the last semester (or summer session) before graduation. Application for the LL.M. degree should be filed when a student registers for the spring semester. The candidate for degree is charged a graduation fee. This fee, together with all accounts of any nature, must be paid in full at least fifteen days before the date of graduation in order for the student to be eligible to receive a diploma.

### GRADUATION IN ABSENTIA

A student must make a written request to the dean at least two weeks before graduation in order to be graduated in absentia.

### GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Students who earn a grade point average of 3.25 on academic work attempted graduate *cum laude*; those who have an average of 3.50 graduate *magna cum laude*; and those who have an average of 3.75 or better graduate *summa cum laude*. These requirements apply to both J.D. and LL.M. students. Transfer students must earn 60 credit hours at Mississippi College School of Law to qualify for these designations.

### LIMIT ON TIME FOR GRADUATION

To be graduated from MC Law, a J.D. student must successfully complete 90 credit hours of law school coursework no later than five years after the date on which the student first enrolled in a law school.

Students admitted to the Executive Program must complete 90 credit hours of coursework no later than 72 months from the date on which the student first enrolled in the Executive Program.

The requirements for the American Legal Studies LLM and International & European Legal Studies LLM must be completed within 24 months. The General LLM and Advocacy LLM must be completed within 60 months.

## Withdrawal from Law School

A student desiring to withdraw from MC Law should initiate the process using the Complete Withdrawal link in the MY MC student portal. Failure to follow proper procedure may result in a grade of F for the courses in which the student was enrolled.

Failure to enroll during the regular academic year without receiving a leave of absence approved in writing from the dean results in automatic withdrawal and necessitates an application for readmission to resume the course of study.

Any claim for refund of tuition will be based on the date of the complete withdrawal request. A student suspended or dismissed from law school for personal or academic misconduct is not entitled to any refund. For complete refund information, see the [Refund Policy](#).

## Transcripts

All requests for transcripts of grades and credits earned must be made through Credentials Solutions. Transcripts will not be issued for those whose accounts have unpaid balances.

Transcripts for current law students are issued at no cost to the student by the Director of Law School Records.

# Transfer to another Law School

After completing the first year of law school, a student may apply for transfer to another law school pursuant to the rules of that law school. MC Law will provide a transfer report to that law school upon request of the student. There is a fee to prepare this report for each school to which a transfer report is sent.

## Course Registration Policies/Restrictions

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### Academic Load for the J.D. Program

Students may not register for more than 16 nor fewer than 12 semester hours in any semester without the [written permission](#) of the Dean. No student may take more than 18 hours in a regular semester. Students may take up to 6 hours during the summer session without permission of the dean. Courses taken during the winter or May intersessions are not considered as part of a regular semester or summer term for purposes of determining academic load for a regular semester.

Students should keep these credit hour restrictions in mind when planning class schedules and summer session attendance. A total of 90 semester hours must be completed prior to graduation (see requirements for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in the Degrees Offered section of this catalog).

Students should plan when they will take the courses required after their first year. Please note that students on the guided curriculum must take three of the six additionally required courses during their second year.

### Academic Load for the LL.M Program

Students in the LL.M. Program are required to take 6 credits in the summer term and 12 credits in each regular semester (fall and spring). Any exceptions to the required academic load for LL.M. students must be approved by the Director of the LL.M. Program.

## Limitation on Pass/Fail Courses

No more than 12 pass/fail graded hours may count toward the 90 hours needed to earn the J.D. degree exclusive of Law Review and Moot Court Board.

## Limit on Non-Classroom Hours

No more than 8 non-classroom hours may count toward the 90 hours needed to earn the J.D. degree exclusive of Law Review and Moot Court Board. Non-classroom courses are: Writing Requirement, Special Projects I, Special Projects II, Moot Court Competition I, Moot Court Competition II, Moot Court Competition III, and the non-classroom portion of the Legal Extern Programs. Any variance from this rule requires the written approval of the dean.

## Dropping and Adding Courses

After registration closes, the adding and dropping of courses and other schedule changes must be made through the Director of Law School Records. Such changes will be allowed only with the permission of the dean of the law school. Permission will not be given for a student to enter a course after the third week of a semester or after one week of a summer term, except for writing requirements and special project classes which do not involve classroom instruction.

A course that is dropped during weeks 1-3 of the semester of term will not be entered on the student's academic record if proper procedures are followed. A course that is dropped between week 4 and the official drop date will appear as a W on the student's transcript. A student who drops a course after the official drop date of the semester or term will receive a grade of F unless there were circumstances involved over which the student had no control, as determined by the dean. After the official drop date of the semester or term, in case of a genuine emergency such as hospitalization or moving away from the area, a student may drop a course with special permission from the dean and a grade of W may be entered on the record. The dropping of any course without following the designated procedure and receiving the approval of the dean will automatically result in a grade of F.

## Residency Requirement, full-time students

The Doctor of Jurisprudence degree program is a three-year course of study requiring 5 semesters of no less than 12 semester credit hours each in residence at MC Law. Residency credit is awarded proportionately for summer work at MC Law. No "residence credit" is given for any course taken at another institution. For information on receiving permission to take courses for credit at another institution, see "Off-Campus Credit" in this section of this catalog.

To graduate from MC Law, a transfer student must complete at least 60 hours in residence over the course of no less than 4 semesters in residence at MC Law. Residency work may be awarded proportionately for summer work at MC Law.

To graduate with honors, a J.D. student must take at least 60 semester credit hours at MC Law.

The accelerated two-year J.D. program allows the student to complete requirements for the J.D. degree over four regular semesters and three summer terms.

## Distance Education Courses

A student may take a total of fifteen (15) credit hours through distance education courses. A "distance education course" is defined as one in which students are separated from the faculty member or each other for more than one-third of the instruction and the instruction involves the use of technology to support regular and substantive interaction among students and between the students and the faculty member, either synchronously or asynchronously. The classroom component of a Remote Extern Program class is counted toward the distance education caps.

Unless a course is offered solely in a distance education format (e.g., the professor is in a location separate from all of the students), a student must obtain the permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the instructor to take the course synchronously or asynchronously. A [form requesting approval](#) may be obtained from the Director of Law School Records.

If an exam is given in a distance education course, all students enrolled in the course, including those participating remotely, will take the exam on the MC Law campus according to the normal procedures for examination.

## Off-Campus Credit

Students must receive written permission from the dean prior to registering for any course for credit at another law school. Request for permission should include the name of the school, the exact title and number of the course to be



taken, a course description and the amount of credit awarded by the school to be attended. As a general rule, students will only be given permission to take courses at another ABA-accredited law school if it is for the purpose of taking courses not offered at MC Law, to unite with spouses or for family emergencies requiring the physical presence of the student. A student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher to receive permission to take courses at another law school. Except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the dean, students may not receive permission to take required courses at another law school. No student who has been on academic probation at any time during law school will be given permission to take courses at another school. See the section on tuition and fees for how tuition will be charged for taking courses at another law school. The dean of the law school reserves the right to determine whether any law course from another institution will be accepted toward the student's degree at MC Law. No residency credit or quality points are awarded at MC Law for any course taken at another institution and no credit will be allowed for any course in which the grade earned was below a C. A fee of \$100 will be assessed if the student is visiting another law school during the student's final term of the law school. This fee is in addition to the graduation fee.

## Employment Restriction

A student in the first or second year shall not be employed in excess of 20 hours per week in any semester in which the student is enrolled in 12 or more credit-hours. A student in the third year, with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.75, shall not be employed in excess of 20 hours per week in any semester in which the student is enrolled in 12 or more credit-hours. This restriction applies to the summer term (if 6 hours or more are taken) as well as to the regular year. There is no employment restriction for a third year student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above. A

student on probation shall not be employed. Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action, including dismissal.

LL.M. students are not eligible for any form of employment through work-study.

## Restriction for Students on Probation

A student who is on academic probation (see [Grade Requirement for Good Academic Standing](#) section of this catalog) may register for summer courses. If the student does not earn the required cumulative GPA to be removed from probation, the student will be academically dismissed and will not be allowed to continue in summer school regardless of the ruling on any appeal.

A student who is on academic probation when registration opens for the summer or winter intersession courses may not register for and/or enroll in an intersession course.

A student whose GPA drops below a 2.0 at the end of a semester and has already enrolled in an on-campus summer school course will be removed from the course and the tuition will be refunded.

A student whose GPA drops below a 2.0 at the end of a semester and has already completed an intersession class while on probation, but before grades were available, may elect to be removed from the course and have the tuition refunded or to take a pass/fail credit for the course.

A student whose GPA drops below a 2.0 at the end of a semester and is enrolled in a study abroad program may elect to be removed from the course and have the tuition refunded or to take a pass/fail credit for the course.

## Course Descriptions

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<b>CODE</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
500	Principles of Legal Analysis	0 sem. hr.
502	Torts I	3 sem. hrs.
503	Torts II	2 sem. hrs.
504	Products Liability	2 sem. hrs.
505	Advanced Torts	2-3 sem. hrs.
506	Contracts I	3 sem. hrs.
507	Contracts II	3 sem. hrs.
508	Sales and Leasing	3 sem. hrs.
509	Mission First Legal Aid Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
510	Hazardous Waste Law	2 sem. hrs.
517	Comparative Products Liability	2-3 sem. hrs.
518	Comparative Corporate Governance and Securities Regulation	2-3 sem. hrs.
519	The Civil War and the Constitution	3 sem. hrs.
520	Legal Project Management	2 sem. hrs.
521	Comparative Law	2-3 sem. hrs.
522	Constitutional Law	4 sem. hrs.

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524	First Amendment	3 sem. hrs.
525	Capital Punishment Law	2 sem. hrs.
526	Themes in Comparative Constitutional Law	1-3 sem. hrs.
527	Solo and Small Law Practice	2 sem. hrs.
530	Clean Water Act and Wetlands	2 sem. hrs.
531	Food Law and Policy	2 sem. hrs.
532	Bioethics and Law	3 sem. hrs.
533	Military and Operational Law	2 sem. hrs.
535	Regulation of the Health Care Industry and Professionals	2 sem. hrs.
537	HIV and the Law Clinic	3 sem. hours
561	Criminal Law	3 sem. hrs.
562	Criminal Procedure	3 sem. hrs.
573	Property	4 sem. hrs.
575	Land Use Controls	3 sem. hrs.
580	Legal Research I	1 sem. hr.
581	Legal Research II	1 sem. hr.
582	Legal Analysis and Communication I	2 sem. hrs.

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583	Legal Analysis and Communication II	2 sem. hrs
587	Legal Analysis and Communication III	3 sem. hrs.
600	Law Review	1 sem. hr.
601	Appellate Advocacy	2 sem. hrs.
602	Advanced Appellate Advocacy	1 sem. hr.
603	Moot Court Board	1-2 sem. hrs.
604	Moot Court Competition I	1 sem. hr.
605	Moot Court Competition II	1 sem. hr.
606	Moot Court Competition III	1 sem. hr.
607	Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition I	1 sem. hr.
608	Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition II	1 sem. hr.
609	Adoption Legal Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
610	Youth Court Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
611	Child Welfare & Family Justice Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
612	Guardian Ad Litem Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
613	Accounting for Lawyers	2 sem. hrs.
614	Accounting Issues in Business Decisions	3 sem. hrs.

615	Policy Formulation and Administration	3 sem. hrs.
616	Agency	2 sem. hrs.
618	Wills and Estates	3 sem. hrs.
619	Business Associations I	4 sem. hrs.
620	Business Associations II	2 sem. hrs.
621	Secured Transactions and Creditors Rights	3 sem. hrs.
623	Evidence	3 sem. hrs.
624	Asset Forfeiture	2 sem. hrs.
625	Civil Procedure I	3 sem. hrs.
626	Civil Procedure II	3 sem. hrs.
627	Advanced Civil Procedure	3 sem. hrs.
628	Compliance in Financial Institutions	1 sem. hrs.
629	Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic	2-3 sem. hrs.
630	Commercial Paper	3 sem. hrs.
631	Deposition Skills Seminar	2 sem. hrs.
632	Advanced Advocacy	2 sem. hrs.
633	Oil and Gas	3 sem. hrs.
634	Environmental Law	2-3 sem. hrs.

635	Worker's Compensation	2 sem. hrs.
637	Corporate and Partnership Taxation	3 sem. hrs.
638	Federal Taxation Law	3 sem. hrs.
639	Arbitration Practice and Procedure	2 sem. hrs.
640	Entertainment Law	2 sem. hrs.
642	Pension and Employee Benefit Law	3 sem. hrs.
643	Entrepreneurship Law	3 sem. hrs.
644	Employment Discrimination	3 sem. hrs.
645	Labor Law	3 sem. hrs.
646	Employment Law	3 sem. hrs.
647	Health Care Fraud and Abuse	2 sem. hrs.
648	Expert Witness Seminar	2 sem. hrs.
649	Comparative Civil Rights	2 sem. hrs.
650	Sports Law	1-3 sem. hrs.
651	Domestic Relations	3 sem. hrs.
652	Current Issues in Family Law	2-3 sem. hrs.
653	Global Issues in Corporate Law	1-2 sem. hrs.
654	Insurance	3 sem. hrs.

655	Corporate Finance	3 sem. hrs.
656	Banking Law	2 or 3 sem. hrs.
657	Venture Capital	2 sem. hrs.
658	Business Ethics	2-3 sem. hrs.
659	Small Business Law and Entrepreneurship	2 sem. hrs.
660	Remedies	3 sem. hrs.
661	Business Bankruptcy	2 sem. hrs.
663	Immigration Law	2-3 sem. hrs
664	Immigration Clinic	3 sem. hrs.
665	White Collar Crime and Business Fraud	2 sem. hrs.
667	Fraud and Fraud Investigation Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
671	Comparative Health Law	2-3 sem. hrs.
672	Appellate Courts	2 sem. hrs.
673	Elder Law	3 sem. hrs.
674	Health Care Law	3 sem. hrs.
675	Medical Malpractice and Health Care Litigation	2 sem. hrs.
676	Education Law	2 or 3 sem. hrs.



677	Trusts	3 sem. hrs.
678	Appellate Procedure	3 sem. hrs.
679	Criminal Practice	3 sem. hrs.
680	Pretrial Practice	2 sem. hrs.
681	Trial Practice	4 sem. hrs.
682	Federal Courts	2-3 sem. hrs.
684	Supreme Court Role-Playing	2-3 sem. hrs.
685	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2 sem. hrs.
686	Removal Jurisdiction	2 sem. hrs.
687	European Union Law Introduction	2-3 sem. hrs.
688	International Finance	3 sem. hrs.
689	Mediation Advocacy	2 sem. hrs.
690	Election Law	2 sem. hrs.
691	Native American Law	2 sem. hrs.
692	Federal Pre-Trial Practice (Civil)	2 sem. hrs.
693	Construction Law	
701	International Human Rights	3 sem. hrs.
702	Estate & Gift Tax	3 sem. hrs.

703	Judicial Administration	3 sem. hrs.
705	International Law	3 sem. hrs.
706	International Business Transactions	2-3 sem. hrs.
707	Civil Law Obligations	3 sem. hrs.
708	Civil Law of Persons and Family	3 sem. hrs.
709	Civil Law of Successions and Donations	3 sem. hrs.
710	Securities Regulation	3 sem. hrs.
711	Civil Law Property	3 sem. hrs.
712	Admiralty	2-3 sem. hrs.
713	Louisiana Security Devices	3 sem. hrs.
714	Business Planning	3 sem. hrs.
715	Legislation	2-3 sem. hrs.
716	Children in the Legal System	3 sem. hrs.
717	Louisiana Civil Procedure	3 sem. hrs.
718	Civil Law Matrimonial Regimes	2 sem. hrs.
719	International Commercial Arbitration Seminar	2-3 sem. hrs.
720	Antitrust	3 sem. hrs.
721	Introduction to Intellectual Property	3 sem. hrs.

722	Copyright	3 sem. hrs.
723	Trademarks and Unfair Competition	3 sem. hrs.
724	Patent Law	3 sem. hrs.
725	Advanced Copyright Law	3 sem. hrs.
726	Criminal Law - International and Comparative Perspectives	2-3 sem. hrs.
727	Complex Litigation	2 sem. hrs.
728	Civil Rights	3 sem. hrs.
729	Selected Problems in Legal History	2 sem. hrs.
730	Jurisprudence	2-3 sem. hrs.
731	Constitutional Law Seminar	2-3 sem. hrs.
732	Law and Literature	2-3 sem. hrs.
733	Seminar in American Legal History	3 sem. hrs.
734	Government Contracting	1-2 sem. hrs.
735	Civil Law Sales and Leases	3 sem. hrs.
736	Louisiana Mineral Law	2-3 sem. hrs.
737	Mental Health Law	2 sem. hrs.
738	International and Comparative Competition Law	2-3 sem. hrs.
739	International and Comparative Contracts and Sales Law	2 sem. hrs.

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741	Litigation Technology	2 sem. hrs.
742	Electronically Stored Information (ESI) and E-Discovery	1-2 sem. hrs.
743	Contemporary Issues on Intellectual Property	3 sem. hrs.
744	Religious Freedom Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
747	Professional Responsibility and Ethics	3 sem. hrs.
748	Agricultural Law	2 sem. hrs.
749	Conflict of Laws	3 sem. hrs.
750	Media Law	2 sem. hrs.
751	Church and State in the Modern World	2 sem. hrs.
752	Consumer Bankruptcy	2 sem. hrs.
753	Bankruptcy	3 sem. hrs.
754	Consumer Law	2 sem. hrs.
755	Administrative Law	3 sem. hrs.
756	Law & Morality Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
757	Juvenile Legal Issues Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
758	Local Government Law	3 sem. hrs.
760	Negotiation Seminar	2 sem. hrs.
762	Seminar	2-3 sem. hrs.

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763	Gender and the Law Seminar	2-3 sem. hrs.
764	Law and Religion Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
765	Legal Theory Seminar *	3 sem. hrs.
767	Race and the Law	3 sem. hrs.
768	Seminar on Issues of Criminal Law and Procedure	3 sem. hrs.
770	Legal Extern Program	3 sem. hrs.
771	Legal Extern Program II	3 sem. hrs.
772	Remote Legal Extern Program I	3 sem. hrs.
773	Faith and the Practice of the Law	2 sem. hrs.
774	Law and Economics Seminar	2 sem. hrs.
775	Cyberlaw Seminar	3 sem. hrs.
776	Remote Legal Extern Program II	5 or 6 sem. hrs.
778	Regulated Industries	2 sem. hrs.
779	Local Government Practice: Land Development Process	2-3 sem. hrs.
780	Basic Real Estate Transactions	3 sem. hrs.
781	Real Estate Finance and Development	2 sem. hrs.
782	Real Estate Practice	2 sem. hrs.
783	Status of Forces Agreements Seminar	1-2 sem. hrs.

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785	Drafting for Business Transactions	2 sem. hrs.
786	Mississippi Practice	3 sem. hrs.
789	Law Office Management	2 sem. hrs.
790	Special Projects I	1 sem. hr.
790	Special Projects IA	1 sem. hr.
791	Special Projects II	2 sem. hrs.
791	Special Projects IIA	2 sem. hrs.
794	Electronic Research Seminar	2 sem. hrs.
795	Writing Requirement	2 sem. hrs.
797	Advanced Legal Research and Writing	3 sem. hrs.
798	Advanced Legal Analysis	3 sem. hrs.
901	Academic Legal Writing for Foreign Lawyers	2 sem. hrs.
902	Introduction to American Law	2 sem. hrs.
903	American Legal System I	1 sem. hr.
904	American Legal System II	1 sem. hr.
920	Masters Level Course in Trial Advocacy or Appellate Advocacy	3 sem. hrs.
995	LL.M. Thesis Course	0 sem. hrs.

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## DEANS

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WILL, JONATHAN (2009)

Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development, Professor of Law and  
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B.A., summa cum laude, Canisius College; M.A., magna cum laude, J.D., magna cum laude, University of Pittsburgh, Executive Editor, Pittsburgh Law Review, Order of the Coif; former adjunct professor, University of Pittsburgh; former associate, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; admitted to practice in Pennsylvania (inactive); affiliate faculty, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Center for Civil Law  
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B.S., magna cum laude, Louisiana State University; J.D., Louisiana State University; Order of the Coif; LL.M., New York University; former partner, Snellings, Breard, Sartor, Inabnett & Trascher, Monroe, Louisiana; former law

clerk to Hon. Cecil C. Cutrer, Circuit Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit, Louisiana; member, Louisiana State, Capital Area, and American Bar Associations.

COPELAND, META (2008)

Assistant Dean for Admissions and Director of Experiential Learning. B.A., magna cum laude, Oglethrope University; J.D., magna cum laude, Mississippi College; former associate, Brunini, Grantham, Grower, Hewes, LLC.; Wise, Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.; former Director of Professional Development, and adjunct professor, Mississippi College School of Law; admitted to practice in Mississippi state and federal courts, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; member, Capital Area, Mississippi and American Bar Associations.

FLOWERS, KAREN

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MILLER, MARY E. (1999)

Assistant Dean for Information, Technology, and Research  
B.A., Asbury College; M.L.S., University of Southern Mississippi; J.D., Mississippi College; former State Law Librarian, Mississippi State Law Library.

PAIGE, TIFFANY

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BLACK, HENRY H (2014)

Distinguished Senior Advisor, Mission First Legal Aid Office; B.A. University of Mississippi; J.D., University of Mississippi; former District Counsel, Vicksburg District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



DILLARD, CHET (2009)

Distinguished Senior Advisor, Mission First Legal Aid Office; B.S, University of Southern Mississippi; J.D., University of Mississippi; former Chancery Judge, Hinds County; former Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Mississippi.

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ANDERSON, PATRICIA (2004)

Faculty Assistant. B.S.B.A.; Mississippi College

ARMSTRONG, JAY (2008)

Director of Admissions; A.A.S., Hinds Community College; B.S., Mississippi College

BANES, JACKIE (2000)

Financial Aid Coordinator; A.A., Copiah-Lincoln Community College; B.A., William Carey College; M.R.E., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

BURNETT, JUDY (2000)

Director of Law School Records

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Receptionist

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Financial Assistant

COLE, BETHANY (2012)

Director of Public Relations and Communications, B.S., Mississippi College

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Admissions Coordinator; Study, Northwest Junior College

COOPER, JAMES (2007)

Maintenance Technician Part-time; A.A., Hinds Community College

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Maintenance Assistant, Part-time; Associate Degree - Electronics from Phillips College, 1979

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GUY, BRENDA (2002)

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Special Grant Attorney, Mission First Legal Aid Office; B.B.A., Jackson State University; J.D., Mississippi College School of Law

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Advocacy and Moot Court Assistant; B.S., Mississippi College

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Faculty Assistant; B.S., Mississippi College

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Career Services Administrative Assistant and Counselor. B.S., Mississippi College; J.D., Mississippi College School of Law

MALONEY, MIKE (1981)

Executive Director of the Law Alumni Association; B.A., Notre Dame University; M.A., J.D., Mississippi College

MAY, GARY (2013)

Director of Finance and Administration; B.A.B.A., Mississippi College

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RAPP, JIM (2012)

Director of Public Safety; B.S., University of Southern Mississippi

UPTON, TAMMY (2005)

Director, Continuing Legal Education and MLI Press; Study, Hinds Community College

WALSH, DEAN (2014)

Maintenance Supervisor A.A., New Orleans Institute of Refrigeration Technology

WELCH, CRYSTAL (2010)

Director, Adoption Project; B.A., Bowdoin College; J.D., Mississippi College School of Law

YOUNG, STEPHANIE (2014)

Development Officer; B.A., Tougaloo College; M.S., University of Southern Mississippi

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ANDERSON, JOHN P. (2010)

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B.A., University of California at Berkeley; Ph.D., J.D., University of Virginia; former associate, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Washington, D.C.; former senior associate, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr, Washington, D.C.; former adjunct professor, Washington College of Law, American University; former instructor, University of Virginia, former Intelligence Specialist, United States Marine Corps Reserves; admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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CAMPBELL, DONALD C. (2008)

Associate Professor of Law

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Southern Mississippi, J.D., *summa cum laude*, Mississippi College; Ph.D. candidate., University of Florida; member, University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy; member, Mississippi College Law Review; former partner, Heilman, Kennedy, Graham, P.A.; former associate, Forman, Perry, Watkins, Krutz & Tardy; Jackson,

Mississippi, law clerk to the Honorable Leslie Southwick, United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit; former adjunct instructor, Mississippi College School of Law; admitted to practice in Mississippi and Florida; coauthor, *Professional Responsibility for Mississippi Lawyers and Commentary on Judicial Ethics in Mississippi*.

CHALLENGER, DEBORAH (2003)

Professor of Law

B.A., Oberlin College; M.P.P., Vanderbilt University; J.D., University of Tennessee; Editor-In-Chief, *Tennessee Law Review*; former law clerk, Hon. Deanell Reece Tacha, former Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; former law clerk, Hon. Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee; former associate, Morrison & Forester, San Francisco, California; admitted to practice in California.

CHRISTY, J. GORDON (2002)

Professor of Law

B.A., with honors and special honors in Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin; J.D., with honors, University of Texas at Austin; Member, *Texas Law Review*; Order of the Coif (Faculty, University of Oklahoma College of Law); post-graduate study in philosophy, University of Edinburgh (Scotland); former Associate Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law; former partner, Johnson & Gibbs and Strasburger & Price, Dallas, Texas; Special Counsel to the Deputy General Counsel, Ford Motor Company; member, State Bar of Michigan.

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EDWARDS, CECILE C. (1982)

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B.B.A., with distinction, J.D., with honors, University of Mississippi; LL.M. (in Corporate Law), New York University; former associate, Stennett, Wilkinson and Ward, Jackson, Mississippi; former Visiting Professor of Law, University of Alabama; former Visiting Professor of Law, University of Seattle; admitted to practice in Mississippi; member, Mississippi and American Bar Associations; former chair, Business Law Section, Mississippi Bar.

HENKEL, CHRISTOPH K. (2009)

Professor of Law, Co-Director International and Comparative Law Center, and Director Summer Program (Berlin, Germany), 1st German State Exam in Law, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen School of Law (Germany); 2nd German State Exam in Law; LL.M., S.J.D. , University of Wisconsin; Law Clerk, District Court of Appeals, State of Hesse (Germany); former Interim Director LL.M. Program (2009-2011), former Visiting Professor of Law , Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana; former adjunct, The John Marshall School of Law, Chicago Illinois; former Visiting Professor of Law, Concordia International School of Law; former contract attorney, Schopf & Weiss, LLP, Chicago, Illinois ; former contract attorney, Eckert Seamans, Cherin, & Mellot, LLC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; admitted to practice in Michigan.

HETHERINGTON, H. LEE (1976)

Professor of Law

B.A., Millsaps College; J.D., University of Mississippi; LL.M. (in Trade Regulation), New York University; formerly House Legal Counsel and Assistant to the President, Peermusic, New York City and Jackson, Mississippi; former Group Vice President, Columbia Pictures Television, Burbank, California; former adjunct professor of law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California; former Visiting Professor of Law, Catholic University of America and Whittier School of Law; admitted to practice in Mississippi and New York. Member, Capital Area, Mississippi and American Bar Associations; author, *The Lawyer's Guide to Negotiation* (with Frascogna); *This Business of Artist Management* (3rd ed.) (with Frascogna), and *This Business of Internet Law* (with Frascogna & Howell).

JOHNSON, JUDITH J. (1984)

Professor of Law

B.A., with honors, University of Texas at Austin; J.D., with distinction, University of Mississippi; former law clerk to Hon. Charles Clark, former Chief Judge United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; former partner, Miller, Milam, Johnson and Moeller, Jackson, Mississippi; former president, Jackson Young Lawyers Association; former president, Capital Area Bar Association; former chairman, Mississippi Law Institute; former secretary and former member, Board of Directors, Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division; member, Charles Clark Inn, American Inns of Court; Fellow, Mississippi Bar Foundation; Chair, Mississippi Judicial Advisory Study Committee, Subcommittee on Criminal Code Reform; admitted to practice in Mississippi; member Capital Area, Mississippi, and American Bar Associations

JOHNSON, RANDALL K. (2014)

Assistant Professor of Law B.A., University of Michigan; M.S., London School of Economics; Master of Urban Planning, New York University, J.D.,

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KENNEDY, SHIRLEY T. (1999)

Instructor, Director of Child Advocacy Programs, and Director, Family and Children's Law Center

B.F.A., with honors, University of Texas; J.D., with special distinction, Mississippi College; former associate, Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, Jackson, Mississippi; former member, Charles Clark Inn, American Inns of Court; admitted to practice in Mississippi; member, Mississippi Bar Association.

KUPENDA, ANGELA MAE (1995)

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B.S., *summa cum laude*, Jackson State University; M.A., University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School; J.D., with special distinction, Mississippi College; former law clerk to Hon. Charles Clark, former Chief Judge United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; former law clerk to Hon. Paul Roney, Senior Judge and former Chief Judge United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; former associate, Arnold and Porter, Washington, D.C.; former associate, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., Jackson, Mississippi; former Distinguished Visiting Professor of Teaching Excellence, Franklin Pierce Law Center; former Visiting Associate Professor, Boston College Law School; former Visiting Professor, Notre Dame Law School; admitted to practice in Mississippi and the District of Columbia; member, Magnolia, Mississippi, American and National Bar Associations.

LEE, CHANDRA T. (2017)

Instructor of Legal Analysis and Communication

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LOWERY, VICKI (2005)

Director of Advocacy and External Competitions and Assistant Director, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center

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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law

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MEYER, RICHARD (2011)

Director of the LL.M. Program for Foreign Trained Lawyers;

B.A., Illinois State University; J.D., Northern Illinois University; LL.M., Judge Advocate General's School; LL.M., J.S.D. (candidate), Columbia University; former Judge Advocate, United States Army; former Associate Professor, United States Military Academy; former Adjunct Faculty, Columbia University Law School; former Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland; former Adjunct Faculty, Western International University; former Legal Instructor & Writer, United States Military Intelligence School.

MODAK-TRURAN, MARK C. (1998)

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Instructor, Legal Analysis and Communication

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NG (BOYTE), ALINA (2007)

Professor of Law

LL.B, first in class, Champion's Trophy for Best Student; Director's Prize; University of London; LL.M., University of Cambridge; J.S.M., J.S.D., Stanford University; Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship; Editor, Stanford Environmental Law Journal; Lieberman Fellowship; Fulbright

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PARKER, DAVID (2017)

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B.A.; J.D., Mississippi College

PURVIS, MARY LARGENT (2008)

Director of Legal Analysis & Communication

B.S., magna cum laude, Millsaps College; J.D., summa cum laude, Mississippi College; member Mississippi College Law Review; former associate, Adams and Reese, LLP; former staff and contract attorney, Carroll, Warren, Parker, PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi; former contract attorney; former adjunct professor, Mississippi College School of Law; former Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Mississippi College School of Law; member Capital Area Bar Association and Mississippi Women Lawyers; admitted to practice in Mississippi and the United State Patent and Trademark Office.

ROSENBLATT, JAMES H. (2003)

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B.A. Vanderbilt University; J.D., Cornell University; Commander and Staff Judge Advocate, The Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army (retired); former Instructor, The Judge Advocate General's School; Dean, Mississippi College School of Law 2003-2014; admitted to practice in New York and Missouri; member New York and Missouri bars and the American Bar Association.

SCOTT, WENDY B. (2014)

Professor of Law

B.A., Harvard University; J.D., New York University; former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law; former Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and

Professor of Law, Tulane Law School. Ms. Scott joined the Tulane faculty as Professor after a successful career in labor law and public interest civil rights advocacy. From 1980 to 1984, she served as a Staff Attorney at the Legal Action Center of the City of New York.

STEFFEY, MATTHEW SCOTT (1990)

Professor of Law

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### Financial Aid

MC Law grants some scholarships based on merit. Students with financial need may apply for the federal Direct Loans, Graduate Plus Loans, and College Work Study. To be considered for federal aid, students must complete the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA). This form may be obtained online from [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### Loans, Work Study, Scholarships

MC Law offers assistance through the federal Direct Loan Program, college work study, institutional scholarships and a limited number of credit based Graduate Plus loans. (Federal Pell Grants are reserved for undergraduate students only.) Loans are processed after the student completes and returns the FAFSA. Students must use Mississippi College School of Law code #E00479 on the FAFSA for the school to receive their information. A maximum of \$20,500 per year will be awarded under the Federal Direct Loans programs. Further information regarding loans and college work study

may be obtained by contacting the Financial Aid office at 601-925-7110. For more detailed information regarding merit-based institutional scholarships, consult the section on Scholarships and Awards in this catalog.

## Satisfactory Progress to Maintain Financial Aid

Students on academic probation will be eligible to receive financial assistance for the first semester on academic probation, and for the second semester, provided substantial academic progress was made during the first semester of probation. Students will be ineligible to receive financial assistance during the first semester back in school following academic suspension, if the student is allowed to re-enroll.

Students who are denied financial assistance due to unsatisfactory academic progress have the right to appeal the denial. Students should place in writing the request to appeal to the Academic Standards Committee. (Contact the Financial Aid Coordinator, 601-925-7110)

## Payment of Accounts

All accounts are due and payable at the time of registration. No credit for course work done will be awarded, nor transcripts provided, until all accounts are paid.

## Payment Arrangements

Cash - If not using the monthly payment plan or a credit card, a check for the exact amount may be written before registration.

Monthly Payment Plan - The law school offers a Monthly Payment Plan, a convenient method for planning and budgeting tuition and fees for the Fall or

Spring semester. Under this plan, costs may be paid with up to five (5) monthly payments per semester. Participation in the plan is only allowed with direct debit to a bank account. Applications and more detailed information (including payment dates and deadlines for enrolling) may be obtained by contacting the Mississippi College Bursar's Office. A nonrefundable fee of \$20 per semester covers the costs of administration of the program and must accompany the application. Application must be made each semester for the plan.

Information regarding the Monthly Payment Plan may be obtained by any one of the following: Mississippi College website, <http://www.mc.edu/offices/financial-aid/payment-plans/>, by contacting the Bursar's Office at 601-925-3309 or 1-800-738-1287, or by e-mail at [bursar@mc.edu](mailto:bursar@mc.edu). Students who pay by credit card incur additional fees charged by the third party provider. Please note that VISA is not accepted for credit card payments.

## Payment by International Students

Before an international student may register, the student must have on deposit with the Bursar's Office sufficient funds to cover expenses for an entire year and must provide an approved medical and repatriation insurance policy with Mississippi College as the trustee beneficiary.

## Dormitory

As availability permits, some residence hall rooms on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton may be open to law students. For dormitory information, please call Residence Life at (601) 925-3359.

## Expenses

## Tuition and Fees for Law School for AY 2016-2017

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT FOR AY 2017-2018
Tuition (per hour), J.D. Program	
a. 3L Students	\$1,068 (fixed for remainder of school)
b. 2L Students	\$1,068 (fixed for remainder of school)
c. 1L Students	\$1,129 (fixed for remainder of school)
Registration Fee (fixed)	
5 hours or less	\$75
6-11 hours	\$120



12 hours or more \$185 (2L-3L)

\$170 (1L)

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Campus Dining Fee (per semester) \$100 (all 2L & 3L) students

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Activity Fee \$165

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Academic Programming Fee \$435 (all 1L students)

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Automation Fee (per semester) \$150 (2L & 3L) students

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Duplicate ID Card Fee \$5

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Graduation Fee (includes a complimentary photo) \$120 (only charged in the year of graduation)

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Health Services Fee \$45

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Replacement Diploma Fee \$70

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Replacement Clicker Fee \$30

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Late Registration Fee \$30

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Parking Fee (per semester)	\$170 (2L & 3L students)
Removal of Incomplete Grade Fee	\$30
Returned Check Fee	\$30
Locker Fee	\$20 per semester (optional)
Transcript Fee	No charge for current students, \$15 for all other transcripts
Transfer Application Fee (per school to which a packet is sent)	\$40
Visits away to another Law School	Pay tuition and fees to MC Law at the MC Law rate, who in turn will pay the host law school-if tuition/fees at host school are more expensive, the extra amount to cover the difference would also be paid to MC Law
Acceptance Deposits (applied to account upon enrollment)	\$250 (initial deposit) \$350 (second deposit)
Supplemental course materials	Actual cost of reproduction and

## Refund Policy

The charges and fees to attend MC Law and the refund policies have been approved by the Board of Trustees and are designed to be as fair as possible to both the University and the student.

### **REFUND ON WITHDRAWAL FROM MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW**

A student desiring to withdraw from MC Law should initiate the process using the Complete Withdrawal link in the MyMC student portal. It is necessary for the correct procedure to be followed. Failure to process an official withdrawal earns a grade of F in each course. Deadlines for withdrawal are the same as those for dropping courses.

Any claims for refunds of tuition will be based on the date on which the student files a completed withdrawal form.

### **REFUND ON TUITION UPON WITHDRAWAL**

Note: that in counting deadlines (for changes of schedule, refunds, etc.), the first week of the semester is the calendar week in which registration begins.

#### **FOR WITHDRAWAL DURING FALL AND SPRING: REFUND CREDIT:**

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1st week	100%
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2nd week	75%
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3rd week	50%
4th week	25%
5th week	0%

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**FOR WITHDRAWAL DURING  
10 WEEK SUMMER TERMS: REFUND CREDIT:**

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Registration day through 3rd day of 1st term	100%
4th and 5th days of 1st term	75%
6th and 7th days of 1st term	50%
8th and 9th days of 1st term	25%
10th day of 1st term	0%

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## REFUND ON COURSES DROPPED

### FOR COURSES DROPPED DURING FALL AND SPRING: REFUND CREDIT:

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1st week	100%
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2nd week	0%
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### FOR COURSES DROPPED DURING 10 WEEK SUMMER TERMS: REFUND CREDIT:

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Registration day through 3rd day of the term	100%
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4th day of the term	0%
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## REFUND ON RESIDENCE HALLS

Room charges will not be refunded should a student withdraw from school or cease to be a resident student.

## REFUND ON OTHER FEES

Fees other than those outlined above are not refundable upon withdrawal.

## REFUNDS/RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

When a student withdraws from classes, the student may be entitled to receive money back which had been paid to the University. The University may be able to refund all or a portion of the tuition, fees, etc., the student paid. If the tuition, fees, etc., were paid with Title IV financial aid, all or a portion of the student's refund must be returned to the student aid programs from which the money was awarded. A student who receives a cash disbursement to assist with living expenses and then withdraws, may be required to return money to the aid programs from which the money was awarded.

Federal regulations require Mississippi College to have a fair and equitable refund policy. If a recipient of Title IV aid withdraws during a period of enrollment, Mississippi College must calculate the amount of Title IV aid the student did not earn. The percentage of aid earned is equal to the percentage of time not completed. Unearned Title IV funds must be returned to the Title IV programs.

If a student withdraws on or before the 60% point of enrollment, the percentage of aid earned is equal to the percentage of time completed. If a student remains enrolled beyond the 60% point of enrollment period, 100% of the aid has been earned for that period.

All unearned Title IV funds must be returned to the Title IV programs. If Title IV aid was used to pay institutional charges first, the University will return unearned Title IV funds up to an amount that is equal to the amount disbursed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Funds are returned in the following order up to the full amount disbursed:

1. Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan,
2. Federal Subsidized Direct Loan,

### 3. Federal Plus Loan,

## Refund on Withdrawal from Mississippi College School of Law

A student desiring to withdraw from the University should initiate the process using the Complete Withdrawal link in the MyMC student portal. It is necessary for the correct procedure to be followed. Failure to process an official withdrawal earns a grade of F in each course. Deadlines for withdrawal are the same as those for dropping courses.

Any claims for refunds of tuition will be based on the date on which the student files a complete withdrawal request through [MyMC](#).

## Scholarships & Awards

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MC Law is committed to attracting highly qualified applicants to attend MC Law. Applicants with outstanding credentials and strong records may be awarded scholarships in fixed dollar amounts for the first year of law school. These scholarships require no separate application, and all applicants will be considered for scholarship awards. Because MC Law acts on admissions applications and awards scholarships on a rolling basis, applicants are advised to submit an application early and ensure its completeness. These scholarships will be renewed if a stated level of academic performance is attained as measured at the end of the academic year. Each scholarship recipient will be advised as to the required retention standard.

MC Law also recognizes and rewards outstanding academic performance on the part of students who attend MC Law without a scholarship in the first year. Students who have an initial fixed dollar scholarship may also see an

increase in their scholarship based on outstanding academic performance during the first year.

At the end of the first year, as a minimum the top four students in the class will receive a full tuition scholarship for their second year (if not already receiving a full tuition scholarship). All students in the top 10% of the class will be guaranteed to receive a scholarship for a fixed dollar amount for their second year. Fixed dollar scholarships also may be awarded to students in the top 20% of the class, but are not guaranteed. The amount of new or increased fixed dollar scholarships awarded varies each year and is dependent on budget and other factors. The scholarships awarded at the end of the first year may be renewed based on a specified level of academic performance during the second year. Each scholarship recipient will be advised of the required retention standard.

At the end of the second year, as a minimum the top four students in the class will receive a full tuition scholarship for their third year (if not already on a full tuition scholarship). All students in the top 10% of the class will be guaranteed to receive a scholarship for a fixed dollar amount for their third year. Fixed dollar scholarships also may be awarded to students in the top 20% of the class, but are not guaranteed. As noted above the amounts of new or increased fixed dollar scholarships will vary.

Retention standards vary for the different types and amounts of scholarships, but each student will be advised of the retention standards for the scholarship awarded.

For those students who have scholarship or tuition assistance from other sources, MC Law reserves the right to limit its funding for scholarships noted above depending on the nature of the outside scholarship or assistance. Students who complete their degree early may have their scholarships prorated.



In addition to institutional scholarships, a number of other scholarships and awards are available in recognition of excellence as shown by academic potential, academic performance, demonstrated leadership, potential for contribution to the legal profession, or based on financial need. More information regarding scholarship and awards may be found on the MC Law website: <http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students/prospective-students/scholarships/>.

Limited funding is available for scholarships for LL.M. students. Scholarships for LL.M. students may be awarded based on need or merit. LL.M. applicants will be evaluated for scholarship eligibility as part of the application and matriculation process and after the Fall Semester.

## Standards of Conduct

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Law students are expected to maintain acceptable standards of conduct in their personal and professional activities at all times. In matters of academic integrity, students are expected to comply with the [MC Law Honor Code](#). Breaches of acceptable standards may result in action by the Dean of MC Law who exercises authority over law students for personal or academic misconduct. This authority is separate and apart from the authority of criminal or civil authorities and is exercised from an education perspective. Education actions may vary depending on the circumstances but may include dismissal from law school. The Honor Code Advisor assists the Dean in resolving allegations of Honor Code violations and other misconduct as set forth in the Honor Code.

Proceedings to examine alleged misconduct are educational proceedings and may vary in form depending on the circumstances. The law student will be provided due process in such proceedings, but does not have the right to have

an attorney present in the proceedings. The due process rights are notice, an opportunity to be heard, and notice of the action taken.

Use of Mississippi College computer resources is subject to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). The AUP can be found at [Acceptable Use Policy](#). Failure to read the AUP does not excuse the student from the requirements and regulations contained therein.

## Drug-free Environment

The use, possession, or distribution of illicit drugs by students at MC Law is expressly forbidden and the same shall not be tolerated on any property owned or controlled by Mississippi College, nor shall the same be tolerated at or as a part of any activity undertaken at or under the direction or supervision of Mississippi College. In addition to possible legal sanctions, disciplinary action for violation of this regulation may include expulsion or other severe penalty.

## Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic beverages will not be served or consumed on the MC Law campus.

## Firearms Policy

Firearms are not permitted on the MC Law campus except those used by law enforcement personnel in their official capacity.

## Harassment Policy

Mississippi College's policy regarding "Sexual Harassment, Fraternization & Workplace Harassment" is found in Policy 3.11 of the university's Policies and

Procedure Manual. MC Law follows those procedures. For other forms of harassment not covered by this policy, MC Law will use the complaint policy above or faculty created procedures (listed below) to resolve those allegations. It should be noted that the normal give and take of the classroom and the utilization of standard classroom teaching procedures involving the questioning students, challenging student reasoning, and commenting on academic matters does not constitute harassment and will not be subject to these procedures. MC Law is committed to the fair treatment of its students, faculty, and employees and expects actions of those in the MC Law community to reflect the respect and dignity afforded to fellow human beings.

### Mississippi College School of Law Harassment Policy

Mississippi College School of Law, as a constituent school of Mississippi College, an institution of Christian higher education, is committed to the belief that human beings are God's creations, equally entitled to dignity and respect. It is the belief of the faculty and administration that lawyers and law students, in particular, should strive to uphold the highest standards of respect for all persons. In keeping with this belief and commitment, the Law School has adopted the following Harassment Policy:

1) Mississippi College School of Law is committed to protecting academic freedom and freedom of expression of all members of the Law School community. This policy of harassment shall be applied in a manner that protects academic freedom and freedom of expression of all parties to a complaint.

2) The law school prohibits harassment on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability where such conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive to offend a reasonable person and to unreasonably interfere with such person's academic or work performance or otherwise create a hostile academic or work environment.

3) In addition, Mississippi College School of Law prohibits sexual harassment. Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment or education; (b) submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as the basis for significant academic or employment decisions affecting such person; or (c) such conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive to offend a reasonable person and to unreasonably interfere with such person's academic or work performance or otherwise create a hostile academic or work environment.

Examples:

The following examples of such behavior are not meant to be illustrative, but not exhaustive, of conduct that could possibly constitute sexual harassment, if unwanted:

A. Physical assault.

B. Direct sexual propositions, invitations, or other pressure for sexual activity.

C. Subtle pressure for sexual activity, an element of which may be conduct such as leering or ogling.

D. Direct or implied threats that submission to sexual advances will be a condition of employment, work status, promotion, grades, or letters of recommendation.

E. A pattern of conduct not legitimately related to the subject matter of a course, if one is involved, intended to discomfort or humiliate, or both, that includes one or more of the following: comments of a sexual nature or sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes, or anecdotes.

F. A pattern of conduct that would discomfort or humiliate, or both, a reasonable person at whom the conduct was directed that includes one or more of the following: unnecessary touching, patting, hugging or brushing against a person's body; remarks of a sexual nature about a person's clothing or body; or remarks about a person's sexual activity or speculations about a person's sexual experience.

G. A pattern of conduct which implies discrimination or hostility toward a person's personal, professional, or academic interests because of sex.

H. Exhibiting lewd photographs or calendars.

4) This policy is intended to protect students, faculty, (including adjunct faculty), administration, and staff (i.e. "the member") from harassment by anyone that the member comes into contact with on the Law School property or as a result of Law School-sponsored or Law School-related events and activities. It is intended to protect the members from harassment by other students, faculty (including adjunct faculty), administration, staff, contractors, visitors, interviewers, and other such persons. The Law School will make its best efforts to prevent and remedy the situation, keeping in mind that the Law School's ability to prevent and remedy the harassment will vary with the amount of control the Law School has over the alleged harasser.

5) Any member of the Law School community who believes the member has been subjected to harassing conduct is encouraged to speak to the Assistant Dean of Students, unless it is inappropriate or uncomfortable for the member to do so. In such a case, the member may speak with the Associate Dean for Academics or the Title IX/EEO Coordinator at Mississippi College. If the member is not satisfied with the resolution, the member may make a written appeal to the Dean of the Law School, or--if the matter involves the Dean--to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mississippi College. Action on the

appeal is final.

6) Any staff or faculty member receiving a report that conduct may be legally actionable shall refer the member to the Assistant Dean of Students, under normal circumstances, but when it is inappropriate to report the matter to the Assistant Dean of Students or as requested by the student, the referral may be made to any of the persons listed to whom such initial reports may be made.

7) All reports made to the Assistant Dean of Students or to any of the listed persons will, if unresolved, be reported to the Dean unless it is inappropriate to do so or at the request of the member. In such a case the incident should be reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mississippi College or to the Title IX/EEO Coordinator at Mississippi College.

8) Any complaint of harassment will be investigated in a fair and expeditious manner. The confidentiality of all parties will be respected to the extent possible insofar as it does not interfere with the Law School's legal obligation to investigate allegations and take corrective measures or as otherwise provided by law. If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has occurred, the Law School will act promptly to eliminate the offending conduct to the extent that it is within the Law School's control. Any retaliation against any person complaining or cooperating in an investigation shall not be tolerated.

9) This policy shall not be construed to impose liability on the Law School or Mississippi College for acts of harassment for which it is not otherwise legally liable; nor shall this policy be deemed to waive any exemptions from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or any other provision of law to which the school may be entitled.

10) The Law School will notify the Title IX/EEO Coordinator of Mississippi College when necessary, to coordinate resolution of complaints.

## Listing of Contact Information for Educational Officials at the Law School and at Mississippi College (MC)

TITLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
Assistant Dean of Students	Tiffany Paige	601-925-7151	<a href="mailto:tpaige@mc.edu">tpaige@mc.edu</a>
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs	Phillip L. McIntosh	601-925-7145	<a href="mailto:mcintosh@mc.edu">mcintosh@mc.edu</a>
Interim Law School Dean	Patricia Bennett	601-925-7101	<a href="mailto:pbennett@mc.edu">pbennett@mc.edu</a>
Vice President for Academics, MC	Dr. Ron Howard	601-925-3202	<a href="mailto:howard@mc.edu">howard@mc.edu</a>
Title IX/EEO Coordinator, MC	Dr. Debbie Norris	601-925-3260	<a href="mailto:dnorris@mc.edu">dnorris@mc.edu</a>

## Student Complaints Procedure

### Application

This procedure is available for resolving student complaints that involve the MC Law program of legal education. Its process-while not mandatory-may also be used to resolve other complaints that directly involve MC Law. This

procedure will not be used if there is another procedure that is specifically provided for a certain type of complaint. There is no appeal process for grades, and this procedure does not apply to complaints regarding grades.

### **Informal Action**

When faced with a matter of concern, a student should-as would a wise attorney-attempt to resolve the issue at the lowest level using informal methods. It is often helpful to approach the person with a relationship to the concern and make that concern known. Very often simply making known the concern will permit a discussion and a resolution.

### **Formal Complaint**

If informal procedures do not provide for a resolution of the concern, a student may make a written complaint to the Associate Dean for Academics (for academic matters), the Assistant Dean for Students (non-academic matters), or another official designated by the Dean. The written complaint should state the nature of the concern, describe what steps were taken in an attempt to resolve the concern, and provide any relevant information which would assist in reviewing the complaint.

### **Complaint Resolution**

The official receiving the complaint will inquire into the matter and work to resolve the complaint. After completing the inquiry and resolution steps, the official will provide a written decision to the student. The official may obtain the assistance of others in this process. There will be no hearings, but the official may discuss this matter with the student.

### **Appeal**



If the student is dissatisfied with the decision, the student may appeal the decision to the Dean. The appeal should be in writing, must include the basis for the appeal and the reasons why the decision was not appropriate, and include any information that would be helpful in acting on the appeal. The appeal must be received by the Dean's office within 21 calendar days from the date of the decision. The Dean will decide the appeal and provide a written action on the appeal to the student. The Dean's decision is final and may not be appealed.

## **Records**

MC Law will maintain a copy of all complaints, decisions, and appeal actions.

## **Good Faith**

Complaints made in good faith are important to the proper functioning of MC Law and resolving matters of concern to students. No retaliation or adverse action may be taken against a student who submits a complaint in good faith.

# Admissions to a State Bar

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All students who intend to apply for admission to a state bar should consult with the specific state bar for requirements. Many states require both registration as a law student and a bar exam application. Also, fees for students who are late in registering are often substantially higher. For information pertaining to bar requirements in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the various United States territories, the National Conference of Bar Examiner's website provides links to the various bar admissions offices at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org). For students who intend to seek bar

admission in Mississippi, the Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions website is [www.mssc.state.ms.us/baradmissions/baradmissions.html](http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/baradmissions/baradmissions.html).

While MC Law provides information about bar examinations and bar admissions requirements to our students, nevertheless, students have the primary responsibility to acquaint themselves with the requirements of any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission to practice law.

Additional information regarding the need for prospective students to research the admissions requirements of State Bars can be found at <http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students/bar-admission/>.

## Law Library

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The law library is an integral part of the total law school program. With a collection of more than 348,000 volumes and volume equivalents, the library exceeds the basic research needs of the law student and the practicing attorney. Around this nucleus the law library is rapidly developing resources that will also serve the needs of legal scholars and specialists. Emphasis is placed on the development of the collections of statutes, legal periodicals, federal and state legislative materials, reports of all federal courts, and reports of all state appellate courts. Federal administrative agency materials, specialized loose-leaf services, and treatises to meet needs in areas of importance are also being collected. The law library is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and is a selective U.S. Government depository library.

The law library operates a computer lab to give students access to computer-assisted legal instruction, electronic legal instruction, and word processing services.

The law library, located on the first, second and third floors of the law school, is designed to provide appropriate facilities for students, faculty, and visiting attorneys. Separate areas are available for individual and group study, photocopying, microforms and computerized legal research. Westlaw, Lexis, and internet databases are accessible in the computer lab and by wireless access. Students have access to wireless printing.

## Professional Librarians

DRESSLER, GINGER (1997)

Acquisitions/Cataloging Librarian, B.S., Northeast Louisiana University;  
M.L.I.S., University of Southern Mississippi

HUCKABY, JUSTIN (2012)

Research, Instructional Services & Circulation Librarian; B.A., Millsaps  
College; M.S.(L.I.S.) Drexel University; J.D., Mississippi College

MILLER, MARY E. (1999)

Assistant Dean for Information, Technology, and Research and Professor of  
Law; B.A., Asbury College; M.L.S., University of Southern Mississippi; J.D.,  
Mississippi College

WALTER, THOMAS B. (1999)

Reference/Computer Services Librarian, B.S., Mississippi State University;  
J.D., Mississippi College

## Staff

CANTRELL, TIWANA (2011)

Circulation Assistant

FRANKLIN, VAN (2014)

IT Specialist/IT Help Desk; B.S., Mississippi College; M.Div., Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

JONES, SHARON (2007)

Cataloging Supervisor; Study, Hinds Community College, Jackson State University

ROBY, LEONTYNE (2008)

Acquisitions Assistant/Mail Clerk

VAN WINKLE, DEREK (2017)

Director of Information Technology.

B.S., Mississippi State University; A.S., Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

## College Administration

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### General Officers

ROYCE, LEE G. (2002)

President of the University

B.A., M.B.A., Ed.D., Vanderbilt University

HOWARD, RONALD (1977)

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History

B.A., Carson-Newman College; M.A., University of Tennessee; Ph.D., University of Tennessee-Knoxville

CRANFORD, BILL (2000)

Chief Information Officer

B.S., University of Mississippi; M.B.A., Mississippi College

LEWIS, DONNA (1998)

Chief Financial Officer

B.S., University of Mississippi; CPA

NORRIS, DEBBIE C. (1984)

Vice President for Planning and Assessment, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Associate Professor of Business

B.S.B.A., Mississippi College; M.Ed., Mississippi State University; Ph.D., University of Mississippi

PRATT, ERIC (2002)

Vice President for Christian Development

B.A., Vanderbilt University; M. Div., Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; post-doctoral study, Loyola University

STANFORD, STEVE (1999)

Vice President for Administration and Government Relations

B.S.E., M.Ed., Delta State University; Ph.D., Florida State University

TOWNSEND, JR., WILLIAM R. "BILL" (2008)

Vice President for Advancement and Legal Counsel to the President

B.A., Mississippi College; J.D., Mississippi College; M.Div., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Ph.D., University of Mississippi

TURCOTTE, JIM (1994)

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Students

B.S.B.A., Mississippi College; M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., University of North Texas

## Academic Deans

BALDWIN, STAN (1999)

Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics and Professor of Biological Sciences; Acting Chair of Computer Science and Physics

B.S., Asbury College; M.Div., Asbury Theological Seminary; M.A., University of Kentucky; Ph.D., University of Kentucky College of Medicine; Postdoctoral Research, Ohio State University College of Medicine

BENNETT, PATRICIA (1989)

Interim Dean, and The Henry Vaughan Watkins and Selby Watkins McRae Professor of Law

B.A., Tougaloo College; J.D., Mississippi College

EDUARDO, MARCELO (1997)

Dean of the School of Business and Professor of Finance

B.A., M.B.A., Delta State University; Ph.D., University of Mississippi

MELTON, CINDY (2017)

Dean of the School of Education

B.S., M.Ed., Mississippi College; Ed.D., University of Mississippi

NORRIS, DEBBIE C. (1984)

Vice President for Planning and Assessment, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Associate Professor of Business

B.S.B.A., Mississippi College; M.Ed., Mississippi State University; Ph.D., University of Mississippi; 1998 MC London Program Resident Professor

RANDLE, JONATHAN T. (1999)

Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor, Department of English

B.A., Mississippi College; Affiliated A.A., M.A., Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge; Ph.D., Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

SHARP, KIMBERLY J. (2015)

Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing

B.A., B.S.N., Cedarville College; M.S.N., University of Edinburgh (Scotland);

Ph.D., The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland

VANHORN, WAYNE (2005)

Dean of Christian Studies and the Arts, and Professor of Christian Studies  
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B.A., Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary;

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