



Law Day Awards 2025

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Scholarship:

Presented to the student nominated by the lead ABOTA instructor in the Trial Practice course based on their skills and promise as a litigator, who also exhibits the same virtues of civility, integrity and professionalism required by ABOTA's Code of Professionalism and Principles of Civility.

Reuben V. Anderson Scholarship:

The Capital Area Bar Association's Minority Scholarship Honoring Reuben V. Anderson will be presented to two (2) full-time students at Mississippi College School of Law who are Mississippi residents, support the diversity goals and programs of Mississippi College School of Law, and who embody the leadership traits and character of Reuben V. Anderson, a Mississippi civil rights attorney who was the first African American to serve as a Mississippi Supreme Court Justice.

Association of Legal Administrators Award:

Made possible by a generous donation from the Mississippi Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, this award is presented to a 2L student in the top 50% of their class.

R. Jess Brown Scholarship for Leadership in Racial Reconciliation:

This award is presented to a law student who exemplifies the spirit of R. Jess Brown, one of the first African American attorneys in the State of Mississippi. Mr. Brown handled significant civil rights cases in the 1950's and 1960's and dedicated his life to representing the underclass, women, and children, who had no access to the legal system. Preference will be given to candidates who are non-traditional students supporting a family while going to law school.

Judge Charles Clark Memorial Scholarship:

This scholarship was established in memory of Fifth Circuit Judge Charles Clark by his law clerks and colleagues. His lifelong dedication to the law was exemplified by his love for judicial integrity and his commitment to the young lawyers for whom he served as mentor and role model throughout his career. This award will be presented to a student who possesses these same ethical characteristics and leadership qualities of Judge Clark.

Class of 1996 Scholarship for Leadership:

Established by numerous members of the Class of 1996, this scholarship will be presented to a student who is respected by their classmates, exemplifies leadership skills, and is active within MC Law.



Connecting the Dots Foundation Award:

The Connecting the Dots foundation inspires, empowers and connects community service organizations by helping them realize their dreams and accomplish their goals through the development of activities, education and financial support. This scholarship will be presented to a deserving law student with the same ideals.

Cosmich, Simmons & Brown Diversity Scholarship:

Established in 2018, this scholarship is presented to a law student representing Cosmich, Simmons & Brown's goal of diversity in the legal community and awarded based on the committee's selection of eligible applicants.

Judge John Richard Countiss III '56 Memorial Award:

This award was established in memory of U.S. Magistrate Judge John Richard Countiss III, a member of MC Law's Class of 1956, who had a true love for the law and believed that professionalism and practicality were essential characteristics that lawyers must possess in order to be effective advocates in the legal system. This award will be presented to a student who has not only excelled academically, but who personifies professionalism among his or her peers, exhibits a love for the law, and will be an asset and contributor to the Bar.

Judge Sebe Dale Memorial Scholarship Award:

An endowed scholarship established in memory of Judge Sebe Dale, who lived a life of service to his state and country in the military, as a lawyer, and on the bench, this award will be presented to a student who exhibits the traits of Judge Dale and excels academically.

The John and Gwen Deakle '75 Scholarship:

Selected by the Dean, this award is given in honor of John Deakle, MC Law Class of 1975, and goes to a student who has overcome obstacles in life, demonstrates a concern for those less fortunate, and possesses a powerful sense of ambition and determination.

Dean's LSBA Award: This award is selected by the Dean and is given to the student who has most exemplified gracious leadership during their time at MC Law.

Frank M. Deramus Law Scholarship:

Dr. Jody Hindman Deramus has established the Frank Ming Deramus Memorial Scholarship for a 2L law student who is committed through service to the development of the law school and who has demonstrated potential for service through the practice of law and to the community.



Floyd & Luella Doolittle Labor Law Award:

Roger Doolittle, MC Law Class of '78, established this award in to honor his father, who traveled the United States organizing labor unions, conducting labor negotiations, and improving the station in life of tens of thousands of workers. This award is presented to that student who excels in labor law, shows promise of leadership and demonstrates the determination to become a successful attorney.

Peter L. Doran '88 Memorial Scholarship Award:

Established in 2006 by Pete Doran's law firm, this award is presented to a 2L student with a connection to Pete's home state of Louisiana who best represents the character and personality of this gifted attorney. The recipient will embody the traits of citizenship, a zest for living, and a love of people that Pete so vividly exhibited.

Dean Pat Evans Scholarship:

This scholarship honors Patricia "Pat" Evans, who served as the Director of Admissions at Mississippi College School of Law from 1987-2004 and as Assistant Dean of Admissions from 2004-2012, whose leadership and inspiration were critical factors during the developmental years of MC Law. The Dean Patricia Evans Scholarship is presented to a 2L student who embodies the attributes of an ethical attorney, understands the importance of community service, and is a proven leader.

John B. Farese Memorial Trial Advocate Award:

Named for Mississippi legend attorney John B. Farese, who defended the most sensational criminal cases and championed the causes of the injured, this award will be presented to a law student who excels at trial work and exemplifies the same reputation for hard work coupled with ethical, fair, honest treatment of others.

Gadow-Wiser Scholarship Award:

Named in honor of MC Law alums John Gadow and Nick Wiser, this award will be presented to 3L/graduating students who have demonstrated an aptitude for public service and deep compassion for people as evidenced by their participation in one or more of MC Law's Public Interest Law Clinics, including: Adoption, Advanced Child Advocacy, Guardian Ad Litem, Youth Court, and/or Veterans Legal Aid Clinic.

Hederman Law Scholarship:

Nominated by a faculty member, this award is presented to a student who demonstrates leadership, has earned the respect of their peers, and will be an asset to the Bar.

Herman and Martha Hines Award:

Presented to a deserving student who demonstrates civic leadership and is actively involved throughout the community and within MC Law.



Professor Jeffrey Jackson Scholarship Award:

Established in 2016 in memory of the late Professor Jeffrey Jackson, MC Law's legendary Owen Cooper Professor of Law at MC Law, whose quick wit and encyclopedic knowledge of the law enhanced the lives and minds of multitudes of students and colleagues who had the good fortune to encounter him. This scholarship will be presented to a 2L or 2L to honor Professor Jackson's love of the law promote student success in both the classroom and life.

The Professor Jeffrey Jackson Civil Procedure Award: Presented to a 1L student with high achievement in Civil Procedure (one Award for each class section).

The Professor Jeffrey Jackson Ethics Award: Presented to a student with high achievement in Ethics.

Chief Justice Dan Lee '48 Memorial Scholarship:

This Scholarship was established in memory of Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Dan M. Lee, Sr., an esteemed member of Mississippi College School of Law's Class of 1948 who will be forever remembered as a benchmark of humanity and fairness. Judge Lee's lifelong devotion to the law was exemplified in his unwavering love of justice, his ceaseless battle for judicial integrity, and his intense belief that there is nobility in the practice of law. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the Committee, has earned the respect of the faculty and his or her peers through a commitment to the standards and ideals held by Judge Dan Lee and will be an asset and contributor to the Bar.

Judge Tom S. Lee Scholarship:

The Tom S. Lee Scholarship will be awarded to students of promise who demonstrate the same academic gifts, high morals, character and integrity as Judge Lee.

Madison County Bar Association:

Established by the Madison County Bar Association, this award is presented to a 2L or 3L student who is a current or former resident of Madison County and has financial need.

Frisby Griffing Marble Scholarship:

Given annually to 2L and/or 3L students in the top 1/3 of the class who show potential for outstanding service to the legal profession.

Victor and Gayle Mavar Scholarship Award:

Established in 1988, the purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for worthy law students with financial need from the Gulf Coast

McGlinchey Stafford Award:

The law firm of McGlinchey Stafford offers this annual award to a 2L law student with the highest overall grade point average at the end of the first year of study.



Sue Riggan Millette Scholarship:

Established by the late MC law graduate Samuel Martin Millette Jr., this scholarship is presented in memory of his mother, Sue Riggan Millette, to provide assistance to a deserving, married law student.

Mississippi Association of County Board Attorneys Award (MACBA):

These awards are presented to two 2L students with a 2.75 GPA or better and who embody the attributes of an ethical attorney with a special emphasis on community service.

Mississippi Association for Justice ~ Roy Noble Lee Award:

Presented to a 2L student who best exemplifies the attributes of a successful trial lawyer who has demonstrated a desire to practice plaintiff's law.

Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference:

This award is presented to the student who has received the highest grade in bankruptcy.

M. Judith Barnett Single Parent Scholarship This scholarship will be presented to a deserving, tenacious, single parent law student, who is currently enrolled and in good academic standing.

Mississippi Bar Sections Awards:

Presented to students with high academic achievement in the following areas:

1. Alternative Dispute Resolution
2. Business Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award:
3. Estates and Trusts Section of the Mississippi Bar Award
4. Family Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award:
5. Health Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award:
6. Litigation Section of the Mississippi Bar Award:
7. Real Property
8. Taxation

Fellows of the Young Lawyers of the Mississippi Bar Award:

Presented to a Mississippi resident who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, academic achievement, service to the college community and the greater community, as evidenced by participation in extracurricular activities.

Mississippi Bar Foundation:

Presented to a 2L student nominated by the faculty who best embodies the character traits required to become a successful attorney.



Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association ~ Robert E. Hauberg Award:

Presented to a student with the highest average in Constitutional Law.

Mississippi College Law Alumni Award:

Presented to one or two current 2L students on the basis of scholarship, leadership and potential as a member of the legal profession.

Mississippi Corporate Counsel Scholarship: Presented to a deserving 2L student with need that shows interest in corporate/business law.

Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Award:

Presented to a 2L student who is a Mississippian, exemplifies the attributes of a successful defense attorney, and possesses a strong motivation primarily for civil defense practice in the State of Mississippi.

Mississippi Women Lawyers Scholarship Award:

Presented to a female student who exhibits leadership skills, is active in the Women Student Bar Association, and will be an asset and advocate for female attorneys in the Bar.

Rankin County Bar Association Scholarship Award:

Established by the Rankin County Bar Association, this award is presented to a deserving law student with significant ties to Rankin County, or who shows promise for practicing law in Rankin County and being active in the RCBA upon being admitted to the bar.

Anthony Scardino Moot Court Award:

This scholarship award is given to an outstanding member of the Moot Court Board in honor of 2nd Lt. Anthony Scardino, a member of the class of 2014.

Betty B. Tucker Award:

Established by Dean Mary Libby Payne, this award is named in honor of a Jackson School of Law graduate who served as the first female chancellor of Hinds County – the Honorable Betty B. Tucker. Presented to a female law student who shows academic promise.

Robert and Marie Upton Scholarship Award:

Presented to two rising, non-traditional 2L students who possess the character and high moral values of Mrs. Upton. Recipients should show a sense of service to the community and others.

Carol C. West Award:

The Carol C. West Law Day Award is given to a 2L student, nominated by the Faculty and selected by the Law Day Scholarships Committee, who is an excellent student who shows promise in Legal Writing and Family Law, who is supportive of colleagues, and who best exemplifies the qualities and character of the late MC Law Professor Carol West.

Sam Wilkins Criminal Law Award:



Given in honor of Sam Wilkins by his son, Robert “Rocky” Wilkins, the Sam Wilkins Award is presented to an exceptional student in criminal law.

Reverend Jerry Young and Mrs. Helen Young Scholarship:

Presented on behalf of Reverend Jerry and Mrs. Helen Young in honor of the couple's faithful leadership in the Greater Jackson area and commitment to the Christian values upheld at Mississippi College. Scholarships may be awarded (1) as a Law Day award to a second-year MC Law student, and (2) as an admissions scholarship to an incoming MC Law student. Preference in awarding the scholarships will be given to Historically Black College/University (HBCU) graduates and/or students with financial need who exemplify the principles embedded in the Mississippi College culture through their heart for servant leadership, commitment to the Christian faith, and their active participation within the MC Law community.