



Office of the Associate Dean  
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TO: ALL SECOND-YEAR AND THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS  
FROM: MARY LARGENT PURVIS, ASSOCIATE DEAN  
SUBJECT: REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2025

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## IMPORTANT NOTES FOR REGISTRATION

- **DATES FOR SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION**

**Monday, Oct. 28 – Monday, Nov. 11** - Faculty/Student Advising

**Monday, Nov. 11** Registration opens through Banner Web at **8:00 a.m. for 3Ls ONLY**. Online registration will continue through January 28, 2025.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13** Registration opens through Banner Web at **8:00 a.m. for 2Ls ONLY**. Online registration will continue through January 28, 2025.

- **MAXIMUM HOURS FOR SPRING SEMESTER**

Your Banner account is set at a maximum of 16 credit hours for the spring semester. If you want to take over 16 credit hours for the spring term, you must have approval from Dean Purvis. Approval forms are at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>.

- **MINIMUM HOURS FOR SPRING SEMESTER**

If you are taking **fewer than 12 hours** for the spring semester, you must have approval from Dean Purvis unless you are in your final semester and need less than 12 hours to graduate. Approval forms are available at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>.

- **SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE**

The spring exam schedule will be published after pre-registration in order to minimize exam conflicts based on actual registration.

- **EXAM POLICY**

A student may request an alternate exam date only in exceptional circumstances. A student requesting an alternate exam date must complete an Alternate Exam Date Request Form from the Associate Dean. 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 staff member responsible for scheduling alternate exam dates.

- **FACULTY ADVISING**

Our registration system includes faculty advising. Before you make any decisions regarding your schedule, we recommend that you take the time to plan your schedule and consult your faculty advisor for counseling. If you do not know who your faculty advisor is, you can find this information on **Degree Works**.

- **GUIDED CURRICULUM**

Students who are in the Guided Curriculum must have their schedules approved by their assigned advisor. Advisor approval forms are available at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>. When you have your schedule approved, make sure your advisor gives you your **alternate pin number**. You will not be able to register for courses without your alternate pin number. If you do not know who your advisor is, you can find this information on **Degree Works**.

Absent exceptional circumstances, students in the Guided Curriculum must take all required courses on campus.

- **ACADEMIC PROBATION STUDENTS**

All students who are on academic probation or have been on academic probation must have their schedules approved by their faculty advisor.

- **ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS (ALA) – 3Ls**  
All 3Ls who are graduating in May 2025 must take ALA in the Spring 2025 semester. The only exception to this requirement is for those students who plan to take **only** the Louisiana Bar. These students can take Civil Law of Property instead of ALA. If you plan to take Civil Law of Property instead of ALA, you must complete the appropriate form at [law.mc.edu/approvals](http://law.mc.edu/approvals). Any student planning to do a remote externship in the spring term and take ALA must consult with Associate Dean Mary Purvis prior to spring registration.
- **ENROLLMENT LIMITS**  
In general, upper-level required courses and Guided Curriculum courses are limited to 60 students. Other upper-level courses, except for clinics, seminars and simulation courses, are limited to 40 students. The enrollment limits for the clinics, seminars and simulation courses being offered in the spring are listed below:  
Child Advocacy Clinic (18)  
Electronic Research Seminar (25)  
AI and the Law (9)  
Bioethics (16)  
Contemporary Issues in Civil Law (16)  
Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar (6)  
Current Issues in Family Law (20)  
General Litigation Clinic (6)  
Law and Literature (16)  
Mission First Legal Aid Clinic (6)  
Negotiations (20)  
Pretrial Practice (16)  
Securities Regulation (15)  
Supreme Court Roleplaying (15)  
Trial Practice (16)  
Veterans Legal Clinic (6)
- **DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES**  
The following courses will be held **online**:  
Children in the Legal System  
Government Contracting (Spring Break Intersession)  
Louisiana Security Devices
- **WRITING REQUIREMENT**  
The following courses will satisfy the writing requirement:  
AI and the Law (9)  
Bioethics (16)  
Contemporary Issues in Civil Law (16)  
Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar (6)  
Supreme Court Roleplaying (15)
- **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT**  
The following courses will count toward the 6-hour experiential learning requirement:  
Clinics (3 hours each)  
Current Issues in Family Law (3 hours)  
Externships (3, 5, or 6 hours)  
Negotiations (2 hours)  
Pretrial Practice (2 hours)  
Trial Practice (3 hours)
- **CANCELLATION OF COURSES DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT**  
A CLASS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE MAY BE CANCELED IF ONLY A FEW STUDENTS ENROLL IN IT. IF YOU SELECT A CLASS THAT WE MUST CANCEL DUE TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT, YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND A DIFFERENT COURSE TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE.

# SPRING 2025 SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:20 – 9:45</b> 300 – Current Issues in Family Law – Thompson (adj.) 200 – Civil Law Property - McIntosh	<b>8:20 – 9:45</b> 150 – Contracts (A) – Anderson AC-100 – Contracts II (B) – Purvis 251 – Evidence – F. Rosenblatt 250 – Wills and Trusts – Campbell	<b>8:20 – 9:45</b> 300 – Current Issues in Family Law – Thompson (adj.) 200 – Civil Law Property - McIntosh	<b>8:20 – 9:45</b> 150 – Contracts (A) – Anderson AC-100 – Contracts II (B) – Purvis 251 – Evidence – F. Rosenblatt 250 – Wills and Trusts – Campbell	<b>8:00 – 2:30</b> Advocacy Center – Veterans Clinic – J. Jones (adj.)
<b>8:30 – 11:30</b> AC-404 – Child Advocacy Clinic – Kennedy; King (adj.)		<b>8:30 – 10:20</b> AC-100 – Law Office Management – Hall 150 – Military and Operational Law – F. Rosenblatt 151-B – Pretrial Practice – Bragg (adj.)  <b>8:30 – 11:30</b> AC-404 – Child Advocacy Clinic – Kennedy; King (adj.)		
<b>9:00 – 10:25</b> 251 – Civil Procedure (B) – Will AC-100 – Remedies - White		<b>9:00 – 10:25</b> 251 – Civil Procedure (B) – Will AC-100 – Remedies - White  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> General Litigation Clinic – Canton Courthouse – Herr (adj.)		<b>9:20 – 10:15</b> 200 – Legal Research II (B1) – Lindsay 203 – Legal Research II (B2) - Miller 250 – Legal Research II (B3) - Walter
<b>10:00 – 11:15</b> 251 – Property (A) – Campbell	<b>10:00 – 10:55</b> 250 – Torts II (B) – Modak-Truran  <b>10:00 – 11:25</b> 300 – Administrative Law – Munford (adj.)  <b>10:00 – 12:00</b> 200 – LAC II (A1) – Lee 203 – LAC II (A2) – Dean 151B – LAC II (A3) - Smith 251 – Business Associations – Tavera 150 – Constitutional Law – Cormier	<b>10:00 – 11:25</b> 251 – Property (A) – Campbell	<b>10:00 – 10:55</b> 250 – Torts II (B) – Modak-Truran  <b>10:00 – 11:25</b> 300 – Administrative Law – Munford (adj.)  <b>10:00 – 12:00</b> 251 – Business Associations – Tavera 150 – Constitutional Law – Cormier	<b>10:00 – 11:15</b> 251 – Property (A) – Campbell
<b>10:30 – 11:25</b> 150 – Criminal Procedure – Johnson		<b>10:30 – 11:25</b> 150 – Criminal Procedure – Johnson		<b>10:30 – 11:25</b> 150 – Criminal Procedure - Johnson
<b>10:30 – 11:55</b> 250 – ALA (Hall) 203 – Immigration Law – Hernandez		<b>10:30 – 11:55</b> 250 – ALA (Hall) 203 – Immigration Law – Hernandez		
	<b>11:30 – 12:50</b> 151-B – Supreme Court Roleplaying – Steffey***			
				<b>1:00 – 1:55</b> 200 – Legal Research II (A1) – Lindsay 203 – Legal Research II (A2) – Miller 250 – Legal Research II (A3) – Walter
<b>1:00 – 2:15</b> 251 – Property (B) – Campbell		<b>1:00 – 2:15</b> 251 – Property (B) – Campbell		<b>1:00 – 2:15</b> 251 – Property (B) – Campbell
<b>1:00 – 2:25</b> 151-B – Domestic Relations – Kennedy 150 – Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar - Johnson 300 – Bioethics – Will 200 – Contemporary Issues in Civil Law – Hernandez 151-A – AI and the Law – Escajeda	<b>1:00 – 2:25</b> 150 – Civil Procedure II (A) – Cormier 250 – Ethics – Dixon 204 – Law and Literature – Steffey	<b>1:00 – 2:25</b> 151-B – Domestic Relations – Kennedy 150 – Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar – Johnson 300 – Bioethics – Will 200 – Contemporary Issues in Civil Law – Hernandez 151-A – AI and the Law – Escajeda	<b>1:00 – 2:25</b> 150 – Civil Procedure II (A) – Cormier 250 – Ethics – Dixon 204 – Law and Literature – Steffey	CLINICS – The following clinics will be offered in the spring: Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic – Kennedy Child Advocacy Clinic – Kennedy General Litigation Clinic – Herr (adj.) Mission First Legal Aid Clinic – Shannon (adj.) Veterans Clinic – Jones (adj.)
<b>1:30 – 2:25</b> 250 – Torts II (A) - Tavera	<b>1:00 – 3:00</b> 200 – LAC II (B1) – Lee 203 – LAC II (B2) – Dean 151B – LAC II (B3) - Smith	<b>1:30 – 2:25</b> 250 – Torts II (A) - Tavera		All clinics require an application for participation. Contact Professor Kennedy for more information ( <a href="mailto:Kennedy@mc.edu">Kennedy@mc.edu</a> ).
<b>2:30 – 3:25</b> 151B – Principles of Legal Analysis – Hall				All clinics involve both classroom and non-classroom components:
<b>2:30 – 3:55</b> 251 – ALA (White) 250 – Advanced Torts – McIntosh	<b>2:30 – 3:55</b> 150 – First Amendment – Modak-Truran  <b>2:30 – 4:20</b> 300 – Electronic Research Seminar – Miller	<b>2:30 – 3:55</b> 251 – ALA (White) 250 – Advanced Torts – McIntosh	<b>2:30 – 3:55</b> 150 – First Amendment – Modak-Truran	Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic – Class time TBD after students register for the clinic. General Litigation Clinic – Students will meet from 9:00 – 12:00 on Wednesdays at the Canton Courthouse. Mission First Legal Aid Clinic - Class time TBD after students register for the clinic. Veterans Clinic - Class meets from 8:00 – 8:50 on Fridays and students meet with clients from 9:00 – 2:30 on Fridays.
<b>3:30 – 4:55</b> 150 - Judicial Administration – Griffis (adj.)	<b>3:15 – 4:40</b> 203 – Civil Rights - Dixon	<b>3:30 – 4:55</b> 150 - Judicial Administration – Griffis (adj.)	<b>3:15 – 4:40</b> 203 – Civil Rights - Dixon	
	<b>3:30 – 4:55</b> 203 – Insurance – Robb	<b>4:00 – 4:50</b> 250 – Externships - Reger	<b>3:30 – 4:55</b> 200 – Insurance – Robb	
<b>5:00 – 6:25</b> Louisiana Security Devices – Doughty (adj.) 151B – Trial Practice – Pierce/Ishee (adj.)	<b>5:00 – 7:00</b> 250 – White Collar Crime and Business Fraud - R. Anderson (adj.) 200 – LA ALA – Stewart (adj.)	<b>5:00 – 6:25</b> Louisiana Security Devices – Doughty (adj.) 151B – Trial Practice – Pierce/Ishee		***Please contact Prof. Steffey for details regarding the class schedule for SCR. The class will not meet as a group every week; instead, students will meet individually with Prof. Steffey. Students will also meet as a class to conduct oral arguments later in the semester at a date and time TBD.
	<b>5:30 – 6:55</b> 150 – Secured Transactions – Manhein (adj.) 151-A – Securities Regulation – Bettis (adj.)	<b>5:30 – 7:30</b> 150 - Negotiations – Dunnells (adj.)	<b>5:30 – 6:55</b> 150 – Secured Transactions – Manhein (adj.) 151-A – Securities Regulation – Bettis (adj.)  <b>5:30 – 7:20</b> 250 - Solo and Small Law Practice –Taylor (adj.)	
<b>6:30 – 7:55</b> 151A – Corporate Tax – Escajeda	<b>6:30 – 7:55</b> Children in the Legal System – Hubbard (adj.)	<b>6:30 – 7:55</b> 151A – Corporate Tax - Escajeda	<b>6:30 – 7:55</b> Children in the Legal System – Hubbard (adj.)	



## WINTER INTERSESSION

<b>Course</b>	<b>Last day to add</b>	<b>Last day to drop with 100% tuition refund</b>	<b>Last day to drop with a W grade</b>
Trial Practice – ABOTA (Wilkins, adj.) January 6 – January 17: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AC100	1/6/2025	1/8/2025	1/14/2025

## SPRING BREAK INTERSESSION

<b>Course</b>	<b>Last day to add</b>	<b>Last day to drop with 100% tuition refund</b>	<b>Last day to drop with a W grade</b>
Government Contracts – J. Rosenblatt *Offered exclusively as a distance learning course March 10 – 13; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Final Exam: March 14; 9:00 a.m.	3/10/2025	3/10/2025	3/12/2025

## STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION

<b>MC Law 2024-2025 Study Abroad Programs</b>	<b>Last day to add</b>	<b>Last day to drop with 100% tuition refund</b>	<b>Last day to drop with a W grade</b>
Mexico: Thursday, December 26 – Tuesday, January 7	12/9/2024	12/9/2024	12/22/2024
Cuba: Saturday, March 8 – Saturday, March 15	2/21/2025	2/21/2025	3/5/2025
Korea: Sunday, May 18 – Friday, May 30	5/5/2025	5/5/2025	5/14/2025
Lille: TBD			

## SPRING 2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

January 21 (Tuesday) .....	Classes Begin
<b>January 28 (Tuesday)</b> .....	<b>Last day to drop course with 100% tuition only refund</b>
<b>January 28 (Tuesday)</b> .....	<b>Last day to add a class</b>
February 21 .....	Last day to drop the Cuba Study Abroad Program with full tuition refund
February 21 .....	Last day to add the Cuba Study Abroad Program
March 5.....	Last day to drop the Cuba Study Abroad Program with a W grade (no refunds)
March 8 – March 15 .....	Cuba Study Abroad Program
March 10-14 (Monday – Friday).....	SPRING BREAK
March 17 (Monday).....	Classes resume
March 21 (Friday).....	Last day to withdraw from a course with W grade; no tuition refund
April 18 (Friday).....	Good Friday
April 22 (Tuesday) .....	Last day of T only classes
April 23 (Wednesday) .....	Last day of M/W classes and W only classes
April 24 (Thursday).....	Last day of T/TH classes
April 28 (Monday).....	Last day of M only classes
April 30 (Wednesday) .....	Last day of M/W/F classes
May 2 (Friday).....	Last day of F only classes
May 5-May 15 (Monday-Friday; Monday-Thursday) .....	Final Exams
May 16 (Friday).....	GRADUATION

## **ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS DONE OUTSIDE OF A CLASS**

Students who plan to register for a special project must obtain the approval of a faculty member and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The approval form is available at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>. Once the project is approved, the Registrar will complete the registration for the project.

**Please note that students who register for special projects are required to log a minimum of 42.5 hours for each credit earned. Credit will not be awarded to any student failing to comply with this policy**

### **OUTSTANDING BALANCE**

If you have an outstanding balance on your student account, you will not be allowed to participate in the current student registration process.

### **BANNER WAITLISTING**

If a course has filled, you will have the option to be waitlisted for the class. If a seat opens up, the system will e-mail your MC e-mail account and advise you of the opening. Please note that the waitlisting process will run through the weekends and holidays. You should check your e-mail regularly if you are wait listed, because the class will only be held for you for 24 hours.

### **FORMS/EXCEPTIONS/SPECIAL PERMISSION**

All exceptions or special permissions must be in writing and approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Most approval forms are available at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>.

### **EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS**

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.

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



## 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 full-time member of the faculty. The paper must be original and analytical, at least 6000 words in length excluding citations, and 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 three ways:

1. In connection with a seminar or other course in which a paper is required in lieu of an examination;
2. By completion of a significant and highly meritorious law review piece, written in connection with membership on the Mississippi College Law Review, with approval of and supervision by a full-time faculty member (this applies to law review students who write a case note or comment); or
3. In exceptional circumstances, 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. Unless an exception is granted by the Associate Dean, students must have their research project approved by a full-time faculty member and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and register for LAW 795 during the registration period in the semester prior to the semester in which they will complete the project. (For example, a student who wishes to complete his/her writing requirement under Law 795 in the fall semester must have his/her research project approved and register for Law 795 in the spring semester).

## LIMITATION ON NONCLASSROOM HOURS

No more than eight (8) non-classroom hours may count toward the 90 hours needed to earn the J.D. degree.

The following courses count toward the eight (8) non-classroom hour limit: Writing Requirement, Special Projects I and II, Legal Extern Program (2 credit hours of a 3-credit externship and 4 credit hours of a 6-hour remote externship), and any of the Moot Court Competitions.

Law Review and Moot Court Board do not count toward the eight (8) hour limit.

Please note that you may not take Special Projects I or Special Projects II more than once. **Any variance from this rule requires the written approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.**

## LIMITATION ON PASS/FAIL HOURS

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.

## DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Courses may be offered in a synchronous (real time) distance learning format, allowing a student to take a course through the use of distance learning technology. Courses may be offered where the professor is at an off-campus location or where the student is at an off-campus location. Courses taught by a professor at an off-campus location will be designated as a distance learning course in the registration materials.

Students who will be off campus for the semester (such as for a remote externship), and who wish to take a course through synchronous distance learning, must receive permission from the course instructor and the Associate Dean prior to registration for the course. A form requesting approval may be obtained at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>. Please note that not all courses are suitable for distance learning and not all professors permit distance learning. Do not assume a professor will allow it; rather, discuss the issue with them in advance of planning to be off campus for the semester.

Students may take up to a total of 15 hours by distance learning for credit toward the J.D. degree. The classroom component (2 credits) of a Remote Extern Program class is counted toward the distance learning cap of 15 hours.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions are available in the 2024-2025 catalog at [law.mc.edu/catalog](http://law.mc.edu/catalog).

## 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, Civil Law Studies, Solo and Small Practice Law, and International Law. 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. For descriptions and requirements for each certificate please see the catalog at:

<https://law.mc.edu/academics/degrees/jd/certificate-programs>

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, and a writing requirement. 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 Studies Certificate 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 applications can be found at

<https://law.mc.edu/academics/degrees/jd/certificate-programs> by selecting the application link.

Complete the application and submit to the designated faculty advisor for each program (listed below):

Business and Commercial Law:	Professor Hilary Esajeda	<a href="mailto:hescajeda@mc.edu">hescajeda@mc.edu</a>
Civil Law Studies:	Professor Phillip McIntosh	<a href="mailto:mcintosh@mc.edu">mcintosh@mc.edu</a>
Civil Litigation:	Professor Zachary Cormier	<a href="mailto:zcormier@mc.edu">zcormier@mc.edu</a>
Criminal Practice:	Professor Matt Steffey	<a href="mailto:steffey@mc.edu">steffey@mc.edu</a>
Family and Juvenile Law:	Professor Shirley Kennedy	<a href="mailto:skennedy@mc.edu">skennedy@mc.edu</a>
Healthcare Law:	Professor Jonathan Will	<a href="mailto:will@mc.edu">will@mc.edu</a>
International Law:	Professor Frank Rosenblatt	<a href="mailto:frosenblatt@mc.edu">frosenblatt@mc.edu</a>
Solo and Small Practice Law:	Professor Heather Hall	<a href="mailto:hhall2@mc.edu">hhall2@mc.edu</a>

## CLINICS

The clinics listed below are offered by application only.

- Child Advocacy Clinic
- Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic
- General Litigation Clinic
- Mission First Legal Aid Clinic
- Veterans Clinic

For more information on the clinical offerings, please see <http://law.mc.edu/academics/clinics/>

In determining your course selections, you should consider prerequisites for courses you plan to take next year. The following courses have prerequisites.

## LAW COURSE OFFERINGS WITH PREREQUISITES

CRS#	Course Name	Prerequisites
509	Mission First Legal Aid Clinic	Students must have completed 45 hours and taken evidence. Students must also complete an online application.
514	General Litigation Clinic	Students must have completed 45 hours and taken evidence. Students must also complete an online application.
529	Veterans Legal Clinic	Students must have completed 45 hours and taken evidence. Students must also complete an online application.
629	Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic	Child Advocacy Clinic; Students must also complete an online application.
681	Trial Practice	623 Evidence; students must have completed 45 hours
710	Securities Regulation	619 Business Associations I
770, 771, 772, 776	Externships	Instructor's consent; student must have completed 45 or 60 hours, depending on placement.
587	Legal Analysis and Communication III	LAW 582- Legal Analysis and Communication I, LAW 583 – Legal Analysis and Communication II, LAW 580 – Legal Research I, and LAW 581 - Legal Research II
670	Corporate Tax	638 Federal Taxation

## BASIC ADVISING INFORMATION

You should take the following into consideration in planning your schedule:

### 1. REQUIRED COURSES

In addition to completing the 1L curriculum, ALL students are required to take the following courses:

**Advanced Legal Analysis (3L year)**  
**Criminal Procedure**  
**Constitutional Law**  
**Evidence**  
**Legal Analysis and Communication III (2L year)**  
**Professional Responsibility and Ethics**

All students must also satisfy the following requirements:

**Experiential Learning Requirement (6 credits)**  
**Writing Requirement**

Students in the **Guided Curriculum** are required to take additional courses. (See #4.)

### 2. BAR EXAM SUBJECTS

One important consideration in choosing your courses is to prepare yourself for the subjects that most likely will be tested on the bar examination in the state where you plan to practice. The following classes, which are tested on the bar examination in most states, are typically offered every semester:

**Business Associations I, Evidence, Secured Transactions, Wills & Estates, Domestic Relations, and Criminal Procedure.**

### 3. COURSE FREQUENCY AND SEQUENCING

All courses are not offered every year. You should consult the chart of [projected course offerings](#). Please note: We anticipate offering the courses projected for each semester, but we cannot guarantee that the projected courses will be offered.

**We recommend that you take Business Associations I, Federal Income Tax, Secured Transactions, Constitutional Law, and Evidence during your second year** because these classes are prerequisite to other classes in the curriculum and cover principles that will aid your comprehension in other classes, even if they are not formal prerequisites to such classes.

**You may take Domestic Relations, Wills & Estates, Federal Courts, First Amendment, and Criminal Procedure during either the second or third year**, but please note Criminal Procedure is a prerequisite or co-requisite to Criminal Practice. **Most students take Ethics and Remedies in the third year.**

In your selection of courses, you also should consider the area(s) of practice you may want to pursue. Many areas of practice involve specialized knowledge and taking a course or courses in such subjects can be a good way to establish a base of knowledge in those areas. These courses also can be a way to understand the law from different perspectives. At the same time, keep in mind that career paths can and often do change dramatically. Students should balance interests in specialized areas of the law with the need to be well-grounded or literate in areas of law of fundamental importance.

### 4. GUIDED CURRICULUM

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.

**Course Requirements** – Students who are enrolled in the Guided Curriculum are required to take *all* of the following courses (in addition to the satisfying all other requirements for the J.D.)  
Legal Reasoning  
Business Associations I  
Domestic Relations  
Sales and Leasing (Note: Sales and Leasing is ONLY offered in the fall semester.)

Students in the Guided Curriculum must also take *one* of the following courses:  
Conflict of Laws  
First Amendment  
Secured Transactions  
OR  
Wills and Trusts.

**2L Year** During the 2L year, students in the Guided Curriculum are *required* to take the following Guided Curriculum courses: Legal Reasoning (Fall Semester), Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and at least one other Guided Curriculum course.

**Course Schedule & Registration** Students in the Guided Curriculum will not be permitted to register for courses until their schedules are approved by their advisor. Additionally, students in the Guided Curriculum must obtain an alternate pin number from their advisor to register.

**Limits on Distance Learning** Absent exceptional circumstances, students in the Guided Curriculum must attend all courses required for graduation, including any Guided Curriculum courses, in person at the law school and not via distance learning.

**Civil Law Certificate Program** Students in the Guided Curriculum who are participating in the Civil Law Certificate Program may choose Louisiana Security Devices in place of Secured Transactions, Civil Law of Sales and Leases in place of Sales and Leasing, Civil Law of Persons and Family in place of Domestic Relations, and Civil Law of Successions and Donations in place of Wills and Estates.

Note: Students in the Guided Curriculum who plan to take ONLY the Louisiana Bar may take Civil Law of Property instead of Advanced Legal Analysis. To request an exemption from Advanced Legal Analysis on this basis please complete the appropriate form at <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>.

**Exemption from the Guided Curriculum**

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.

## ADJUNCT PROFESSORS – SPRING 2025

**Robert “Bob” Anderson** is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS). As Executive Director, Mr. Anderson oversees an agency responsible for providing a wide range of public assistance to children and families throughout Mississippi. Before his appointment at MDHS, Mr. Anderson served as the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office and prior to that as Chief Integrity Officer for the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, where he supervised the Office of Program Integrity, the Compliance Office, the Office of Administrative Appeals and the Office of Third Party Recovery. Mr. Anderson has also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Public Integrity Division of the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office, where he prosecuted white collar crime and public corruption matters including insurance fraud matters. He has over 20 years of experience in the federal sector, mostly as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting health care fraud and other significant white collar crime cases while also litigating False Claims Act health care fraud cases. Mr. Anderson received his B.A. in Political Science from Millsaps College, *summa cum laude* in 1983, and his J.D. in 1987 from the Mississippi College School of Law, where he served as Production Editor of the *Mississippi College Law Review*.

**William Bettis** is a business attorney at Butler Snow LLP where he focuses his practice on: (i) corporate finance and securities; (ii) organization and capital formation; (iii) antitrust consulting and regulatory work; (iv) mergers and acquisitions; (v) real estate development and finance; and (vi) economic development. William graduated from Mississippi College in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He also graduated from Mississippi College, in 2017, with a J.D. and M.B.A. While in undergrad, William served as president of the Mississippi College Investment Club; and during law school, he (i) served as president of the Business Law Society, (ii) was an associate editor of the Mississippi College Law Review, and (iii) was a member of Mississippi Colleges’ Moot Court Board. William is currently a member of the Steering Committee of Madison County Young Professionals and a director for the Young Lawyers Division of the MS Bar.

**Grafton Bragg** is a practicing attorney in Ridgeland. He graduated from MC law in 2014 and clerked two years for Judge Sharion Aycock who was, at the time, the Chief Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi. After his clerkship, Grafton spent several years as a litigation attorney at Wise Carter representing plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts. While at Wise Carter, Grafton devoted most of his time to preparing cases for trial, from handling jurisdictional issues, drafting and responding to pleadings and discovery, taking and defending numerous depositions, and drafting and arguing dispositive motions. In all, Grafton has won more than 25 favorable court rulings on jurisdictional and summary judgment motions. Recently, Grafton opened his own firm, BraggLaw, PLLC, where he specializes in corporate law (litigation and transactions) and appeals.

**Terry Doughty** currently serves as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. He was previously a judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court in Louisiana. From 1985-2008, Judge Doughty served as an assistant district attorney for the Fifth Judicial District. Judge Doughty received his B.S. in finance from Louisiana Tech University and his J.D. from Louisiana State University Law School.

**Christopher Dunnells** is an AV-rated civil litigation defense attorney in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Christopher has litigated, mediated, and negotiated countless multi-million dollar trucking accident cases across the state. He has been named a “Rising Star” in Transportation Law by Mid-South SuperLawyers, “Ones to Watch” in Transportation Law by Best Lawyers in America, Top 40 Under 40 by the Mississippi Business Journal, Top 35 Under 35 by RISE Professionals, “Advocate” by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and is board-certified by the National Board of Trial Advocates.

**T. Kenneth Griffis** currently serves as Associate Justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court. He previously served as Chief Judge and as Presiding Judge on the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Justice Griffis earned his accounting and law degrees from the University of Mississippi.

**Lindsey Herr** originally from Martinsville, Virginia, Lindsey is a graduate of Mississippi College School of Law and the University of Mary Washington with a double major in Biology and Philosophy. After graduating law school, Lindsey practiced for two years with Judge O’Neal in her private practice. In 2017, Lindsey opened her own law firm, focusing on real estate, estate planning & probate, and general litigation. She has also served as the Youth Court Public Defender and Guardian Ad Litem in Madison County Youth Court for the past 6 years. Lindsey is married to Matt Herr, a Drug Court Case Manager for Madison and Rankin County. They have two children- Penny, 4, and Will, 1. In her spare time, Lindsey enjoys running and reading.

**Cymer ("Kimber") Hubbard** grew up in a military family but calls Muscle Shoals, AL her hometown. She graduated magna cum laude from the Mississippi University for Women (The W) in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Legal Studies. Cymer then went to the Mississippi College School of Law, where she graduated cum laude in 2019. After graduation, Cymer became the Research, Instructional Services, & Circulation Librarian at MC Law until 2021. During her time at the MC Law Library, Cymer taught Legal Research I and II to first-year law students, managed databases, managed Inter-Library Loans, and assisted patrons and professors with research projects. In 2021, Cymer accepted a position as a Mission First Staff Attorney and as the Parent Representative at Hinds County Youth Court, where she represents parents facing allegations of child neglect and child abuse.

**Justice David M. Ishee** of Gulfport was appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court by Gov. Phil Bryant. He took the oath of office on September 18, 2017. Ishee was elected in the next regular election for District 2, Place 1 where he currently serves. In September 2004, he was appointed to the Mississippi Court of Appeals by Governor Haley Barbour. Later, he was elected in the regular elections and served thirteen years until his appointment to the Mississippi Supreme Court. Justice Ishee is admitted to and has extensively practiced in all federal and state courts in the state of Mississippi, and is admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Ishee graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He also attended the University of London and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. In addition to his participation on numerous committees of the Mississippi Bar, he was appointed as president of its Historical Preservation Committee. He served as President of the Southern Mississippi Law Constituent Society since 2010 and is a member of the Law Alumni Board of Directors for the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014, and as a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar in 2016. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court to chair the Criminal Section of the Model Jury Instructions Revision Committee, which revised the Criminal Model Jury Instructions for the Circuit Courts of Mississippi. He also served as a special Circuit Court Judge and Chancellor in numerous counties by appointment of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

**Joel Jones** is the Supervising Attorney for the Veterans Legal Clinic at Mississippi College School of Law. The Clinic offers a wide range of legal support to Mississippi Veterans and eligible dependents. Prior to coming to the Clinic, Mr. Jones had a career as a Special Assistant Attorney General at the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. He also served in the United States Marine Corps and the Mississippi Army National Guard, retiring from the latter as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. During his time in the service, Mr. Jones went overseas six (6) times, including two (2) deployments to Iraq. He is a frequent lecturer at the annual Mississippi National Guard JAG Conference. Mr. Jones was admitted to practice law in Mississippi in 1989.

**Chad King** is a partner with Thompson Addison, PLLC, emphasizing Family Law, including; Divorce, Child Custody, Child Support, Modification, Contempt and Appeals, handling cases in Chancery Courts throughout Mississippi and supervises the firm's expanding Adoption practice. Chad serves as a Parent Defense Training and Technical Assistance Resource Counsel for the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender providing training and technical assistance to trial-level parent defenders in Youth Courts and handles indigent appeals from Youth Courts. Since 2017, Chad has also served as a Parent Defense Attorney for Hinds County Youth Court. Chad earned his Doctrine of Jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law in 2015, where he served as President of the Family Law Society and a Student Attorney in the Adoption Clinic. He also served as an Adjunct Professor in Paralegal Studies at Hinds Community College.

**William E. (Trey) Manhein, III** currently serves as Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel for LEC, Inc., a company that provides integrated services in automation, interface programming, EC, Inc., he engaged in the private practice of law with extensive experience in business, commercial, bankruptcy, and banking law. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University (2000) and MC Law (2003). He has previously taught Secured Transactions and Banking Law at MC Law as an adjunct.

**Jamie McBride** serves as the Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District of Mississippi which district encompasses Hinds County, Mississippi. Jamie has served Hinds County, Mississippi as an Assistant District Attorney for sixteen years. Prior to his employment with the Hinds County District Attorney's office, Jamie served as an Assistant District Attorney with Twentieth Judicial District of Mississippi, composed of Madison and Rankin Counties. Jamie has served as the Director of the Mississippi Court Improvement Program for the Mississippi Supreme Court. Jamie has served as an Adjunct Law Professor with the Mississippi College School of Law from 1998 through 2018 with the Mississippi College School of Law's Youth Court Clinic. Jamie McBride is a graduate of the Mississippi College School of Law in May of 1990.

**Luther Munford**, Of Counsel to Butler Snow LLP, earned his BA degree from Princeton University, an AB degree from Oxford University, and his JD from the University of Virginia. He clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and for US Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun. Since 1979 he has practiced law, taught at MC Law School and Millsaps College, and written more than 50 articles on a variety of legal topics. He is a past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a former member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules to the Judicial Conference of the United States.

**Randy Pierce** joined MC Law on June 1, 2023 after having served as the Director of the Mississippi Judicial College and adjunct professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law. He also previously served as a member of the Mississippi Supreme Court, a Chancellor for the Sixteenth Chancery Court District, and a member of the Legislature. Over the years, Justice Pierce has taught adjunct at the Mississippi College School of Law, University of Southern Mississippi and University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law and received his MBA and Accounting degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition to working part-time at MC Law, Randy is a partner in the law firm of Bordis, Danos & Pierce with offices in Ocean Springs and Lucedale.

**Seth Shannon** is the Director of Legal Aid at Mission First, Inc., a nonprofit located in Jackson. Among other programs, Mission First, through its staff and volunteers, provides free civil legal assistance to those who cannot afford an attorney, primarily in family law, probate, landlord/tenant, and consumer matters. Seth previously worked for the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, the Mississippi Center for Justice, and the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law and has been practicing law in Mississippi since 2010.

**Amber L. Stewart** is a 2019 graduate of Mississippi College School of Law (MC Law). She was incredibly active in the MC Law community, serving as co-chair for the moot court board, a dean's ambassador, chair of the Black Law Student Association Academic Service Committee, and senator in the Law Student Bar Association. In her third year, she also worked as a legal extern to the Honorable Carlton W. Reeves of the Southern District of Mississippi. After graduation, Amber spent her first two years of practice as a litigator, where she engaged in legal research and drafting for senior attorneys in the areas of mass tort defense, products liability, premises liability, family law, and education law. In 2022, Amber returned to MC Law as an Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis and Communication, teaching appellate advocacy and bar preparation courses. In July 2024, she joined the Office of the State Public Defender. Amber now works in the Office of Indigent Appeals, where she writes direct appeals on behalf of criminal defendants whose families cannot afford legal representation.

**Darius Taylor** is currently a member of the Mississippi Bar, Florida Bar, and is admitted to practice before both the Southern and Northern District Federal Courts of Mississippi. In addition, Darius is also admitted to practice before the Mississippi Supreme Court and Florida Supreme Court. His experience as a civil litigator includes mediations, settlement conferences, motion hearings at all stages of litigation, bench and jury trials to verdict, discovery at all stages of litigation, appellate work, client counseling, providing insurance coverage opinions, and legal research from various jurisdictions.