

**2015 ABA National Child Advocacy Award**

**"Best Professor of the Year"**

**2015 National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award**

**AALS Deborah L. Rhode Award for Pro Bono Service**

**National Finalist in the 2015 Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition**

**Moot Court National Finalists**

**Named "One of the most affordable private law schools"**

**Named one of the "Best Law Schools for Bar Exam Prep" "40 Years of Success"**

**35 Adoptions through the Legal Aid Clinic**

*The class of 2015*

# Special Edition Newsletter

## The Year in Review: Highlights from 2015

### **JANUARY:**

- MC Law hosts "The Role of the Grand Jury in Criminal Proceedings," featuring U.S Attorney Greg Davis, Attorney General Jim Hood, Professor Matt Steffey, and attorneys John Colette, Tom Fortner, Tommy Mayfield, Cynthia Speetjens, and Dennis Sweet



### **FEBRUARY:**

MC Law 2L Laura Barton attends the Grammy's ceremony and the prestigious Entertainment Law Initiative Luncheon after being named **one of five national finalists** in the 2015 Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition



*Laura Barton*

MC Law hosts the First Wednesday  
Legislative Lunch in February



*Mike Maloney ('80) and the Honorable Jim Smith ('72)*

## MARCH:

- MC Law is ranked number 11 out of 33 "Best Schools for Bar Exam Prep" in *The National Jurist*
- MC Law hosts the Law Review Symposium: "Ten Years Later: Tort Reform in Mississippi"
- Allan Kanner, lead counsel for Louisiana in the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, serves as the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence



*Allan Kanner addresses students*

## APRIL:

- A distinguished panel of speakers discuss "Access to Healthcare: A Medical-Legal Policy Symposium," sponsored by the Health Law Society
- MC Law 2L Larissa Moore is selected from a national search for an internship with the Cold Case Initiative in Atlanta
  - Professor Vicki Lowery contributes to national Moot Court Handbook
- Dean Scott recognizes new MC Law admittees during the Spring 2015 Bar Admission Ceremony
- Moot Court hosts Aaron Streett of Baker Botts LLP as the guest speaker for the Supreme Court Lecture Series
  - MC Law faculty approves Certificate in Small Law and Solo Practice

## May:

- The school community, friends, and families congratulate 107 graduates during the Spring 2015 Commencement ceremony
- MC Law and Mission First host renowned speaker Bruce D. Strom for "Justice for All in Our Community: A Poverty Law Symposium"



*Dean Scott & Ammie Nguyen '15  
Spring 2015 Bar Admission Ceremony*



*JUNE:*

MC Law begins the celebration of "40 Years of Success" at an anniversary kickoff event featuring a distinguished range of guest speakers



"I call for us to celebrate the work of our law school, especially as it positively impacts our state through the bench and the Bar, and serves the vulnerable in our community."

- Dr. Lee Royce  
President of Mississippi College



## JULY:

- MC Law alumna and Mission First Legal Aid Staff Attorney Carlyn Hicks ('10) is named the recipient of the 2015 American Bar Association's National Child Advocacy Award from the ABA's Young Lawyers Division



*Carlyn Hicks*

## AUGUST:

- MC Law alumna Kate Rapp ('15) is awarded the 2015 National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award  
- Moot Court team is named a finalist and wins 2nd Best Brief in the Earl E. Zehmer National Moot Court Competition



*Kate Rapp*

## SEPTEMBER:

- Dean Wendy B. Scott is installed as the 8th Dean of Mississippi College School of Law



## OCTOBER:

- MC Law joins in recognizing Pro Bono Week  
- Professor Anita Hill visits MC Law  
- Moot Court team wins Best Plaintiff Brief in the Stetson National Pretrial Competition  
- Panelists discuss, "The State of Education in Mississippi" during the Alumni Luncheon



*Mission First Cook-out  
National Pro Bono Week*



## NOVEMBER:

- The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) names Dean Emeritus Jim Rosenblatt the recipient of the 2016 Deborah L. Rhode Award for his investment and commitment to pro bono work and public interest programs
- *The National Jurist* announces MC Law's tuition freeze for students applying for 2016 admission
- 3L Nikita McMillian is selected to serve as a judicial law clerk for Judge Carlton Reeves
- Students in the Adoption Legal Clinic serve as adoption attorneys for the Hinds County Mass Adoption Day ; they finalize approximately 35 adoptions
- MC Law, in partnership with Jackson State University, hosts a Veterans Day event featuring renowned journalist Chase Madar
- Two MC Law Moot Court teams are named finalists and one is named the winner at the ABA Arbitration Competition



"We hope this exposure to pro bono work as a law student commits our graduates to a lifetime of contributing to the pro bono mission of their community."

- Dean Emeritus Jim Rosenblatt

## DECEMBER:

- 3L students Ylani Hayes and Candace Rucker accept judicial clerkships with the Louisiana Executive Office of Immigration Review and Judge Leslie Southwick, respectively
- Dean Scott delivers the commencement address at the Jackson State University Graduate School Commencement Ceremony



- Following a "No Shave November" fundraiser, the Health Law Society presents a \$6,643 check to the Blair E. Batson Children's Cancer Center



Dean Scott discusses faith, family, and the MC Law School in the December issue of *Mississippi Christian Living*



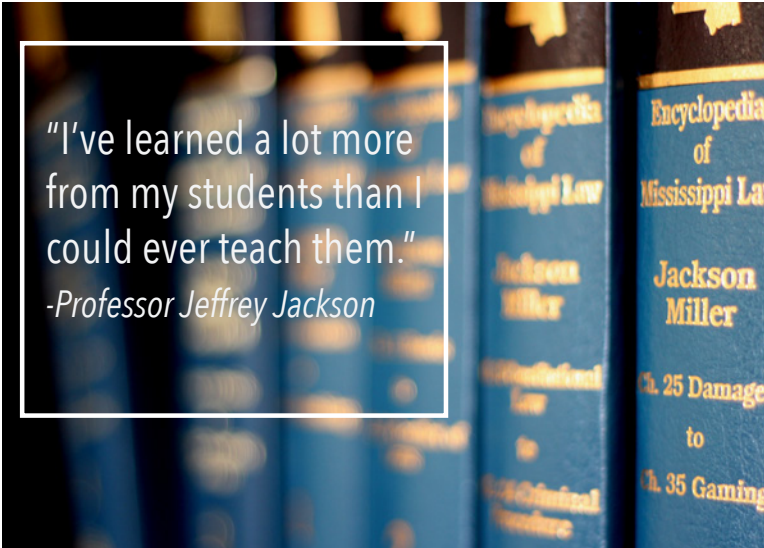
*MC Law School welcomes law graduates and attorneys from around the globe to our Foreign Studies LL.M. Program.*

*The MC Law Small Law and Solo Practitioner Certificate program continues to grow, with over 62% of our graduates pursuing employment in a small law firm or solo practice.*

MC Law has launched a new *Immigration Clinic* in partnership with Catholic Charities



# Farewells



"I've learned a lot more from my students than I could ever teach them."

-Professor Jeffrey Jackson

Professor Jeffrey Jackson, beloved by all in the MC Law community, retired at the end of the fall semester. His enormous impact on the school, its students, faculty, and alumni is well known and tremendously respected.

During his time at MC Law, he authored 15 volumes on Mississippi law, and taught in the areas of civil procedure, insurance, professional responsibility, and conflict of laws. In 2015, following a nomination by students, he was named "Best Professor," by the Jackson Free Press.

In the fall of 2015, a scholarship fund was started in his honor. All funds are exclusively used for student needs.

The MC Law family will greatly miss Professor Jackson and his authentic, unique contributions to the school.

Dean John Brown bid the school farewell in January of 2016. For more than a decade, he played a pivotal role in welcoming new students to MC Law and mentoring them during their years in law school. He most recently served as Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs. His investment in the lives of students will be fondly remembered.



"I have always told students that the most important thing in finding a job is finding one that you look forward to getting up and going to on a daily basis. I have looked forward to getting up and going to my job for many years."

Debbie Riddick, a.k.a, "Foley," retired from MC Law in December of 2015 following 14 years of service. During her tenure at MC Law, she assisted numerous students in the Career Services department, helping them in finding a job that suited their skills and preferences. She also famously authored the daily "Foley Gram," which gave students, staff, and faculty a catalogue of daily events. Students and colleagues alike bid her a fond farewell, and wish her the best as she embarks on a new chapter.

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