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from the dean



This year marks a special occasion for Alabama Law, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its founding and the 50th Anniversary of the first Commencement of African American students from the School of Law. Either event alone would be significant. The two together are momentous.

Looking back across 150 years, there's an inexhaustible trove of memories and experiences – stories of beloved professors who challenged students to be and do their best, staff members whose quiet kindness will long be remembered, and alumni who've become leaders locally, nationally, and globally.

Alabama Law rose from humble beginnings. Originally founded in 1846, the Law School shut down shortly thereafter due to a lack of student enrollment and funding. It wasn't until 1872 that Alabama Law was permanently established with an initial enrollment of four students and one professor – Henderson M. Somerville. From small classroom buildings on a modest campus, to Farrah Hall, to the Law Center in which we now reside, the School of Law has grown immensely in stature and influence. Just this past year, we received more than 1,700 applications for a 1L class that now consists of 149 students. We've risen to national prominence as a Top-25 law school – ninth among publicly supported institutions – while our graduates leave law school with the lowest average debt-load of any public institution in the Top 25.

Our second reason for commemoration is a solemn one. For it was merely 50 years ago that Michael Anthony Figures, Booker T. Forte, Jr., and Ronald E. Jackson walked across the stage at Commencement as the first African American graduates of Alabama Law. Just as it is important to celebrate our successes as a community, we must also acknowledge the ways in which we have failed or fallen short, especially – though not solely – during the first 100 years of our existence. Although we cannot erase a history of exclusion and discrimination, we can repair, and we can affirm our responsibility going forward to ensure that all persons have an equal opportunity to study and flourish at Alabama Law.

During this important year, I invite you to participate as we reflect on where we've been, reinforce the relationships that make us who we are, and recommit to building a school in which all can thrive. Please join us as we continue to ensure that the Law School remains vigorous and vital for future generations.

All good wishes,

Mark E. Brandon
Dean and Thomas E. McMillan Professor of Law



Alabama Law Welcomes the Class of 2025

Alabama Law is proud to welcome the Class of 2025. This year's new 1L group consists of 149 students—drawn from a competitive pool of over 1,700 applicants. Students from this class represent 24 states and 65 different colleges and universities. Nearly half of the new 1L students are women and 26% of the class members identify as members of a racial or ethnic minority. In total, this class speaks 11 different languages and dialects from around the world, and despite the limitations on travel in recent years due to the global pandemic, these students have studied, lived, or worked in 30 countries outside of the United States.



Class of 2025

“Individually and collectively, you are impressive. . . Many of you have done remarkable things already in your lives, [and] I am confident that each and all of you will achieve great things during your time in law school,” said Dean Mark E. Brandon to the new 1L class during his welcome speech at orientation.

Four Students Named 2022 Stevens Public Interest Fellows

This past summer, Alabama Law students Katie Hill, Meghan McLeroy, Kelsey Marie Perine, and Maya Stevenson were selected as fellows in The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Program. This program provides financial support to law students who choose to spend their summers in unpaid legal public interest internships.

This was the first year Alabama Law was selected to participate in the Stevens Fellowship Program. The program began in 1997 in honor of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, who believed that a successful

justice system depends on lawyers who are dedicated to public interest work. Over time, the foundation has grown to include 38 law schools across the country—Alabama Law being among the eight additional law schools invited to join the 2022 class. Student selections were chosen based on financial need and commitment to public interest law. This year, four Alabama Law students were awarded Stevens Fellowships, which included a monetary award of \$6,000 per student in support of their public interest work over the summer.

Participants had the option to work anywhere in the country for their internship, but each of the Alabama Law Stevens Fellows decided to complete her internship in the South. Maya Stevenson worked with the Capital Appeals Project, a nonprofit law office in New Orleans, which helps to provide justice for those on death row. Kelsey Marie Perine served as a Summer Law Clerk with The Law Office of the Shelby County Public Defender in Tennessee. Katie Hill and Meghan McLeroy both completed their internships locally in Birmingham. Katie worked with the Jefferson County Public Defender's Office and Meghan worked with the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, helping to fight systemic racism in laws and policies.



Alabama Law students Kelsey Marie Perine, Maya Stevenson, Katie Hill, and Meghan McLeroy pose with Gary Sullivan (Chair of the Public Interest Committee).

Alabama Law Ranked Top 25 By U.S. News & World Report #1 for Lowest Average Graduate Debt-load among Top 25 Public Institutions

The University of Alabama School of Law ranked 25th among the nation's top law schools—ninth among publicly supported institutions—according to U.S. News & World Report's annual “Best Law School Rankings” for 2023. The rankings, which measured 192 law schools fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA), evaluated each institution on successful placement of graduates, faculty resources, academic achievement of entering students, and the opinions of academic peers, lawyers and judges on overall program quality.

According to the report, Alabama Law J.D. grads, who incurred law school debt, graduated with the lowest average debt-load among 2021 graduates from any public institution in the Top 25. Overall, Alabama Law's average student debt-load ranked second-best among all Law Schools in the Top 50.

“The combination of academic prestige and affordability makes Alabama Law a premier school for students interested in studying law,” said Dean Mark E. Brandon. “We offer a top-tier education while limiting the financial burden our graduates carry. This ensures that, as our students enter the profession, they can pursue the types of employment they desire to engage in without being limited by heavy financial obligations.”

Additionally, the Alabama Law Class of 2020 ranked fifth—among the Top 25—based on the percentage of recent graduates meaningfully employed 10 months after graduation. This datum pulled from the report represents the percentage of all graduates, at any given institution, who had a full-time job* lasting at least a year for which bar passage was required or a J.D. degree was an advantage.

* Excluding jobs funded by the associated school or university

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briefcase

News and events from around the Law School

Alabama Law Presents Civil Rights Pioneer Fred David Gray with Honorary Degree



ABOVE: Left to right, Dean Brandon, Fred David Gray and UA President Stuart Bell. Fred Gray with Bryan Fair, Thomas E. Skinner Professor of Law.

The University of Alabama presented civil rights pioneer and attorney Fred David Gray with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree during the 2022 School of Law commencement ceremony in May.

As one of the most prolific civil rights lawyers in the history of Alabama and the United States, Gray successfully represented Vivian Malone and James Hood in their quest to enroll at UA in 1963, playing an indispensable role in the legal desegregation of public education not only in Alabama, but throughout the United States. Among the many others whom he represented during his career were claimants in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., participants in the Selma March, and the participants and families in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study class-action lawsuit.

“I am honored, appreciative, and humbled that The University of Alabama has conferred upon me today an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree,” said Gray. “When I was growing up as a youngster in Montgomery, Alabama, the cradle of the confederacy, I knew little about The University of Alabama except it was a university for white people, and African

Americans were not permitted to attend. It has special meaning to me because when I filed the case of Vivian Malone vs. The University of Alabama, I never dreamed that 59 years later it would be honoring me as it is today. My only concern was opening the doors so African Americans could attend.”

Despite being an Alabama native and holding true to a lifelong commitment to civil rights efforts in Alabama and in the South, Gray earned his Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, because there was no law school in the state of Alabama at the time — including UA — that would accept African American students.

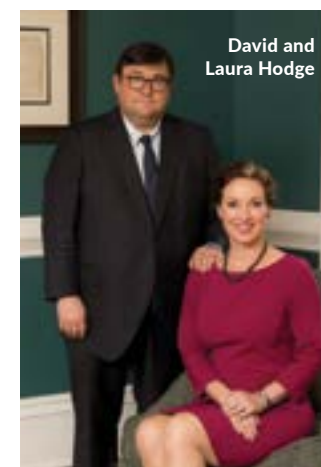
“We are honored to commemorate Mr. Gray’s direct role in desegregating The University of Alabama and ushering in a new era for our law school,” said Mark E. Brandon, dean of the School of Law. “The significance of presenting this honorary degree to Mr. Gray today is amplified because this ceremony marks the 50th anniversary since Michael Anthony Figures, Booker T. Forte, Jr. and Ronald E. Jackson became the first African American students to graduate from The University of Alabama School of Law.”

Read more about these early Alabama Law graduates on page 24.

Preserving Class Composites: A Window to Our Past

In 2019, David Hodge (’00) and Laura Drinkard Hodge (’00) committed a generous donation to the Law School Foundation to create the Class Composite Preservation Project Fund. The goal of this fund is to digitize and preserve the composite photos from the graduating classes throughout the years, making them accessible for future generations to view.

As time passes, the composites are at risk of fading out, getting damaged, or even being lost due to natural disasters. While most of the composites are in good shape, the School of Law is taking preventive action by digitizing them to ensure that these pieces of history are preserved and that our students and alumni are not forgotten.



David and Laura Hodge

“Our law school’s composites date back to 1886,” said David Durham, curator of archival collections at Alabama Law. “Early examples were handmade, with each image carefully pasted with the corresponding name hand-lettered onto the matting. It underscores that these are not only windows into our law school’s history, but also works of art in their own right.

These composites are unique, one-of-a-kind representations of an important part our school’s history, many of which are considered high risk and in need of continued preservation efforts.”

The composite photos hold a special place in many of the hearts of alumni and their families. It isn’t uncommon to see a former student bringing loved ones, co-workers, and friends to show them the photo from their time in law school.



Alabama Law community views a class composite on display.

“I can remember going to Homecoming with my parents when I was growing up. It was always fun to look for the composites on the wall and find [my father] and then find my grandfather,” said Laura Drinkard Hodge, a third-generation Alabama Law alumna. “It was neat because my grandfather’s composite hung in one of the classrooms that I had class in while I was in school. I always enjoyed finding that connection.”

David Hodge expressed his love for history and an interest in being able to view the archive of images of Alabama Law alumni from over the years. “You can see what prominent alumni looked like while they were in law school. That’s something that always interested me as a student, and I think it is important to preserve that.”

The Class Composite Preservation Project is ongoing. Earlier this year, Alabama Law completed the digitization of the earliest and most vulnerable composites, ranging from 1886–1936. Preservation of the composites from 1937–1952 is currently in progress.



Mark Brandon

Dean Mark E. Brandon Announces Plans to Step Down

Dr. Mark E. Brandon, announced his plan to step down as dean of the School of Law at the end of the academic year. After serving for more than eight years in that role, he plans to continue teaching at Alabama Law.

Brandon joined the University as dean and Thomas E. McMillan Professor of Law in 2014 after serving in leadership and teaching positions at Vanderbilt University Law School.

Under Brandon's leadership, the Law School has recruited the most diverse student body in its history and created the first executive-level diversity office in the University, whose director holds a standing position on the Law School Executive Committee.

Alabama Law is consistently ranked among the top 30 law schools in the nation. For three of the past four years, it ranked in the top 25 overall and top 10 among public law schools.

"In my time as dean, I've been privileged to work beside a truly talented and dedicated team of staff and administrators who have helped to make it a genuine pleasure to come to work each day," Brandon said.

"We have matriculated some of the brightest, most capable, and most diverse students in the history of the institution. I've enjoyed serving with my faculty colleagues, who are committed to excellence in teaching as well as to scholarship. And it's been truly satisfying to connect with my fellow alumni, whose unfailing good will and generous spirit have kept me energized and have helped to make my tasks as dean a labor of love."

Professor Gary Sullivan Named Director of the Trial Advocacy Program

In September, Alabama Law announced that Professor Gary Sullivan has been appointed to direct the Alabama Law Trial Advocacy Program. Under Professor Sullivan's supervision, the Program will continue to offer students the opportunity to choose between the Competition Team Track and Coursework Tracks in civil and criminal litigation.

In the past, Alabama Law's two skills-based Trial Advocacy Tracks—Coursework and Competition Team—operated independently of each other. Moving forward, both offerings will now be housed under a single comprehensive Trial Advocacy Program.

"We are building upon the great work of students, alumni, faculty, and staff who've come before and helped to raise our program to national stature," said Professor Sullivan. "We look forward to continually working with our impressive lineup of instructors and coaches as we elevate the program to even greater heights."

Recently, the Alabama Law National Trial Advocacy Team—coached by Bob Prince ('74) and consisting of team members Key Lamberth, Tripp Perry, North Patterson, and Walker Kowalchuk—won the 2022 American Association for Justice (AAJ) Southeast Regional of the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition. In doing so, the team qualified to participate at Finals as one of the top 20 teams in this prestigious competition.



Gary Sullivan

Alabama Law Welcomes Three New Faculty Members & Names Director of Diversity & Inclusion

Clare Ryan, Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Ryan holds a J.D. and Ph.D. in Law from Yale Law School. She writes and teaches in the areas of family law and international human rights, with a particular emphasis on children's rights. Her recent publications can be found in the UCLA Law Review, the Washington University Law Review, and the journal Law and Contemporary Problems. Prior to joining the Alabama Law faculty, she served as an Assistant Professor of Law at the LSU Law Center. Professor Ryan has also served as a Human Rights Fellow at the European Court of Human Rights and as a law clerk to the Hon. M. Margaret McKeown on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Clare Ryan



Luke Herrine



Stacey Bergstrom

Luke Herrine,

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Herrine earned his Ph.D. from Yale Law School and his J.D. from New York University School of Law. He studies the law and political economy of consumer markets. He has recently published on the theories of consumer protection, the relevance of economic theory to antitrust, and the political history of the FTC's unfairness authority. His earlier work on the legal bases for student debt cancellation laid the foundation for the ongoing class-based cancellation

of defrauded students' debt and for the current debate on broad-based executive action to cancel student debt.

Stacey Bergstrom, Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

Professor Bergstrom took her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School and, upon graduation,

began a career in criminal prosecution with the Hanover County Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Virginia, where she focused on domestic violence and child abuse investigations. She has also served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Virginia Attorney General's Office in the Computer Crime Section and Investigative Counsel for the New York State Inspector General. Most recently, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, where she prosecuted white-collar and child exploitation offenses. From 2016 to 2018, she also taught Legal Research and Writing as an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School.

Anil A. Mujumdar, Director of Diversity & Inclusion and Assistant Professor of Law in Residence

For most of his career, Professor Mujumdar has concentrated his practice in the area of white-collar criminal defense, which he learned through working in private practice with former U.S. Attorney and former U.S. Senator Doug Jones.

In addition, Mujumdar is counsel in prison conditions litigation brought to improve accessibility and mental health care for people with disabilities in the Alabama prison system. He has represented victims of child sex abuse, continues to litigate civil claims on behalf of survivors of human trafficking, and has taught courses on human trafficking and poverty law.

Mujumdar is one of twelve members of the ACLU's national Executive Committee, serves on the ACLU's national Board of Directors, and is past-President of the ACLU of Alabama.



Anil Mujumdar



class notes

Newsworthy items
of interest for
alumni



Justin Barkley ('05) joined the Alabama Governor's Legal Office as Deputy General Counsel.



Brannon Buck ('97) is now serving as president-elect of the Alabama State Bar.



Hazina C. Dorius ('09) was named to The Community Connectors Advisory Board, which was recently established by Prosper, a coalition of community, civic, and business leaders vying for a more inclusive economy in Birmingham.



Bruce P. Ely ('80) was selected as the recipient of the Franklin C. Latham Award for Distinguished Service in State and Local Tax, presented by Bloomberg Tax & Accounting. He was also appointed to lead Bradley's Black-Owned Small Business Pro Bono Clinic, focused on the Birmingham region.



Sharonda C. Fancher ('13) joined Vulcan Materials Company as an Employment Attorney in Birmingham.



Kathie Farnell ('77) released a new memoir titled *Tie Dyed: Avoiding Aquarius*.



Steve R. Forehand Sr. ('85) has been installed as President of the Alabama Wildlife Federation.



Shomari Figures ('10) was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff & Counselor to Attorney General Merrick Garland in Washington, DC.



Donald "Don" M. Harrison III ('01) was appointed Deputy Secretary/Government Affairs and Deputy Attorney General for the Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL).



Christopher L. Hawkins ('99) was appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court to the Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama.



James F. Hughey Jr. ('70) was named a Veteran of Influence by the Birmingham Business Journal



Leroy Nix ('09) of Washington DC, was named vice president of strategic policy and stakeholder engagement at Entergy.



Meighan Parker ('18) was awarded the Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow, Lecturer in Law fellowship at The University of Chicago Law School.



Vernetta Perkins ('00) was sworn in as Dallas County (AL) District Court Judge.



Jerry W. Powell Jr. ('75) joined the Alabama Bankers Association as a legal consultant.



Dagnal Rowe ('72) was elected chairman of the Alabama Securities Commission.



John Saxon ('77) received the 2022 John Gardner Legacy of Leadership Award, the highest honor presented by the White House Fellows Foundation and Association (WHFFA).



Larry D. Smith ('84) was named among the Orlando Business Journal's 2022 Diversity in Business awardees, recognized by the Florida Bar as a "face of change" for pioneering inclusivity in the state, and was granted the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel 2022 Diversity Award.



Ashley Tidwell ('19) was appointed as the District 3 Director of the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Board of Directors.



Brooke B. Vinson ('13) was hired by Ligon Industries LLC as their first-ever general counsel in Birmingham.



Lynn Ridgeway Zehrt ('98) was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court as the new reporter to its Advisory Commission on the Rules and Practice and Procedure.



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Alabama Law Names 2022 Alumni Award Honorees

Last February, the School of Law hosted the annual Alabama Law Alumni Award Banquet at the Haven in Birmingham. Six distinguished alumni who have made significant contributions to the legal community and the School of Law were honored this year. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time this event convened in-person since 2020—offering the opportunity for alumni and friends to reunite in a capacity that hasn't been possible for quite some time. Congratulations to the following awardees:

SAM W. PIPES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Sam W. Pipes Award is the highest honor bestowed by the School of Law, and it is given to an outstanding alumnus or alumna who has distinguished himself or herself through service to the Bar, The University of Alabama, and the School of Law.



Stephen Douglas Kane (Class of '69)

is a senior business executive and attorney who, over the past 50+ years, has completed more than 160 acquisitions and has worked with a number of leading private equity firms in the U.S. Initially, Kane developed his management and acquisition skills during a 15-year tenure at American General Life Insurance Company, the fourth largest stock life insurance company in the U.S. In 1984, he joined a small group of executives who completed a leveraged buyout of an American General subsidiary, NLTC, took it public the following year (NASDAQ:NDATA) and grew it substantially

through multiple acquisitions. In 1987, he sold ENDATA to First Financial Management Corporation (NYSE:FFM), then one of the fastest growing public companies in the U.S. and focused on the transaction processing industry while serving as vice chairman and chief administrative officer of FFM. FFM, which owned TeleCheck, Western Union, MicroBilt, and several other major companies, became the largest U.S. merchant acquirer as the parent company of NaBanco. In late 1995, FFM was sold to First Data Corporation for \$7.1 billion.

In 1997, Kane formed his own business consulting firm in Atlanta, Stephen D. Kane Enterprises, L.L.C., where he assisted in numerous public and private company mergers and acquisitions. Two years later, Kane founded International Payment Services, L.L.C., with GTCR Golder Rauner L.L.C., a Chicago multi-billion-dollar private equity firm, and acquired National Processing Company's Check Service Division to form International Check Services, which became the third largest check guarantee firm in the U.S. before it sold to TeleCheck. He then served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of iShopSecure, Inc., now known as Verid, Inc. Kane sold a portion of iShopSecure to C/max Capital, and then along with C/max, sold Verid to EMC Corporation.

In 2003, Kane was recruited by Lindsay, Goldberg and Bessemer, a large New York private equity company, to join and invest in First American Payment Systems, LP as senior executive vice president of business development and mergers and acquisitions and became a director of the company. After six acquisitions, First American was successfully sold to a large Canadian pension fund. In 2010, Kane

was asked and joined and invested in Sterling Payment Technologies, LLC of Tampa, Florida as senior executive officer of business development and mergers and acquisitions, and later as senior executive officer and general counsel. After reorganizing Sterling, it was successfully sold to EVO Payments International immediately before they went public. In 2018 Kane invested in and joined Hancock Claims Consultants, LLC and is now its executive vice president, general counsel, and chief administrative officer. Kane then sold controlling interest to Century Equity Partners of Boston, a specialist in the insurance services industry. Hancock is now one of the largest and fastest growing property inspection companies in the U.S.

Kane graduated from The University of Alabama in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1969. He continues to generously serve his alma mater as a member of The University of Alabama President's Cabinet, an emeritus member of the Alabama Law School Foundation's Board of Governors, and a member of the Law School's Capital Campaign Committee. In 2015, he formed The Stephen Douglas Kane, in Honor of Dean Kenneth Randall, Law School Scholarship which provides financial assistance for law students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and who are from outside the State of Alabama. He has been a major donor to the new Alabama Law Program for Law and Business.

ALABAMA LAWYER HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

The Alabama Lawyer Hall of Honor was established in 2020 by the Board of Governors of the Law School Foundation to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the legal profession and to the Law School over an extended period of time.



The Honorable Sonja F. Bivins (Class of '88)

was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Alabama in 2004. She earned her B.S. degree in Political Science from Spring Hill College and her J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law. Upon graduation, Judge Bivins served as a judicial law clerk for The Honorable Virgil Pittman, United States Senior District Judge, and later practiced with a national law firm in Atlanta for 14 years. While in private practice, Judge Bivins participated in Leadership DeKalb, and served as president of the DeKalb Lawyers Association, as a board member for the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center, and as a respite parent for a family and children services agency.

Judge Bivins currently serves on the Diversity Committee for the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and previously served as a member of the Magistrate Judges' Education Advisory Committee for the Federal Judicial Center. She is a fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation, a member of the Board of Governors for the University of Alabama Law School Foundation, and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Law School. She is also active in several local bar associations. Judge Bivins formerly served as a Trustee on Spring Hill College Board of Trustees. She has coached and judged student moot court and mock trial competitions, hired students as judicial law clerks in chambers, participated in countless career fairs at local schools, and hosted students during courthouse tours. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Alabama. Judge Bivins is married to Donald English, and they enjoy traveling and spending time with their blended family.

Annual Alumni Awards
recognition



William (Bill) N. Clark (Class of '71)

practiced with the firm of Redden, Mills, Clark & Shaw and its predecessors in Birmingham for more than 48 years. In 2020, following the closing of his firm, he joined Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC as Of Counsel.

Clark received his B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as a United States Army officer in the U.S., Germany, and Vietnam, and in the Army Reserve—retiring as a Major General. Upon graduation from Alabama Law, Clark clerked for The Honorable Walter P. Gewin, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Throughout his career, Clark has been active in both local and state bar organizations—serving as President of the Birmingham Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Foundation, and the Alabama State Bar Association. He is also a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. In the community, he has served as chair of the Birmingham Metropolitan YMCA Board, chair of the Vulcan District of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Alabama, and he currently serves as chair of the YMCA Board of Trustees.

Clark is an emeritus member of the Board of Governors for the University of Alabama Law School Foundation, serving on the Board since 1991 and as President from 2000 – 2002. Additionally, Clark has served as an adjunct professor at The University of Alabama School of Law. He is married to Faye Clark, who holds a Ph.D. from UAB and is the former co-director of the Greater Birmingham Mathematics Partnership. They have two children and six grandchildren.



Michael D. Ermert (Class of '90)

spent his legal career as a treasured member of Hare Wynn Newell & Newton, LLP, where he became known as one of the state's leading experts in medical malpractice cases.

Throughout his life, Ermert served on a wide range of Bar committees including the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners, Birmingham Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Foundation Board of Directors, American Bar Association, Alabama Association for Justice, The American Association for Justice, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Ermert was also a member of the Board of Governors for the University of Alabama Law School Foundation and past-chair of the Alabama Law Alumni Society where he spearheaded an annual giving campaign to increase alumni participation in the society from 10% to 15% of alumni. He was a member of the Order of the Coif and past-president of the Alabama Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

Ermert obtained his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Alabama. Before attending law school, Ermert served on active duty in the US Army, attaining the rank of Captain. Mike was married to his high school sweetheart, Lori, and dad to their two daughters. Together, they endowed a scholarship at the Law School for first-year students who are veterans or children of veterans.

** The University of Alabama School of Law community is proud to honor Mike's outstanding career and personal achievements. We are grateful for his thoughtful and selfless service that spanned his entire life. In acknowledging Mike's recent passing, we extend heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and loved ones. We miss him greatly.*



H. Harold Stephens (Class of '80)

is a partner in the Huntsville office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Prior to joining Bradley in 1998, he worked for 16 years with the law firm of Lanier Ford, and he began his legal career in Birmingham as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Stephens currently serves as a member and past-Chair of the Alabama Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Commission, member and Vice-Chair of the Alabama Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, and member of the Alabama Supreme Court Rules of Evidence Committee.

Previously, Stephens served as past-president and board member of the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, a member of the Alabama Board of Bar Commissioners, chair of the

Alabama Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission, and past-chair of the Litigation Section of the Alabama State Bar. He is also a charter member of the Alabama Academy of Attorney Mediators and a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

For nearly 25 years, Stephens has served on the Alabama Law School Leadership Council—including his tenure as president from 2002-2004. He is married to Julie (Harbarger) Stephens, and they are the proud parents of three daughters, Harper, Caroline and Jordan, two sons-in-law, Drew Hennig and Clark Milner, and one grandchild, Libba Hennig. Two of his children, Jordan Hennig ('15) and Caroline Milner ('18) also graduated from Alabama Law along with Stephens' niece and nephew, Ingrid Lunsford ('99) and Bill Lunsford ('00).

RIISING YOUNG ATTORNEY AWARD WINNER


The Rising Young Attorney Award, which was established in 2020, recognizes a recent graduate who has shown significant leadership and purposeful service to the legal profession, their community, and the School of Law.



Danielle Blevins (Class of '12)

works in Washington, D.C. as an attorney-advisor for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of the General Counsel and is currently also on detail with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office of Public Affairs. She co-founded Mission Reconcile, a faith-based nonprofit that focuses on racial reconciliation between single race/culture churches. She is an advisory board member of the Blackburn Institute and a regional coordinator for the Institute within the Washington, D.C. community. Additionally, Blevins is an active member of the Alabama and D.C. Bar Associations and is certified in data privacy.

Before attending Alabama Law, Blevins spent five years working at WBRC-TV (FOX6) in Birmingham. Combining her experience in broadcast journalism and law, Blevins has covered a number of high-profile Supreme Court cases. She spends her spare time volunteering at her D.C. church as a small groups leader and nursery worker as well as with Joseph's House, a D.C. home for those experiencing homelessness who are terminally ill, including those with HIV and AIDS. Blevins also serves as a mentor by advising prospective undergraduate and law students to help them decide next steps for their future. In her free time, Danielle enjoys reading, movies, traveling, and the occasional nap.

Nominations for the Sam W. Pipes Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Alabama Lawyer Hall of Honor, and the Alabama Rising Young Attorney Award are open year round. These awards, established by the Law School Foundation Board of Governors and the Alabama Law Alumni Society Leadership Council, are awarded annually during the Alabama Law Alumni Society Banquet which takes place each February. Nomination forms are available at www.law.ua.edu/alumni/awards. 



DC Externship Program Celebrates 10 Years

In 2012, Mike House ('71) and Ed Rogers ('84) had a goal of creating an externship program to introduce Alabama Law students to career opportunities in Washington DC. Ten years later, through the leadership and support of many dedicated alumni, Alabama Law's DC Externship Program has placed more than 70 students in over 43 different agencies, committees, or advocacy group offices across DC.



FRONT ROW (left to right): Clint Brown ('10), Mike House ('71), Secretary of the Senate Ann Berry, Laura Kate Smith ('23), Meredith Moore ('23), Analeigh Barnes ('22), BACK ROW (left to right): Bill Waite ('23), Andrew Blakeslee ('22) and Cameron Dobbs ('23). The students received a tour of the Capitol and met with Ann Berry, an Alabama native, who is the first African-American Secretary of the Senate. This photo is in the Lyndon B. Johnson Room of the Capitol Building in front of a Norman Rockwell painting of President Johnson.

"DC is a top out of state market for our graduates," said House, past president of the Law School Foundation (2020-2022), long-time partner at Hogan Lovells, and founder of Oak Grove Strategies. "It is a unique city where contacts and qualifications can be equally important. This is why this program, backed up by a strong committed alumni network, is essential."

The program places students in federal agencies, legislative committees, or nonprofit advocacy groups during the spring semester of a student's second or third year of law school. While in DC, externs work full-time for the 14-week semester and earn 12 hours of academic credit accompanied by a two-credit hour political and legislative writing course taught by four Alabama Law alumni.

"The DC Program has helped our students build their careers in multiple ways," said Program Director and Assistant Dean Megan Walsh ('12). "Some use the experience to learn more about the DC market and make connections while there for future opportunities in DC. Others seek out specific practice areas at agencies and

non-profits to gain experience to take back to other organizations that practice the same topic."

Upon arrival in DC, each law student participating in the program is paired with a mentor from Alabama Law's DC Advisory Board, made up of Alabama Law alumni in the area. Throughout the 14-week course, mentors offer advice to students on applying the law, operating in the workforce, networking, understanding policy, and becoming well-rounded professionals. For many of the Board Members, the opportunity to mentor the students is personal.

"I want to help students get started in D.C.," said John Cox ('92), adjunct professor in the DC externship program and Founder and Managing Director at Verto Solutions. "I give back to the students because Alabama Law grads helped me get started in Washington after I graduated."

For the students participating in the externship program, the personal mentorship offered by the Advisory Board members doesn't go unnoticed.

"The Alabama Law alumni I encountered in Washington, DC were incredibly generous with their time and interested in the success of Alabama students," said Meredith Moore, a 3L who participated in the program in Spring 2022. "The law students participating in the DC Externship program not only interacted with alumni professors, but with an entire advisory board of alumni who shape the program and want to help Alabama Law students."

During her externship, Moore worked as a semester law clerk for the Department of Justice's Federal Tort Claims Act Section where she was responsible for helping determine the government's tort liability and defending the government from claims of employee negligence.

"On a normal day, I helped my Section process administrative claims submitted to the Department by researching the applicable federal and state law and

drafting memoranda recommending the settlement or denial of claims," Moore said. "Throughout the semester, I had the chance to assist my supervisor by working on matters involving a variety of federal agencies and laws, which was an incredible opportunity to expand my legal expertise."

With the support of Alabama Law Alumni, past student placements have included: the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Office of the White House Counsel, the Department of Labor, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Center for Justice and International Law, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Senate Budget Committee, the Senate Legislative Counsel, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"[This program] has changed lives," said Michael Taylor ('97), chair of the DC Advisory Committee, adjunct professor, and partner at King & Spalding. "Part of the real success of the Externship Program is because the University is behind it. It takes a lot of time and effort to run a program like this."

However, according to Program Director and Assistant Dean Megan Walsh, it's the alumni who make the difference.

"The Alabama Law support system in DC is incredible, and we are so thankful for such wonderful alumni who give back to our students," Walsh said.

From taking headshots in front of the Supreme Court, going on private tours of the Senate Chambers, attending receptions and alumni events, and working with their placements, externs are given every opportunity possible to build their network and relationships in the DC area.

"The results speak for themselves," said House ('71). "In a recent survey of Capitol Hill employees, Alabama Law ranked sixth among National Law Schools in the number of graduates working in Congress—second, just behind Harvard if you are looking at schools that aren't based in DC. * This is a remarkable achievement."



Laura Kate Smith ('23), Meredith Moore ('23), Andrew Blakeslee ('22), Analeigh Barnes ('22), Megan Walsh ('12) Director of DC Externships, Cameron Dobbs ('23), and Amani Moore ('23) pose for a photo at a DC alumni reception at the City Club on March 1, 2022.

And while this program is driven by the commitment and mentorship of alumni and adjunct professors in the DC area, the experience would not be possible for many students without the financial backing provided by our generous alumni base. Recently, Alabama Law introduced the Mike and Gina House DC Externship Student Support Fund—in recognition of the tireless and selfless dedication of Mike and Gina House—to offset additional living costs for students. Not only are housing costs high in DC, but many students must also continue paying rent in Tuscaloosa while they are away for the spring semester. Through the Mike and Gina House Fund, the Law School can ensure that financial barriers do not keep students from participating in an externship experience in DC.

"I could not have participated in this program without the financial and academic support I received from Alabama Law" Moore said. "I want to express my deep gratitude for the school's commitment to this program and recognition of the value it has for its students. This experience will impact my law school career and future legal career because it gave me a greater understanding of a small part of the largest legal employer in the world, an inside look at life as an attorney in Washington, D.C., and a deep respect for the DOJ's work."

To learn more about the Alabama Law's DC Externship Program, contact Megan Walsh, Director of D.C. Externship Program: mwalsh@law.ua.edu.

* The data reflects congressional staffers working in DC congressional offices as of April 30th, 2019. Rankings found on LegBranch.org: <https://www.legbranch.org/everything-youve-ever-wanted-to-know-about-educational-pipelines-to-capitol-hill/>



Alabama Law Commemorates The 50 | 150 Anniversaries



Throughout this academic year, Alabama Law is commemorating The 50 | 150 Anniversaries—celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the School of Law and acknowledging it was just 50 years ago that the first class of African American students graduated from the Law School. Throughout this time, we invite you to join us as we reflect on OUR HISTORY and work together to build OUR FUTURE here at Alabama Law. It would be presumptuous to assume one could truly compile 150 years of institutional history into a simple book, let alone a few magazine pages. Of course, there are the major milestones—the initial founding, transitions from one dean to another, movement into Farrah Hall, the admission of the first female law students in a profession historically dominated by men, the graduation of African American students in a

profession and institution where they were once not welcome, the building of the Law Center, the rise in national rankings and reputation, and the numerous successes of the alumni of this institution. These moments are the results of laborious efforts, inspired growth, experiences of failure, and the human resolve of members of the Alabama Law community who've continued pushing forward. However, they merely scratch the surface of the innumerable experiences of the many students, professors, and staff members who have called Alabama Law their home. Though we cannot capture every story and will not recall every important event during this anniversary year, this time serves as an opportunity to remember those who came before, draw upon the lessons they shared, and resolve as a community to continue building a bright future for the next generation of Alabama Law students.





Alabama Law Through the Years

Alabama Law was founded as the first law school in Alabama. Professor Henderson M. Somerville served as the first professor at the School of Law. Classes were held at Woods, Manly, Barnard, and Morgan Hall* during these early years.

1872

After a change in wording in the State Bar admissions statute in 1908, Maud McLure Kelly became the first woman to have an active and enduring legal practice in the State of Alabama. She was also the second woman to graduate from Alabama Law (1908)—following Luella Lamar Allen who graduated a year earlier.**



1908

Farrah Hall was completed and dedicated in October of 1927. Named after Dean Albert J. Farrah, this building became home to the School of Law for the next 50+ years.



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1928



Alabama Law received Accreditation from the American Bar Association.



Alabama Law became a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). The purpose of AALS is to uphold and advance excellence in legal education through serving law schools, their deans, members, and law school faculty and administrators.

The first honor society in the Law School, The Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, was founded by John J. Smith (Class of 1937). Created for the purpose of recognizing outstanding scholastic achievement, this society merged into the Order of the Coif.



1937

Under the leadership of Dean Daniel J. Meador, The University of Alabama Law School Foundation was created. This formal structure was adopted to offer private financial support to supplement regular funds provided through legislative appropriation.



1961

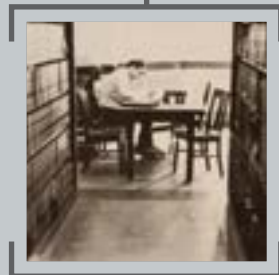


Alabama Law Review (ALR), the flagship legal journal in the state of Alabama, was established. ALR is built on a rich tradition of scholarship aimed at exploring issues of national as well as local significance to scholars, legislators, jurists, and practitioners.

Alabama Law was granted membership in the Order of the Coif. This is a national legal honorary society that encourages excellence in legal education. Membership to the Order of the Coif is awarded to the top 10% of each graduating class.



1969



The School of Law began requiring a bachelor's degree—raising the bar on entry standards. Today, two additional benchmarks for new applicants include LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs.

"Henderson made a conscious decision to be involved in the founding the School of Law, because he had a desire to improve the state of the law and the legal profession in Alabama. He was a major advocate for upholding fairness within the rule of law at a time when that jurisprudence wasn't as established as it is today. We feel he would be delighted that we are simultaneously celebrating the Law School's founding and the 50th Anniversary of the graduation of the first African American students at Alabama Law—both important milestones in making legal education more accessible to all." - JOHN (CLASS OF 1991) AND WILLIAM (CLASS OF 1986) SOMERVILLE, BROTHERS AND DESCENDANTS OF PROFESSOR HENDERSON M. SOMERVILLE.

*In 2020, Manly Hall was renamed Presidents Hall and Morgan Hall was renamed The English Building. *Details in this timeline are pulled from: Robert H. McKenzie, *Farrah's Future: The First One Hundred Years of the University of Alabama Law School, 1872-1972*, 25 ALA. L. REV. 121 (1972). ** Paul McWhorter Pruitt Jr., *Maud McLure Kelly*, *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, (2007). ** *Alabama's First Woman Lawyer and a Pioneering Political Activist, Maud McLure Kelly*, *John C. Payne Special Collections—Bounds Library, University of Alabama School of Law* (2020).



The Alabama Law & Psychology Review and The Journal of the Legal Profession were both established. Founded by Alabama Law students who were concerned with the rights of the mentally disabled, the Law & Psychology Review was one of the first journals to combine the disciplines of law and the behavioral sciences. The Journal of the Legal Profession was the nation's first periodical exploring legal ethics and problems confronting the profession.



The building was expanded, adding the West Wing, in 2006.



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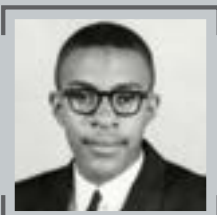
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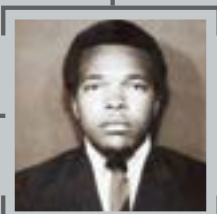
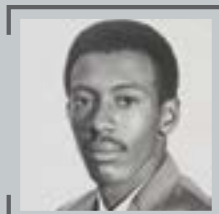
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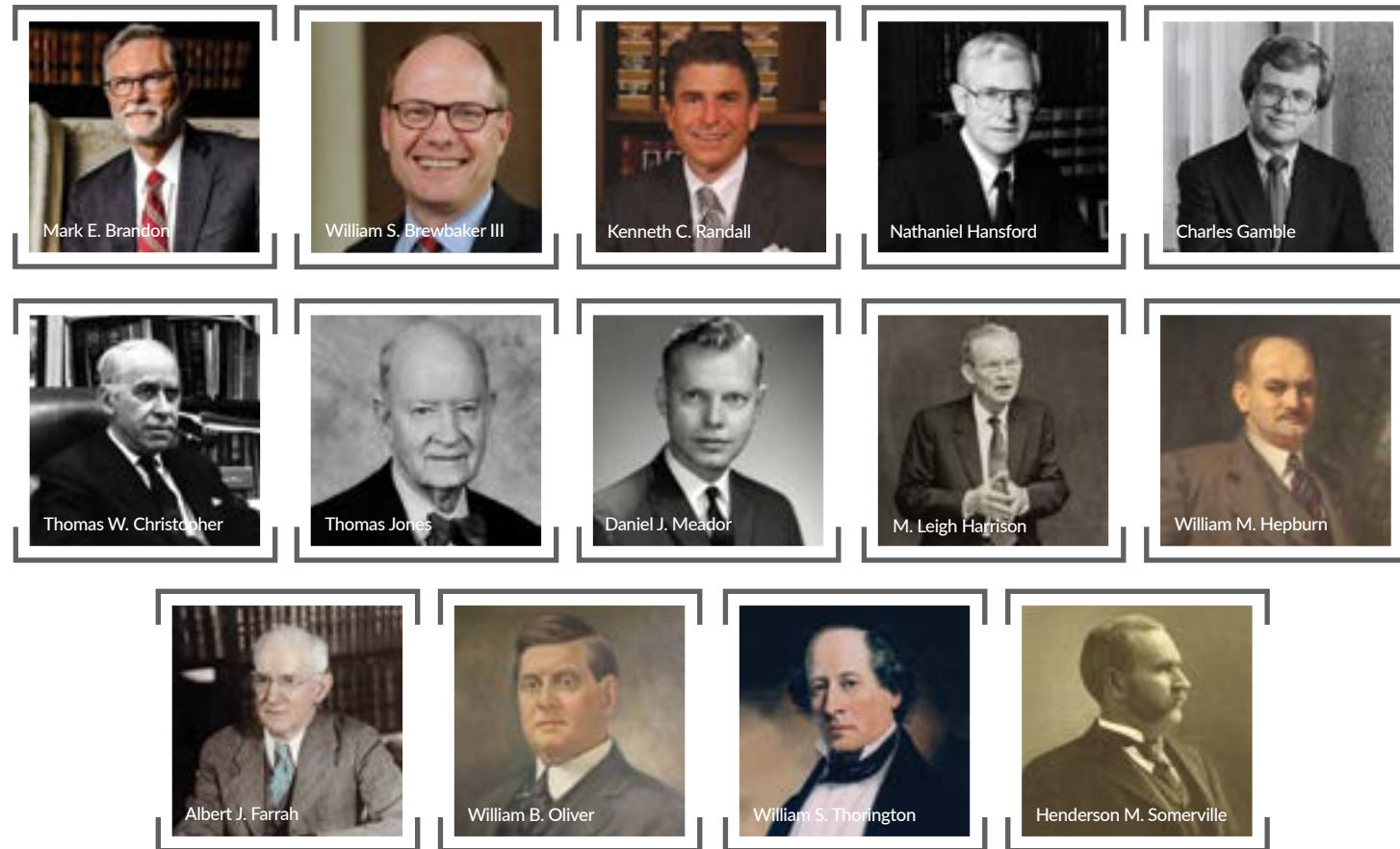
Michael Figures, Booker Forte, Jr. and Ronald E. Jackson became the first African American students to graduate from Alabama Law.



The Law Center, designed by Edward Durrell Stone, became the new home to the School of Law.



Initially proposed by a group of students invested in exploring the intersections of civil rights and civil liberties, the Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review was established.



Deanship at Alabama Law*

- Mark E. Brandon: 2011 - Present**
- William S. Brewbaker III (Interim): 2013 - 2014**
- Kenneth C. Randall: 1993 - 2013**
- Nathaniel Hansford: 1987 - 1993**
- Charles Gamble: 1982 - 1987**
- Thomas W. Christopher: 1971 - 1981**
- Thomas Jones (Interim): 1970 - 1971**
- Daniel J. Meador: 1966 - 1970**
- M. Leigh Harrison: 1950 - 1966**
- William M. Hepburn: 1944 - 1950**
- Albert J. Farrah: 1913 - 1944**
- William B. Oliver: 1910 - 1913**
- William S. Thorington: 1897 - 1910**
- Henderson M. Somerville (Prof.): 1872 - 1897**

*Info available in Rosenblatt's Deans Database.



First African American Graduates at Alabama Law

In 1972, Michael Anthony Figures, Booker Forte, Jr., and Ronald E. Jackson became the first Black students to receive a degree from The University of Alabama School of Law. Previously, no law school in the state of Alabama—including the University of Alabama—would accept African American students. In fact, for a time, the State would even provide funding for Black students to study law elsewhere.



Fred David Gray in 2022

Civil rights pioneer and attorney Fred David Gray was one such student whom the State of Alabama paid to pursue his legal education in another state. Gray left Alabama to attend law school in Ohio before returning to the Alabama where, in 1963, he successfully represented Vivian Malone and James Hood in their quest to enroll at the University of Alabama. This case played a pivotal role in desegregating public education throughout the State and across the U.S. —eventually opening the door for Figures, Forte, and Jackson to walk across the graduation stage at an Alabama Law commencement ceremony nine years later.

Trailblazers, such as Gray, Figures, Forte, and Jackson—among so many others—each played a major role in initiating a new era at Alabama Law following a century of race-based discriminative practices and policies.

“Change is oftentimes slow, and even painful, for those who muster the

courage and stamina to challenge ingrained practices and traditions that are wrong,” said Mark E. Brandon, Dean and Thomas E. McMillan Professor of Law. “But looking back at the progress that has been made over these past 50 years, it becomes evident that the efforts of these early pioneers—including Gray, Figures, Forte, and Jackson—have truly made a difference in the lives of current and future students here at the School of Law. Our responsibility going forward, as the Alabama Law community, is to ensure that all persons have an equal opportunity and resources available to study and flourish at the School of Law.”

During the 2022 Alabama Law Commencement Ceremony—which marked the 50th Anniversary since the graduation of Figures, Forte, and Jackson—the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System conferred upon Gray an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in recognition of his outstanding civil rights work. Read more about this story on page four. To learn more about Figures, Forte, and Jackson, continue reading below.*

Michael Anthony Figures: A successful Mobile attorney, Michael Anthony Figures was elected to the Alabama State Senate in 1978. He was re-elected four times and rose to become the first African American individual to be elected President Pro Tempore in 1994.

During his time in the legislature, he was instrumental in many initiatives as he advocated for the rights of the less privileged through education reform, protecting the heirs of small farms, and authoring and championing fair housing legislation. He also played a pivotal role

in the “Helping School” license plate campaign which began in 1990. Because of his efforts, more than \$600,000 is generated annually for local schools in Alabama.**

In the 1980s, Figures was the lead attorney in a lawsuit against two Ku Klux Klan members convicted of a race-related lynching. In that case, the jury returned a \$7 million judgment that bankrupted the United Klans of America. It was believed by many that he would one day be elected the first African American governor of Alabama. Unfortunately, the life of Senator Figures was cut short after suffering a brain hemorrhage that led to his untimely passing in 1996.

When Figures spoke to students, he advocated the three B’s: Be There, Be On Time, and Be Prepared. He believed that most leaders become leaders through a commitment to personal growth that includes building strength of character, embracing high moral values, and acquiring knowledge through education.

Booker T. Forte, Jr.: Booker T. Forte, Jr., a native of Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from The University of Alabama in 1969. Three years later, he earned his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

During his career, Forte practiced in the public and private sectors of law. He helped establish the first Legal Services Clinic in the Black Belt region of West Alabama. And as the managing and lead attorney, he represented clients in federal lawsuits in the areas of civil



rights, social security, and consumer protection. In 1980, on behalf of the Legal Services Corporation of Alabama, Forte represented a class of plaintiffs incarcerated in the Choctaw County Jail. This suit contained 15 different causes of action based on inadequate or substandard conditions in the jail. The court ordered various forms of injunctive relief, finding that the conditions in the jail violated the right of inmates to be free of cruel and unusual punishment and the right of pretrial detainees to be free from punishment.

Retired Circuit Judge John H. England, Jr. (Class of 1974), who attended Law School with Forte, said his friend and colleague was “courageous and committed in his own quiet and modest way.” After Judge England graduated from Alabama Law in 1974, he practiced with Forte and Law School classmate Sue Thompson in the firm of Forte, Thompson, and England in downtown Tuscaloosa. “We didn’t make a lot of money,” Judge England said, “but we did provide what I would say is a good bit of service.”***

Forte established his private law practice in several West Alabama cities, where he handled cases in criminal law, domestic

relations, civil rights, personal injury, torts, workers’ compensation, insurance fraud, and probate.

Forte also served as municipal attorney to the towns and cities across Alabama including Boligee, Forkland, Gieger, and Union. He served as Assistant District Attorney for the 17th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama to represent the State of Alabama in prosecution of criminal offenses in Greene, Sumter, and Marengo Counties. He served as Assistant Alabama Attorney General to represent the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Sumter County Department of Human Resources. And he served as County Attorney for Sumter County.

The United States Court of Appeals (11th Circuit), United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Supreme Court of Alabama, Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, and Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals Forte loved and practiced law until the time of his death in 2019.

Ronald E. Jackson: Ronald E. Jackson is a Birmingham native and life-long resident. He was educated in Birmingham’s segregated Lane Elementary and Ullman High Schools. As a youth, he participated in the 1963 “Children’s Campaign,” to desegregate the City of Birmingham and its public schools. Jackson received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science at Miles College and was an Exchange Student to the College of Wooster. After attending the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Program at the University of Virginia School of Law, he earned a Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama School of Law in May of 1972. He practiced law with the firm Hilliard, Jackson, Barnes, Cook, Mixon & Little. In 2008, Jackson was awarded the Public Interest Hall of Fame Award by OBM Watch for his outstanding public interest work in the Birmingham area.*

* Each bio was collected with permission from Ronald E. Jackson and the families of Michael Anthony Figures and Booker T. Forte, Jr. As faculty and staff at Alabama Law, we express our gratitude for their generosity in sharing these details. ** Some info provided by *Beyond the Book: Alabama African American History*. *** *Alabama Law Remembers Booker T. Forte, Jr.*, <https://www.law.ua.edu/blog/news/alabama-law-remembers-booker-t-forte-jr/>

Women Leading the Way

In 1907, **Luelle Lamar Allen** became the first female graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. In the years since, the percentage of female students at Alabama Law has steadily increased. In fact, three of the past four incoming 1L classes have each consisted of more women than men—a milestone that would not have been possible without the leadership of female trailblazers who came before.

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After a change in wording in the State Bar admissions statute in 1908, **Maud McLure Kelly** became the first woman to have an active and enduring legal practice in the State of Alabama. She was also the second woman to graduate from Alabama Law (Class of 1908)—following Luelle Lamar Allen (Class of 1907).*

Nina Miglionico (Class of 1936) ran for Birmingham City Council in 1963.

“She campaigned against organized opposition from the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens’ Council, who faulted her support for integration and reconciliation and vilified her Catholicism and Italian ethnicity. [Despite the opposition] she won the seat and became the first woman elected to Birmingham’s city government.”**

Nina Miglionico being sworn in as a Birmingham City Council member in 1963.



Judge Irene F. Scott in January 1961 with fellow members of the Tax Court of the United States.

Maud McLure Kelly



Former Chief Justice Howell Heflin (Class of 1948) swears Justice Janie Ledlow Shores (Class of 1959) into the Alabama Supreme Court in January 1975.

In 1974, **Justice Janie Ledlow Shores** (Class of 1959) became the first woman ever elected to the Alabama Supreme Court. She served in this position for 25 years. While at Alabama Law, she was one of just four women in her cohort. Her notes and outlines at the School of Law were legendary; for years after she graduated, countless students insisted that they succeeded in law school only because they relied on Janie Shores’s notes. ****

Camille Wright Cook (Class of 1948) entered law school during World War II when there were but 12 other students. Nearly 20 years after taking her degree, she returned to the School of Law as an administrative assistant to the dean, was promoted to assistant dean and assistant professor, and promoted again to full Professor of Law. Cook is recognized as both the first female faculty member and the first female tenured faculty member at Alabama Law. And in 1992, she became the first female professor at The University of Alabama to hold a named, endowed chair. *****

Judge Irene Feagin Scott (Class of 1936) was appointed to the United States Tax Court in May of 1960 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She served in that capacity for 12 years and then was reappointed by President Richard Nixon for an additional 15 years. In 1978, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Alabama School of Law. ****

Sue Thompson (Class of 1974) was one of the first female African American graduates at Alabama Law, earning her degree in 1974. Thompson, Booker T. Forte, Jr. (Class of 1972), and retired Circuit Judge John H. England, Jr. (Class of 1974) were founding members of the first Black law firm in Tuscaloosa. Most of Thompson’s 40-plus-year legal career has been spent advocating on behalf of low income and marginalized groups. A frequent collaborator with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund addressing school desegregation issues in Alabama, she is a local public education advocate.



Sue Thompson



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 ***** Mark E. Brandon, Alabama Law Remembers Professor Emerita Camille Wright Cook, The University of Alabama School of Law (2018).



This collection of drawings—Farrah Masters, Farrah Masters II, Farrah Masters III, and the image of Dean Martin Leigh Harrison—were created by Alabama Law alum, David Lloyd Miller (Class of 1977). These images have been included with permission from his widow, Laurita Miller. Farrah Masters 1: From left to right; Norman Singer, Dallas Sands, (Dean) Thomas Christopher, Clinton McGee, Gerald Gibbons. 2: From left to right; Harry Cohen, Larry Yackle, (Dean) Martin Leigh Harrison, John C. Payne, Marjorie Knowles. 3: From left to right; Jay Murphy, George Taylor, (Interim Dean) Tom Jones, Guy Huthnance, Camille Cook.



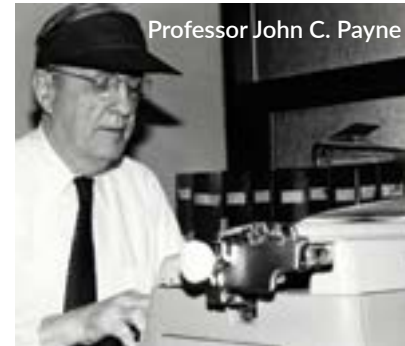
Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the School of Law in 1972.



Farrah Hall Moot Court Room



Students in Farrah Hall



Professor John C. Payne



Dean Farrah

The Farrah Years



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Law Library in the 1940s



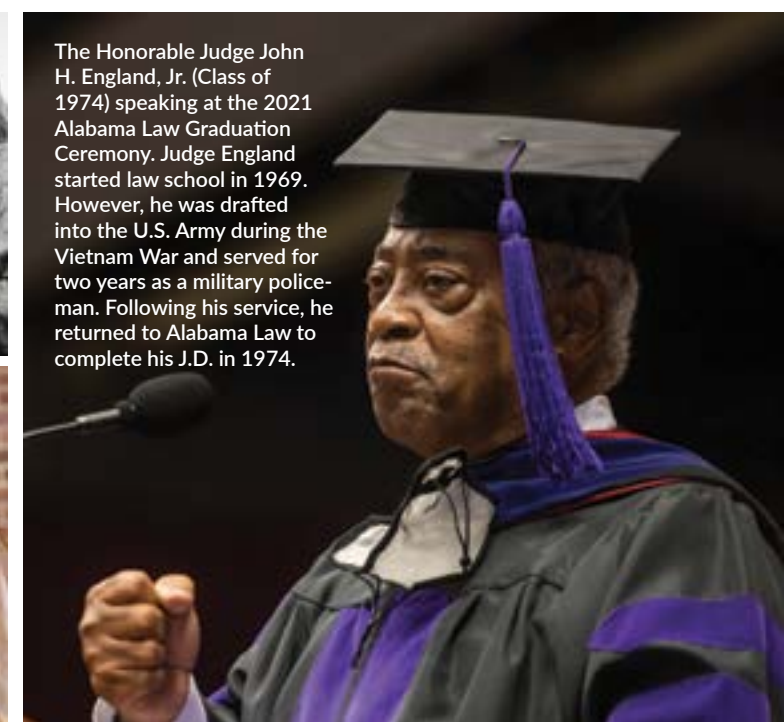
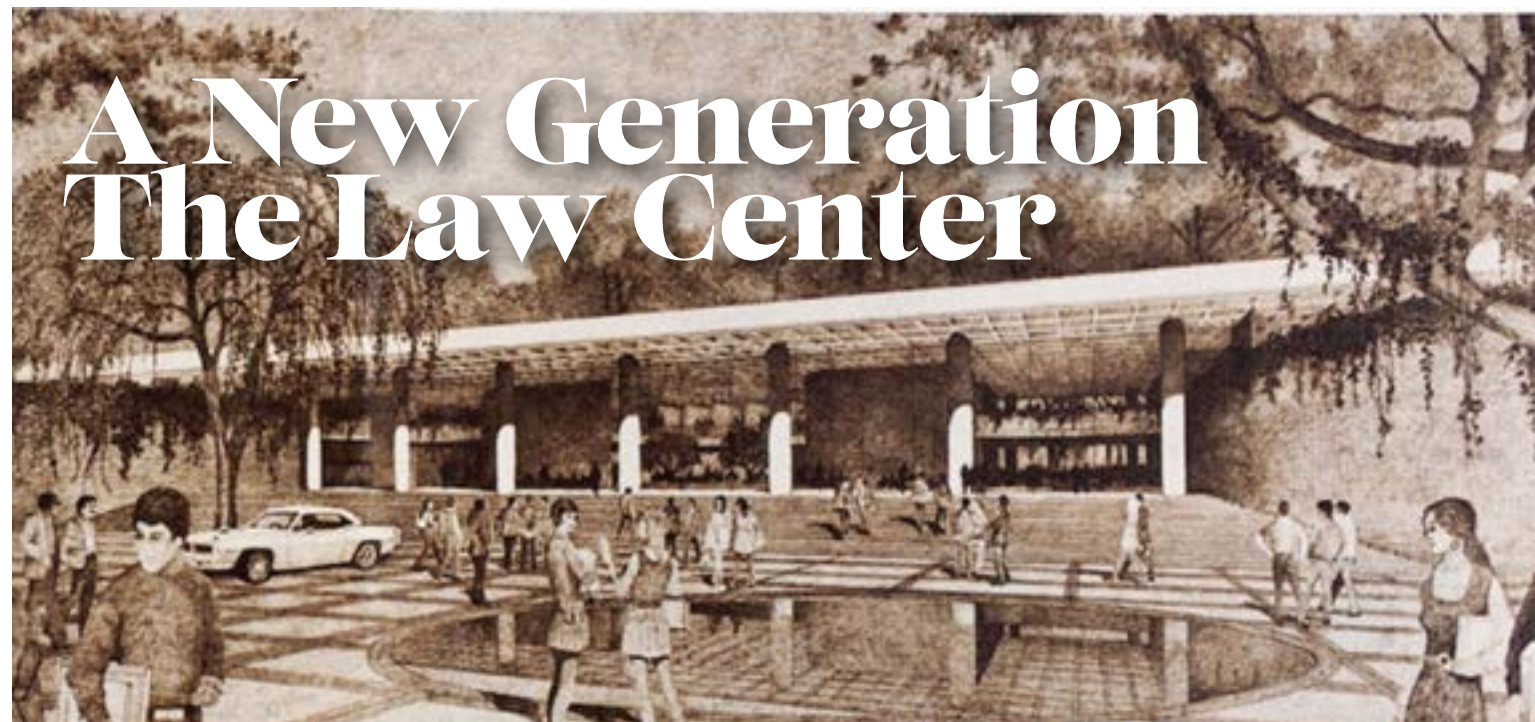
Farrah Hall under construction

ABOVE: Ramus Rhodes (right), longtime custodian at the University of Alabama Law School, received an honorary award from the student Bench and Bar presented by Conrad Fowler, Jr. (Class of 1972) of Columbiana.-TUSCALOOSA NEWS, APRIL 12, 1972

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Upon the request of a committee of lawyers who appeared before the Board of Trustees of the University, Farrah Hall was named after Dean Farrah. The three-story, red-brick building was dedicated in October 1927.*

BELOW: Left to right, Architect's rendering of the new law school. Dean Thomas W. Christopher looks at a model of the new campus. Professor Bryan Fair meeting with students at the School of Law. Professor Fair joined the Alabama Law faculty in 1991 and was named the Thomas E. Skinner Professor of Law in 2000.



The Honorable Judge John H. England, Jr. (Class of 1974) speaking at the 2021 Alabama Law Graduation Ceremony. Judge England started law school in 1969. However, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served for two years as a military policeman. Following his service, he returned to Alabama Law to complete his J.D. in 1974.



Law Faculty 2022



Dean Charles Gamble



2011 BLSA members with Gail Johnson



Homecoming in the 1980s

RIGHT: 2006 Ribbon Cutting—opening doors to the new West Wing at the Law Center. OPPOSITE PAGE: Frank James (Class of 1978), who served as assistant dean and professor, became the first African American administrator at the School of Law.



“When we look at how things were 150 years ago, how things were 50 years ago, and how things are now, we recognize that we’ve made significant strides. Why not celebrate that? We haven’t finished this journey, but we’ve made so much progress. As we look back, we can have hope for the future, hope that we can do even better as we move forward in time.”

-The Honorable John H. England, Jr. (Class of 1974)

Building The Future

While the first 150 years at Alabama Law have provided a strong foundation, we cannot stay strong by standing still. As we candidly contemplate where we've been, we are engaging in a restorative process that strengthens relationships and recommits us to building a school in which all can flourish. Please join us as we continue to ensure that the Law School remains vital and robust for succeeding generations. This is OUR FUTURE.



Alabama Law Hosts Successful Summer Scholars Program

This year, the University of Alabama School of Law hosted its first-ever Summer Scholars program—a unique opportunity that introduces the study of law to students who come from backgrounds

that have historically been under-represented within the legal profession. Made possible through generous support from the University of Alabama System's McMahon-Pleiad Prize, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, and Derrick ('03) and Tamesha Mills, 25 undergraduate students from universities and colleges across Alabama and surrounding states participated in the four-week program. Students were provided free housing, a \$500 meal stipend, and a \$1,000 cash stipend to make up for the loss of potential summer employment.



Throughout the month of June, the program participants engaged in several activities designed to help prepare them to apply to law school and better understand the many career options connected to pursuing a law degree. They went on excursions to meet legal professionals, participated in a mock trial event, and heard lectures from numerous professors, alumni, lawyers, and judges.

Reflecting on her experience with the Summer Scholars program, Gracie Sears, a Spanish and International Studies student at UAB, shared how the program not only prepared her to study law, but it introduced her to new perspectives and lifelong friends.

"I would one hundred percent recommend this program to any student," said Sears. "Not only have I had the ability to get a sampling of what law school is like, but I have learned how to carry myself with confidence around really important people, and about how empowering legal knowledge is. This program is filled with the best of the best, and the relationships that I have built with professors and students alike have allowed me to learn so much about other cultures, practices, and people. Being around like-minded people has been enriching, empowering, and fun. I will take the skills I have learned and friendships that I have built to law school and to my future career."

Read the full story at law.ua.edu/summer-scholars.

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ABOVE: Left to right; Summer Scholars visited Wiggins Childs Pantazis Fisher & Goldfarb in Birmingham for a roundtable discussion. Summer Scholars visiting the historic federal courthouse for the Middle District of Alabama in Montgomery. Summer Scholars having lunch with term and career law clerks for the Middle District who discussed the importance of finding mentors and applying for clerkships. Former US District Judge U.W. Clemon offered a keynote address about the roles Summer Scholars can play in shaping the future of law. After his presentation, he posed with Derrick ('03) and Tamesha Mills (program donors), their children, and Anil Mujumdar (Director of Diversity & Inclusion) at the University of Alabama School of Law. Derrick Mills is a former law clerk to Judge Clemons.

Carving Her Own Path: Mother & Lawyer



In 2017, Aaliyah Locke gave birth to her son, Quentin, while pursuing her undergraduate degree in public relations. As a single mother, Locke dreamed of opportunities beyond her hometown for her and her son, despite the convenience and support that came with being close to family. Inspired by her grandfather who worked in law enforcement as a police officer and correctional officer, Locke decided to carve out her own path in law. She courageously applied to Alabama Law, and upon being admitted and receiving scholarship aid, she and Quentin moved to Tuscaloosa—400 miles away from her family support system in order to get a Top 25 Law School education.

In addition to being a full-time law student spending 30 or more hours per week studying or in class, Locke also worked as a legal intern and research assistant part-time to support herself and her son. As Quentin's sole caregiver, if he was sick or his daycare was closed, Locke would have to miss class or work. But Locke said she quickly found "her village" in a supportive system of faculty, administrators, and fellow students at Alabama Law.

"I'm a student, but also a mom, because life still happens outside of law school, and we have to adapt," she said. "I wanted to help other parents be able to come to and thrive in law school because life isn't going to stop for school, so why not make it more accessible?"

Locke walked across the graduation stage on May 8, 2022—Mother's Day—becoming an associate at Baker Donelson soon after. "This is the start for me. I'm still figuring out my place in this world and what I can contribute to it, but this is definitely not the climax of my story," she said. "All I can say is, stay tuned."

Alabama Law has a rich history, but many of the greatest stories have not been shared. As you've glanced through these reflections and recalled your own experiences at Alabama Law, we invite you to share your stories with us through the Share Your Story portal at: law.ua.edu/anniversaries.

Law Graduate Determined to Make A Difference

Haley Carter, a 2022 graduate from Mobile, never doubted that Alabama Law was where she wanted to get her Juris Doctorate. However, finances quickly became a concern, because her husband was also seeking a graduate degree and had no scholarship aid.

Carter was awarded the Judge Robert E.L. Key and the Claude E. Hamilton Sr. & Family Endowed Scholarships, which covered half of her tuition costs during her time at Alabama Law and provided a solution for her and her husband's financial worries.

"We were trying to keep down costs because we're both paying for graduate school," Carter said. "The scholarship helped me immensely in that capacity."

Before attending Alabama Law, Carter earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in global studies with a minor in business from Auburn University. As an undergrad, she was selected to be a Fulbright Scholar, during which time she traveled to Honduras to teach English and engage in local communities, including working with homeless children in Tegucigalpa. Carter shared that this experience was the "most formative 10 months" of her life, and it transformed how she relates and serves her community at home in Alabama.



"I came back with a different worldview and a different perspective that I otherwise never would have had," Carter said. "It started a lot of really important conversations about what my community looks like and how I can better serve that community. It also informed the type of law I want to practice."

After graduating from Alabama Law in May and passing the Bar exam, she began working as an associate attorney at Coale, Dukes, Kirkpatrick & Crowley, P.C.—a firm located in Mobile focused on business and tax law.

When discussing her career aspirations, Carter shared that she wants to stay in Alabama, not only to be close to her family but also to transform the state for the better.

"My goal long-term is just to make a difference in my community. I feel there's a lot of work to be done and a lot of change to be made," she said. "Being from Alabama, I want to be the person to make that change."

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A summary of law school funds and contributions

New Scholarships & Funds

Alabama Law Summer Scholars Program

The Alabama Law Summer Scholars Program was established through generous support from The University of Alabama System's McMahon-Pleiad Prize, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, and Derrick ('03) and Tamesha Mills. The Summer Scholars program is a cost-free, four-week program for undergraduate students who want to learn more about the study and practice of law. The Program is focused on serving students who come from backgrounds that are historically or currently underrepresented within the legal profession.

The Stewart G. Austin, Sr. Quasi-Endowed Law Support Fund

Stewart G. Austin, Sr. formerly of Memphis, Tennessee bequeathed through his estate funds to establish The Stewart G. Austin, Sr. Quasi-Endowed Law Support Fund. The fund will be used to provide key discretionary support for the law school including supporting students with fees, textbooks, or any other school expenses incurred in relation to the study of law.

The Perry Pearce Benton Endowed Law Scholarship

Perry Benton ('80) of Brookhaven, Georgia contributed \$50,000 to establish the Perry Pearce Benton Endowed Law Scholarship. The fund will be used to support student scholarships.

The Ashley Lauren Butterfield Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Geri and David Butterfield of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California pledged \$250,000 to establish the Ashley Lauren Butterfield Memorial Endowed Scholarship in memory of their daughter, a 2008 graduate of the Law School. The fund will be used to support student scholarships with a priority consideration given to first-year female law students who demonstrate financial need.

The Frank J. Daily Endowed Public Interest Support Fund

Frank J. Daily and Julianna Ebert of Milwaukee, Wisconsin pledged \$100,000 to establish The Frank J. Daily Endowed Public Interest Support Fund. The fund will provide student support of the law school's public interest mission primarily to provide funds for an extern working within the partnership between the Equal Justice Institute and the Law School.

The Robert and Juanita Denniston Endowed Support Fund

Robert P. Denniston ('41) formerly of Mobile, Alabama bequeathed through his estate funds to establish The Robert and Juanita Denniston Endowed Support Fund. The fund shall be used to provide unrestricted support for priority needs of the Law School as determined by the Dean.

The Jack C. Gallalee Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Robert P. Denniston ('41) formerly of Mobile, Alabama bequeathed through his estate funds to establish The Jack C. Gallalee Endowed Memorial Scholarship. The fund will be used to support student scholarships.

The Garrett-Canary Family Public Service Endowed Support Fund

Leura G. Canary ('81) of Montgomery, Alabama pledged \$25,000 to establish The Garrett-Canary Family Public Service Endowed Support Fund. The fund will provide student support including supporting second or third-year law students who serve in a public service internship or externship and third-year law students who intend to pursue public service work after graduation.

The Francis (Brother) Hare Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy

Attorneys Information Exchange Group, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama pledged \$25,000 to establish The Francis (Brother) Hare Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy. Contributions provide annual awards of \$5,000 to a second or third-year student who has excelled in the art of trial advocacy. The award honors the accomplishments of prominent trial attorney Brother Hare of Birmingham, Alabama.

The Mike and Gina House DC Externship Support Fund

Alumni and friends of Mike ('71) and Gina House have contributed \$43,916 to establish The Mike and Gina House DC Externship Support Fund. The fund will help to offset additional living costs for students wishing to participate in the DC Externship Program.

The M. Lee Huffaker Memorial Endowed Support Fund

Tamara J. Quick ('01) of Spotsylvania, Virginia has pledged \$25,000 through outright gifts and estate plans to establish the M. Lee Huffaker Memorial Endowed Support Fund in memory of her classmate Lee Huffaker. The Honorable R. Austin Huffaker, Jr. ('99) of Montgomery, Alabama has contributed \$10,000 to the fund. The fund shall be used to provide unrestricted support for priority needs of the Law School as determined by the Dean.

The Bruce E. Morton, Sr. Endowed Law Scholarship

Cynthia Morton of Falls Church, Virginia pledged \$100,000 to establish The Bruce E. Morton, Sr. Endowed Scholarship in honor of her husband Bruce Morton, a 1969 graduate of the Law School. The fund will be used to support student scholarships.

The Strawbridge-Jackson Family Endowed Scholarship

Ronald Howard Strawbridge, Sr. and Pearl Jackson Strawbridge of Vernon, Alabama contributed to \$50,000 to establish The Strawbridge-Jackson Family Endowed Scholarship to honor Judge Cecil Howard Strawbridge ('31), Ronald Howard Strawbridge, Sr. ('67), Ronald Howard Strawbridge, Jr. ('00), Caroline Jackson Strawbridge ('97), and Alton Loftin Jackson, Sr. ('37). The fund will be used to support student scholarships with a priority consideration given to a student who is a resident of Northwest or Southeast Alabama with preference for rural area residents

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Judge John M. Puryear	\$52,031.40		
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Reunion	\$221,682.44		
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Ball Family Endowment	\$47,927.72
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Reese Phifer/Special Law School Fund	\$14,941.65
Edward Brett Randolph	\$1,497,491.40
John D. Rather, Jr.	\$15,871.81
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Hugo L. Black Fund #2	\$42,009.18
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Manley Servicemen & Veterans Program Fund	\$5,247.85
2010 Class Reunion Project Fund	\$5,245.93
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Carol Andrews Moot Court Support Fund	\$39,730.29
Stewart G. Austin, Sr. Quasi-Endowed Support Fund	\$22,875.12
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Judge Leon Hopper Academic Award in Bankruptcy Law	\$12,716.62
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M. Lee Huffaker Memorial Fund	\$11,564.49
Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Lecture On Constitutional Rights & Liberties	\$126,580.77
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L. Drew Redden Endowed Alabama Law Review Support	\$276,198.95
Dr. Norman J. Singer Endowed Public Interest Law Fund	\$66,170.75
William Baker Oliver Lectureship	\$29,437.67
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Class Composite Preservation Fund	\$27,935.31
Arthur B. Foster Loan Fund	\$67,129.00
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J. W. Mosby Loan Fund	\$19,393.66
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Barbara H. Hunter Library Endowment	\$50,618.79
Irene Feagin Scott Tax Library Collection	\$327,526.49
C. Dallas Sands Law Library Book Fund	\$6,343.14

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Thomas G. Mancuso Library Collection for Tax and Corporate Law	\$8,203.67
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VIII. ADVOCACY SUPPORT FUNDS**Endowed:**

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