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Dean Brewbaker photographed by Miriam Brant of Images by Naomi.

from the dean



Dear alumni and friends,
Thank you for the outpouring of support that you have offered to our great law school and to me as the new dean of Alabama Law. Though I've been a member of our faculty and called Tuscaloosa my home for more than 30 years, my understanding of the importance of your role in our success has never been clearer.

In traveling to meet many of you over this past semester, I've been reminded time and time again what a privilege it is for me to be a part of the Alabama Law community. Our alumni are extremely generous, our students and faculty are outstanding, and our future as a premier public law school is bright.

One of the things I've loved most about being a part of this community over the past three decades has been participating in an institutional transformation that has been nothing short of remarkable. We have blossomed into a nationally recognized law school that attracts talented students from our state and throughout the nation and world. Last year's entering iL class had the highest median undergraduate GPA of any incoming class in the country, and we most recently had the 7th highest percentage of federal clerkship placements among all ABA-accredited law schools. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention that we have a thriving DC externship program, our moot court program is ranked 20th in the nation, and our public interest institute ranks among the Top 25 nationally. Much of our success stems from our ability—because of generous alumni and friends—to offer an outstanding legal education while ensuring our students enter the legal profession with one of the lowest average student debt-loads (#8) nation-wide.

While we continue to strengthen our national reputation, we haven't forgotten our role as the only public law school in the state of Alabama. We don't take this responsibility lightly. We are here to serve the students of Alabama and the people of this state. This year we've added a seventh law clinic—an appellate advocacy clinic—offering additional free legal services to our community and state. We are so grateful for the Finch Fellowship—allowing our students to work in several rural counties across Alabama. And we continue to recruit a strong class of in-state students. In the past two years, more than 75% of our admitted iL students were either Alabama residents or students with significant ties to the state.

Thank you for being a friend to our Law School. Your support is needed. Your experience is appreciated. And you are a part of the legacy that makes Alabama Law one of the best public law schools in the country.

If I haven't heard from you yet, I hope to do so soon. There are plenty of ways to engage with our institution, and my team and I are happy to help find the opportunity that best fits your interests. Thanks again for your support.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brewbaker'.

William S. Brewbaker III
Dean and Professor of Law



Alabama Law Celebrates the Class of 2023

On Sunday, May 7, The University of Alabama School of Law hosted the 2023 Commencement Ceremony at Coleman Coliseum. During the celebration, the School of Law awarded Juris Doctor Degrees to 121 students—including three J.D. students who took joint degrees in Business Administration or Social Work and nine J.D. students who also took an LL.M. (Master of Laws Degree) in Taxation or Business Transactions. An additional 10 students were awarded LL.M. degrees in Taxation or Business Transactions, and one student was awarded a Juris Masters Degree.



Class of 2023

The commencement address was given by Mike House ('71), retired partner at Hogan Lovells, founder of Oak Grove Strategies in Washington D.C., and former president of the Board of Governors of The University of Alabama Law School Foundation. During his speech, House shared advice and insights from lessons he has learned throughout his career.

“Your reputation is paramount to your success. . . It takes years to build, it takes time, it takes effort, it takes consistency,” said House. He then quoted Maya Angelou, *‘I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel,’* and he expressed that the “impression others have of you . . . [is based on] how you treat others.”

During the ceremony, reflections were offered by past president of the Student Bar Association, Blaize Naman—who will be earning a JD/MBA dual degree in May 2024—and 2023 valedictorian, Kat Oglesby. The National Anthem was performed by Angel Sims, also a member of the 2023 graduating class.

Welcoming the Class of 2026

Alabama Law is proud to welcome the Class of 2026. This year’s 1L Class consists of 126 students—drawn from a competitive pool of over 1,600 applicants.

Students from this class represent 23 states and 2 foreign countries (China and Greece), and they have studied at 51 different colleges and universities. Forty-nine percent of the 1L students are women and 19.5% of the class identify as students of color. In total, members of the 1L class speak 13 different languages and dialects from around the world and have studied, lived, or worked in 14 countries outside of the United States. Simultaneously, 76% of the 1L students are Alabama residents or have significant ties to the state.

“We had more than 1,600 people to choose from to fill this room, and we chose you,” said Dean Bill Brewbaker in an introduction to the incoming 1L students during orientation. “We didn’t choose you because you couldn’t succeed, but because we believed you could. And we know you can.”

The Supreme Court of Alabama Conducts Oral Arguments at Alabama Law

Last Spring, before a large audience of law students and faculty members, The Alabama Supreme Court held a special session—an oral argument hearing—at The University of Alabama School of Law.

“The Supreme Court of Alabama was delighted to take our Court proceedings out of Montgomery and to Tuscaloosa to show the future lawyers at The University of Alabama School of Law our oral argument hearings in action,” said Chief Justice Tom Parker. “The Preamble of our Alabama Constitution identifies that the first purpose of the Constitution is to ‘establish justice.’ As we sought to establish justice in the case that was before our Court, our hope was that Alabama Law students would be educated by seeing our courts in action, and hopefully, also inspired to pursue and walk in the paths of justice in their forthcoming legal careers.”

Before the case began, observers were welcomed by (former) Dean Mark E. Brandon, and the case was introduced by Alabama Law 3L, Govin Kaggal. The experience offered a unique opportunity for Alabama Law students to observe a hearing in front of the highest Court in the State of Alabama.

Following the hearing and a lunch reception with Alabama Law students, several members of the Court took the time to serve as Judges for a practice round with members of the Alabama Law Carol Andrews ABA National Moot Court Team—providing the team encouragement and valuable advice before they left for the national finals of the elite ABA Competition in Washington D.C.



The Class of 2026 poses on the front steps of the Law School during Fall Orientation.



TOP: Students observe the Alabama Supreme Court Oral Arguments hosted at the Law School. BOTTOM: Associate Justice Sellers and Associate Justice Cook meet with members of the Carol Andrews ABA National Moot Court Team in the newly updated Bedsole Moot Court Room.

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News and events from around the Law School

Alabama Law: By the Numbers

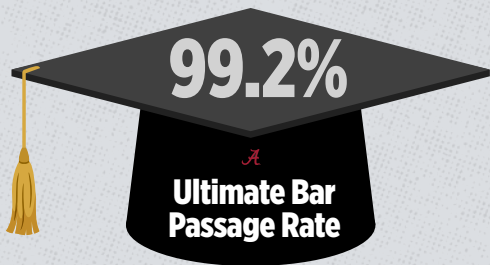


Alabama Law #1 for highest median undergraduate GPA.

**Based on the undergraduate GPAs of the 1L class for Fall 2022*



100% of 1L first-generation college grads and military veterans receive scholarships

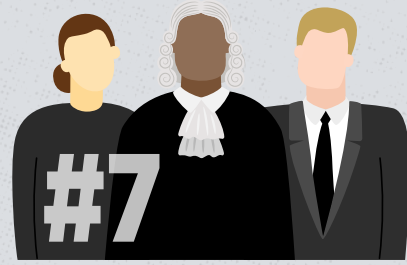


**Based on 2020 data that considers graduates who sat for a bar examination within two years of their date of graduation*



Alabama Law ranked 4th in debt-to-income ratio among public law schools, and eighth overall, according to data compiled by the United States Department of Education.

**Based on the average amount of debt a student incurs during law school compared to their earnings upon graduation*



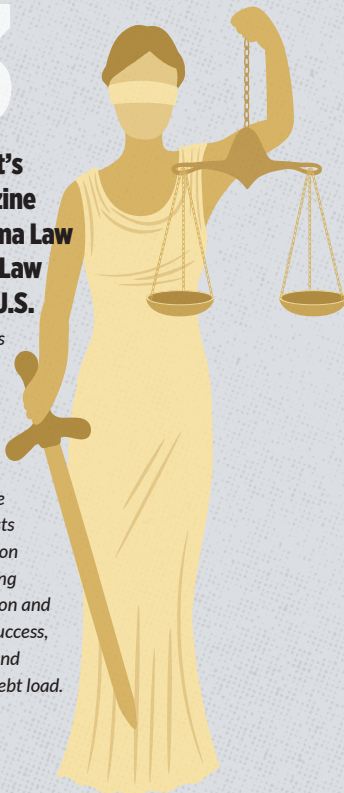
Alabama Law ranks #7 nationally in federal clerkship placements & #2 among public institutions

**Based on ABA data*

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National Jurist's PreLaw Magazine ranked Alabama Law #3 Best Value Law School in the U.S.

**PreLaw Magazine's annual rankings list identifies the top law schools across the nation that provide a first-rate education while keeping student costs down. The publication does this by analyzing factors such as tuition and fees, employment success, bar passage rates, and average graduate debt load.*



#20 Moot Court program in the U.S.

**Ranked by The National Jurist*



#23 for Public Interest Law in the U.S.

**Ranked by The National Jurist*

INTRODUCING PATH MAKERS LEGACY PLAZA AT ALABAMA LAW

At the conclusion of the Alabama Law 50 | 150 Anniversaries celebration, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System, the School of Law, and the 50th Anniversary Executive Committee and Advisory Board introduced plans to raise funds to build the Path Makers Legacy Plaza in honor of the first Black graduates of Alabama Law: Michael Anthony Figures, Booker T. Forte, Jr., and Ronald E. Jackson.

Housed just outside the windows of the Bounds Law Library and anchored by three prominent arches—each honoring the first three Black graduates at Alabama Law—this \$1.5 million Plaza will be an ADA-accessible outdoor space where students can gather; faculty can hold classes; and the Law School can host events for alumni, visiting scholars, and friends in the community.

The Path Makers Legacy Plaza was initially introduced at the 50th Anniversary Gala: A Legacy Fundraising Event hosted at the Law School last April. The Gala program included artistic performances, reflections, and stories from students and alumni of the School of Law.

Scan the QR code to read about and watch clips from the 50th Anniversary Gala hosted in honor of the first Black graduates at Alabama Law.



To offer financial support for the Path Makers Legacy Plaza, please contact the Law School's Advancement office at: 205-348-5752 or reach out directly to one of our development officers below:

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Donor Recognition Opportunities for the Path Makers Legacy Plaza:

Plaza Stage (Naming Opportunity): \$500,000 (1 available)

Commemorative Arch Pillars: \$150,000 (6 available)

Plaza Columns: \$50,000 (6 available)

Gallery Level: \$25,000 (5 available)

Large Planter: \$20,000 (1 available)

Small Planter: \$10,000 (1 available)

Individual Chair: \$5,000 (100 available)

**Gifts of any size may be pledged up to five years.*



In June, The University of Alabama School of Law hosted its Summer Scholars program—a unique opportunity that introduces the study of law to currently enrolled college students. Made possible through the generous support of Derrick ('03) and Tamesha Mills, Shane Sears ('99), Mike Brock ('84), Penny Davis ('78), John Saxon ('77), Richard ('93) and Heather Brock ('93), and The University of Alabama System's McMahon-Pleiad Prize, the Summer Scholars program returned for its second year. The program was designed and is administered by Prof. Anil Mujumdar. This summer, Alabama Law welcomed students from across the country to Tuscaloosa.

The students engaged in several activities formulated to help prepare them to apply successfully to law school and better understand the many career options connected with a law degree. The class visited the Northern and Middle Districts of Alabama, attended a hearing in federal court, conducted a mock trial, and heard lectures from 122 guest speakers, including numerous professors, alumni, lawyers, and judges.



Scan the QR code to read the full story.



Julie Hill

Professor Julie Hill Named Vice Dean

In July, Dean Bill Brewbaker appointed Professor Julie Hill as vice dean of The University of Alabama School of Law.

"I am honored and thrilled to serve as the vice dean of Alabama Law," said Hill. "This institution has a long-standing tradition of excellence, and I am excited to work alongside Dean Brewbaker and our esteemed faculty and staff to further enhance the law school's reputation and support our talented students."

Vice Dean Hill joined The University of Alabama School of Law in 2013—teaching in the areas of banking and commercial law. Previously, she served as a faculty member at the University of Houston Law Center, and she practiced law in the Washington, D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. There, as part of the litigation group, she represented large financial institutions under government investigation.



Scan this QR Code to read more about Vice Dean Julie Hill.

Alabama Law Welcomes Three New Faculty Members



Susan Donovan

Susan Donovan, Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction in Residence, Director of the Mediation Clinic, and Interim Director of the Domestic Violence Law Clinic

Professor Donovan serves as Director of the Mediation Law Clinic—which is devoted to family law—and she is a full-time member of the clinical professional staff. She also teaches courses in Juvenile Justice, Alternate Dispute Resolution and the Legal Profession.

Professor Donovan received her B.A. magna cum laude from Birmingham Southern in 1984 and her J.D. with honors from Duke in 1987. She practiced with Howrey & Simon in D.C. and returned to Birmingham to work her way to partnership at Bradley Arant. She was in private practice in Tuscaloosa from 2001 to 2009, and served as a part-time staff attorney for the Law School's Elder and Domestic Violence Clinics in 2008-09. Much of her private practice in Tuscaloosa was in family law, and she served as guardian ad litem on appointed and pro bono cases as well as an advocate in juvenile, family, and circuit courts.



Travis Ramey

Travis Ramey, Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction and Director of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic

Before joining The University of Alabama School of Law faculty in 2023, Professor Ramey was a partner at Burr & Forman LLP, where his practice focused on appellate matters. During his time in private practice, Professor Ramey litigated more than 100 appeals in multiple state and federal courts, including representing parties on the merits and as amici curiae in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Professor Ramey received his J.D., summa cum laude, from The University of Alabama School of Law in 2011. His scholarship focuses on appellate procedure and tort law. He currently serves as a member of the Standing Committee on the Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure.



Frederick Spight

Frederick Spight, Visiting Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction and Interim Director of the Entrepreneurship & Nonprofit Clinic

Professor Spight is the Interim Director of the Entrepreneurship & Nonprofit Clinic. He formerly practiced with Legal Services of Alabama where he established the John Lewis Community Growth Project. This initiative helps qualifying clients establish small businesses and nonprofits, and it supports other community centered organizations with their basic transactional legal needs. Professor Spight was also a fines and fees attorney, focusing on debt assessed against individuals due to criminal convictions. In this role, he practiced state-wide in municipal, district, and circuit courts.

Most recently, Professor Spight was the Policy Director of Alabama Appleseed where he drafted legislation and lobbied in the State legislature. He oversaw the passage of legislation that affects thousands of low-income Alabamians.



D. Leon Ashford ('73) was inducted into the 2023 Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame.



Stephen P. Atkinson ('20) joined D'Alberto, Graham, & Grimsley as an associate in South Carolina.



Jenna Bedsole ('97) was named senior vice president, general counsel and secretary, customer satisfaction for AutoZone, based in Memphis, Tennessee.



Stanley E. Blackmon ('15) was named the 2023 president of the Birmingham Bar Association's Young Lawyers section.



Emily Bruno ('11) was named Chief Legislative Analyst for the Florida Senate Minority Office.



Rochelle A. Conley ('06) was named general counsel of Alabama A&M University.



Halle Diaz ('22) was named as one of the 2023 Nashville Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



W. Patton Hahn ('99) was promoted to managing shareholder at Baker Donelson in Birmingham.



William A. Jones ('00) was presented with the Memphis Bar Association's President's Award for his service to the bar.



William R. Lane, Jr. ('80) was named Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year by the Florida Bar Tax Section.



Peter A. Malanchuk ('08) was named Assistant General Counsel of Corporate Compliance for Bridgestone Americas, Inc. in Nashville.



Harold D. Mooty III ('08) was appointed to a two-year term on the Alabama Access to Justice Commission by the Supreme Court of Alabama.



Hon. Brooke E. Reid ('06) was appointed to the board of directors for the Women's Foundation of Alabama.



Janine L. Smith ('00) was elected to the Birmingham Bar Association Executive Committee.



James Tarbox ('13) was named the new Twelfth Judicial Circuit (Coffee-Pike Counties) district attorney by Governor Kay Ivey.



Felecia R. Tucker ('11) was named KPMG's new managing partner at the Long Island Office.



Rebecca Wrock ('16) was named partner at Varnum LLP in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

class notes

Newsworthy items of interest for alumni

These Notes were selected from monthly Alumni Newsletters from the past year. To submit a Class Note to be included in a future monthly newsletter, please send a message to lawcomm@ua.edu.



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Alabama Law Names 2023 Alumni Award Honorees

In March, the Law School hosted the annual Alabama Law Alumni Society Award Banquet at The Florentine in Birmingham. At the event, Alabama Law honored six distinguished alumni who have made significant contributions to the legal community and the Law School. Congratulations to the following recipients.

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.

James F. Hughey, Jr. (Class of 1970) (deceased)*

was born on V-J Day at a military hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, where his father was stationed in the United States Navy. After World War II, the family moved to

Tuscaloosa, where Mr. Hughey grew up. He took his B.A. from The University of Alabama and his J.D. from the Law School in 1970 after having married the love of his life Jan J. Hughey. He then earned his LL.M. degree from New York University School of Law. In New York, he loved the food, but missed his home in Alabama.



Mr. Hughey began his professional life in the law with the Birmingham firm now known as Balch & Bingham, where he practiced as a business and corporate attorney and served as Managing Partner and Chair of the firm's Executive Committee. Under his leadership, the firm

flourished, expanding from 83 lawyers with three offices to 248 lawyers in seven offices across three states and the District of Columbia. In 2007, he left the firm to join Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, where he served as President of Corporate Planning and Administration until he retired in 2014. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves and in the Alabama National Guard. He was widely known and valued for his quiet demeanor, his calm and caring presence, his dry sense of humor, his ability to listen, and his sound advice. He was a wise and respected mentor to countless young colleagues.

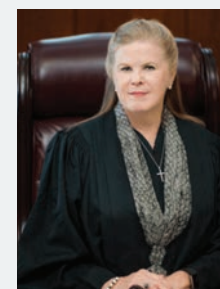
Mr. Hughey was an avid supporter of The University of Alabama and the School of Law. He was a member of the President's Cabinet, president of the Alabama Law Alumni Association, and a member of the Law School Foundation's Board of Governors. In recognition of his commitment, Brasfield & Gorrie established a scholarship in his honor at the Law School.

Mr. Hughey was an active member and leader in Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served as Senior Warden of the church's Vestry. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, where he served as President and Chairman of the Board. He served on the Norton Advisory Board for Birmingham Southern College, the Advisory Board of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the boards of directors for Leadership Alabama, United Way of Central Alabama, the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Birmingham Botanical Society, and Lakeshore Foundation and Hospital. He also served on the Executive Board and as Chairman of the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America (he was an Eagle Scout).

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

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 Sue Bell Cobb (Class of 1981)

grew up in Evergreen, AL and resides in Pike Road, Alabama. She graduated from The University of Alabama, receiving degrees in history and law.

Immediately following her admission to the Bar, Chief Justice Cobb was appointed in 1981 as District Judge of Conecuh County, becoming one of the State's youngest judges. She was subsequently elected and re-elected to that position. During her tenure on the bench, Chief Justice Cobb accepted trial court assignments in approximately forty counties. She was the first woman elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals (serving two terms), and

in 2006, she became the first woman elected as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. During her time leading the Unified Judicial System of Alabama, Chief Justice Cobb was known for accomplishing many reforms: sentencing reform, juvenile justice reform, access to justice, mandatory judicial education, and statewide eFiling of all court cases. She received an award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals for the largest increase of model drug courts in the nation and has been inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Of the many awards that Chief Justice Cobb has received, she is most proud of the Judicial Award of Merit presented to her by the Alabama State Bar.

Since her retirement, Chief Justice Cobb has taught at Jones Law School, the Honors College at The University of Alabama, The National Judicial College, and has consulted on a number of cases. Presently, she is serving as the Pro Bono Executive Director of Redemption Earned, Inc., a non-profit organization she founded. Redemption Earned (RE) provides pro bono assistance to worthy aged and infirmed incarcerated people, working to gain their freedom and placing many in nursing homes. In addition, RE is offering the "Win" program, providing free representation to "work-release" eligible individuals who have pending charges.

She is married to William J. Cobb and together they have three children, Caitlin, Bill, and Andy, and four grandchildren.

The Honorable L. Scott Coogler (Class of 1984)

is Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Judge Coogler was born on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. He received his B.A. from The University of Alabama in 1981 and J.D. from the Law School in 1984. Before becoming a judge, he served as a police officer, a city prosecutor, and a JAG officer with the Alabama Army National Guard, and, for fourteen years, he engaged in private practice serving individual and corporate clients in the West Alabama area.



In 1999, Judge Coogler was elected Circuit Judge for Alabama's Sixth Judicial Circuit, a position he held until 2003, including serving as Chief Judge of the Circuit for two of those years. In 2003, Judge Coogler was nominated by President George W. Bush to a seat on the District Court bench for the Northern District of Alabama and was confirmed by the United States Senate in the same year. In his

twenty years on the federal bench, in addition to performing his duties as an active district judge, he has often sat by designation with the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, hearing challenges to decisions from federal district courts located within Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Since January 2020, Judge Coogler has served as Chief Judge for the Northern District and, in that role, has served on the Executive Committee of the Judicial Council of the Eleventh Circuit.

Judge Coogler has also served in an impressive number of important positions related to the federal judiciary. He has served on numerous committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts, which is the policymaking body of the federal court system tasked with making administrative and policy decisions for the entire judicial branch, including the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, the Budget Committee, and, currently, the Executive Committee. Judge Coogler also currently serves as the Judiciary Planning Coordinator for the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts and the Chairman of the Virtual Judiciary Operations Subgroup of the National COVID-19 Task Force for the Federal Judiciary.

Over the years, Judge Coogler has taught frequently and commendably as an adjunct professor in the Law School, covering Trial Advocacy, Complex Litigation, and, since 2011, Federal Jurisdiction (which is notoriously one of the most challenging courses in law school). In addition to teaching, Judge Coogler has provided countless opportunities for law students—including many students at Alabama Law—to serve as interns in his chambers, an experience that has served as springboards for the professional careers of many of those students. In 2018, Judge Coogler was the recipient of the Dean Thomas W. Christopher Award, which is bestowed by students of Alabama Law for distinguished service and lasting contributions to the School of Law.



Elizabeth H. Huntley (Class of 1997)

is Senior Counsel and Director of Community Relations and Engagement in the Birmingham law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin, and White. She was born in Huntsville but spent most of her childhood in Clanton. She faced profound adversity as a child, but she grew up strong. After graduating as valedictorian of her high school, she took a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Auburn University, and in 1997 earned her J.D. from the Law School.

After law school, Ms. Huntley completed judicial clerkships with the Honorable U.W. Clemon of the Northern District of Alabama and the Honorable John Bush of the 19th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama. She has become an experienced and talented

litigator, specializing in financial services, products liability, and personal injury. She also provides legal advice and consulting services to governments and non-profits that serve children and families. Her record of service includes the Board of Directors of the Children's Village; Board of Directors of the Alabama School Readiness Alliance; Board of Directors of Leadership Alabama; President and Co-Founder of the Hope Institute (an organization that helps schools build a culture of character for their students); Board of Trustees of Auburn University; and the Board of Governors of the Alabama Law School Foundation. These are just a few of her civic commitments.

Her list of awards and accolades is also extensive: the National Black Lawyers Top 100; Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation; designation as a Super Lawyer for the mid-South; National Lifetime Achievement Award from the Defense Research Institute (DRI); and a 2020 Momentum Top-5 "Women of Impact" in Alabama. In 2022, Ms. Huntley received the American Bar Association's Outstanding Activity Award for her work with the Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Institute.

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. Scan this QR code or visit www.law.ua.edu/alumni/awards to submit a nomination.



M. Dale Marsh (Class of 1974)

is the Managing Partner at Marsh & Cotter in his hometown of Enterprise, Alabama. He has actively practiced law for more than forty-eight years—working mainly in the area of civil litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

Throughout his career, Mr. Marsh has been active in his community, focusing on fund-raising efforts on behalf of various legal, nonprofit, and educational organizations in Enterprise and Coffee County. In 1991, he was named the Enterprise Man of the Year. He was also an organizing member and President of the Enterprise State Community College Foundation from 1992-2019 and recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus award from Enterprise State Community College.

In 1990, Mr. Marsh was inducted into the Alabama College System Alumni Hall of Honor. He is an active member of the Law School Foundation's Board of Governors—where he served as President from 2004-2006. He also served as President of the Law Alumni Association from 1994-1995, and he is a member of the Alabama Law Foundation.

From 2006-2014, Mr. Marsh served as a Director for Legal Services of Alabama. He is an active member of the Alabama State Bar, where he served on the Board of Bar Commissioners from 1994-1997; the Coffee County Bar Association, where he served as President from 1979-1984; and the Alabama Association for Justice and Alabama School Board Association, where he served as President in 2005-2006.

In total, Mr. Marsh served 31 years in the Alabama Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as Colonel in 2001. He is married to Joan Marsh and they have two children who graduated from Alabama Law—Katherine Marsh Whitson (Class of 2004) and John Warren Marsh (Class of 2007). In addition to practicing law, Mr. Marsh is a tree farmer who enjoys hunting, caring for his farmland, and spending time with his family.




RISING YOUNG ATTORNEY AWARD RECIPIENT

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 Law School.

Justin L. Jones (Class of 2012)

earned his J.D. from the School of Law in 2012 after gaining his B.A. in Political Science from Tuskegee University. He commenced his professional career as a Deputy District Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). In 2017, he was appointed as a Deputy District Attorney

for the Violent Crimes Unit of the 15th Judicial Circuit (Montgomery). Three years later, he was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, specifically to serve as the Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator. In that position he prosecuted numerous cases involving gun possession and violent crime. Since May 2022, he has served as the Deputy Criminal Chief for the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Alabama. In this position, he assists the Criminal Chief with the supervision of operations within the Criminal Division. Mr. Jones serves as a management outreach coordinator among the United States Attorney's Office, federal agency partners, state agency partners, local district attorney's offices, and local law enforcement offices. He has been involved in prosecuting cases including Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Bank Fraud, Aggravated Identify Theft, Drug Trafficking, Arson, Possession of Stolen Firearms, and Hobbs Act Robberies.

Mr. Jones gives generously of his time and talent. He regularly serves as an Adjunct Trial Advocacy Professor for the Law School. He advises the Black Law Students' Association's Trial Advocacy and Moot Court Teams, where he teaches students trial and brief presentation skills including development of direct and cross examinations, opening statements, and closing remarks. He serves as a mentor to current law students, and he frequently participates in alumni panels for prospective law students. 



Meet The Four Women Leading the Academic Journals at Alabama Law

This academic year marks the first time that all four journals at The University of Alabama School of Law—*Alabama Law Review*, *Journal of the Legal Profession*, *Law & Psychology Review*, and the *Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review*—are being led by Editors in Chief who are women. Though many women have led at these journals in past years, the alignment of these four journal leaders serving at the same time demonstrates growth and progress toward greater gender equality within legal education.

Luelle Lamar Allen became the first woman to graduate from The University of Alabama School of Law in 1907¹. However, the representation of women in legal education didn't truly begin to grow until after the implementation of Title IX in 1972². Title IX "requires that no person be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination on the basis of sex under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Following the national trend, the percentage of female students at Alabama Law has steadily increased. In fact, since 2019, three of the past five incoming 1L classes have consisted of more women than men, while the other two incoming classes weren't far behind.

¹ "50 | 150 Anniversaries: Women Who Led the Way at Alabama Law," *The University of Alabama School of Law*, <https://www.law.ua.edu/blog/news/women-who-lead-the-way-at-alabama-law/>

² "The 14th Amendment and the Evolution of Title IX," *United States Courts*, <https://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/14th-amendment-and-evolution-title-ix#:~:text=Congress%20enacted%20Title%20IX%20of,It%20authorizes%20any%20federal%20agency>

Alabama Law Review (ALR)

Founded in 1984, the Alabama Law Review is a nationally recognized journal of legal scholarship and the flagship legal journal in the state of Alabama. The Alabama Law Review 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.

Lauren Chambliss (3L),
Editor in Chief

Hometown: Prattville, AL

Undergraduate Institution:
The University of Alabama

Undergraduate Degree: B.S.
Environmental Engineering

Interesting fact: Chambliss was named a National Merit Scholar—a program that honors the top 0.48% of high school students among 1.5 million applicants across the nation.



Why did you choose Alabama Law?

I've always known that I wanted to live and work in the State of Alabama. I considered going out of state for law school, but I saw the way that Alabama Law engages with its alumni and the legal profession in the State, and I knew that attending school for three years in Tuscaloosa would provide me with incredible connections and professional opportunities.

What is your vision for this year's publication?

My vision is to continue our tradition of delivering thought-provoking legal scholarship and to provide a platform for both established legal scholars and emerging voices across a range of timely topics.

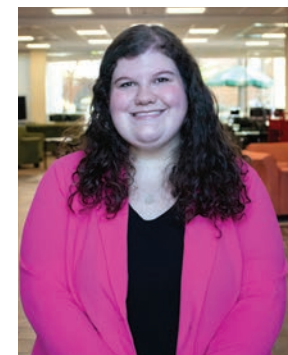
ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Maya Stevenson (ACRCL, EIC), Hope Hudgins (LPR, EIC), Ashley Terry (JOLP, EIC), Lauren Chambliss (ALR, EIC). *EIC= Editor in Chief

What does it mean to you to be the Editor in Chief (EIC) of your publication?

Being the EIC of the Alabama Law Review is a tremendous honor and responsibility. I've been entrusted with the task of maintaining and advancing the reputation for excellent scholarship that the Alabama Law Review has cultivated over the years. The Alabama Law Review plays a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of legal scholarship, and we strive to promote the perspectives of both established authors and emerging scholars.

Journal of the Legal Profession (JOLP)

The Journal of the Legal Profession, founded in 1975, was the nation's first periodical exploring legal ethics and problems confronting the profession across a broad range of subjects. The journal publishes cutting-edge scholarship on the topics that matter to lawyers and law students, like evolving professional ethics, the state of legal education, and the rules and experiences that govern life in the legal profession.



Ashley Terry (3L),
Editor in Chief

Hometown: Moulton, AL

Undergraduate Institution:
The University of Alabama

Undergraduate Degree:
B.A. History & Communication
Studies

Interesting fact: Terry was chosen as a Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow this past

summer—an honor given to top students across the country who are committed to public interest work. The Fellowship supports her efforts as a student attorney in the family practice area at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, which is a civil legal aid clinic at Harvard Law School.

Why did you choose Alabama Law?

I'm from Alabama, and I grew up always knowing I wanted to be an attorney and that I likely wanted to stay in Alabama to practice. I went to UA to earn my undergrad degree and when the time came to apply to law school, I knew that Alabama Law would provide the best opportunities to prepare me to practice in my home state.

What is your vision for this year's publication?

My vision for this year is to continue JOLP's long history of publishing great scholarship about the legal profession. I hope to increase the variety of perspectives found in our archives with the articles we are publishing this year. We are also ramping up for JOLP's 50th Anniversary, which is approaching in a couple of years, so there are a lot of exciting things on the horizon for us!

What does it mean to you to be the Editor in Chief (EIC) of your publication?

I loved being a Junior Editor last year and have a lot of passion for the work we do on JOLP, so being chosen as EIC for this year and being trusted to continue to lead the journal in the right direction means a lot to me. I've always wanted to be an attorney, and I hold the profession in really high regard. When I got to law school, that translated to an interest in legal ethics and how things could be changed to keep up the high standards expected of the profession while also bringing it into the modern age. JOLP was the first periodical in the United States to focus on legal ethics, so being able to combine a love for publishing with a passion for the subject matter is really special.

Law & Psychology Review (LPR)

The Law & Psychology Review is a law journal that addresses the interplay between the disciplines of law and psychology. Founded in 1975 by law students of The University of Alabama 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 has significantly developed since its establishment, such that it has recently been named by Washington & Lee University School of Law as the top student-edited law journal pertaining to both law and psychology.

Hope Hudgins (3L),
Editor in Chief

Hometown: Grayslake, IL

Undergraduate Institution:
Auburn University

Undergraduate Degree:
B.S. Global Studies in Human
Sciences

Interesting fact: Hudgins won

her first case this past summer while interning at the Mobile Public Defender's Office. She is also a member of the Trial Advocacy Team at Alabama Law and was named the best oral advocate of her trial by the presiding judge at the Case Classic Mock Trial Competition at Case Western Reserve University last year.

Why did you choose Alabama Law?

I chose Alabama Law because of the sense of community it embodies. It was important to me to have classmates and professors that would encourage one another during the hardships and celebrations of law school. I came to law school in hopes of playing a role in reforming Alabama's prison system, so Alabama Law was the perfect fit for me to learn more about the State and its criminal justice system.



What is your vision for this year's publication?

My vision for this year's publication of the Law and Psychology Review is to continue its academic rigor and national ranking of being a leading publication exploring the intersection of law and psychology. In addition, I want this volume's publications to continue to challenge the legal profession's notions of how psychology impacts various facets of the law beyond just the mental health field.

What does it mean to you to be the Editor in Chief (EIC) of your publication?

It is one of my greatest honors during my time in law school to serve as the EIC for LPR. Two years ago, I didn't know if I would ever be on a journal, let alone be the EIC just one year later. Being EIC is a true testament to the people at Alabama Law who have believed in me, challenged me, and saw what I had to offer—even when I didn't see those qualities in myself. I hope to make LPR's members proud, be a strong leader for my fellow executive members, and publish a volume that Alabama Law is pleased with.



ABOVE: The four Editor in Chief's (EIC) of Alabama Law's academic journals are backed by four additional women who are serving as managing editors (ME) of each of these journals. PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Anne Compton (ALR, ME), Lauren Chambliss (ALR, EIC), Addison Franklin (JOLP, ME), Ashley Terry (JOLP, EIC), Kelsey Perine (ACRCL, ME), Maya Stevenson (ACRCL, EIC) Elie Schulman (LPR, ME), and Hope Hudgins (LPR, EIC).

Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review (ACRCL)

Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review is the leading civil rights journal in the South and the only civil rights and civil liberties journal in the Deep South. Founded in 2008, ACRCL tackles the country's developments in civil rights and civil liberties law, with an emphasis on the South's particular relevance in this area. ACRCL accomplishes this through publishing work from leading scholars regarding developments in civil rights and civil liberties.

What is your vision for this year's publication?

My vision for Volume 15 of ACRCL is to produce a publication that uplifts underrepresented voices in legal scholarship and emphasizes the many ways that civil rights and civil liberties interact in every single person's daily life.

What does it mean to you to be the Editor in Chief (EIC) of your publication?

I am deeply honored and grateful to be the EIC for the Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review. For me, it means that I have a responsibility not only to the members of the journal, but to members of the legal profession to publish legal scholarship that advances noteworthy ideas in the civil rights and civil liberties arena. 🗣️



Maya Stevenson (3L),
Editor in Chief

Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA

Undergraduate Institution:
Louisiana State University

Undergraduate Degrees: B.A. English and B.A. Philosophy

Interesting fact: Stevenson has a strong interest in public interest work. Over the past two

summers, she spent her time working for the Capital Appeals Project (as a Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow) and for the ACLU's Capital Punishment Project. Stevenson is also a member of the Law School's Moot Court Board and will be competing with the Law School's National Tax Moot Court Team in the Spring.

Why did you choose Alabama Law?

I chose Alabama Law because of its wonderful community, including the faculty who I have been honored to learn from.

Did you know?
PreLaw Magazine ranked Alabama Law as a Top-20 Moot Court program.



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DONNA'S LAW: PREVENTING GUN SUICIDE WHILE RESPECTING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

BY JOSH BIRD & SAVANNAH KELLY



In 2013, Professor Fred Vars had an idea—an idea that had the potential to save the lives of individuals suffering in suicidal crises.

Just before that epiphany, Vars was working with a student, Amanda Adcock Young ('12), who had taken his mental health law class. Together, Vars and Adcock Young co-authored a paper titled *Do the Mentally Ill Have a Right to Bear Arms?* that was published in *WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW*. In the article, they rejected the Supreme Court's suggestion that the mentally ill do not maintain the right to bear arms. The Court's dictum was based on a flawed perception—that those with mental illnesses are dangerous to others. In their article, Vars and Adcock Young pointed to the fact that most individuals who deal with mental illness are not a threat to others, but rather a threat to themselves.

"The vast majority of mentally ill individuals will not be violent toward others, and large subsets do not even pose an increased risk," said Vars and Adcock Young. "The risk of suicide, on the other hand, is substantially elevated for nearly every diagnosis."

This paper became a turning point for Vars as he focused the next 10+ years of his research on how the legal system can play a role in helping prevent gun suicide.

Preparing for Crises

In 2021, the CDC reported that 54% of all U.S. gun-related deaths^[1] were suicides. Surprisingly, that is more gun-related deaths than can be accounted for by murders, accidents, and gun-related law enforcement deaths combined. That 2021 rate is not an outlier, as the CDC data also demonstrates that U.S. gun-related suicide deaths have outnumbered gun-related murders almost every year going back to 1968.^[2]



“In 2020, there were 66 gun suicides every day, which is more people than died in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. But we don’t see it. It doesn’t make the news. It happens one person at a time. And unless it’s a celebrity, we just don’t hear about it.”

- Professor Fred Vars on CBS Sunday Morning

On the federal level, a bipartisan bill advanced out of the House Judiciary Committee in December 2022, but it didn’t make it past the floor vote before the session ended. Vars plans to consistently push for a federal bill, but in the meantime, he will continue to advocate for legislation across various states. 📺

To learn more about Donna’s Law and the work Professor Vars is doing, scan the QR code to watch the full CBS Sunday Morning segment.



But beyond the numbers, this story is personal for Professor Vars. He, along with 2.3 million others in the U.S., [3] is diagnosed with bipolar disorder—a mental health condition that causes extreme mood swings including emotional highs (mania or hypomania) and lows (depression). [4] Despite actively pursuing mental health care through therapy and medication, Vars has still dealt with suicidal ideation during his depressive episodes. He describes how during one of those episodes, he was afraid to go into the kitchen because there were knives in there, and he stayed away from the windows because they lived on the 12th floor in their apartment building. Those moments inspired his later suicide prevention idea.

While in Vars’s situation, guns weren’t the immediate threat or an accessible means to ending his life, statistics demonstrate that gun suicides are a big problem in the U.S.

“In 2020, there were 66 gun suicides every day, which is more people than died in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history,” said Professor Vars in an interview with CBS Sunday Morning. “But we don’t see it. It doesn’t make the news. It happens one person at a time. And unless it’s a celebrity, we just don’t hear about it.”

According to the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, “many suicide attempts occur with little planning during a short-term crisis.” [5] If access to lethal methods is not available or delayed until the episode passes, individuals are much more likely to survive a suicidal crisis, and the vast majority of them will never die by suicide.

With this in mind, Professor Vars proposed a new law, coined Donna’s Law, to help prevent gun-related suicides. This law allows any individual to confidentially and voluntarily place their name on a do-not-sell firearms list.

Once registered, a participant will be denied the ability to purchase a gun for as long as they choose to remain on the list. If at any point, that person chooses to reverse their registration, they will be removed from the list—no questions asked—and granted access to purchase firearms again after a waiting period of 21 days. Professor Vars and Professor Ian Ayres (Yale Law School) wrote about Donna’s Law in their book, *Weapon of Choice: Fighting Gun Violence While Respecting Gun Rights*.

Why “Donna’s Law”?

Donna’s Law is named after Donna Nathan* of New Orleans, who in 2018, despite the fact that she dealt with suicidal crises and had recently voluntarily put herself in inpatient mental health care, was able to search online, travel to a nearby store, and within minutes purchase the first and only gun she’d ever own—the one that she used that same day to take her own life.

*No affiliation or connection to Alabama Law graduate Donna Nathan (Class of 1989).

In a CBS Sunday Morning interview, Donna’s daughter, Katrina Brees said, “She didn’t like guns. She was scared of guns. There were no guns in our family. It was so unlike her. [But] when you look at tools for the job, that’s the best tool for the job. And that’s what the information online will tell you.” [6]

For individuals like Donna Nathan, this law has the potential to save lives. According to a survey of 200 patients receiving psychiatric care in Alabama, 46% said they would register for a do-not-sell list if it were available. [7] And while it is important to recognize and acknowledge that this law cannot prevent all forms of suicide, it does play a significant role in the larger picture of solutions and resources necessary to help individuals who suffer from suicidal episodes to continue living beyond the crises they experience.

“During a suicidal crisis or depressive episode, I think it is unlikely that anybody

would sign up,” admitted Vars in his interview with CBS Sunday Morning. “But there are a lot of people who’ve been in that dark place who come out the other side and know they’re a danger to themselves.”

He continued, “It’s more like an advance directive. Here, while I’m feeling better, let me prepare myself for that, and just get the gun out of the equation.” [8]

Making a Difference

Recognizing the need and desire that exists for policies and laws that help prevent gun suicide, Vars shifted beyond academic writing to engage in advocacy work—seeking to get Donna’s Law implemented throughout the U.S. Thus far, Donna’s law has been enacted in three states: Washington, Virginia, and Utah. Vars has also had bills introduced in 15-20 additional states, including Alabama. The process has been slow, but even the ability to save one life is worth the effort.

[1] “What the data says about gun deaths in the U.S.,” Pew Research, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/donnas-law-firearms-and-suicide/?fbclid=IwAR3B2-aeMX6POj2ioCj8fE92HmOchU3BDRwTRBzV7BUJinHuj2rsCd0V-yo>

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[3] “Surveys Reveal Gap in Understanding of Bipolar Disorder,” NAMI, <https://www.nami.org/Press-Media/Press-Releases/2005/Surveys-Reveal-Gap-in-Understanding-of-Bipolar-Dis#:~:text=Approximately%202.3%20million%20Americans%20are,this%20disorder%20is%20even%20greater.>

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[5] “Means Matter,” Harvard Injury Control Research Center, <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/means-matter/>

[6] “Donna’s Law: A new suicide prevention tool.” CBS Sunday Morning. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/donnas-law-firearms-and-suicide/?fbclid=IwAR3B2-aeMX6POj2ioCj8fE92HmOchU3BDRwTRBzV7BUJinHuj2rsCd0V-yo>

[7] “Willingness of mentally ill individuals to sign up for a novel proposal to prevent firearm suicide,” *Suicide Life Threat Behav*, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27704597/>

[8] Id



A Familiar Face, A Renewed Vision: *William S. Brewbaker III* *Named Dean at Alabama Law*

BY JOSH BIRD

On a Monday night in the spring of 1988, Bill Brewbaker walked into his first classroom at The University of Alabama School of Law.

At the time, Bill was a second-year associate at a Birmingham law firm and Vice Dean Tom Jones had granted his request to teach health care law as an adjunct professor. It wasn't long before he fell in love with the classroom experience and began to play with the idea of becoming a full-time law professor.

"You know, I'd walk down the hall on the third floor of the law building and dream of having a teaching job at Alabama. If you'd told me then, that one day I'd be dean of the school, I'm sure I wouldn't have believed it," said Bill as he reflected on his time as an adjunct professor.

That said, Bill wasn't optimistic about landing a job on the permanent Alabama Law faculty. He'd received his J.D. from the University of Virginia a few years earlier and had been a corporate law associate at two Birmingham law firms, but to follow his dream of being a professor, Bill needed to develop his academic writing. At one point he told a highly respected mentor on the Alabama faculty that he was thinking of leaving his law practice and going to Duke to get an LL.M. in health care law. The mentor's reply was, "If you're going to go to Duke thinking you're going to come back and get a job at our Law School, think again. It's not going to happen."

Despite not quite knowing where this path would lead them, Bill and his wife Becky moved their family to Durham, North Carolina in the fall of 1992. At the time, they had two young children—a two-year old and a six-month old—and few social connections in the Durham community.

"I had a college friend whose husband was the pastor of nearby church," said Becky. "That was pretty much it, in terms of who we knew in Durham when we got there."

Bill started his LL.M., working with Clark Havighurst, at the time the nation's leading health care law scholar. The timing couldn't have been more favorable. "It just so happened that when I went to Duke in the fall of 1992, Bill Clinton was

running for president, and health care reform was a big part of his campaign. Health care law was starting to become a subject in its own right, and schools were realizing that they didn't have professors to teach the subject," he said.

"I am so very happy Bill has been named as the new dean. He is highly motivated, highly intelligent, and sincerely cares about this school and its students. He is going to be one of the best deans that the school has ever seen."

- Shane Black, (Class of 1997)

“So, it was a good year for me to be on the market.”

During the middle of his LL.M. year, Bill landed a full-time position with Alabama Law. “I couldn’t believe it when [Dean] Nat Hansford called me on the phone and offered me a job at Alabama. My dream had come true.”

Bill felt warmly welcomed by students and faculty at Alabama when he started in the fall of 1993. “The Law School has always been a great place to work. Once I got here, I felt incredibly supported by my faculty colleagues and our great staff. Even folks that I knew had wanted another candidate to get the job were supportive of my work and became terrific colleagues to me.”

Over the next thirty years, Bill was a popular first-year property law professor and taught a variety of other classes including health care law, health care liability, antitrust, bioethics, business organizations, law and economics, jurisprudence, and Christian legal thought. He co-edited a leading law school casebook on Christian legal thought, edited another two books in Aspen’s Health Care Corporate Law series, and wrote several law review articles dealing with health care antitrust, price regulation, physician unionization, managed care liability, as well as theological perspectives on law.



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- Dean William S. Brewbaker III

Shane Black (‘97), member at Hand Arendall Harrison Sale in Athens, AL, reflected on his experience as one of Bill’s students, “He was a fantastic teacher. He had a real command of his subject, and was gifted in being able to communicate the subject in an interesting and logical way. He was not an esoteric or aloof legal pontificator; he was down in the trenches with his students making sure they understood.”

In addition to his research and teaching, Bill served as associate dean for special programs in the 2011 and 2012 calendar years. In that position, among many other responsibilities, he worked alongside Mike House (‘71) and Ed Rogers (‘84) in initiating the D.C. Externship program—a program that has placed 75+ students in 46 different agencies, committees, or advocacy group offices across DC over the past 11 years.

In 2013–2014, Bill served as interim dean of the Law School while the University conducted their search for the next dean. “Nobody was happier than I was when Mark Brandon agreed to serve as our dean, and no one is more grateful to him for the great job he’s done these last nine years,” he said.





Looking Forward

Now, a decade later, Bill has hit the ground running as dean of the Law School. He is full of energy and on a mission. “I want us to aspire to be better than we are,” said Bill.

Bill’s goals as dean are related to his own experience at Alabama Law. He traces Alabama’s gains over the past decades in part to a strategic plan the Law School adopted in 1997, a few years after he arrived.

“The premise of the plan was straightforward,” said Bill. “We were a respectable state law school, and we wanted to be more than that. So, we looked at what public law schools were doing that were then regarded as a notch above Alabama, and we tried to see what we could learn from them. We identified five specific schools in the 1997 plan, and we studied what they were doing very carefully. Those are peer schools now. I would even say we’ve overtaken most of them.”

Going forward, Bill plans to lead the Law School through a similar process, even though the schools he now identifies are a new, more ambitious group of aspirational peers: “This time we are looking at institutions that are truly among the most elite institutions in the country to see what we can learn from them.”

Bill’s vision and tenacity matches the culture he hopes to instill at the School of Law.

“The main thing that I want to see us do, in everything we touch, is to aspire to be better than we are,” said Bill. “Are there things we can do to improve our students’ experiences, help our faculty be more successful, or enhance the role of our Law School in the State of Alabama? We want to identify those things and make them a reality.”

Bill continued, “The great thing about this approach is that there is no aspect of the Law School that we can’t apply this model to; it can be applied to all the good things we want to do for our students, our profession, our community, our State, and for everyone who studies and works at the Law School. We can always do better, and that is what we are striving to do.”

Of course, doing better doesn’t negate the strong culture and foundation that already exists at Alabama Law.

“Our law school community today is inheriting a great situation, just as I did when I arrived thirty years ago. We’re already doing a lot of things well. We offer a top-tier law school experience, we keep our students’ debt-loads low, and we work with students on a one-on-one basis to help them achieve the career outcomes that best match their aspirations and needs,” said Bill. “And this has always been a place where people care about each other.”

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ABOVE: The sun sets over the Law Center at The University of Alabama School of Law.

Making the Student Experience Personal

Bill is known for his ability to make people feel seen and heard. “Bill and I have been colleagues and friends for 30 years, and he has been a terrific teacher and an outstanding leader on the faculty,” said Professor Bryan Fair, who recently celebrated 32 years of service at the University of Alabama. “Among Bill’s many strengths are his humility and his ability to listen and make others feel heard.”

One program Bill is most excited about is the Comprehensive Advising Program (CAP). Through the CAP, the Law School pairs each incoming student with a faculty advisor, a Career Services advisor, (and if the students opt-in) a student mentor and an alumni mentor. The pairings are based on career aspirations and shared background experiences. It takes a great deal of effort and collaboration between the Law School’s Student Services, Advancement, Career Services, and Admissions offices, but the results are worth it.

“Our goal is to provide Alabama Law students with all the resources they need to help them succeed,” said Bill. “We have outstanding faculty and staff who put a lot of work into making this happen—building a community around our students so they know we are behind them and that they are always part of our family at Alabama Law. I’m especially grateful for the many alumni who help the Law School and our students by serving as mentors and investing in our students.”



Leaning into Community, Service & Leadership

“It’s our people—our alumni, students, faculty and staff— and our community that make our Law School a thriving institution,” said Bill. “Through the sacrifice and contributions of each individual, we build something that is larger than ourselves—a Law School that lifts up our students, the State of Alabama, and the legal profession throughout the nation. One of my jobs as dean is to preserve and enhance the Law School community so that we can find even better ways to serve our students and the communities we are a part of.”

Bill is proud of the School of Law’s service to its students, the State, and the legal profession. Among the many services provided by the Law School are those offered by its seven law clinics that supply thousands of hours of free legal representation to members of the community each year; and public interest programs like the Finch Initiative that give Alabama Law students the opportunity to spend their summers serving as legal interns in rural communities in Alabama.

However, it isn’t simply the Law School’s service and public interest programs that support our State; it’s also the Law School’s national reputation that strengthens the University’s academic standing and ensures the brightest legal minds spread their roots within Alabama communities.

“I call it reverse brain drain,” said Bill. “[Because of our national reputation] we don’t lose out on Alabama’s brightest students who might otherwise be tempted to pursue their legal education elsewhere. And not surprisingly, we also bring in incredibly talented students from across the country—many of whom choose to make Alabama their home upon graduating.”

For those who leave the State of Alabama, wherever they go, they take their Alabama Law education with them—serving as ambassadors for the State of Alabama and the School of Law across the country and throughout the globe.

Creating a Legacy for the Next Generation

One of Bill’s priorities is the Law School’s relationship with its alumni. “Bill has a desire to reconnect alumni from across generations and various backgrounds to their Law School,” said Professor Fair.

No matter the background, interests, or political views of the diverse group of alumni and students that make up the Alabama Law community, Bill’s goal is to create an environment where all feel welcome and valued. He sees his role as a fundraiser and advocate for the Law School as an opportunity:

“One of the real pleasures of the job so far has been getting to meet our great alums and hearing from them about what made a difference to them as law students and what aspects of their experience in Tuscaloosa contributed to their professional success,” said Bill. “They want to see us continue the good things we’ve always done, and they want our students to have even better training and opportunities than they had. So do I.”

For those who are a part of the Alabama Law community, there is much to look forward to as a new dean—and old friend—leads the way forward with optimism and a renewed vision.

“We have so much we can build on,” said Bill. “I’m looking forward to seeing what we can do together.” 🍷

Institutionalizing Fear in the Workplace:

The Impact of Anemic
Retaliation Protections



Norfolk Southern locomotives work to put together the rest of train #265 after at least 5 well cars carrying trash and recyclables derailed.

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On February 3, 2023, a Norfolk Southern train carrying toxic substances derailed in Ohio, about a quarter of a mile west of the border between Ohio and Pennsylvania. The derailment led to the release of hazardous substances into the air, soil, and water in the surrounding area. The environmental hazards coupled with the threat of possible explosion from a wreckage that burned for more than two days following the derailment prompted evacuation orders for residents on both sides of the border. Though the final report likely will not be released until next year, the Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board characterized the derailment as “100 percent preventable,” and expressed concerns about safety.

In the wake of the accident, regulators have vowed action. However, like many other industries, the railroad industry has been plagued by a pattern of retaliation against employees who report safety concerns. The stories of retaliation abound. In 2011, one worker reported safety concerns to the Federal Railroad Administration triggering an investigation that uncovered 357 defects. He was ultimately fired in retaliation for making the report and was not able to recover until almost a decade later in 2018 when he was awarded \$1.25 million in damages for the retaliation. Another worker was blocked from promotion and ultimately fired for reporting broken railcar wheels. The experience of these

workers seems to be the rule, not the exception, as retaliation in the workplace is pervasive for workers who report numerous types of wrongdoing, including wage theft, pension theft, occupational safety concerns, violations of parental and medical leave laws, transportation safety, food safety, every type of illegal discrimination, and so many others across a myriad of industries, many of which are already regulated.

The Impact of Ineffective Retaliation Protections

Enforcement is a critical component of any regulatory scheme. Anti-retaliation provisions are a mechanism Congress uses to ensure effective enforcement of the law. These provisions protect employees from retaliation for reporting violations of various laws, including anti-discrimination, wage and hour, employee benefits, environmental, tax, securities, anti-money laundering, and many other laws. Fear of retaliation is the primary reason why workers do not report employer misconduct. However, reporting non-compliance in hopes of bringing about a change (i.e., whistleblowing) is socially desirable behavior. This behavior is particularly important given how much the government and the public rely on employees to uncover non-compliance issues. My research examines whether and how anti-retaliation and whistleblower laws provide effective retaliation protections and the effects of diluted retaliation safeguards on the workplace and society at large.

Understanding the centrality of effective retaliation protections to any workplace regulatory scheme, Congress inserted anti-retaliation provisions into labor and employment statutes, as well as other statutes where effective

enforcement would hinge on employee reporting. For over half a century, the judiciary's decisions regarding anti-retaliation statutory provisions reflected a comprehension of the importance of having robust protections against retaliation. The U.S. Supreme Court routinely ruled in favor of broad retaliation protections. Examples include holding that retaliation protections cover third parties and former employees, adverse actions need not be employment related to be actionable, and that participation in internal investigations constitutes protected activity. The Court has even found implied retaliation prohibitions in statutes where there was no explicit mention of retaliation in the statutory language.

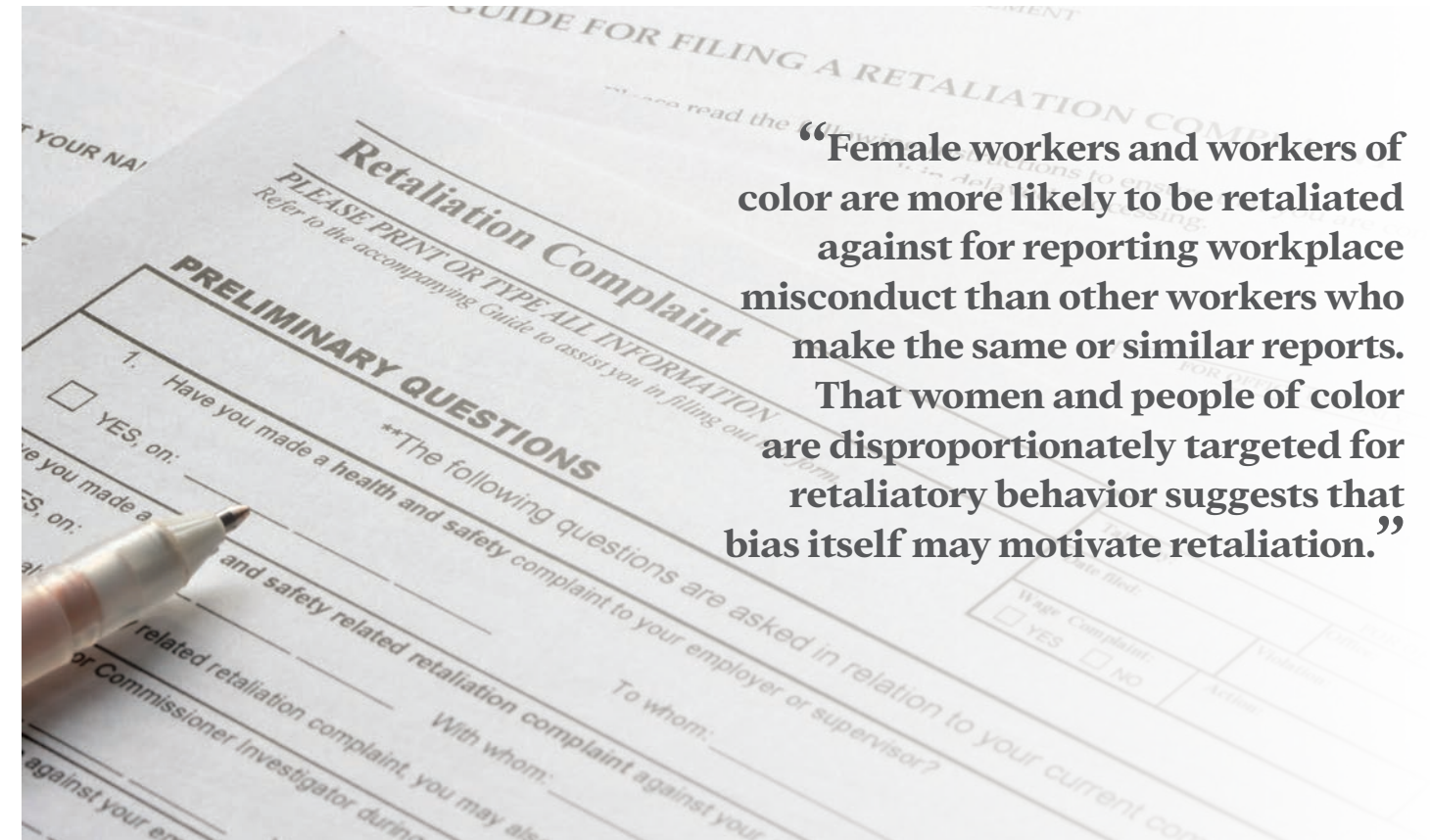
However, in the wake of an increase in the number of retaliation claims being filed, the courts have started issuing restrictive interpretations of anti-retaliation provisions in workplace laws. Examples include requiring employee-plaintiffs to prove a heightened causation standard; finding that employer conduct like changing work schedules, fabricating negative employment appraisals, and threatening employees with negative personnel actions do not constitute adverse action; and narrowing the amount of time between the protected activity and the adverse action needed to show temporal proximity. Such interpretations weaken effective enforcement of anti-retaliation laws and can lower the costs to employers associated with retributory behavior, thereby incentivizing it.

Diluting Retaliation Protections

The rationales courts are using to dilute retaliation protections can be divided into two overarching categories. The first

category deals with the “plain meaning” of the statutory language. Anti-retaliation provisions exist in numerous statutes, and the language of these provisions vary from one statute to another. These linguistic variations, no matter how slight, can lead to drastic differences in interpretation of retaliation protections among statutes and, in some instances, differences from one type of retaliation claim to the next within the same statute. This rigid interpretation can impede the purpose of the retaliation protections, particularly considering some of the relevant statutes were passed within the last year (e.g., the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2022) and others were passed nearly 100 years ago (e.g. the Railway Labor Act of 1926). The second category involves floodgates concerns. Given the large number of retaliation claims that are filed with administrative agencies, some courts are concerned that a failure to issue restrictive interpretations of retaliation claims would lead to a flood of litigation. This reasoning is being used despite the fact that retaliation claims generally are found to have more merit than many other types of workplace claims. In other words, some courts are effectively weakening retaliation protections because too many people need them.

Anemic enforcement of anti-retaliation laws can have numerous, negative consequences. Some of the primary motivations for employers to retaliate against employees include discrediting the employees who reported, punishing the employees who reported, and deterring other employees from reporting. Additionally, female workers and workers of color are more likely to be retaliated against for reporting workplace misconduct than other



workers who make the same or similar reports. That women and people of color are disproportionately targeted for retaliatory behavior suggests that bias itself may motivate retaliation. However, the common thread with retaliation is a desire to instill a fear of reporting misconduct. If employees fear economic retribution for reporting employer wrongdoing, countless non-compliance issues can go undetected and uncorrected.

Non-compliance with workplace laws can have numerous consequences that negatively affect several groups—workers, compliant employers, business partners of employers, regulators, and society at large. For example, suppose a company is operating in violation of food safety laws, and an employee of that company reports the violation. After learning of the employee's report, the

company terminates that individual's employment in retaliation for reporting the food safety non-compliance. If that retaliation were to go unremedied, it would likely deter other employees at the company who are witnessing violations of food safety (or other) laws from reporting. Additionally, the company's competitors who are complying with food safety regulations would be at a disadvantage in the marketplace if the company were to operate with much lower costs because it is saving money by not complying. Regulators would be impacted, as the purpose for which the food safety laws were created would be thwarted, and customers who consume the food may be harmed due to the violations. Additionally, the worker who would otherwise be gainfully employed absent the unlawful retaliatory actions of the company would no longer be employed and may need public assistance,

at least for a limited time, as a result. Though employee retaliation claims are typically viewed as purely private disputes where only the employee and the employer are the relevant stakeholders, retaliation also reaches the public sphere. However, the implications for other stakeholders like clients, customers, business partners, taxpayers, and the general public are frequently discounted. Moreover, the norms that are considered when contemplating behavior that affects the public sphere are often disregarded in retaliation cases. These norms include economic security, civil rights, public health and safety, and protection of the public treasury. The importance of retaliation protections and the seemingly sudden shift in the judiciary's approach to them is signaling that it may be time consider reforming retaliation protections. 🔄



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The Bainbridge Mims Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Frank Mims Bainbridge ('56) formerly of Birmingham, Alabama bequeathed through his estate \$1.4 million to establish The Bainbridge Mims Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund will be used to support student scholarships.

The Balch & Bingham Endowed Roundtable in Law and Business

The law firm of Balch & Bingham based in Birmingham, Alabama pledged \$500,000 to establish the Balch & Bingham Endowed Roundtable in Law and Business. The roundtable is designed to bring together legal scholars, business practitioners, and persons engaged in enterprise to discuss issues, opportunities, and areas of concern at the intersection of law and business.

The Dean Mark E. Brandon Endowed Support Fund in Constitutional Studies

Alumni and Friends of The University of Alabama School of Law led by the Board of Governors and the Leadership Council contributed \$51,785 to establish The Dean Mark E. Brandon Endowed Support Fund in Constitutional Studies to honor Mark Brandon ('78) and his tenure as Dean of Alabama Law. The fund will be used to provide discretionary support for the Alabama Law Program in Constitutional Studies.

The Stanley A. Cash Endowed Law Scholarship

Stanley A. Cash ('72) intends to contribute \$50,000 through his estate to establish The Stanley A. Cash Endowed Law Scholarship. The fund will be used to provide student scholarships with priority consideration given to a first-year law student who graduated from a high school in Morgan County, Alabama.

The Leigh Davis Family Endowed Law Scholarship

Leigh Davis ('97) of Birmingham, Alabama pledged \$50,000 to establish The Leigh Davis Family Endowed Scholarship. The fund will be used to provide student scholarships with priority considerations given to students who graduated from a high school in the state of Alabama, who demonstrate financial need, and are involved in the Program for Law and Business or interested in using their law degree for practice in corporate law or work as in-house counsel.

The Anna and Steven Grizzle Endowed Law Scholarship

Anna ('98) and Steven Grizzle of Brentwood, Tennessee contributed \$50,000 to establish The Anna and Steven Grizzle Endowed Law Scholarship. The fund will be used to provide student scholarships with priority consideration given to out-of-state students.

The Richard and Shannon Raleigh Endowed Support Fund

Richard ('95) and Shannon Raleigh of Huntsville, Alabama pledged \$25,000 to establish The Richard and Shannon Raleigh Endowed Support Fund. The fund will be used to provide unrestricted support for priority needs of the Law School, including student scholarships. They have also committed an additional \$100,000 through their estate to convert the fund to an endowed scholarship.

The Julia Smeds Roth Endowed Scholarship

Julia Roth ('77) pledged \$250,000 to establish The Julia Smeds Roth Endowed Scholarship. The fund will be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled at the Law School.

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James L. and Lettie Lane North	\$190,822.04	Student Alumni Law Society	\$48,181.96
Lewis G. Odom, Jr.	\$62,153.88	Eugene Phillip Stutts	\$127,863.92
Richard F. Ogle Memorial	\$29,958.07	David L. Thomas	\$19,014.65
M. Camper O'Neal	\$16,366.07	James W. Traeger Memorial	\$26,772.28
Order of the Coif	\$184,648.68	Charles Stephen Trimmier, Jr.	\$58,057.67
M. T. Ormond	\$182,002.37	Edward P. Turner, Jr. Family	\$65,286.61
Prime F. Osborn Fellowships	\$208,278.95	Charles E. Tweedy, Jr.	\$444,956.24
Craig and Andrea Parker	\$88,998.16	William L. Utsey	\$151,960.77
Judge Eris F. Paul Memorial	\$68,397.97	William L. Utsey, William D. Melton, and E. Tedford Taylor	\$83,356.00
John C. Pearson	\$37,927.71	Vickers, Riis, Murray and Curran, LLC	\$66,450.26
John C. Pearson Memorial	\$30,228.93	Lanny S. Vines	\$251,868.48
Jerry and Suzanne Perkins	\$67,042.85	George C. Wallace	\$15,206.82
Phelps Dunbar, LLP (formerly Lyons Pipes & Cook)	\$108,424.76	A. Brand Walton, Jr.	\$72,663.46
Samuel W. Pipes III Memorial	\$42,208.09	Marvin L. Warner	\$129,601.60
Pittman Dutton & Hellums	\$134,653.35	Judge Robert J. Wheeler	\$983,304.52
Joe and Angeline Pittman	\$108,554.88	Jeanne G. Wiggins and Charles Wiggins, Jr	\$60,436.88
Judge Virgil Pittman	\$51,712.82	Wilmer & Lee, P.A.	\$80,975.35
Judge Sam C. Pointer	\$262,553.28	Jerry D. Worthy	\$10,205.01
William S. Pritchards	\$282,221.27	Reuben H. Wright Memorial	\$34,369.58
Proctor Family	\$78,395.52	Olin W. Zeanah	\$67,673.90
Ira Drayton Pruitt, Jr.	\$16,139.86		
Judge John M. Puryear	\$53,640.76	Unendowed:	
L. Drew Redden	\$32,025.73	William H. Albritton III Fund	\$8,444.60
Hugh Reed Jr. Memorial	\$543,746.86	Collegiate License Fund	\$62,434.00
Judge Ben Reeves	\$650,515.21		
REUNION!	\$227,331.60	Annual:	
J. Allen Reynolds, Jr. Memorial	\$150,259.24	Alabama Federal Tax Clinic	\$30,000.00
Patrick W. Richardson Memorial	\$216,833.27	Christian & Small LLP Annual Diversity	\$5,000.00
Rives and Peterson	\$72,045.07	Order of the Coif	\$10,000.00
Edward Maurice Rogers	\$599,170.35	Porterfield, Harper, Mills, Motlow & Ireland	\$5,000.00
Julia Smeds Roth	\$53,434.88		
W. T. Goodloe Rutland	\$77,079.34	IV. PRIZES	
Leon Y. Sadler, Jr.	\$31,315.11	Endowed:	
M. Louis Salmon Fund	\$17,112.63	Dean T W Christopher Prize	\$13,191.24
Yetta G. Samford III Memorial	\$494,209.99	H M Somerville Law Prize Fund	\$8,512.26
Lucille Tisdale Sauls	\$252,485.75	L. Susan Doss Prize, Endowed By Harper Lee	\$54,000.05
Matthew A. Schenck	\$13,214.47	Judge Leon Hopper Academic Award	\$13,023.23
Charles J. Scott, James M. Scott and Lucy Elizabeth Scott Memorial	\$26,538.98	in Bankruptcy Law	
Elizabeth Kirksey Shaw and Robert H. Shaw, Jr.	\$64,112.25	Unendowed:	
David Walter Shipper Memorial	\$59,406.42	Francis "Brother" Hare Award for Excellence	\$5,000.00
Arthur Davis Shores	\$97,070.51	in Civil Trial Advocacy	
Sirote & Permutt	\$45,886.89	Paul E. Skidmore Award	\$30,738.63
Morris K. and Joseph H. Sirote	\$207,458.75		
Angus A. Smith	\$15,252.20		
General Holland M. Smith	\$54,708.99		

V. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Endowed:

George M. and Mary C. Akers	\$67,344.52
Ball Family Endowment	\$49,083.32
Hugo L. Black Fund	\$67,394.28
Cathryn and Mark Boardman	\$23,037.69
Dean Mark E. Brandon Endowed Support Fund in Constitutional Studies	\$43,759.25
The Crosby Support Fund	\$30,835.11
Dancy Law School Fund	\$69,743.20
Roy M. Greene	\$78,750.69
M. Brooks Hayes	\$35,734.88
Howell T. Heflin	\$511,885.39
James T. Kirk	\$86,088.89
Justice Alva Hugh Maddox Fund	\$16,741.88
Manley Servicemen & Veterans Program Endowed Support Fund	\$19,241.94
Gessner T. McCorvey	\$17,603.61
Nina Miglionico Dean's Discretionary Endowed Fund	\$614,648.62
Morris, King & Hodge, P.C. Endowed Support Fund	\$30,049.39
Richard and Shannon Raleigh Endowed Support Fund	\$25,509.42
L. Drew Redden Endowed Fund	\$167,198.20
Reese Phifer/Special Law School Fund	\$15,301.91
Edward Brett Randolph	\$1,533,598.09
John D. Rather, Jr.	\$16,254.50
Albert and Hester Rives Jr.*	\$1,867,359.86
Charles Oscar Stokes	\$494,403.14*

A perpetual trust with a market value of \$2,726,389.61 benefits this fund.

Unendowed:

Hugo L. Black Fund #2	\$42,009.18
Class of 1989 Memorial Fund	\$6,030.00
Lanier Dean's Discretionary Fund	\$106,141.35
Manley Servicemen & Veterans Program Fund	\$5,247.85
2010 Class Reunion Project Fund	\$5,245.93
School of Law Naming Opportunities Support Fund	\$8,740.83
James E. Smith, Jr. Memorial Unrestricted Funds	\$7,118.08 \$151,782.57

VI. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Endowed:

The Albritton Fund	\$124,536.14
Carol Andrews Moot Court Support Fund	\$40,688.25
Stewart G. Austin, Sr. Quasi-Endowed Support Fund	\$24,042.18
Balch & Bingham Law and Business Roundtable Endowed Support Fund	\$378,336.05
Ben & Julie Bucy Public Interest Law Fund	\$91,698.42
Program for Law and Business	\$381,530.36
The Crum Family Endowed Lecture for Law and Business	\$401,885.72

Frank Daily Endowed Public Interest Support Fund	\$51,912.67
Robert and Juanita Denniston Endowed Support Fund	\$171,942.47
Garrett – Canary Family Public Service Endowed Support Fund	\$25,405.15
Mike and Gina House Endowed DC Student Experience Support Fund	\$25,769.64
M. Lee Huffaker Memorial Fund	\$16,416.28
Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Lecture On Constitutional Rights & Liberties	\$139,742.13
The Daniel J. Meador Annual Lecture Fund & Professionalism Endowment Fund	\$287,353.07 \$194,556.22
William H. Mills Symposium on Legal Ethics Review Support	\$267,643.48
L. Drew Redden Endowed Alabama Law Law Fund	\$64,304.45
Dr. Norman J. Singer Endowed Public Interest Lectureship	\$28,337.12

Unendowed:

Alabama Law Summer Scholars Program (formerly the PLUS Program)	\$25,153.33
Class Composite Preservation Fund	\$11,518.86
Arthur B. Foster Loan Fund	\$67,129.07
A. G. Gaston Loan Fund	\$46,195.40
J. W. Mosby Loan Fund	\$19,393.66
The Jerry Powell Technology Fund	\$20,099.36

VII. LIBRARY SUPPORT FUNDS

Endowed:

J. Rufus Bealle	\$89,852.14
Robert C. Brickell Memorial	\$55,682.32
Marion Maxell Caskie, Jr. Memorial	\$8,895.55
Barbara H. Hunter Library Endowment	\$48,726.38
Irene Feagin Scott Tax Library Collection	\$335,052.90
C. Dallas Sands Law Library Book Fund	\$6,106.00

Unendowed:

Judge Gordon Kahn Library Fund	\$8,648.96
Thomas G. Mancuso Library Collection for Tax and Corporate Law	\$7,553.82
Francis (Frank) J. Mizell, Jr. Legal History Collection	\$8,036.48

VIII. ADVOCACY SUPPORT FUNDS

Endowed:

Pittman, Dutton, Kirby & Hellums Advocacy	\$129,374.75
C. Neal Pope Trial Advocacy	\$37,282.51
George Peach Taylor Trial Advocacy	\$33,441.74
L. Drew Redden Trial Advocacy	\$267,643.48
James A. Yance Trial Advocacy	\$102,378.16



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