MC Law

Mississippi College School of Law

"MC Law made a childhood dream of mine to become a lawyer come true.

The location, faculty and support students and alumni receive is unparalleled."

- Rebecca Mansell, '94

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS. REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.

J.D. PROGRAM

MC Law offers certificates for J.D. students in several practice areas. These certificate programs offer a guided, personalized educational program to students who have an interest in certain practice areas. The certificates also provide recognition of academic excellence for students who fulfill the certificate requirements. Certificate programs available:

Certificate in Criminal Practice Certificate in Health Law Certificate in Family and Juvenile Law Certificate in International and Comparative Law Certificate in Civil Litigation Certificate in Civil Law Studies Certificate in Solo and Small Law Practice



- Certificate in Business and Commercial Law

TWO YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

Designed for motivated and hard-working students, the Two Year J.D. Program enables students to earn a law degree in two years and at a substantially discounted tuition rate. Strong academic credentials are required to participate in the Two Year J.D. Program.

JOINT J.D. PROGRAMS

Gain a competitive edge in traditional legal practice and the corporate setting through MC Law's J.D./M.B.A. Program. Future leaders in public administration or politics can take advantage of our J.D./M.P.A. Program. Generally, students can earn both a J.D. and an M.B.A. or M.P.A. in only four years.

EXECUTIVE LAW PROGRAM

Designed for working professionals with flexible work schedules, the Executive Law Program enables students to earn a law degree over five years while continuing to work. A flexible work schedule and strong academic credentials are needed to participate in the Executive Program.

LL.M. PROGRAMS

Students may choose from four different Masters of Law (LL.M.) programs, which are individualized to each student's professional goals. The programs excel at bar passage and job placement.

- The American Legal Studies LL.M. is the premier program to help foreign law graduates gualify for and pass the bar exam in New York, Alabama, or a number of other states.
- The International and European Law LL.M. allows students to focus on Human Rights or International Business, and involves a semester at our partner school. Lille Catholic University in France.
- The Advocacy LL.M. is an experiential learning-based program with both trial and appellate courtroom experience.
- The Traditional LL.M. allows students to craft their own academic paths to meet specific professional goals.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY. CAPITAL LIFE.

STUDENT LIFE

MC Law students come from a variety of geographic locations and cultural backgrounds, resulting in a diverse student body with a wide array of talents, personalities, and interests.

More than 30 student-led organizations encourage students to explore areas of legal or personal interest. These diverse organizations coordinate rewarding community service projects and educational activities, as well as fun-filled social events that help students connect outside the classroom.

Our location in the heart of Jackson allows students the opportunities to interact with prominent leaders in business, law and politics, and enjoy the best cultural offerings of Mississippi lifestyle.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- American Association for Justice: Mississippi Chapter Advocacy Society Agriculture Law Society Arts & Culture Society American Association for Justice Mississippi Black Law Student Association **Business Law Society** Christian Legal Society Civil Law Society Environmental Law Association Family Law Society Federal Bar Association Federalist Society Food & Agriculture Law Group Golf Club Habitat for Humanity Health Care Law Society Law Review Law Student Bar Association Legal Eve Military Justice Society Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Mississippi Association for Justice Moot Court
- Oil & Gas Society Older Wiser Law Students Phi Alpha Delta, International Law Fraternity Phi Delta Phi Public Interest Law Group Sports & Entertainment Law Society Tennis Club MC Law Veterans Association Women's Student Bar Association Young Republicans



"The reason I chose MC Law is simple: The people and its 'open door' policy. From the moment I talked to the Dean of Admissions, to the hand written note I received expressing why MC Law wanted me to be a part of its mission, I was sold.

Never in a million years did I think I could be a part of such an amazing law school family." -Cirilo Manego, '16





"I moved here three years ago for the sole purpose of beginning law school. I did not know anyone and had no intention of remaining in Jackson after graduation, but now, this Louisiana-transplant is calling Jackson 'home.' Even though Jackson is the capital, it exudes small town charm and southern hospitality. The adventure of living in and being a law student in the state capital is unmatched. The location of MC Law allows me to immerse myself in the community and network with alumni and other members of the Mississippi Bar.

I can't imagine being anywhere else!"

-Jenna Fugarino, '16

Forbes magazine recently named Jackson, Mississippi as one of

The Top 10 Up-And-Coming Cities For Recent College Grads.

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GET INVOLVED TRAVEL FAR.

EXTERNSHIPS

Why participate in the externship program? An externship offers excellent on-the-job experience. It gives you legal work experience for your resume. An externship allows you to experience a practice area before you graduate, or fulfill a desire to perform public interest legal work. And ultimately, an externship provides networking resources that can continue after you graduate.

MC Law has a vibrant externship program in the metro-Jackson area, with over approximately 100 active placements available spring, summer and fall. Opportunities are not limited to Jackson. Students can take a remote externship anywhere in the United States; in fact, MC Law students have taken remote externships in cities and towns across the United States.

CLINICS

Adoption Legal Clinic Advanced Child Advocacy Clinic Child Welfare and Family Justice Clinic *NEW 2016 Guardian Ad Litem Clinic HIV and the Law Clinic Immigration Clinic *NEW 2016 Mission First Legal Aid Clinic Youth Court Clinic



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A GUARANTEED **EXTERNSHIP FOR EVERY STUDENT**



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. PRACTICE SUCCESS.

BIOETHICS & HEALTH LAW CENTER

The Bioethics and Health Law Center aims to connect students with members of the lay, medical, legal and policy-making communities. Located in downtown Jackson, minutes from Mississippi's health care corridor, MC Law is uniquely positioned among regional law schools to open the lines of communication necessary to address contemporary health care dilemmas ranging from the beginning to the end of life.

BUSINESS & TAX LAW CENTER

The Business & Tax Law Center provides the analytical tools necessary for an attorney to integrate the legal, financial, economic, and taxation issues involved in making decisions and taking actions in today's global business world. The Center connects law students with practicing attorneys and business leaders, and creates opportunities for representatives of each discipline to work together toward common business goals.

CENTER FOR CIVIL LAW STUDIES

MC Law is the only law school outside the state of Louisiana that offers a civil law curriculum designed to prepare graduates to take the Louisiana bar exam. The Center for Civil Law Studies offers a Certificate Program in Civil Law, organizes the Civil Law curricular offerings, sponsors an annual scholarly symposium, and supports events designed to promote the academic and professional development of students pursuing studies in civil law and who plan to practice law in Louisiana. Since more than 10% of the MC Law student body is from Louisiana, and because many MC Law alumni are licensed in Louisiana, the Center's programming is of great benefit to a large segment of our students.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

The Family and Children's Law Center provides a vital service to children involved in the legal system as well as practical training for MC Law students. The Family and Children's Law Center is both a valuable resource for students and a ministry for children in Mississippi. The Center equips students and community volunteers with the skills required to shepherd children in need of an advocate through the court system.

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW CENTER

This Center broadly examines transnational legal resolution in relation to economics, politics, religion, and society. The research agenda of the Center is aimed to foster an interdisciplinary, research-based forum for innovative collaboration and scholarship by emerging and established scholars. The Center works with the International Law Student Association to organize regular events and support research projects, and also assists in coordinating MC Law's Summer Abroad program.

LAW REVIEW

The Mississippi College Law Review is a student-edited law journal that publishes innovative scholarship from leading jurists nationwide. The Law Review demands excellence from its members and vigorously strives to publish relevant and original works of authorship. Its members are dedicated to providing authors with open lines of communication in the editing process, and above all, the Law Review is devoted to connecting the author with her reader. Beyond producing a legal journal of the highest reputation and quality, the Law Review actively encourages its members to develop pioneering legal commentary for potential publication.

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

The Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center prepares students for work in trial or appellate litigation and in resolving disputes through mediation and arbitration. The Center includes both a criminal and a civil focus. In addition to MC Law professors, the Center brings in judges and skilled practitioners who instruct students in the art and science of litigation. MC Law's nationally recognized moot court program falls under the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center.

MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board of Mississippi College School of Law strives to increase the reputation and prestige of our law school overall, with the twin goals of honing the professional advocacy skills of our members and ensuring increased academic rigor through our focus on superior legal writing skills. The Board also strives to enhance the academic credentials and professionalism of our students and the legal community by fostering interest in the vital advocacy skills required of successful appellate and trial attorneys.

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW CENTER

The Public Service Center Law Center exposes students to a wide range of public service opportunities that not only enhance their legal education experience, but also promote a commitment to helping under-served people and communities. This emphasis on the delivery of pro bono services takes root in the law school's mission statement, which includes our belief that "human beings are God's creations, equally entitled to dignity and respect".

SMALL LAW CURRICULUM

Small Law is an award-winning curriculum and one of the first of its kind in the United States. The Small Law Curriculum is designed for students who desire to open their own law firms and/or who plan to practice law as a solo practitioner, in a small law firm or small town or rural area. Over 60% of MC Law graduates are employed in small law firms or have their own law practices, making this program a timely and relevant addition to the J.D. program at MC Law.





"Teaching MC Law's study-abroad programs in Mexico and Cuba allows me to situate issues of human rights and comparative constitutional law within the cultures of our host countries. Students get to live the law, not just read about it."

- Professor John P. Anderson



"It can be very unusual in legal education for law students to co-author with a professor, make academic presentations, publish their own papers, and win law student writing competitions. Fortunately, my experiences with my students have been different. I have had many of the students I mentor and advise to publish, present and win competitions. All of our students can excel and distinguish themselves. I enjoy working with our diverse student body, our first generation lawyers, our exceptionally committed lawyers-to-be and energetic scholars."

- Professor Angela Mae Kupenda



"MC Law is truly unique among law schools for its sense of community and family. In less than a month we saw the entire student body mobilize under the leadership of the Health Law Society to raise over \$6,000 for the Children's Cancer Center. I've never been more proud to be a member of this community and all that it represents."

- Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Jonathan Will



"It is immensely rewarding to teach and get to know students who are not just bright and passionate about the law but who are also engaged and committed to their communities. These are individuals who will be the leaders of tomorrow, who will one day solve pressing problems, and who will build bridges to finally unite long-standing factions. I wish them every success and happiness. "

- Professor Alina Ng

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. WITHIN REACH.

At MC Law, you are more than just a number, starting with your law school application. In addition to your undergraduate GPA and LSAT score, we give significant weight to your personal statement, recommendations, employment history, military service, graduate work, activities, community service, and personal circumstances. We are looking for students who bring not only academic potential, but also diverse perspectives and experiences, to the MC Law community. We also screen every accepted student for scholarships under our competitive merit scholarship program.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

law.mc.edu/apply



"I chose MC Law because I desired to be in the center of Mississippi's legal community and learn from some of Mississippi's best attorneys. I haven't been disappointed–MC Law does a fantastic job of providing its students with regular opportunities to meet, work with, or take classes from some of the most respected legal figures within our state. In addition to these valuable networking opportunities, one of the best aspects of MC Law is the faculty. Whether a professor has taught me in the classroom or judged my round in a moot court competition,

they have gone above and beyond to help ensure my success, both academic and professional."

- Stevie Farrar Rushing, '17

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