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Fall 2010

- The fourth floor Scenic Reading Room has been named for Gordon Ball (JD '74). [Click here to read more.](#)
- Edward Stanton (BA '94, JD '97) was sworn in as United States Attorney for the Western District of TN on December 17, 2010. [Read the Commercial Appeal article here.](#)
- Caroline Hunter (JD '00) was recently elected by the Federal Election Commission as Vice Chair for 2011. [Read the complete release here.](#)
- Third-year student, Eric Setterlund, is featured in an article entitled "[How one Law Student May Influence the Consolidation Debate,](#)" in this month's issue of MemphisLawyer. The article was written by fellow third-year law student, Darrell Phillips.
- U.S. Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo (JD '80) was honored with the 2010 Chancellor Charles A. Rond Memorial Award for Outstanding Judge of the Year at a recent meeting of the Memphis Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.
- U.S. District Judge Bernice B. Donald (JD '79) of Memphis has been nominated by President Barack Obama to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. Read the official [press release](#) from the White House and a [Commercial Appeal article](#).
- Clinic student attorneys, C. Grace Whiting and Leslie Fouche, under the supervision of Professor Chris Zawisza, successfully argued in State Appeals Court. [Read the full story here.](#)
- The law school's first ABA Arbitration Team competed Nov. 13-14 at the ABA Law Student Division's Arbitration Competition Regionals in Philadelphia. Team members were: Kara Youngblood, Nicole Burton, Geoff Lewis and Danielle McCollum.
- The law school's National Moot Court Team was awarded Best Brief at the Nov. 11-13 Region VII National Moot Court Competition, held for the first time at the law school. Memphis Law team members were Rebecca Hinds, Elisabeth Toecker and Anna Rudman Santos. Congratulations to the University of Tennessee School of Law, Region VII Champions, and the Region VII Runner-Up team from Faulkner University School of Law.
- Alum and adjunct professor, the Hon. David S. Kennedy (JD '70), is celebrating 30 years on the bench. [Read the Commercial Appeal article here.](#)
- Our new building at 1 North Front Street recently tied for the "best renovation/restoration" in the [South Central Construction Magazine's](#) Best of 2010 awards program.
- Our building was also voted as Readers' Choice Award for [Masonry Construction's](#) Project of the Year. The law school will be featured in the November/December Issue of Masonry Construction.
- The [Tennessee Supreme Court](#) convened for its annual West Tennessee session at the historic main courtroom of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law on November 4. This marked the first time the law school had accommodated the Court.
- The Public Action Law Society (PALS) was recognized by Memphis Area Legal Services for its commitment and dedication to the provision of pro bono legal assistance to those less fortunate and its dedication to the rules of professional responsibility at the Pro Bono Volunteer Reception in October. The Student Bar Association (SBA) also received an award for the raising the highest amount of dollars in any category in the Campaign for Equal Justice.
- [The Irvin Bogatin Social Justice Award](#) was presented to third-year law student C. Grace Whiting in recognition of her demonstrated understanding of an attorney's duty to service to

the community by advancing the cause of social justice. In addition, the Irvin Bogatin Scholarship was presented to first-year law student Christopher Santirojprapai in recognition of his community service work. The awards were created by the family of Irvin Bogatin, who established a fund with the Memphis Bar Foundation in recognition of his long and devoted service to the bar and the community, especially in the area of social justice.

- [Chelsea Dubey](#) has joined the law school Director of Special Events and Communication.
- UM law school ranked 8th in the 2010 *Princeton Law Review's* Top Ten Best Quality of Life Law Schools.
- Law Alumna [Estelle Winsett](#) Returns to U of M as Assistant Law Dean.
- *preLaw Magazine* Names Law School as a 2010 Best Value. The Cecil C. Humphreys School of law is ranked ninth in the nation and the best in Tennessee. [See the Best Value press release.](#)
- The University of Memphis [Alumni Association Law Board](#) selects new members and officers.
- [Nick Christiansen](#) is the winner of the Jon E. Hastings Memorial Award Writing Competition. This is the second straight year that a University of Memphis law student has won the award

Summer 2010

- University of Memphis [law alumni recognized](#) by TBA.
- U of M law student, [Meredith Lucas](#), chosen for Harvard Journal Editorial Board.
- In the [Memphis Medical News](#): University of Memphis Health Law Forum Speakers Decipher Sweeping Changes at the first annual University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Health Law and Public Policy Symposium.
- Law School awarded grant to establish [Tennessee Board of Regents Access & Diversity Assistant Professorship](#) for 2010-2011.
- [U of M student lands coveted internship](#) at the Southern Poverty Law Center.
- Congratulations to the University of Memphis [Frederick Douglass Moot Court Travel Team](#) for placing Second in the Nation at the 2010 National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition!
- Recent events included the law school [Spring 2010 Commencement](#) and a "Color of Justice" program with the National Association of Women Judges.

Spring 2010

- U of M law students assist Haitian earthquake refugees. The [University Media Room](#) has the story, video and blog.
- [U of M faculty convocation](#) features downtown procession to new law school; events dedicate building, honor faculty for teaching, research, and service to the University. [See the video.](#)
- [Race Judicata](#) raises \$6,600 for pro bono legal services.
- Two U of M law students, Joe Aaron Mullis and Kevin Henson are semifinalists in the ABA Tax Section's 9th Annual Law Student Tax Challenge. ([ABA press release](#))
- Two U of M [law school teams advance](#) to national finals.
- Law graduates are honored in [Cox Ceremony](#).
- [U of M law school fundraising](#) effort surpasses its goal.
- Scholarship by the University of Memphis law faculty continues to make a national impact. In 2009, [publications written by Memphis law professors](#) were cited by more than a dozen federal and state courts and in 67 law journals and 26 books.
- [Professor Daniel Kiel](#) has been awarded a faculty research grant from the Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change.
- U of M law professor, [Andrew McClurg](#), has been recognized for excellence in legal education.
- U of M law student, Diana M. Comes (2L), has been named the Tennessee Bar Association's Law Student [Volunteer of the Year](#). (TBA [photo and article](#)) ([press release](#)) She is also the recipient of the Sandra Day O'Connor [Scholarship](#).

Fall 2009

- [University of Memphis law faculty have published 11 books](#) in 2008-2009.
- Associate Dean Romantz has written the second edition of *Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill* published by Carolina Academic Press.
- *The Big Shift Update: This summer the Law Library moved books in preparation for the move downtown. This project encompassed all 5 floors of the library. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please ask for help at the reserve desk. [NEW MAPS](#).*
- *Professor Lawrence Pivnick has written and published a new textbook titled - [General Sessions Court Practice in Tennessee: Bringing and Defending Civil Lawsuits](#) - June 2009.*
- [Fee Chart for Law - Fall 2009/Spring 2010](#) is now on the Bursar's Office Fee Payment Information Page.
- [U of M Law Alumni Board](#) Selects New Members and Officers.
- [The Honorable Judge Richard A. Posner recognizes forthcoming article](#) in *The University of Memphis Law Review* as an "important contribution to the debate over our economic crisis."
- [Barbara Kritchevsky](#) appointed first Director of Advocacy.
- [David Romantz](#) is named law school's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
- University of Memphis [welcomes law class of 2012](#).
- U of M Students Get Head Start on Pro Bono Service - [from the Daily News](#).
- Opportunities All Rise at New Law School Site - [from the Commercial Appeal](#).
- [Tennessee Bar Association Day](#) at Memphis Law School.
- [Amber Floyd](#) has received the National Bar Association Chapter President's Award.
- U of M law student, [Diana M. Comes](#), has won the Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship.
- [Yolanda Ingram](#) has been named a Fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation.

Summer 2009

- U of M Law Students are Honored in [Annual Cox Ceremony](#).
- [Steven Mulroy](#), U of M Law Professor, Will Address National Voting Rights Conference.
- [U of M Student](#) Wins Environmental Law Writing Competition.

Spring 2009

- The University of Memphis [Law School Clinical Program](#) was honored at the Memphis Bar Association Law Week Reception.
- Congratulations to all of our recent graduates and successful bar applicants. The general Arkansas Bar Examination was given February 2009. The individual making the highest score on the general examination was Michael J. Martin, a May 2008 graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Other successful applicants include our graduates, John Robert Holton and David Louis Pool.
- Professor Bill Sjostrom visits the law school as part of a [new scholar exchange program](#).
- [Congratulations to Professor Kevin Smith](#) on his appointment as Dean of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.
- [June Entman, Emeritus Professor of Law](#), has been named as a recipient of the 2008-2009 Distinguished Teaching Award.
- Assistant Professor Lee Harris has published his new book, [Mastering Corporations and Other Business Entities](#).
- Professor and Herff Chair Andrew McClurg has published his new book, *[1L of a Ride: A Well-Traveled Professor's Roadmap to Success in the First-Year of Law School](#)* (Thomson West 2009) (420 pages). The book offers new law students a candid step-by-step guide to both academic and emotional success.
- Professor Steven Mulroy has been chosen as one of the inaugural recipients of the [Democracy Innovator Award](#).
- Assistant Dean Yolanda Ingram and Assistant Dean Sue Ann McClellan are presented the [Memphis Bar Association President's Award](#).
- [National Moot Court team reaches regional finals](#), earns spot in the national Finals in New York City in January.

- U of M Law Graduate's [Bar Passage Rate Remains High](#).
- Please take a moment to read the [State of the Law School Letter by Interim Dean Kevin H. Smith](#).
- The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law is pleased to announce its invitation to participate in the [Moot Court National Championship](#) to be held in Houston in January 2009. ([press release](#))

Summer 2008

- Judge Donald to get ABA's Liberty Achievement Award
- Law Capital Campaign Video produced by Carpenter Sullivan Sossaman wins Bronze [Telly Award](#)
- Memphis Law Ranked 5th Nationwide as a Best Value Law School.
- \$5.3M in donations raised for move downtown

Spring 2008

- Intra-school Mock Trial Competition ([results](#))
- U of M Law Students Honored in [Kente Ceremony](#)
- Clinical Professor named Director of Family Safety Center ([details](#))

Fall 2008

- ABA Moot Court Team honored by Tennessee State Senate
- ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition National Finalist - National Best Advocate ([details](#)) ([picture and press release](#))
- Professor Steven Mulroy has been chosen as one of the inaugural recipients of the Democracy Innovator Award.
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- U of M Alumni Chapter Names New Board Members and Officers
- The Law Library has Millenium, a new online public access catalog that is part of an integrated library system by Innovative Interfaces, Inc. A new search tool Search@UMLibraries allows users to search by keyword, the entire system of University libraries for books, periodicals, and other print and electronic holdings.

Summer 2007

- Visiting Professor Marsha Cope Huie presented a paper in April 2007 at the Centre for International Legal Studies 3-day symposium on Internet Law in Little Rock. ([more](#))
- Congratulations to recent graduate, Marci Harris, for winning the Jon Hastings Writing Competition. Her article will appear in the next edition of the TBA's Environmental Law Section Newsletter.
- Diversity Scholars Award presented to Augusta O. Akpotu ([story](#))

Spring 2007

- Congratulations to the ABA-National Appellate Advocacy Competition team ([details](#))
- Professor Harris presents paper on Reverse Mortgages at the Third International Conference on Contracts. ([paper abstract](#))

- Memphis Reaches the Finals in the 2007 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. [\(more\)](#)
- Good luck to our Ben Hooks Chapter of BLSA team at the national finals of the Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition. [\(details\)](#)
- Memphis Law students play prominent role in new Immigrant Justice Program. [\(article\)](#)

Fall 2007

- Third-year student Anna Richardson's paper written for Professor Andrew McClurg's Scholarly Writing for Law Students seminar has been accepted for publication by the *Ohio Northern University Law Review*. Her article will be titled: *Informed Patients go Homeo Happy: Applying the Doctrine of Informed Consent to Homeopathic Practitioners*.

Summer 2006

- Congratulations to former faculty member Paulette J. Delk on her appointment as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis.
- Andrew McClurg named to Herff Chair of Excellence at Law School.

Spring 2006

- Moot Court wins Regional Appellate Competition and finishes 9th in the nation at ABA-NAAC competition.
- 2006 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.
- Moot court Team finishes 2nd in [National Moot Court Finals](#): Mark Thompson wins the Award for Best Oral Advocate - Final Round.
- University of Memphis law student, Betsy Prendergast, named 2006 Law Student Volunteer of the Year by the Tennessee Bar Association.

Fall 2006

- Memphis Law student Augusta Akpotu awarded Second Annual Diversity Scholars Award [\(more\)](#)
- Congratulations to the 2006 Advanced Moot Court Competition Award Winners. [\(details\)](#)
- Members of the 2006 - 2007 Spring Travel Teams are named. [\(more\)](#)
- Memphis Law Graduate, Attorney Ronald Thurman, Elected Chancellor. [\(more\)](#)
- Andrew McClurg named to Herff Chair of Excellence at Law School.
- Congratulations to former faculty member Paulette J. Delk on her appointment as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis.

Summer 2005

- Third year law student, Vanessa M. Cross, was recently awarded a scholarship from the ABA Section of Business Law as a result of her submission to their essay contest. The scholarship was given based on her commitment as a student member of the American Trial Lawyer's Association, her desire to represent victims, and her proficiency in trial advocacy. She was also accepted to participate in their Partnership Advocacy Program.
- Third-year law student David Jarrod Holdford recently passed the Patent Bar Examination. He studied approximately 400 hours in addition to the time he spent in this Patent Law and Information Technology classes at law school.
- Assistant Professor Steven J. Mulroy presented an argument before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals involving two issues of first impression in federal court; the duress defense and mentally-challenged defendants.
- Assistant Dean Charles B. deWitt recently returned from temporary active duty with the Army Reserve JAG with the First Armored Division in Weisbaden, Germany.

Fall 2005

- Congratulations to the 2005 National Moot Court Team: Shannon McKenna, Todd Richardson, Mark Thompson, and Coach Kritchevsky for earning 2nd place at the regional competition in Alabama and earning a spot to compete in the National Championships in New York, NY in January 2006.
- Wireless printing is now available to students.
- Sign up now for the Law School's E-Newsletter. The newsletter will arrive via e-mail and includes law school news about faculty, staff, and students and news for alumni including Memorials, Class Notes, and Dean deWitt's popular Brain Freezers.
- Spring Moot Court Traveling Teams announced. [details](#)
- Bredesen backs U of M Law School Move, from the Memphis Flyer, September 22, 2005 [article](#).
- The University of Memphis Law Review is pleased to announce that Virginia Nesbitt has secured a clerkship with the Honorable H. Emory Widener, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. [press release](#)
- New Law School Development Director Dr. Alleen Deutsch appointed.
- Information for New Orleans Law School Students wishing to come to Memphis. [details](#)

Fall 2004

- The Alumni Board celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education with an Inaugural Dinner honoring alumni and friends of the Law School.
- The National Jurist magazine has named the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis as an [excellent value](#).
- Moot Court success at the 2004 [National Environmental Law Competition](#).
- 2004 [Jessup](#) South Central Regional Moot Court Competition.
- Mary Catherine Cunningham receives the Amy Spain Scholarship.