



# COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Montgomery Performing Arts Centre



# ABOUT FAULKNER LAW



Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law has earned a reputation for providing students with a strong legal education in a caring, Christian environment. Established in 1928, Faulkner Law has grown from educating students in the borrowed chambers of local judges to its permanent home in nearly 70,000 square feet of state-of-the-art classrooms, courtrooms, clinics, library, and student space on the campus of Faulkner University. Faulkner Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).

Faulkner Law students gain invaluable, practical experience throughout their three years of legal study. Faulkner Law's onsite legal clinics, field placements, law review, and award-winning advocacy programs complement an outstanding classroom education that equips students with practice-ready skills.

The law school has produced over 3,250 graduates working in more than 25 states. The law school's alumni include state supreme court justices; appellate, magistrate, and district judges; politicians and government leaders; and attorneys working in public interest, solo practice, and leading law firms across the nation. Faulkner Law graduates are making a difference in their communities and beyond. Today, we are pleased to celebrate the Class of 2022's graduation and welcome them into the Faulkner Law alumni community.

# PROGRAM

Montgomery Performing Arts Centre, Montgomery, Alabama  
Procession starts at 10:00 a.m.  
(Guests remain seated during the processional)



## Processional

## Invocation

LAYNE S. KEELE  
*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW*

## Welcome, Recognition of Special Guests, and Remarks

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
*DEAN AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW*

## Faculty Farewell

ROBERT L. MCFARLAND  
*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW AND  
DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY PROGRAMS*

## Student Farewell

CALEB GREGORY CARR  
*PRESIDENT, STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION*

## Introduction of Commencement Speaker

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
*DEAN AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW*

## Commencement Address

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR.  
*CHIEF CIRCUIT JUDGE, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*

## Conferring of Degrees, Presentation of Diplomas, and Hooding of Graduates

R. WAYNE BAKER, *VICE CHANCELLOR AND INTERIM PRESIDENT*  
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL, *DEAN AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW*  
JENNIFER L. DEBOER, *ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS*

## Awards

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
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## Benediction

A. JEROME DEES  
*PROFESSOR OF LAW*

# CLASS OF 2022



NICOLE JIN ADAMS, *CUM LAUDE*  
SHELBY MARIE ANDREWS †  
ROBERT LEN AVERETT  
TAYLOR H. BAKER, *CUM LAUDE* †  
MASON REID BARNES, *CUM LAUDE*  
JOHN CHARLES BECK  
LAUREN ELISA BEVINS †  
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JOHN BURGESS NEUHOFF  
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\* ADR Certificate Recipient

† Fellows, Public Interest Society: Students who completed 50 hours or more of voluntary service

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# THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR.

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William H. Pryor Jr. serves as Chief Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

In 2013–18, he served on the United States Sentencing Commission and, in 2017–18, served as Acting Chair.

He has taught as a visiting professor at the University of Alabama School of Law and as an adjunct professor at the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University.

He served as the 45th Attorney General of Alabama from 1997 to 2004. When he took office, he was the youngest attorney general in the nation. In his reelection, he received the highest percentage of votes of any statewide candidate.

He graduated *magna cum laude* from Tulane Law School where he finished first in the common-law curriculum and served as editor in chief of the *Tulane Law Review*. He then clerked for Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

He is a member of The American Law Institute and an Adviser for the RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS. He is a coauthor with Bryan Garner, Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh, and several other judges of a treatise, THE LAW OF JUDICIAL PRECEDENT. He has published in the *Yale Law Journal Forum*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, *Yale Law & Policy Review*, *George Mason Law Review*, *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, and *Tulane Law Review*, among others. He has published op-eds in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *National Review*, and *USA Today*. He has lectured at several law schools and debated at National Lawyers' Conventions of the Federalist Society and at the Oxford Union in the United Kingdom. And he is listed among several "widely admired judicial writers" in Bryan Garner's *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style*.

He is a member of the Tulane Law School Hall of Fame and has received the Defender of the Constitution Award from the Heritage Foundation, the Jurist of the Year Award from the *Texas Review of Law & Politics*, and the St. Thomas More Award from the St. Thomas More Society of Atlanta. Judge Pryor is also a proud member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.





