



COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY'S THOMAS GOODE JONES SCHOOL OF LAW



Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law has earned a reputation for providing students with a strong legal education in a distinctive, caring, Christian community. 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 legal study. Faulkner Law's onsite legal clinics, field placements, law review, student organizations, and award-winning advocacy programs complement an outstanding classroom education that equips students with practice-ready skills.

The law school has produced over 2,800 graduates residing and working in 42 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, business, education, and leading law firms across the nation. Faulkner Law graduates are making a difference in their communities and beyond.

In August 2020, Faulkner Law added a new scheduling option for students. In addition to the Full-Time Schedule and Flexible Schedule, the law school added the Executive Schedule offering students a reduced load of blended classes over four years. The blended classes meet on campus twice a month and have an online, distance education component during the week. Today, Faulkner Law is graduating its first full cohort of Executive Schedule students, along with the Full-Time Schedule students.

Today, we are pleased to celebrate the Class of 2024's graduation and welcome them into the Faulkner Law alumni community.

GREG ALLEN BIOGRAPHY



It is hard to imagine Greg Allen apart from the practice of law, but it was almost by chance that he found his calling. In the late 1970s, Greg was working for the railroad in Atlanta when he got a call that he was being transferred to Montgomery, Alabama. He loaded up his pickup truck with all his worldly belongings and made the move. Shortly after arriving in Montgomery, he saw an ad for Jones School of Law that said students could attend classes at night. He applied and was accepted.

In 1980, Greg began working for Jere Beasley as his first law clerk, right after Beasley opened his private practice. In the beginning, Greg worked at the law office for free, hoping to gain experience while attending law school.

Today, he is a principal and lead products liability attorney at the Beasley Allen Law Firm. He has been involved in many product liability cases that have resulted in substantial verdicts and settlements, and enjoys taking on giant corporations on behalf of people who have been seriously injured, especially in difficult and technical cases.

Greg is a past president of the Montgomery Trial Lawyers Association and has been on the executive committee for the Alabama Association for Justice. Greg is a member of the board of directors for the Attorney's Information Exchange Group (AIEG). He also is currently the chairman of the journal committee of the Alabama Association for Justice (ALAJ). He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Bullock/Barbour County Bar Association, and the Tocqueville Society. Additionally, Greg serves on the Alabama State University Continuing Education Advisory Council.

Greg has taught products liability at a number of seminars and for one semester at Jones School of Law, which honored Greg by naming their mock trial competition "The J. Greg Allen Trial Competition." Greg was the chairman of the steering committee in Thomas Goode Jones School of Law's effort to obtain ABA approval, which has since been accomplished.

In October 2010, Jones School of Law announced it would name a new addition to the law school after him – the Allen Law Center. The Center officially opened on November 15, 2011.

In February 2019, Greg was honored by the Southern Trial Lawyers Association with the War Horse Award. This recognition celebrates the nation's most outstanding trial lawyers. Acknowledged leaders in their communities, the recipients have been active in practice for more than 30 years, demonstrate outstanding skill as trial advocates, and show exceptional commitment to furthering the cause of justice.

Greg has been selected to Alabama (Midsouth) Super Lawyers 2008–2022 and has been included in The Best Lawyers in America from 2011–2021. Greg was named the Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year" in Montgomery in 2020 and 2022. In 2021, he was recognized by Best Lawyers in the Product Liability Litigation—Plaintiffs category. Greg has also been named to the LawDragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, which is the 500 best attorneys across the nation in this category. In 2021, Greg was honored by being added to the Lawdragon Hall of Fame.

The Beasley Allen firm has grown from a one-person law firm to now over 100 lawyers. The motto is "helping those who need it most."

Greg is married to the former Jane Anne Howell of Lafayette, Alabama, and they have two children. Tracy Williford, married to T.J. Williford, resides in Montgomery, Alabama. They have two daughters, Avery and Collins, and one son, John Mills. The Allens' son Evan is also a lawyer, having earned his J.D. from Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in 2012. He practices in Beasley Allen's Personal Injury Section in the Mobile office. Evan's wife's name is Cameron, and they have two sons, Rawlins and Greg.

PROGRAM

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



Processional

Invocation

THURSTON H. REYNOLDS, II
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Welcome

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL
DEAN AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

Faculty Farewell

A. JEROME DEES
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Student Farewell

ROBERT J. BROOM

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

D. MITCHELL HENRY
PRESIDENT, FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

Commencement Address

GREG ALLEN, ESQ.

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

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

MELVIN L. OTEY
PROFESSOR OF LAW

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WILLIAM SHEPARD ALDERMAN IV

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