

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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HBCU COMMENCEMENT



On May 16th, JPMorgan Chase presented a commencement ceremony for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The event recognized graduates from over 78 colleges and universities. It was hosted by Kevin Hart and included special messages from former President Barack Obama and a host of entertainers, influencers and athletes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CEREMONY

The Law Center hosted a virtual acknowledgement ceremony for the Spring 2020 class. The virtual event featured special messages from Governor John B. Edwards, President Ray L. Belton, Chancellor Pierre, and other faculty. Graduates submitted messages of gratitude towards family, friends, and campus community that assisted in their matriculation of law school. Later that evening, graduates and their families participated in a virtual reception where they could fellowship with faculty and staff.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



BRAIN COVINGTON

Covington was chosen for active duty service as an Air Force Judge Advocate. As a member of this elite group of law professionals, he'll provide a full range of legal services to the U.S. Air Force and its Airmen.



RACHEL GENTRY

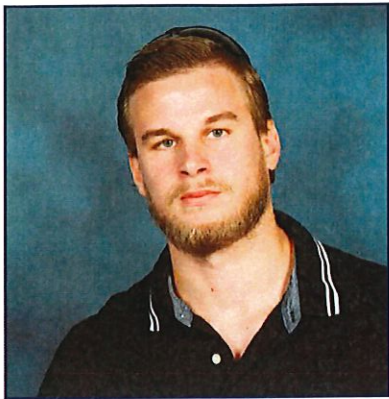
Gentry was accepted as a Louisiana fellow for the New Leaders Council this month. New Leaders Council is a company dedicated to educating a new generation of leaders and to provide those leaders with the tools they need to succeed.



STACY PORCHE

Porche was chosen as a summer associate for Fennemore Craig. She will be stationed at the Phoenix, AZ office.

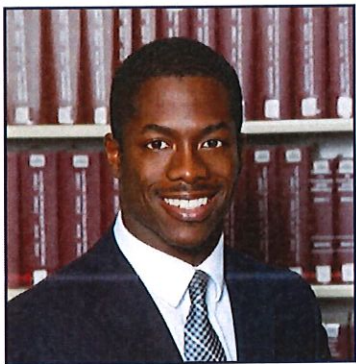
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JAMES PETERSEN

Petersen was selected as a 2020 American Bar Association John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund Legal Fellow. This award is presented each summer to three law students who will be working for a bar association or legal services program designed to assist homeless or prevent homelessness or indigent clients or their advocates.

DARIUS HOLLIDAY, JAMES MASON, MOLLIE PONDS AND SHANELLE STATEN



Darius Holliday, James Mason, Mollie Ponds and Shanelle Staten were chosen for Peggy Browning fellowships. The law students will be placed at social justice and professional organizations across the country. The following are their current placements:

Holliday, a rising third-year law student, will be a fellow at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America in Pittsburgh, PA.

James Mason, a third-year law student, will be a fellow the Los Angeles Black Worker Center in Los Angeles, CA.

Ponds, a rising second year law student, will be completing her fellowship at the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice in New Orleans, LA.

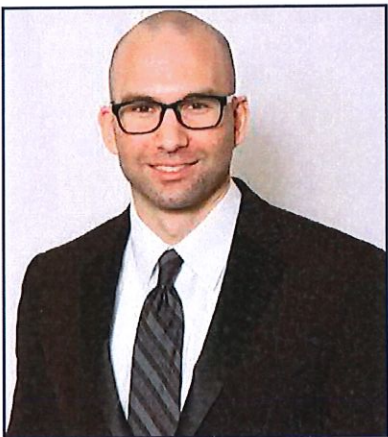
Shanelle, a rising second-year law student, will complete her fellowship at the Equal Justice Center in Austin, TX.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



DELESO ALFORD

Professor Alford was chosen to represent the Law Center on Governor Bel Edwards' COVID-19 Health Equity Taskforce. She is serving on the Public and Regulatory Policy subcommittee which will provides input relative to policies and laws that impacts health disparities.



ADAM CREPELLE

Crepelle was reappointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

ALUMNI NEWS



DEIDRE D. ROBERT

Robert was recently selected to serve as the secretary of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She graduated from the Law Center in 2000 and presently serves as executive counsel for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.



PAMMELA S. LATTIER

Lattier, '89, became the first African American Chief Judge for the Shreveport City Court on May 22nd. She is also the first woman in the position. Prior to her election to the bench, Lattier served as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Louisiana.



IKEECIA COLENBERG

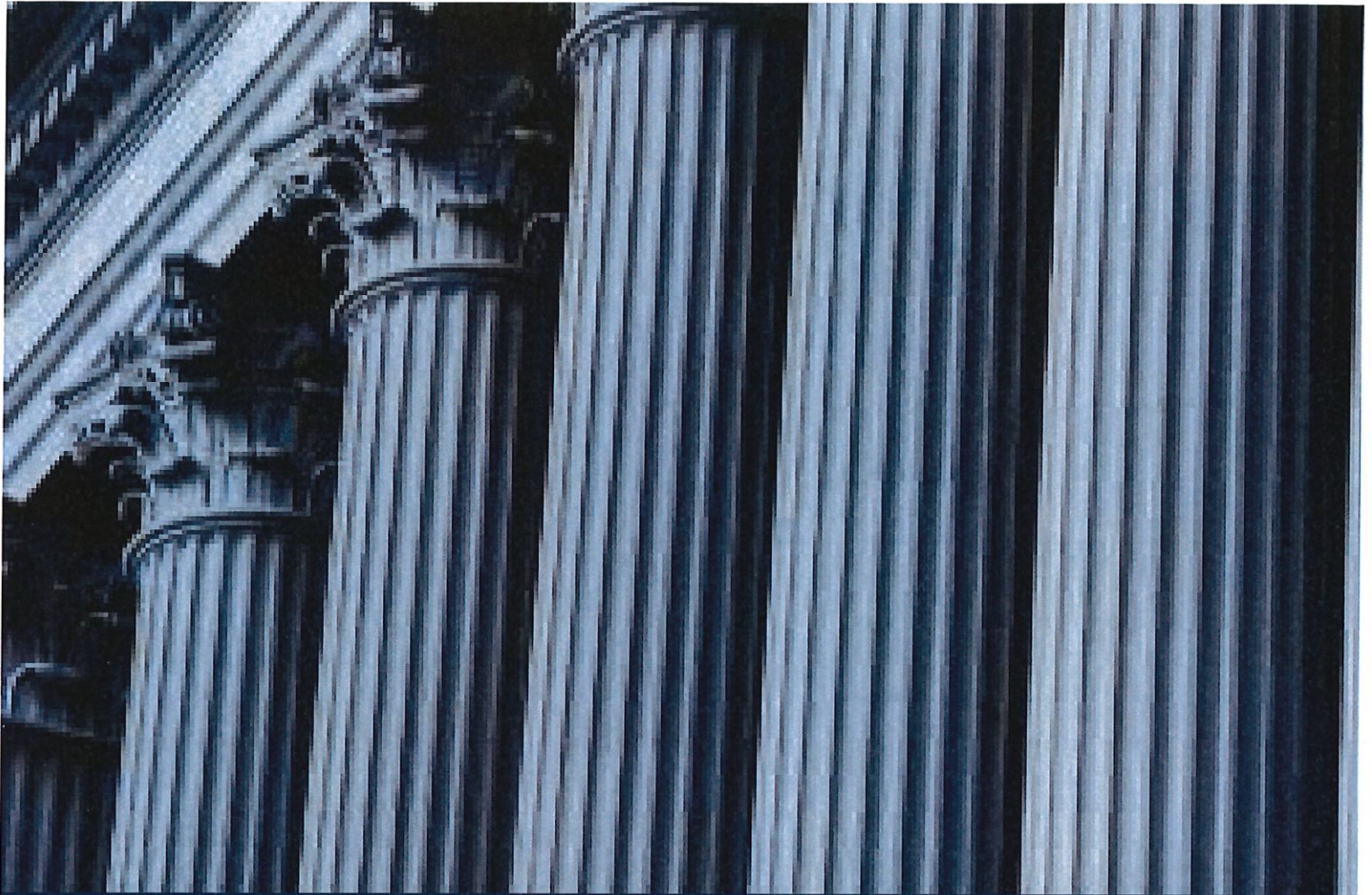
Colenberg recently became the County Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County in Mississippi. She is the youngest county prosecutor in the state of Mississippi.

ALUMNI NEWS

HELEN M. DANIEL AND KATHERYN Y. WILLIAMS



Daniel and Williams, '07, won a case defending the FMLA act against telecommunications company, AT&T. The Fifth Circuit reversed AT&T's early win in a suit accusing the telecom giant of firing a worker for taking medical leave after suffering an injury, faulting the district court's "unusual and exceptional" refusal to let her take depositions or provide documents to help bolster her case.



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