

**The University of Mississippi School of Law**  
**Professionalism Oath Ceremony**  
**Friday, August 19, 2022**

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**Welcome**                      **Susan H. Duncan, Dean and Professor of Law**

**Remarks**                      **Randy G. Pierce, Director of Mississippi Judicial College**

**Oath**                      *All students at the University of Mississippi School of Law take the Oath of Professionalism, marking your official entry into the legal profession.*

*“As I begin the study of law at the University of Mississippi, I, \_\_\_\_\_, gratefully acknowledge the privileges inherent in becoming a lawyer and willingly accept the responsibilities that must accompany those privileges.*

*From this day forward, I promise to do my utmost to live up to the high ideals of my chosen profession. I will remember that my actions reflect not only upon myself, but upon the University of Mississippi School of Law and the legal profession. I vow to be a person of principle, truth, compassion, strength, and courage. At all times, I will conduct myself with dignity and civility, showing kindness and respect toward my classmates, teachers, and all persons.*

*I have read the University of Mississippi School of Law Honor Code, and I hereby commit that I will conduct my life in accordance with the values and standards expressed therein.*

*This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.”*

**Pinning**                      *At this time please rise one row at time, beginning with the first row. Come forward to sign the oath, receive your professionalism pin, and return to your seat.*

**Closing**                      **John F. Fletcher, Partner at Jones Walker**