

Welcome

Jones Law School to Host ABA Representation in Mediation Competition

In April 2010, Jones Law School will host the regionals for the American Bar Association Representation in Mediation Competition. The school's team of **Reid Strickland** and **Stephanie Joppeck** placed seventh nationally at the ABA finals in New York City this past April.

Faulkner University's Jones School of Law offers the only ADR Certificate program available through a law school in the Southeast. The program was developed by **Professor Ken Dunham** in 1997, who continues to oversee it. Courses offered include dispute resolution processes, negotiation, arbitration and a mediation clinic (in addition to the traditional interviewing

and counseling courses). Law students in the mediation clinic mediate cases with litigants of the Autauga and Montgomery Small Claims courts, and have been a great source of free volunteer mediators for these courts.

The ADR program at Jones was developed by **Professor Ken Dunham** in 1997, and its success continues through his ongoing efforts at keeping a high quality program finely tuned. Many of our young Alabama lawyers are graduates of the ADR Certificate program, and are able to use mediation for their clients with confidence. Professor Dunham may be reached at (334) 386-7186. ▲▲▲

Quality Paralegal Education



■ Our Mission

The Faulkner University Legal Studies Department seeks to provide a program that supports its students during their academic and professional careers. Upon graduation, students will be well equipped to begin or continue an exciting career as a paralegal.

■ What are typical paralegal responsibilities?

Paralegals work in many areas of law including litigation, real estate, corporate, probate and estate planning, intellectual property, family law, labor law, and bankruptcy. Paralegals perform tasks such as investigating facts, drafting legal documents, legal research, interviewing clients and witnesses, maintaining contact with clients, and the maintenance of legal files.

■ What can I not do as a paralegal?

A paralegal/legal assistant cannot give legal advice, represent a client in court, establish a fee, or accept a case on behalf of an attorney.

■ How do I choose a Legal Studies Program?

One way to ensure you receive a quality education is to choose a program with instruction specific to the skills required for the state. Secondly, it is important to choose a program with academic standards, such as those required by the American Bar Association.

Faulkner University's Legal Studies Program is approved by the American Bar Association. The Faulkner University Legal Studies program offers an ABA Approved curriculum exclusively at its Montgomery campus, with a strong reputation of academic excellence.

■ How can I get started?

Legal Study courses are offered at convenient times that cater to the needs of students of all ages. Our faculty is comprised of experienced practitioners with outstanding academic credentials. Contact Marci Johns, J.D., Director of Legal Studies today!

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