

Chief Justice Waller to talk about ethics at law student orientations

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Students entering law school must embrace basic principles of ethics and professionalism as well as master the complexities of the law. That's the message which Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. will give students entering two Mississippi law schools.

Chief Justice Waller will give the keynote address to first year law students at Mississippi College School of Law at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. Mississippi College School of Law Dean James H. Rosenblatt and Mississippi Bar President Hugh D. Keating also will address students. Orientation will be held at the B.C. Rogers Student Center on the Clinton campus of Mississippi College.

Chief Justice Waller will be the keynote speaker at the University of Mississippi School of Law's orientation at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Robert C. Khayat Law Center in Oxford. University of Mississippi School of Law Dean Richard Gershon and Keating also will address students.

Chief Justice Waller said, "Ethics and civility are core values of the legal profession. It's our duty as members of the Bar to emphasize the importance of professionalism at the start of these students' legal training."

"I also look forward to having the opportunity to talk to the students about the importance of pro bono service," Chief Justice Waller said.

The James O. Dukes Law School Professionalism Program is sponsored by the Mississippi Bar as part of orientation for students entering law school. The program is named in honor of its founder, the late James O. Dukes of Gulfport, a former Mississippi Bar president.

Both orientation programs will include small group discussions of hypothetical ethical dilemmas which lawyers may face. Judges and lawyers from across the state serve as facilitators for the breakout group sessions. Students will also have an opportunity to meet and talk with individual judges and lawyers.

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