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TO THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE CHAPTERS OF PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY

We, the undersigned, regular law students in the Law Department of the University of Alabama, situated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, hereby petition for permission to organize a Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity at the above institution, and to that end we respectfully ask to be initiated into your Fraternity, and that you grant us, when initiated, a charter as a subordinate chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

We severally agree to abide by the constitution and the rules of said Fraternity, if accepted as charter members of a subordinate chapter thereof.

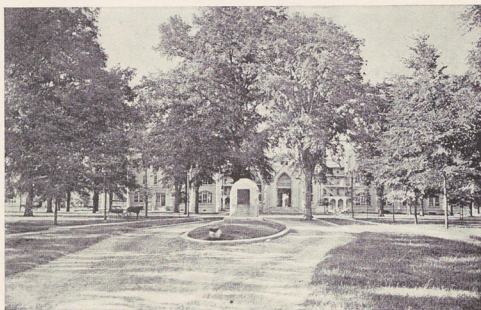
Should a charter be granted in accordance with this petition, we desire the name of the chapter to be: MORGAN CHAPTER OF PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY.

Dated at University, Ala., this 17th day of February, 1922.

NAME	YEAR IN SCHOOL
S. W. Bailey.....	Junior
W. P. Beasley.....	Junior
W. S. Chalker.....	Junior
Leigh M. Clark.....	Junior
Robert W. Huddleston.....	Junior
Harvey E. Page.....	Junior
John C. Pearson.....	Junior
E. G. Pilcher.....	Junior
John J. Sparkman.....	Junior
William G. Black.....	Sophomore
Ben Y. Cooper.....	Sophomore
Clifford C. Farmer.....	Sophomore
J. E. Foster.....	Sophomore
James Moody Proctor.....	Sophomore
Al G. Rives.....	Sophomore
W. Henry Thomas.....	Sophomore



UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM



CAMPUS SCENE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Alabama was admitted to the Union in 1819. The first legislature of the new state created the "University of Alabama," and provided for its beginning. Tuscaloosa was chosen for its location, and work was begun immediately.

In 1865, when the buildings were burned by the Federal troops school was suspended for the rest of the war. Erection of new buildings was begun in 1867 and instruction was resumed in 1869. From that time on the University of Alabama has enjoyed steady growth, and today is recognized as one of the foremost colleges in the South. It is a member of the American Association of Colleges.

Dr. George H. Denny, the President, is one of the best known and ablest college presidents in America. During the late war he was assistant to Secretary Hoover. Dr. P. P. Claxton, until recently United States Commissioner of Education, is Provost to the President. Among the faculty are many others who are nationally known.

The University is now comprised of the following Schools and Colleges:

- I. The College of Arts and Sciences.
- II. The School of Law.
- III. The School of Education.
- IV. The College of Engineering.
- V. The School of Commerce and Business Administration.
- VI. The School of Medicine.
- VII. The School of Mines.
- VIII. The Summer School for Teachers.

The total enrollment in these last year was about 2200. All are on the same campus, which is said to be one of the most beautiful in America, consisting of 300 acres, shaded with beautiful large oaks.

The University of Alabama supports the following national fraternities, given in order of establishment at the University:

ACADEMIC

Delta Kappa Epsilon
Phi Gamma Delta
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Kappa Sigma
Sigma Nu
Sigma Chi
Phi Delta Theta
Alpha Tau Omega
Kappa Alpha
Phi Kappa Sigma
Zeta Beta Tau
Pi Kappa Phi
Lambda Chi Alpha
Sigma Alpha Nu
Chi Phi
Kappa Nu

ACADEMIC—HONORARY

Phit Beta Kappa
PROFESSIONAL—MEDICAL

Phi Chi
Phi Beta Pi
Kappa Psi

ENGINEERING

Theta Tau

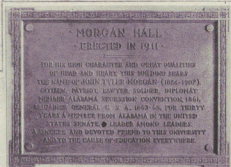
HONORARY FORENSIC

Sigma Upsilon
Alpha Phi Epsilon
Tau Kappa Alpha

JOURNALISTIC

Pi Delta Epsilon

In athletic reputation Alabama is probably unsurpassed. Within the last few years it has sent many players direct to the major leagues, sending last year within less than eight months three men to the Cleveland Indians directly from school. In football, baseball, basketball and track Alabama is recognized as a school of the highest standing, and in every phase of college work it enjoys a similar reputation.



MORGAN HALL—HOME OF THE LAW SCHOOL

HISTORY OF THE LAW SCHOOL

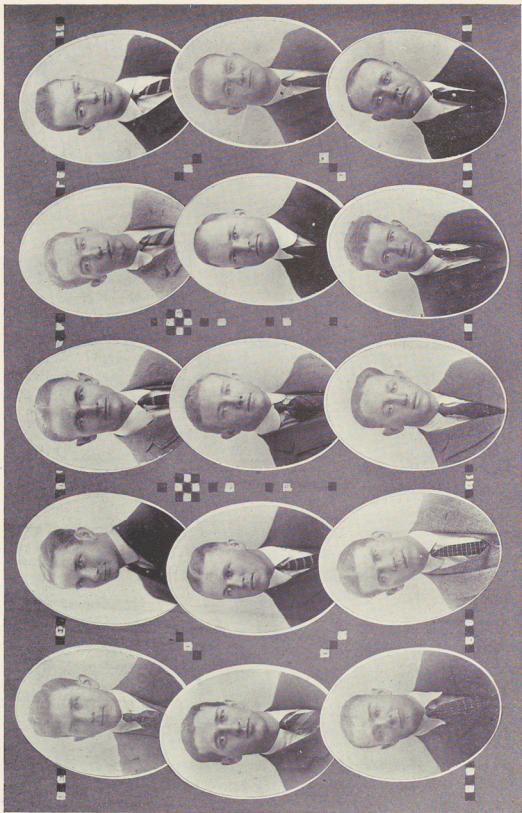
The University of Alabama School of Law was opened in 1845 by Honorable Benjamin F. Porter, one of the state's ablest jurists of early times. After the Civil War it was reopened by Judge Henderson M. Somerville, probably the ablest jurist of his day in Alabama, who was also Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. It was during his time on the bench that Alabama decisions and Alabama courts attained such a high standing with American jurists and in American courts. Judge Somerville remained at the head of the Law School until 1885, turning out lawyers who have held with distinction many places of honor in public life.

Until 1920 the Law School had a curriculum of two years. But then it was raised to three years, of thirty-six weeks each. It is due to putting this into effect that there will not be a regular graduating class in law this year. The entrance requirements have been raised, and now a thorough course is given, meeting the requirements for membership in the American Association of Law Schools. The case book method is combined with lectures, texts, and practice court work. Recitations are held only in the forenoon. There have never been any night classes in the Law School.

The School of Law occupies the entire third floor of Morgan Hall, the home of the School of Education and the principal building in the academic departments. The third floor consists of class rooms, library, smoking room, and offices. The enrollment at present is about 120 students taking first and second year work.

The Library, consisting of about 7500 volumes, places at the disposal of the students some of the best works of law and reports of cases obtainable. A liberal allowance is given each year for further increase of the number of volumes.

At the head of the School of Law is Dean A. J. Farrah, one of the ablest law professors to be found anywhere. Dean Farrah is the founder of the Law Schools of Stetson University, and of the University of Florida. He came to Alabama in 1914, and since coming here, has been constantly building up the Law School.



PHI LAMBDA SIGMA LAW CLUB

In October, 1920, a group of Seniors in the Law School of the University of Alabama organized themselves into a club which they named "Phi Lambda Sigma." During the year other law students from both classes were taken in as members. The purposes of organizing the local club were "to encourage scholarly attainments, to make real and lasting friendships, and to inculcate the highest ideals of the legal profession," but above all, to petition Phi Alpha Delta for the establishments of a charter here of the fraternity.

The men who make up the membership of Phi Lambda Sigma, both alumni and present active members, have been and are leaders in their class work and in student activities. Ever since founding the organization they have stood together and worked for the upbuilding of the University of Alabama, and especially of the Law School.

Membership is limited to those students in the Law School who are working for a degree and intend to enter the practice of law. There are no honorary members, not considering it wise to take honorary members into the local. The number has purposely been kept small in order to have only the best—those who are ready and willing to work for the club and its ideals. At present membership consists of sixteen students—ten Juniors and six Sophomores—there being no Seniors because of the change from a two year to a three year curriculum.

Meetings are held weekly. At these meetings very interesting and instructive programs, consisting of legal discussions and addresses, are given.

Plans were early made for petitioning Phi Alpha Delta, but it was decided best to wait until the organization was fully completed and a strongly united local was formed. Immediately upon coming back in the fall Phi Lambda Sigma began planning to petition Phi Alpha Delta, was passed upon by the Supreme Board and endorsed at the last National Convention. If successful in getting into Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Lambda Sigma will ever do its best for the promotion of the fraternity and for the upholding of its high ideals.

PETITIONERS' INDIVIDUAL DATA

STEVE WARREN BAILEY

Of Aliceville, Ala. Born April 10, 1902, Aliceville, Ala. Aliceville High School, 1916-17. Graduate Tuscaloosa City High School, '20. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Y. M. C. A., Law Forum. Father, J. W. Bailey, Lumber Dealer, Aliceville, Ala. Will practice Law at Carrollton, Ala.

WILLIAM PRUETTE BEASLEY

Of Clayton, Ala. Born September 17, 1896, Clayton, Ala. Graduate Troy Normal School, '16. President Calhoun Literary Society. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Order Officer of Law Forum. Father, Daniel F. Beasley, Farmer and Stockman. Expects to practice Law at Birmingham, Ala.

WILLIAM SAMFORD CHALKER

Of Ozark, Ala. Born May 27, 1900, Ozark, Ala. Graduate Dale County High School, '16. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Masonic Club, Law Forum, Tennis Club, Honor Roll, '21, President Law Class of '22. Father, B. H. Chalker, Attorney, Ozark, Ala. Will practice Law at Ozark, Ala.

LEIGH MALLET CLARK, A.B.

Of Camden, Ala. Born May 16, 1901, Auburn, Ala. Graduate Crenshaw County High School, '17. Alabama Polytechnic Institute, 1917-19. Member Wirt Literary Society, Distinction. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Alpha Phi Epsilon Literary Fraternity, Sigma Upsilon Journalistic Fraternity, Philomathic, President Law Forum, Executive Committee, Honor Committee, Editor-in-Chief Crimson-White, Corolla Board. Father, George S. Clark, High School Principal, Camden, Ala. Expects to practice Law in Birmingham, Ala.

ROBERT WINSTON HUDDLESTON

Of Deatsville, Ala. Born February 27, 1900, Speigners, Ala. Barnes High School, 1913-17. Graduate Marion Military Institute, '20. Football Team, Baseball Team. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Masonic Club, President Forensic Council, Vice-President Law Forum, Philomathic Literary Society. Father, Robert Leo Huddleston, Physician and State Senator, Deatsville, Ala. Expects to Practice Law at Montgomery, Ala.

HARVEY E. PAGE

Of Castleberry, Ala. Born January 10, 1901, Sparta, Ala. Graduate Conecuh County High School, '18; two years experience in teaching in public schools of the State. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Law Forum, Y. M. C. A. Father is Allen Page, Attorney of Castleberry, Ala. Expects to practice Law at Evergreen, Ala.

JOHN CHARLES PEARSON

Of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Born September 1, 1899, Thomasville, Ala. Graduate of Tuscaloosa City High School, '19. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Sigma Chi Fraternity. Member Law Forum. Will practice Law at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Father, John Charles Pearson, deceased.

JOHN JACKSON SPARKMAN, A. B.

Of Hartselle, Ala. Born December 20, 1899, Hartselle, Ala. Graduate Morgan County High School, '17. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama. Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Phi Epsilon Literary Fraternity, Sigma Upsilon, Pi Delta Epsilon, Philomathic Literary Society, Quadrangle Club, Junior Faculty, Law Forum, Fellowship Club, Football and Basketball Class Teams, Tennis Club, Boxing Club, Executive Committee, Honor Committee, ex-Editor-in-Chief Crimson-White, Forensic Council, President Y. M. C. A., Instructor and Assistant in History, Masonic Club. Father, Whitten Joseph Sparkman, Farmer, Hartselle, Ala. Will practice Law in Alabama.

ESTON GRADY PILCHER

Of Ozark, Ala. Born February 28, Ozark, Ala. Graduate State Normal School, Troy, Ala., '17, Peabody Institute, 1919-20. Law Class of '23, University of Alabama, Masonic Club, Executive Committee, Law Forum, Law Forum Representative in Inter-Club Debating Contest, Honor Committee. Father, Swinn Reese Pilcher, Planter, Ozark, Ala. Expects to practice Law at Birmingham, Ala.

BEN YANCEY COOPER

Of Birmingham, Ala. Born December 28, 1900, Opelika, Ala. Graduate Central High School, Birmingham, Ala., '18. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. Associate Editor Crimson-White, Corolla Board, Philomathic Literary Society, Alpha Phi Epsilon Literary Fraternity. Will receive A. B. Degree in May of '22. Father, Ben Alston Cooper, Feed and Grain Wholesale Merchant, Birmingham, Ala. Expects to practice Law at Birmingham, Ala.

WILLIAM GARNER BLACK

Of Birmingham, Ala. Born August 4, 1894, Heflin, Ala. Graduate Jefferson County High School, '19. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. Member Law Forum, Masonic Club. Father, William Owen Black, Wholesale Groceryman, Birmingham, Ala. Will practice Law in Birmingham, Ala.

CLIFFORD CORBIN FARMER, JR.

Of New York City. Born January 26, 1901, Warrenton, Ga. Columbia Military Academy, 1917-18. New York Military Academy, 1918-20. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama, Sigma Chi Fraternity. Member Cotillion Club, Law Forum, Glee Club. Father, Clifford Corbin Farmer, Stock Broker, New York City. Will practice Law in Alabama.

JOSEPH EUGENE FOSTER

Of Montgomery, Ala. Born July 16, 1904, Montgomery, Ala. Graduate Sidney Lanier High School, '19; Alabama Polytechnic Institute, 1919-20. Taylor Literary Society, Distinction, '20. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. College Band. Father, William John Foster, Salesman, Montgomery, Ala. Will practice Law at Montgomery, Ala.

JAMES MOODY PROCTOR

Os Scottsboro, Ala. Born February 16, 1901, Scottsboro, Ala. Graduate Jackson County High School, '16. Graduate Marion Military Institute, '18. Cadet Lieutenant. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. Sigma Chi Fraternity. Member Law Forum, Stewards Club. Will receive B. S. Degree in May of 1922. Father, John Franklin Proctor, Lawyer, Scottsboro, Ala. Will practice Law at Scottsboro, Ala.

ALBERT GORDON RIVES

Of Birmingham, Ala. Born April 12, 1901, Birmingham, Ala. Graduate Jefferson County High School, '20. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. Sigma Chi Fraternity, Baseball, Football, Erosophic Literary Society, Law Forum, Blackfriar Players, President Class of '24. Father, John R. T. Rives, Real Estate and Insurance Agent, Birmingham, Ala. Expects to practice Law at Birmingham, Ala.

WILLIAM HENRY THOMAS, JR., A. B.

Of Ashby, Ala. Born July 11, 1897, Ashby Ala. Graduate Bibb County High School, '17. Graduate Lincoln Memorial University, '21. Editor-in-Chief Blue and Gray, Baseball, Medals in Debating and Oratory, Representative in Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, President Senior Class, President Grant-Lee Literary Society. Law Class of '24, University of Alabama. Father, William Henry Thomas, Sr., Farmer, Ashby, Ala. Expects to practice Law at Centreville, Ala.

PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY

January 31, 1922.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity—Greetings:

I am glad to add my personal endorsement to the petition of the group from the University of Alabama. The committee of investigation appointed by me has heartily recommended that the petition be favorably acted upon.

It was my pleasure to meet and to know personally the representative of the petitioning group, who attended our convention in Kansas City. The opportunity for investigation thus afforded me, combined with the report which I have received, leads me to believe that the members of Phi Lambda Sigma are truly representative of the best element in the Law School of the University of Alabama and are worthy in every respect of admission to brotherhood in Phi Alpha Delta.

I heartily recommend the unanimous approval of this petition.

Faternally yours,

AUGUST A. RENDIGS, JR.,

Past Supreme Justice.

PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FFATERNITY

January 30, 1922.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity:

There certainly ought to be a chapter of P. A. D. at the University of Alabama, and if Al. G. Rives, who attended the National Convention of P. A. D., is a fair representative of the Phi Lambda Sigma Fraternity which is petitioning us, we should waste no time in voting them in. The new South can not reach the height of its development without an abundant sprinkling of P. A. D. chapters. Brothers, it's up to you!

H. W. HUMBLE,

Editor-in-Chief of the Phi Alpha Delta Quarterly.

STATE OF IOWA

Supreme Court
Des Moines

February 9, 1922.

To the Supreme Executive Board and Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta:

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in recommending for your consideration the Phi Lambda Sigma local fraternity who are petitioning for charter in Phi Alpha Delta. It was my privilege during the past year to visit the University of Alabama, and it was but natural that I should give special attention to the Law Department of the University. There can be no question relative to the character of this law school, the caliber of its professors, its equipment, or the personnel of the petitioning group. In my opinion, it is a splendid opportunity to enter a good school, and to be the first Law Fraternity on the campus. I trust the petition will be given favorable consideration.

LAWRENCE DE GRAFF.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Office of the President

January 27, 1922.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity:

Gentlemen: This letter is designed to commend in the highest possible terms the group of young men in our Law School who have organized themselves into a local law fraternity called Phi Lambda Sigma, and who are now applying for membership in the Phi Alpha Delta National Law Fraternity.

I am sure that it would be quite difficult to bring together a group of young men who, in point of scholarship, character, and promise, would commend themselves more highly to the University authorities. They are representative men in the best sense of that term.

It gives me very great pleasure to endorse the application that is being submitted by the local organization to the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity, and I shall be deeply gratified if this application is given favorable consideration.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

G. H. DENNY, President.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Whitley P. McCoy
Associate Professor of Law

December 20, 1922.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta:

I heartily recommend that a charter in Phi Alpha Delta be given the Phi Lambda Sigma Fraternity. I am personally acquainted with all the members of this organization, and believe them to be in every way worthy candidates for admission to the best legal fraternity in the country.

The University of Alabama, having no national legal fraternity at present, offers an unusually fine opportunity for fraternity expansion. The Law School has very high standards, conforms to the requirements of the Association of American Law Schools, and is very likely to become a member of that Association within a short time.

WHITLEY. P. M'COY,
John Jay Chapter, 1921.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
School of Law
Office of the Dean

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity:

Gentlemen: I understand that the Phi Lambda Sigma, a local legal fraternity of the University of Alabama, is desirous of making application to become a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

This fraternity is composed of eighteen men at present, ten being members of the second year class, and eight of the first year class. They are honest, earnest, capable young men, who are at the University for work. If your organization should see fit to grant their petition, I feel sure they would at all times maintain and uphold the high ideals for which your organization stands. I also assure you the hearty co-operation of the law faculty, should the petition be granted.

Very truly,

A. J. FARRAH,
Dean of the School of Law.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Office of the Dean

December 21, 1921.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity:

I am informed that the following students: W. S. Chalker, C. C. Farmer, J. M. Proctor, E. G. Pilcher, J. J. Sparkman, H. E. Page, W. H. Thomas, S. W. Bailey, L. M. Clark, B. Y. Cooper, J. C. Pearson, J. E. Foster, W. G. Black, W. P. Beasley, R. W. Huddleston, and Al G. Rives, have organized themselves into a local law fraternity called Phi Lambda Sigma, and are applying for membership in the national law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta. It gives me pleasure to say that, in my opinion, these students are an unusually fine group of men. Their average scholarship is high, and among them are several of our University leaders. One of them, J. J. Sparkman, was last year chosen by a faculty committee as the man who of all our students had done most to maintain the standards and promote the highest ideals of the University. In view of these facts I feel that these young men are worthy of admission to a national law fraternity, and am glad to recommend their admission to Phi Alpha Delta.

Very truly yours,

C. H. BARNWELL, Dean.

February 20, 1922

To the Chapters Phi Alpha Delta—Greetings:

There has been in existence at the University of Alabama for a year and a half a law fraternity known as Phi Lambda Sigma, which is now petitioning the Phi Alpha Delta for a chapter here at the University of Alabama.

The Phi Lambda Sigma is composed of fifteen or sixteen men, who are leaders among the students of the University and who stand well in their law classes. The University has a strong Law Department, which has long ranked well among the Law Schools of this part of the country.

I sincerely hope that the petition of the Phi Lambda Sigma may be granted.

Yours sincerely,

P. P. CLAXTON