

PROFILES IN SERVICE



The phrase “Lawyers Render Service” is more than just motto to Ashley Penhale. Ashley renders service not just to her clients, but also to other lawyers, future lawyers and her community.

Ashley is a 2010 cum laude graduate of Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. After her admission to the Alabama State Bar, Ashley joined Copeland, Franco, Screws and Gill, P.A., in September 2010. Since that time, she has actively given her time, legal expertise, and compassion to better her community.

Ashley regularly volunteers at the monthly Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer Counsel and Advice Clinic, assisting indigent clients both during the clinic and after, if additional help is needed. In the last twelve months, she has worked on nearly twenty different pro bono cases, encompassing areas of law including employment, probate, domestic, and property redemption. In recognition of her service, she was selected as one of three finalists for the 2013 Montgomery County Volunteer Lawyer of the Year.

Service to her colleagues is also important to Ashley. Ashley is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Women’s Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Earlier this year, Ashley was elected to the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Bar Association where she also serves as co-chair of the Bar’s annual charity event. Ashley was also recently selected to join the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Montgomery County Bar Association that oversees the Volunteer Lawyer Program.

Ashley also gives of her time to the future of the legal profession, serving as a coach for a high school mock trial team that competes in the YMCA Youth Judicial Mock Trial Competition, as well as volunteering as a judge for mock trial and moot court competitions at Faulkner Law. She has advised prospective, incoming, and current students attending Faulkner Law, and has counseled third-year students entering the practice of law. She was recently selected as one of two graduates from Faulkner Law to address first-year students during their orientation about professionalism, and the keys to success during and after law school.

Outside of her service to the legal community, Ashley is active in the American Cancer Society as a member of the Junior Executive Board. She volunteers with the Montgomery Junior League, and is an advisor to the Chi Omega fraternal organization at Huntingdon College.

Ashley’s willingness to use her talents in multiple capacities to help others reflects her servant’s heart. She embodies the qualities and characteristics that are honored during National Pro Bono Week. Faulkner Law is proud to recognize her efforts.

