



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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You're Never Too Old to Learn or Inspire

Sara Dominick Clark has always been remarkable.

At the age of 16, she entered Birmingham Southern College. From there, she enrolled at the University of Alabama Law School. She got married, had three daughters and was a successful lawyer. She took a break from her law practice to raise her children, but found that once they were grown, she longed to fill a professional void. In the spring of 1976, she approached Dean Donald Corley of Cumberland School of Law and asked for a job. She didn't know that this decision would be life-altering.



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Decisions that color your biography are not limited to your 20s or 30s, where every choice seems to carry consequences for decades to come. They are around every corner and crossroad, ready and waiting to take you by surprise. This was the case for Professor Clark—to me she will always be known as “professor” because she taught me property law at Cumberland. She had an impact on me, both personally and professionally, with her kindness, wit and listening ear, in *and* out of the classroom. Her time at Cumberland School of Law was the pinnacle of a unique career, but what makes her different is the character she has exhibited all her life. Her former students, colleagues, friends and family all echo the same sentiments: Sara Clark has inspired many because she genuinely cares about people. She’s invested in others. She’s a listener. She inspires future interest in the legal field.

Today, she is still an active member of the Alabama State Bar. Yes, you read that correctly. She is our bar’s oldest member and turned 100 this year. Though Professor Clark has not practiced law for many years, she has maintained her membership with the bar. To me, this is significant and a reminder that the Alabama State Bar is an organization for life-long learning. Often lawyers think of the bar as a temporary professional need, but as Professor Clark has demonstrated, it can be much more. We are honored by the continued membership of Sara Dominick Clark and the contributions she has made to the legal profession over the decades she has served her community and Cumberland School of Law.

Thank you, Professor Sara Dominick Clark, for inspiring me and so many others to dedicate themselves to serving this profession and the Alabama State Bar. ▲