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## **MEMPHIS LAW HOSTS DIVERSITY & PRE-LAW DAY**

*Renowned crisis manager Judy Smith to participate as keynote speaker*

**Memphis, TN** – The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law will host Diversity and Pre-Law Day on February 21, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. as part of the University of Memphis' ongoing commitment to diversity in the legal profession.

This event is a preparation and preview day for individuals who are enrolled or have graduated from an undergraduate institution and are interested in attending law school. With this year's theme as "Planning for Success" participants will receive various tips on, preparing for law school, submitting a competitive application and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

Special guest Judy Smith, Founder and President of Smith & Co., a leading strategic and crisis communications firm, will give the keynote address. Smith's unique combination of communication skills, media savvy, legal and political acumen serve clients facing a wide array of issues and challenges throughout the United States and abroad. Ms. Smith honed her skills through her experiences with some of the most historic and sensational events of our time, including the Iran Contra investigation, the prosecution of former Washington D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, the 1991 Gulf War, the Los Angeles riots, the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Justice Clarence Thomas, the President Clinton scandal involving Monica Lewinsky, the congressional inquiry of Enron, the General Petraeus CIA scandal, and the United Nations Foundation and World Health Organization response to the SARS epidemic. Ms. Smith was part of the White House staff as Special Assistant and Deputy Press Secretary to President George H. W. Bush. She also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney of the District of Columbia prior to joining the White House staff.

Her notable career is the inspiration behind Shonda Rhimes' hit television drama "Scandal", of which she is co-executive producer. Smith is also the author of "Good Self, Bad Self" in which she offers insight on transforming your worst qualities into your biggest assets for success.

To view a detailed schedule for the day, please [click here>>](#)

To register for the event, please contact Brigitte Boyd at [BYBOYD@MEMPHIS.EDU](mailto:BYBOYD@MEMPHIS.EDU).

To view Judy Smith's bio please [click here>>](#)

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