

A gator in the courtroom

Vicksburg native moves from the football practice field to practicing law

Casey Younger Sr. might be known in Vicksburg for his football talents, but instead of pursuing a career as an athlete, he chose the path less traveled.

The 2004 Vicksburg High School graduate played football for the Gators before extending his career at the next level by playing at Millsaps College in Jackson.

While at Millsaps, the defensive lineman garnered several awards for his work on the field. He was named an NCAA All-American, SCAC Defensive Player of the Year, ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Team, and to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society.

He dreamed of being a professional athlete, but his life didn't exactly turn out the way he thought it would.

"To be honest I thought that I was going to play professional football, but that wasn't God's plan for me," Younger said. "I had options of continuing my dream of playing professional football, but I chose to take the path less traveled. I opted to go to law school rather than chase my dreams of playing football."

At Millsaps he graduated cum laude in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, and pursued his Juris Doctorate at Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, where he graduated in 2012.

Younger primarily practices medical malpractice defense, motor vehicle defense, nursing home and long-term care defense, premises liability, products liability and workers' compensation defense.

For the past four years, he has practiced law in Mississippi and is currently an associate with Wilkins, Patterson, Smith, Pumphrey & Doty in Jackson.

"Practicing law has been rewarding thus far in my career, and I look forward to accomplishing much more and making my hometown proud," Younger said.

Younger's childhood in Vicksburg has greatly impacted his life. As a child he didn't know any lawyers to look up to, but his family and the community made him who he is today by encouraging him to work hard on more than just athletics.

"Throughout my childhood in Vicksburg, I didn't personally know any attorneys or any other professionals to look up to. Nonetheless, my upbringing by my parents showed me that I could rely on my intelligence and not just my athleticism. This inspired me to work hard to



make a better life for my family," Younger said.

Vicksburg still holds a special place in his heart because his family still resides in town. Younger and his wife often visit Vicksburg to see his family, but also to give back to the community.

"I visit often to do charitable work with the community. It's truly a great feeling to come home and be able to help those in my community," Younger said. "Every child that I meet from Vicksburg, I make it my mission to personally mentor that youth and inform them that they can be whatever they desire to be in life."

Younger loves his hometown and is proud to be a native of Vicksburg. He hopes to give back to the community as much as the community has given him.

"I'm extremely proud of my childhood and all that I've learned from growing up in Vicksburg. I wholeheartedly feel that it made me the man that I am today," Younger said.