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Alumni in the News



[UHLC Alumna Sarah Morton \(J.D. '08\) Leads FordHarrison's New Houston Office](#)

Sarah Morton, a University of Houston Law Center alumna, recently established the Houston office for FordHarrison LLP, a national labor and employment defense boutique firm with 27 offices nationwide.



[Alumna Emily Banse Promoted to Senior Counsel at Bracewell](#)

UHLC alumna Emily Banse (J.D. '16) is one of five lawyers recently promoted at Bracewell LLP.



[UHLC's Casey Roy brings commercial bankruptcy expertise to expanding law firm](#)

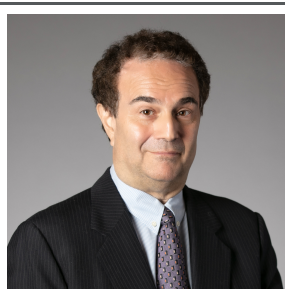
University of Houston Law Center alumnus Casey Roy (J.D. '94) has joined Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, a full-service law firm in Austin.

Faculty In the News



[Texas leaders want to crack down on squatters. Their bill would make it easier to evict any renter](#)

Ryan Marquez, director of the Civil Justice Clinic at the University of Houston Law Center, provided insight and context about tenant rights for this Houston Chronicle article.



[Seth Chandler Comments on Texas Law Related to Abortion Access](#)

University of Houston Law Center Professor Seth Chandler explained the significance of the bipartisan Texas bill filed this month that seeks clarify abortion access in emergencies.



[Emily Berman Quoted in Axio Speech Rights Article](#)

Emily Berman, a constitutional scholar and assistant dean at the University of Houston Law Center, told Axios that secretaries of state haven't tried to remove legal residents based on their speech "because it's unconstitutional."

Other News



[Young Orator Inspires UH Law Center, Connects Community and Classroom](#)

The University of Houston Law Center recently welcomed an extraordinary young voice to the John O'Quinn Law Building: fifth-grader Montoia Murray, the only two-time champion of Houston's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Best Oratory Competition.



[Constitutional Law Expert Warns Expanding Presidential Power Threatens U.S. Democracy](#)

Constitutional Law Expert Erwin Chemerinsky warns about the expansion of presidential power, and how that weakens the congressional and judicial branches and can threaten the U.S. Democracy. The UC Berkeley Law School dean gave a lecture in March at the University of Houston Law School.



[UH Law Center SBA President Duncan Reedyk Helps Rally Support for Harris County Court Expansion](#)

In a significant move to address Harris County's burgeoning legal demands, the Harris County Commissioners Court voted 3-1, with one abstaining, to request that state lawmakers create five additional civil district courts. Judge Beau A. Miller, presiding judge of the 190th Judicial District Court, championed the initiative to expand the county's civil courts.



[Experts Say U.S. Tax Reforms Face Challenges Driven by Political and Economic Uncertainty](#)

International energy and tax law experts gathered at the University of Houston Law Center to discuss the global impact of proposed tariffs, regulatory changes, and investment challenges in the energy sector.

Events

[48th Annual Law Gala and Auction](#)

A Night in the French Quarter

Saturday, April 5, 2025

[RSVP](#)

The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston

[9th Annual North American Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Conference](#)

Rewiring the Future: How Technology, Policy and Investment Are Empowering the New Electricity Era

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Program: 1-5 PM Central Time

[Register](#)

John O'Quinn Law Building

[Golden Brunch](#)

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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