

February 2025

Alumni in the News



UHLC Alumni and Students Help Artist Win Copyright <u>Settlement</u>

When artist Sarah Welch discovered her mural *Commute* had been used without permission in the reality TV show *Bad Hair Day*, she turned to the University of Houston Law Center's Entertainment Law Clinic for help. With the support of law students and recent graduates, she navigated the copyright claims process, ultimately securing a favorable settlement against Warner Bros. Discovery and TLC—while giving the legal team invaluable real-world experience.



Texas Governor Taps UHLC Alumni for State Appointments

Gov. Greg Abbott has appointed UH Law Center alums Katrina Griffith and Sean Gorman to key state roles. Griffith will serve on the Family and Protective Services Council, while Gorman joins the Texas Ethics Commission.



UHLC Grad Nominated for Leadership Position with Texas Young Lawyers Association

UH Law Center alumnus Armin Salek (J.D. '16) is a candidate for president-elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Faculty in the News



UHLC Dean Baynes Appointed to AALS Executive Committee

Leonard M. Baynes, dean of the University of Houston Law Center, has been selected to serve a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools. Founded in 1900, AALS' mission is to advance legal education through excellence in teaching and scholarship.

University of Houston Law Center Professor Elizabeth Trujillo has been named a 2024-2025 Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow and will



spend the Spring semester at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (EUI).

UH Law Professor Trujillo Heads to Italy

UH Law Center's LSS Program Adds New Faculty The University of Houston Law Center's Lawyering Skills and Strategies program has added two new educators to its roster -Maleaha Brown, a clinical associate professor, and Christina Crozier,



clinical assistant professor.



Build a Bouquet

UH Law Center students took a break from their studies to attend the third annual Build A Bouquet event. Director of Wellness Erin Dickson described the event as a much-needed bite-sized creative and relaxing wellness break.



UH Law Center's Black History Month Speaker Calls for Courage and Unity

Dr. Ruth J. Simmons, a trailblazing academic leader who delivered the 2025 Black History Month Lecture, said "We must come together

to come up with sensible policies and make it possible to move forward together."



UH Law Alumni Association Names 2024-2025 Awardees

The University of Houston Law Alumni Association will recognize several University of Houston Law Center alumni, faculty and friends with a variety of accolades at its 48th Annual Law Gala & Auction in April.

Events

Key Policy Considerations for the Administration

Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:00PM - 6:00PM Central Time Virtual

RSVP

Approved for 4 hours of Texas MCLE credit

Big 12 Law Alumni Reception in Kansas City On the opening day of the Big 12 Men's Basketball Tournament, the University of Kansas

School of Law will host a special Big 12 Law Schools Reception at Stinson LLP in downtown Kansas City—just steps from the action!

Dean Leonard Baynes of the University of Houston Law Center will be in attendance to greet UH Law alumni, alongside Dean Stephen Mazza of the University of Kansas School of Law, fellow Big 12 law school deans, alumni, and Stinson attorneys. Please join us for complimentary appetizers and drinks at this celebratory event. Tuesday, March 11, 2025

3:00PM - 5:30PM Central Time

In Person

Register Register online by March 2.

Stinson Law Firm 1201 Walnut Street, Suite 2900

Kansas City, MO 64106 (map and directions) Parking is available in the building's parking garage. <u>Purchasing parking in advance</u> is

Streetcar. Yale L. Rosenberg Memorial Lecture

recommended. Other options include parking elsewhere and utilizing the free Kansas City

Featuring: Erwin Chemerinsky Dean

Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Monday, March 24, 2025 6:30PM Central Time | Keynote Lecture

Reception and book signing immediately following the lecture

RSVP

In Person and Virtual

Approved for 1.0 hour of Texas MCLE credit

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Houston, Texas 77204-6060 **Moving Upstream to Improve Health Outcomes**

Featuring: Elena M. Marks, J.D., M.P.H Senior Fellow in Health Policy

Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy Tuesday, March 25, 2025

RSVP

12:00PM Central Time In Person

1 Hour of CLE Credit Approved for 1.0 hour of Texas MCLE credit

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48th Annual Law Gala and Auction A Night in the French Quarter

Saturday, April 5, 2025 6:00PM Central Time | Check-In In Person RSVP

The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston

1600 West Loop South Houston, TX 77027

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