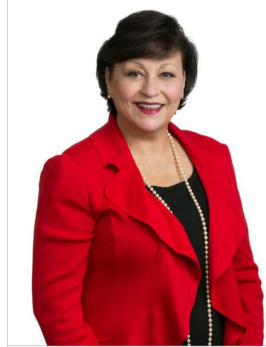


Alumni in the News



UH Law Mourns Former UH Law Foundation President Susan Bickley

The University of Houston Law Center is saddened at the passing of alumna Susan Bickley (J.D. '84), co-chair of Blank Rome's Houston office. She was known for her work as a civil trial and appellate lawyer, her leadership in the legal community and her commitment to legal education.



Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Turns 100: Her Story, Her Impact

University of Houston Law Center alumna Justice Ruby Kless Sondock (J.D. '62), the first female justice on the Texas Supreme Court, celebrates her 100th birthday.



UH Law Remembers Alumni Leader Lawrence Pirtle; Family Establishes Endowed Scholarship

University of Houston Law Center alumnus Lawrence James Pirtle (J.D. '66) passed away at his home on April 4, 2026. He was 86. To honor his legacy, the Pirtle family has established the Lawrence and Judith Pirtle Endowed Scholarship Fund at UHLC.

Faculty In the News



UH Law Recognizes Professors Craig Joyce and Sandra Guerra Thompson with Office Dedications

UHLC recently celebrated the contributions of two longtime professors by naming faculty offices in recognition of their careers, scholarship and impact. The gifts associated with the dedication will go towards scholarships for students.



What's Really at Stake with World Cup 2026? UH Law Conference Examines Impact

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is about something more than exciting soccer matches: it is a high-profile opportunity to showcase how legal frameworks can bolster international cooperation.



Trade Experts at UH Law Conference Say Tariffs & USMCA Will Define U.S. Trade Policy

Policymakers, scholars and industry leaders gathered at the UH Law Center for "Trade Deals: 2026 Outlook on Navigating Tariffs and U.S. Policy Changes" to discuss tariffs, the 2026 USMCA review, judicial scrutiny of presidential tariff authority and the impact of trade policy changes on business, energy and supply chains.



UHLC Honors Professor Richard Dole

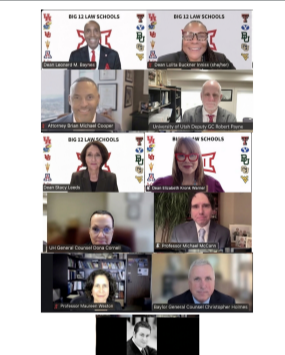
The UH Law Center mourns the passing of Professor Richard F. Dole Jr. He served as a UHLC faculty member for nearly five decades, from 1978 until his retirement in 2025.

More News



UH Law Leaps to #54 in U.S. News & World Report Rankings, Three Programs in Top 10

The UH Law Center climbed nine spots to No. 54 overall in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Law Schools rankings. The Law Center also maintained its reputation as a national leader in specialized programs, earning three top 10 distinctions in the rankings.



Big 12 Legal Leaders Explore Changes in College Sports, Warn About Issues

College athletics has changed dramatically over the last five years, capped by a 2025 court settlement that allows universities to directly pay student athletes. Panelists at a conference hosted by deans of law schools across the Big 12 athletic conference agreed that it was just the start of a broader transformation.



UH Symposium Looks at Connecting Payment Reform to a Stronger Health Care Workforce

A University of Houston symposium brought together leaders across health care and policy to examine how value-based care depends on a workforce prepared to deliver coordinated, patient-centered care. Jessica Mantel, director of the Health Law & Policy Institute at the UH Law Center, moderated the discussion.



UH Law Event Highlights Opportunities with Small and Midsize Law Firms

More than 40 employers came to the University of Houston Law Center for the annual Spring Small & Midsize Firm Open House, where students explored internships, postgraduate roles and networking opportunities.

Events

49th Annual Law Gala and Auction

Bond, Barristers and Black Tie
Saturday, May 2, 2026
6:00 PM Central Time

RSVP

The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston

Large Language Model in Legal Analysis Webinar

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Register

Zoom

Zealous Advocacy: Helping Youth Defenders Become Better Advocates

May 14 – 15, 2026

Register

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3611 Ennis St., Houston, Texas 77004

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