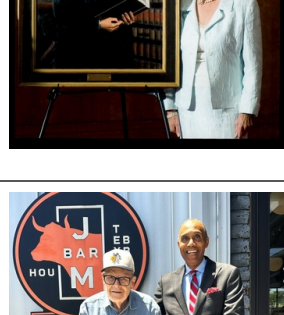




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Alumni in the News



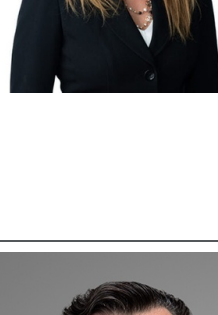
Remembering Justice Ruby Kless Sondock

This summer, the University of Houston Law Center community mourned the passing of alumna Justice Ruby Kless Sondock (J.D. '61), a pioneering jurist and the first female justice on the Texas Supreme Court whose career transformed the Texas legal system. She was 100.



Alumnus John Toomey Celebrated for a Life of Service, Law, Business & BBQ

The City of Houston honored UH Law Center alumnus John Toomey (J.D. '51) by declaring July 26 as John Toomey Day for his birthday.



From Part-Time Law Student to Award-Winning General Counsel: Laura Tyson (J.D. '97)

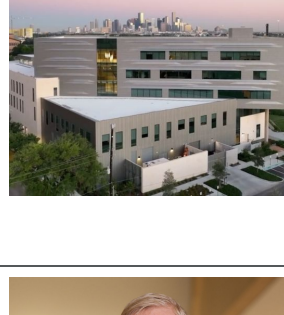
UH Law alumna Laura Tyson (J.D. '97), general counsel of the private equity firm Energy & Minerals Group, received the Houston Corporate Counsel Award for General Counsel of the Year for a Small Legal Department this year. She also serves as EMG's chief operating officer and managing director and oversees billion-dollar transactions.



Alum Kyle Sanders (J.D. '96) Turned A Private Battle into a Public Mission

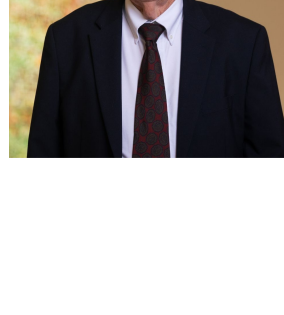
Kyle Sanders (J.D. '96), a UH Law Center alumnus and managing partner at Gray Reed, made a difference as a 2026 Blood Cancer United Visionary of the Year candidate.

Faculty In the News



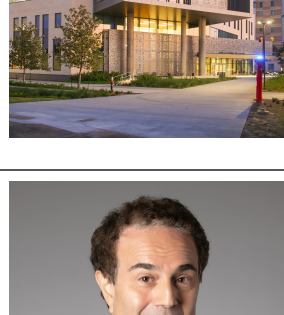
UH Law Center Announces New Professorships, Promotions & Faculty Hires

UH Law kicked off the academic year with a series of major faculty honors and milestones, including the appointment of several professors to endowed chairs and professorships, three faculty promotions and the addition of new faculty members.



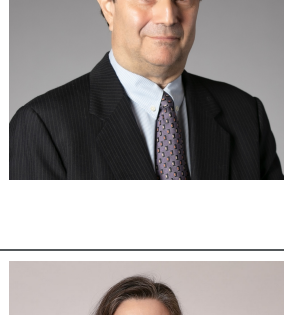
\$1.2M Gift Fuels Faculty Excellence at University of Houston Law Center

The University of Houston Law Center has received a \$1.2 million philanthropic commitment that invests in the people at the heart of legal education - professors whose influence extends far beyond the classroom, shaping their students' lives and careers. The gift from UH Law alumni Scott and Jessica Armstrong establishes the Professor Joseph Sanders Endowed Professorship for Torts and Sanders is the inaugural holder of the professorship.



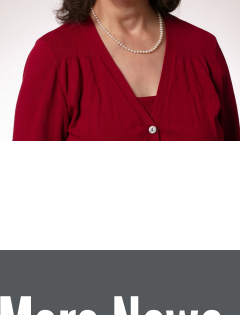
UH Law Alumni Association Honors Six UHLC Faculty Members

The University of Houston Law Alumni Association celebrated retired and retiring faculty members at its annual meeting in May for their dedication to teaching, scholarship and service.



UH Law Professor Seth Chandler Earns Spot Among Nation's Top 50 Legal Innovators in Academia

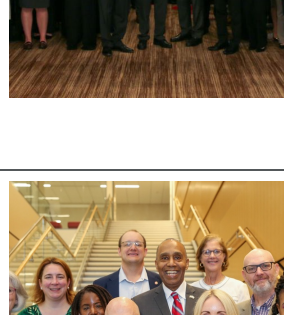
The National Law Review and Wickard selected Professor Seth Chandler as one of the Top 50 Legal Innovators in Academia for 2026. He was recognized for his pioneering work integrating artificial intelligence and other technologies to create "concrete contributions



UH Law Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson Honored with Michael Olivas Education Excellence Award

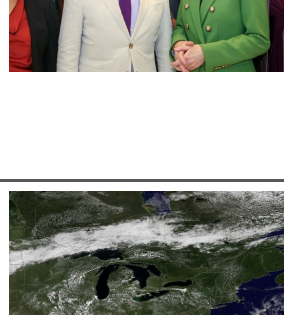
UH Law Center Assistant Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson has received the Professor Michael Olivas Education Excellence Award from the State Bar of Texas Hispanic Lawyers Section, recognizing her decades of contribution to legal education and service to the profession.

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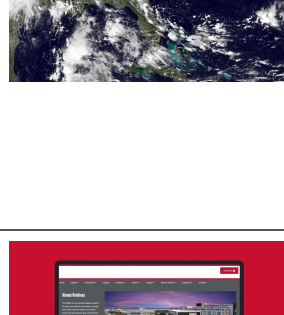
UH Law Center Welcomes Record-Setting New Class

From a former U.S. Navy aircrewman who supported nuclear command-and-control communications for national defense operations to a journalist covering the Houston Rockets, the UH Law Center's entering J.D. class this year arrived with a wide range of experiences, ambitions and perspectives.



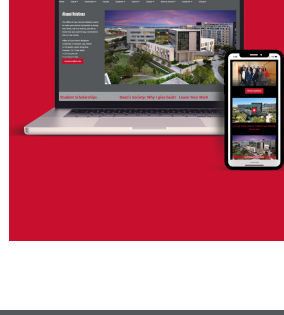
Regional AALS Workshop at UHLC Opens Doors for Future Law Professors

The University of Houston Law Center along with 17 other law schools, the Houston Bar Association and the Houston Young Lawyers Association hosted the Association of American Law Schools' Pathways to Law Teaching Regional Workshop, bringing together aspiring law professors from across the region.



UHLC Report Offers Safe Permitting Model as States Weigh Legislation on Solar Radiation Management Research

As lawmakers across the country consider legislation to prohibit solar radiation management (SRM) research and weather modification, a report released this summer by the UH Law Center argues that a permitting system, rather than a criminal ban, gives states the stronger hand in protecting the public and promoting scientific research.



UH Law Earns National Innovation Award for Transforming Legal Education

The University of Houston Law Center has been included among the 2026 Excellence in Innovation: Law Schools by Insight Into Academia magazine, the nation's longest-running publication advancing best practices in higher education.

Events

A Conversation with Justice J. Brett Busby and ALI President Wallace B. Jefferson

Moderated by Judge Lee H. Rosenthal, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Thursday, September 24, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Central Time

In-Person Only

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John M. O'Quinn Law Building

Click here for more event information: [Justice J. Brett Busby and ALI President Wallace B. Jefferson | UH Law Center](#)

Distinguished Global Leaders Series

A Constitutional Democracy, Judicial Independence, Leadership & The Rule of Law

Featuring: **The Honorable David Maraga**

Thursday, October 1, 2026
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Central Time

In-Person and Virtual

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John M. O'Quinn Law Building and via Zoom

AI, Law, and the Legal Profession

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Central Time

Virtual via Zoom

RSVP

Approved for 3.0 hours of Texas MCLE Credit

Click here for more event information: [AI, Law, and the Legal Profession | University of Houston Law Center](#)

Become a UHLC Mentor Your Experience Can Shape a Future Lawyer

Virtual Kickoff Event
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Central Time

Virtual via Zoom

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Register by September 29, 2026

Domestic Violence Awareness

Friday, October 30, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Central Time

Virtual via Zoom

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Space Law

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Central Time

Virtual via Zoom

Save the Date

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Annual Holiday Coffee

Saturday, December 12, 2026
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Central Time

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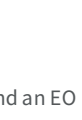
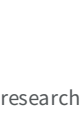
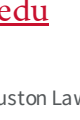
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