

Alumni in the News



[Zimmerman '67 and Allee '72 earn the TBF Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award](#)

The Texas Bar Foundation has awarded the 2024 Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award to two University of Houston Law Center alumni. Judge Alvin L. Zimmerman ('64, J.D. '67) and Donald W. Allee (J.D. '72) are honored for their dedication to the legal profession and public service for over 50 years. They will be recognized, along with the other honorees, at the Texas Bar Foundation Awards Dinner on June 21 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas.



[Brockway '21 recognized as an AAPI leader](#)

Employment litigator and 2021 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center Emma Brockway recently shared her insights on work, life, and community for OutSmart Magazine's May feature on Asian American and Pacific Islanders. "Visibility and representation are very important," said Emma

[Check out her inspiring feature.](#)



[Engelhart '95 wins 2024 Trial Judge of the Year Award](#)

University of Houston Law Center alumnus and longstanding judge of the Harris County Civil District, Mike Engelhart (J.D. '95), was recognized this May as the 2024 Trial Judge of the Year Award by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists (TACTAS).

[Congratulate Engelhart on LinkedIn.](#)

Faculty in the News



[Professor Watson wins AALL Law Library Journal Article Award](#)

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) honored Amanda Watson, Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, with the Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award for her co-authored article, "Demonstrating Law Library Value Through Mission-Centered Assessment."

[Congratulate Professor Watson on LinkedIn.](#)



[Professor Marquez comments on liability for tree damage incidents](#)

The Houston Chronicle spoke with University of Houston Law Center's Civil Practice Clinic Director Ryan Marquez for the article on "What do to if you have a downed tree after Houston storm." Marquez told the paper, "Normally it's going to be the person whose property the tree falls on" who is responsible for removing the debris and paying for damages.



[Professor Jefferson discusses judicial ethics on NPR](#)

University of Houston Law Center Professor Renee Knake Jefferson was quoted on NPR's Morning Edition discussing the issue of disclosure when judges receive free trips to luxury resorts. Jefferson told NPR, "Having disclosures of judicial financial interests goes directly to the public having confidence in the outcomes of the decisions — that they are free of any bias or influence."

More News



[UH Law Center graduates urged to seize opportunities and lead with compassion](#)

University of Houston Law Center commencement speaker Lola Lin encouraged the Class of 2024, which included 262 J.D. graduates and 47 LL.M. graduates, to embrace possibilities, navigate challenges with sound judgment, and demonstrate empathy during the May ceremony at the Fertitta Center. Lin is a 1999 alumna of the UH Law Center and is the Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Compliance Officer and Secretary of Howmet Aerospace.

[Congratulate the Class of 2024 on LinkedIn.](#)



[CDO hosts Spring Small and Midsize Firm Open House](#)

Law students and recent graduates connected with more than 40 law firms during the 2024 Spring Small and Midsize Firm Open House, hosted by the University of Houston Law Center Career Development Office. The event brought attorneys and representatives from law firms with 50 or fewer attorneys to campus to recruit and fill law clerk, summer associate, and attorney positions. Attendees explored opportunities in various legal fields, including personal injury, employment, corporate law, family law, tax, and energy sectors.



[Alumni share practice insights with UHLC students interested in litigation](#)

Law students learned about the intricacies of litigation from practicing attorneys at the "Disputes Over Dinner" spring event, organized by the Career Development Office (CDO) at the University of Houston Law Center. Katie Tipper-McWhorter (J.D. '12), Senior Counsel at Yetter Coleman LLP, moderated a panel of UHLC alumni litigators, which included Ibrahim Khawaja (J.D. '04), Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, Carlos Ruiz (J.D. '18), Heim, Payne & Chorus LLP, Maryann Zaki (J.D. '13), Zaki Law PLLC and Josh Redelman (J.D. '16), Clark Hill PLC.

Events

[D.C. Alumni & Friends Reception](#)

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Eastern
In Person

[RSVP](#)

Barnes & Thornburg LLP
555 12th Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington DC 20004-1275

[2024 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting Reception in Dallas](#)

Thursday, June 20, 2024
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Central
In Person

[RSVP](#)

Hilton Anatone
Coronado Ballroom C
2201 N Stemmons Fwy
Dallas, TX 75207

[Dallas Alumni & Friends Breakfast](#)

Friday, June 21, 2024
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Central
In Person

[RSVP](#)

Hotel Swexan
Junior Ballroom
2575 McKinnon Street
Dallas, TX 75201

[Zealous Advocacy Conference: Helping Youth and Attorneys Become Better Advocates](#)

Thursday, July 11 – Friday, July 12, 2024
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Central
In Person

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