

Alumni in the News



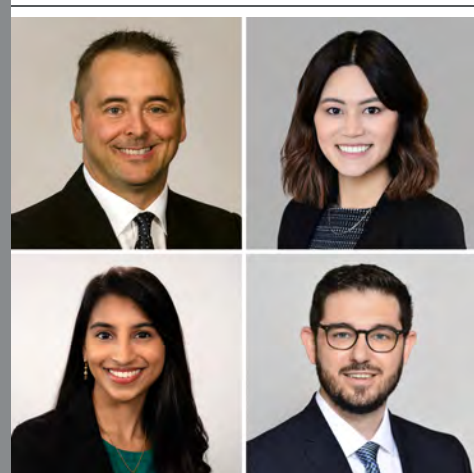
[Alumni couple establishes a scholarship to promote opportunities in legal education](#)

University of Houston Law Center alumni Jeff (J.D. '90) and Jenifer (J.D. '93) Cody are dedicated to fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for underrepresented groups within the legal field. The Codys recently established a scholarship, the Cody Scholarships for Opportunity, to support students from the Pre-Law Pipeline Programs who choose to pursue their legal education at UHLC.



[Nicole Nathan Gibson '95 honored by Jung Center for her volunteer work with the ADL](#)

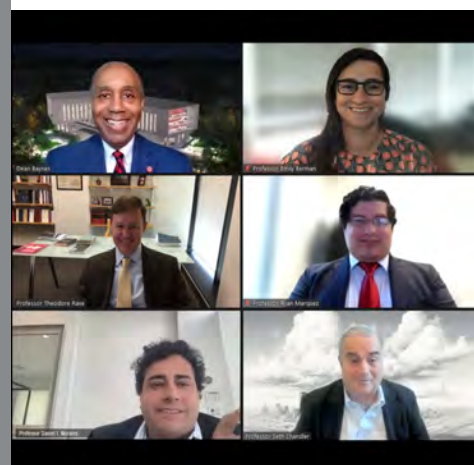
University of Houston Law Center alumna Nicole Nathan Gibson (J.D. '95) was recognized by The Jung Center at the 2023 spring benefit for her commitment to diversity and inclusion. A staunch advocate, Gibson served as regional chair for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and is a member of The Kinkaid School's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council.



[Alumni at Shook law firm win asylum case for mother fleeing gender-based violence](#)

Four University of Houston Law Center alumni at the Houston office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP recently secured asylum for a Nigerian mother and her four non-citizen children. The mother faced a decade of attacks in Nigeria for refusing to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) before eventually fleeing to the United States.

Faculty in the News



[Professors unpack key 2023 Supreme Court cases](#)

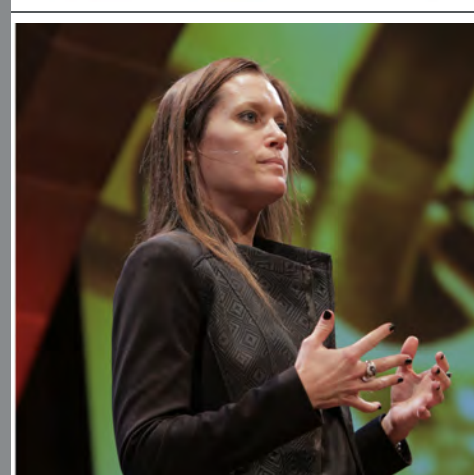
University of Houston Law Center Dean Leonard M. Baynes moderated the 2023 Supreme Court Update discussion with panelists University of Houston Law Center professors Emily Berman, Seth J. Chandler, Ryan Marquez and Daniel I. Morales, and University of Texas Professor D. Theodore Rave. Presenters shared insights on cases from the latest Supreme Court term, including Biden V. Nebraska, 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis, Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, and Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina.

[Watch the CLE On Demand](#)



[Greg Vetter comments on the foundation needed for students pursuing an LL.M. in patent law](#)

In an interview with the *LLM Guide*, Greg Vetter, co-director of the Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law at UH Law Center, discussed the necessity of foundational legal knowledge for aspiring patent lawyers. "One should become a great lawyer first and then a great patent lawyer second," said Vetter.



[Renee Knake Jefferson introduces ethics newsletter](#)

In August, University of Houston Law Center Professor Renee Knake Jefferson launched "Legal Ethics Roundup," a weekly newsletter on legal and judicial ethics. Each issue showcases the latest developments in legal and judicial ethics as well as an analysis of pivotal topics.

More News



[UHLC empowers tomorrow's legal minds with Aspiring Lawyer magazine](#)

The University of Houston Law Center has released its second issue of *Aspiring Lawyer*, an online magazine that offers insights, resources, and advice for individuals interested in a legal career. The publication caters to undergraduates and those interested in pursuing the legal profession, featuring articles on topics from law school admissions, legal news, and career development to profiles of donors, alumni, faculty, and students.

[Share the magazine on LinkedIn.](#)



[UHLC welcomes incoming students with orientation activities to foster professionalism and community service](#)

As part of orientation, University of Houston Law Center 1Ls attended a professionalism dinner that stressed early professional identity. Guest speakers included: Houston Bar Association President Diana Gomez, U.S. District Judge George C. Hanks Jr., and alumnus Jacob Karam. First-year students also participated in the 2023 Community Service Day to give back to the Houston community by volunteering with local organizations.



[UHLC's John M. O'Quinn Law Building part of UH's milestone 15-year growth](#)

UHS Chancellor and UH President Renu Khator highlighted UH's remarkable 15-year growth at the UHS Facilities 2023 Forum. 40+ new buildings, including the John M. O'Quinn Law Building, showcase the progress of UH. Khator was joined by UHLC Dean Leonard M. Baynes & Sr. Associate Vice Chancellor/Associate Vice President David Oliver.

Events



[39th Annual Fall Institute on Intellectual Property Law](#)

October 5 – 7, 2023

Moody Gardens Hotel (Galveston, Texas)

The 2023 Fall IP Institute will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5, starting midday, through Saturday, Oct. 7, ending midday, 2023, at the Moody Gardens Hotel. The event is organized and held by both the UH Law Center's Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law (IPIIL) and the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (HIPLA). This is a major continuing legal education (CLE) event attracting several hundred intellectual property professionals from across Texas and the nation.



[UHLC Professional Mentoring Program's Virtual Kickoff Event](#)

October 26, 2023

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual

The University of Houston Law Center (UHLC) Professional Mentoring Program pairs law students with attorneys to aid with the transition to practice.

*If you are interested in participating as a mentor in the UHLC Professional Mentoring Program, please register no later than Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023.*



[28th Annual Frankel Lecture](#)

The Perennial Eclipse: Race, Immigration, and How Latinx Count in American Politics

Keynote Speaker  
Rachel F. Moran  
Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law

Friday, November 17, 2023  
11a.m. - 1p.m.  
In-Person or Virtual via Zoom

Contact Us

UH Law Center: [law.uh.edu](http://law.uh.edu)

Have some news? Email: [uhlawcom@uh.edu](mailto:uhlawcom@uh.edu)

To subscribe to eBriefcase, click [here](#).

Give Now

Carrie Criado  
Assistant Dean of Communications and Marketing  
713-743-2184  
[cacriado@central.uh.edu](mailto:cacriado@central.uh.edu)

Rhamel "Mel" Miranda  
Marketing Director  
713-743-2353  
[rmirand@central.uh.edu](mailto:rmirand@central.uh.edu)

The Law Center would like to stay connected with you. Please let us know about your accomplishments and achievements. We will also keep you informed about free CLE and other exciting events, new initiatives and great happenings here. Please help us by sending your updated contact information to [lawalum@central.uh.edu](mailto:lawalum@central.uh.edu) today!

Sondra Tennessee  
Associate Dean for Alumni & Community Relations  
[stennessee@uh.edu](mailto:stennessee@uh.edu)