



2024 U.S. SUPREME COURT UPDATE



Legal experts from the University of Houston Law Center will discuss the 2023-2024 United States Supreme Court term highlighting some of this year's major decisions. UHLC professors will address the First Amendment's applicability to social media companies, the Second Amendment and gun regulation, reproductive regulation, presidential immunity, ballot eligibility, and the January 6 prosecutions.

Thursday, August 8, 2024
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Central Time

via Zoom

Approved for 3.0 hours of Texas MCLE credit



Agenda

2:00 – 2:10 PM

Opening Remarks

Leonard M. Baynes

Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law

2:10 – 2:40 PM

Key First Amendment Decisions

Professor Peter N. Salib

- *NetChoice, LLC v. Paxton* and *Moody v. NetChoice, LLC*
- *Murthy v. Missouri*

2:40 – 3:10 PM

Key Second Amendment Decisions

Professor Peter N. Salib

- *U.S. v. Rahimi*
- *Garland v. Cargill*

3:10 – 3:40 PM

Post-Dobbs Abortion Rights Decisions

Professor Seth J. Chandler

- *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*
- *Idaho v. U.S.*

3:40 – 4:20 PM

Ballot Eligibility, Presidential Immunity, and January 6 Obstruction of Justice Decisions

Professor Emily Berman

- *Trump v. Anderson*
- *Trump v. United States*
- *Fischer v. U.S.*

4:20 – 5:00 PM

Roundtable Discussion with all panelists and Dean Baynes, as well as questions from the virtual audience

BIOGRAPHIES



LEONARD M. BAYNES

*Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law*

Serving as the ninth dean of the University of Houston Law Center, Leonard M. Baynes is now the longest serving law dean in the State of Texas. He has a national reputation as a communications law scholar with specializations in business and FCC regulation. He manages almost 60 full-time faculty and oversees 11 centers and institutes, including the No. 7 ranked Health Law & Policy Institute and the No. 8 ranked Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law as well as the No. 8 ranked Part-Time Program.

Baynes initiated an award-winning Pre-Law Pipeline Program designed to create more opportunities for first-generation, economically challenged, and under-resourced college students who are considering law school. He instituted a voluntary “Community Service Day” during which incoming first-year students, faculty, and

staff fan out across the city to work on public service projects. He also has increased the number of scholarships and opportunities for students to serve in school-funded, public service internships at home and abroad.

Baynes was inducted into the Minority Media & Telecommunications Council Hall of Fame. Before becoming Dean at UH Law, Baynes previously served as the inaugural director of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development at St. John’s University School of Law.

In 2010, Baynes received the Diversity Trailblazer Award from the New York State Bar Association, and in 2019 he accepted the American Bar Association Alexander Award on behalf of the UH Law Center Pre-Law Pipeline Program.

In 2019, Baynes was the recipient of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc.’s Edge Award and the John Mercer Legal Education Leadership Award from the National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair. In 2020, Baynes was named to the Lawyers of Color Power List by the Lawyers of Color Foundation. In 2022, he was recognized by the Association of American Law School’s Clyde Ferguson Award and the Columbia University School of Law Paul Robeson Award.

During his deanship, he was named one of the nation’s top 100 most influential lawyers of color, and he was awarded The Houston Lawyer Association’s Robert L. King Excellence in Education Award.

Since 2020, Dean Baynes organized and convened virtual dialogues among corporate counsel and law firm managing partners designed to discuss innovative practices in hiring, recruitment and retention of talent of all backgrounds.

Baynes has written more than 35 law review articles on corporate law, communications law, and diversity and in 2020 published a casebook entitled “Communication Law in the Public Interest” with Hammond and Sandoval published by Wolters Kluwer.



EMILY BERMAN

*Professor of Law
William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law*

Emily Berman teaches Constitutional Law and National Security Law. She joined the University of Houston Law Center faculty in 2014 after teaching for two years at Brooklyn Law School. She received her JD and LLM in International Legal Studies from NYU School of Law. Her scholarship focuses on institutional design and accountability mechanisms in the context of the separation of powers, with a focus on ensuring effective constraints on executive power.

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SETH J. CHANDLER

Law Foundation Professor of Law

Seth J. Chandler is a Law Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center who specializes in constitutional law and the application of mathematics and computer science to law. Professor Chandler won a prestigious university-wide teaching excellence award in 1995, was a first-year winner of the Innovator Award from Wolfram Research, received the President's Medal from Loyola University for extraordinary service in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and has been called on twice to testify before Congress on the Affordable Care Act. Professor Chandler has a broad Internet presence, including a YouTube Channel for his course Analytic Methods for Lawyers. He is also developing expertise in Large Language Models for use by Lawyers. He practiced with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and Williams & Connolly in Washington,

D.C. before beginning his academic career in 1990 at the UH Law Center. Professor Chandler teaches constitutional law, insurance law, Analytic Methods for Lawyers, and other courses.



PETER N. SALIB

Assistant Professor of Law

Peter N. Salib is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center and Associated Faculty in Public Affairs. He also serves as Law and Policy Advisor to the Center for AI Safety in San Francisco and is co-director of the Center for Law & AI Risk.

Professor Salib is an expert in the law of artificial intelligence. His research applies substantive constitutional doctrine and economic analysis to questions of AI governance. He has previously written about how machine learning techniques can be used to solve intractable-seeming problems in constitutional policy. Professor Salib's current research focuses on how law can help mitigate catastrophic risks from increasingly capable AI.

Professor Salib's long-form scholarship has been published in, among others, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Northwestern University Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, and *Texas Law Review* (twice). His shorter works have been published in the digital editions of the *Duke Law Journal*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Southern California Law Review*, *Texas Law Review*, and *University of Chicago Law Review* (thrice). Professor Salib has presented his work at, among others, the Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, the University of Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, the Harvard Law and Economics Workshop, and the Yale Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference.

Prior to joining the University of Houston Law Center, Professor Salib was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Before that, he practiced law at Sidley Austin LLP and served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook.

Please join UHLC faculty on Tuesday, September 10 at 4:00 PM Central for **The End of the *Chevron* Doctrine: The Effect on the Administrative State**, a discussion of the *Loper Bright/Relentless* and *Jarkesy* decisions.



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