

POST-*DOBBS* LEGAL AND MEDICAL RAMIFICATIONS



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2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Central Time

via Zoom

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Agenda

2:00 – 2:10 PM

Welcome Remarks

Leonard M. Baynes
Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center

2:10 – 2:40 PM

The State of the Law: When Are Abortions Allowed?

Laura Portuondo
Assistant Professor
University of Houston Law Center

2:40 – 3:10 PM

Post-Dobbs Implications for Reproductive Technologies

Valerie Koch
Assistant Professor
Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute
University of Houston Law Center

3:10 – 3:40 PM

The Medical Provider's Perspective

Kimberly A. Pilkinton, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG
Associate Dean of Medical Education, *Interim*
Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences
Director, MD/MPH Program; Assistant Course
Director: Repro & Endo Systems
Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine

3:40 – 4:00 PM

Roundtable Discussion and Q&A

All Panelists and Dean Baynes with questions from the virtual audience

BIOGRAPHIES



LEONARD M. BAYNES

*Dean
Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center*

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.



VALERIE GUTMANN KOCH

*Assistant Professor
Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute
University of Houston Law Center*

Valerie Gutmann Koch is an assistant professor and co-director of the Health Law & Policy Institute. She also serves as the Director of Law & Ethics at the University of Chicago MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. Previously, she was the Jaharis Faculty Fellow at DePaul University College of Law and a Visiting Assistant Professor at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. Professor Koch was the Special Advisor and Senior Attorney to the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, the state’s bioethics commission, where she crafted policy and guidance related to pandemic preparedness and crisis standards of care, human subjects research, and surrogate decision-making. Following law school, she practiced in the intellectual property

litigation practice at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

As a scholar of bioethics, public policy, and health law, Professor Koch concentrates on how medical and technological advances have informed and sometimes transformed various areas of law, identifying ways in which law and policy is – or is not – equipped to address changes in technology and practice. She earned her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, where she was the co-editor of the recent developments section of the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*. She graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University, with an A.B. from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, with a focus in bioethics.

Professor Koch is committed to public service, including serving as the Chair of the ABA’s Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law and Co-Chair of the Law Affinity Group for the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities.

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KIMBERLY A. PILKINTON, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG

*Associate Dean of Medical Education, Interim
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Kimberly A. Pilkinton, M.D., M.P.H., is the Interim Associate Dean for Medical Education and a professor for the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine. Dr. Pilkinton is responsible for the development and continued improvement of the reproductive sciences courses for the medical school, as well as further development of the population and public health courses. In addition, she will be co-directing the Transition to Clerkships and Transition to Residency courses.

She joined the Fertitta Family College of Medicine from McGovern Medical School at UT Health where she helped direct the Reproductive Systems Module, co-directed the primary care fourth-year career-focused track and served as a faculty advisor, among other duties. Prior to McGovern Medical School, Dr. Pilkinton was a faculty member at Texas A&M College of Medicine for 15 years, where she served as a program director for the Texas A&M College of Medicine-Baylor Scott & White Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Pilkinton has enjoyed practicing the full breadth of OB-GYN and reproductive sciences for over 20 years. She has run a high-risk abnormal pap clinic and conducted research on high-risk pregnancies.

A board-certified OB-GYN, Dr. Pilkinton is a member of the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and currently serves as its president, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Association of Professors in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Society of Academic Specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology, among other organizations.

Dr. Pilkinton earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Dallas and a master's in public health from UT Health School of Public Health. She earned her medical degree from McGovern Medical School at UT Health, graduating as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Texas A&M College of Medicine-Baylor Scott & White.



LAURA PORTUONDO

*Assistant Professor
University of Houston Law Center*

Professor Laura Portuondo is a constitutional law scholar with expertise on reproductive rights and justice, gender equality, and the First Amendment. Her scholarship addresses tensions between First and Fourteenth Amendment law and offers novel theories for reconciling them. Professor Portuondo's work has been featured in the *Duke Law Journal*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Journal of Law and Religion* (peer reviewed), and the *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*.

Professor Portuondo received her B.A. in English *summa cum laude* with distinction from Yale College. She earned her J.D. from Yale Law School where she was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following law school, she clerked for the Hon. Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Hon. Jed. S. Rakoff of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. She also worked as a judicial strategy fellow at the Center for Reproductive Rights and as a Fellow with the Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice at Yale Law School.

Professor Portuondo recently received the Haub Law Emerging Scholar Award in Women, Gender & Law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She received the recognition for a paper titled, "Gendered Liberty" which will be featured in the *Georgetown Law Journal* next year.

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