



A Note from the Office of Dean Leonard M. Baynes

The 2025–2026 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings for law schools have been released. The University of Houston Law Center has four specialty programs ranked in the top 15 in the nation.

- Part-Time -5
- Health Law -9
- Intellectual Property -12
- Legal Writing -15

Three of the Law Center’s programs are ranked #1 in the state of Texas:

- Part-time Program
- Health Law Program
- Legal Writing

The Law Center’s overall ranking improved, moving up 5 spots to No. 63. In total, UH Law Center also has 9 programs ranked in the *U.S. News* Top 50. For the first time, *U.S. News* released a ranking for law schools with most graduates at big law firms and UHLC placed No. 30 in the nation. You can read more about our rankings [here](#).

We take *U.S. News* rankings seriously and have a plan to continue to improve our overall rankings. However, it's also important to recognize that over the past five years, scores of law schools opted out of *U.S. News* rankings precipitating the online magazine to dramatically and without warning significantly change its ranking methodology. These changes impacted law schools across the country. Karen Sloan, the legal affairs correspondent of *Reuters*, [reported](#) that a recent Kaplan survey found that 62% of law school admissions officers believe the rankings have lost some of their prestige.

We will continue to focus on making UH Law an even more excellent law school by continuing to admit well-credentialed students and to hire world-class faculty who are great scholars and outstanding teachers. As a public law school, we remain steadfast to our core values, vision and mission: offering a high-quality legal education, delivering real-world impact through our legal clinics and faculty scholarship, and empowering law students from all backgrounds to succeed at the highest levels. That commitment is evident in our almost 91% bar passage rate on the July 2024 exam, our almost 95% placement rate 10 months after graduation, and our #23 Law.com Go-To Law School ranking of graduates hired by the 100 largest law firms in the nation.

We continue to invest in efforts to ensure the broader legal community sees UH Law for its inherent value — a place of opportunity, excellence, and impact.

You can help us pursue our continued excellence while remaining steadfast to our core collective values, vision, and mission by volunteering to mentor our students, employing our students, and providing philanthropic support to our overall efforts.

Thank you for your continued support of and belief in the University of Houston Law Center.

Sincerely,

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