

University of Houston Law Center conference to empower youth advocates

Zealous Advocacy event is July 11 – July 12

July 02, 2024 – Juvenile defense attorneys will sharpen their advocacy skills at the [Zealous Advocacy: Helping Youth and Attorneys Become Better Advocates](#) conference, happening on July 11-12 at the University of Houston Law Center.

“We believe children’s voices are important, and youth have better outcomes for themselves and the community when they are involved in the process. For attorneys to zealously advocate for their young clients, they need to listen to their clients’ voices, and youth need to understand how to work with their attorneys and help advocate for themselves. That is why we are focusing on making attorneys and youth better advocates,” said Ellen Marrus, director of the Center for Children, Law & Policy and founding board member of Generation to Generation.

Organized by the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the University of Houston Law Center, The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy at TSU School of Law, and Generation to Generation: Shaping Children’s Futures, the event aims to empower attorneys with the latest strategies and knowledge for representing youth in conflict with the law.

The topics covered will include:

- Detention Advocacy
- School Advocacy
- Training Youth Advocates
- Looking to the Future
- Viewing other systems for Holistic Representation

The conference will be in-person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central on Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 at the University of Houston Law Center, 4170 Martin Luther King Blvd. Participating attorneys will earn 14 hours of Texas Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credits, including 3 hours of ethics.

Sign up to attend the conference by July 5 for the early registration rate of \$60. The fee includes access to both conference days, Continuing Legal Education (CLE), breakfast, lunch, and parking.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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About the University of Houston Law Center

The **University of Houston Law Center** (UHLC) is a dynamic, top-tier law school located in the nation's 4th largest city. UHLC's Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Part-time programs rank in the U.S. News Top 10. It awards Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees, through its academic branch, the College of Law. The Law Center is more than just a law school. It is a powerful hub of intellectual activity with more than 12 centers and institutes that fuel its educational mission and national reputation. UHLC is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

About the University of Houston

The **University of Houston** is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university recognized with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter for excellence in undergraduate education. UH serves the globally competitive Houston and Gulf Coast Region by providing world-class faculty, experiential learning and strategic industry partnerships. Located in the nation's fourth-largest city and one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse regions in the country, UH is a federally designated Hispanic- and Asian-American-Serving institution with an enrollment of more than 47,000 students.

About the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy at TSU School of Law

The **Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law** was established in 1992, as an independent 501(c)(3) organization, to serve as a research and writing think tank to assist Thurgood Marshall School of Law students with their research and writing skills. The Institute was named in honor of Professor Earl Carl, a founding faculty member of the law school. The Institute seeks to empower underserved and disenfranchised populations by addressing systemic social issues through legal representation, research, education, and advocacy.

Generation to Generation: Shaping Children's Futures

Generation to Generation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in all areas including education, health, family, housing, immigration, and the justice system by providing classes, mentorship, support, and development of policies that will positively affect children's lives.