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UH Law Center Webinar Focuses on Lawyers as Effective and Ethical Leaders

Houston, Oct. 13, 2025 – The University of Houston Law Center is presenting [“Lawyers Who Lead: Ethics, Influence, and Impact,”](#) a continuing legal education program, on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Discussions will cover the different leadership roles lawyers assume, such as trusted advisors, valued mentors or heads of organizations, and how strong leadership skills grounded in ethical integrity help lawyers better serve their clients and communities.

“Lawyers help shape institutions, values and society,” said UH Law Dean Leonard M. Baynes, who will deliver the opening remarks to set the stage for the conversation. “During these challenging and unprecedented times, lawyers with strong leadership skills and ethical integrity are needed more than ever. Our goal is to inspire lawyers and law students to be leaders and to make a positive impact.”

Each of the three featured speakers will present an in-depth talk as part of the program:

- **Why Lawyers Need to Be Leaders** by Andrew C. Gratz (J.D. '02), founder of the [Initiative on Lawyers as Leaders](#), and creator and professor of the “Lawyers as Leaders” course at UHLC.
- **Leaders, Legacies, and Legal Ethics** by Renee Knake Jefferson, Joanne and Larry Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics and Professor of Law at UHLC, and founder of the [Legal Ethics Roundup](#) on Substack.
- **A Lawyer’s Role in Corporate Governance** by H. Stephen Grace Jr., president and founder of H.S. Grace and Co. Inc., a firm specializing in corporate/organization governance and commercial litigation-related services.

The presentations will be followed by a round-table discussion among the panelists facilitated by Dean Baynes.

The program is open to all legal professionals, faculty, students, and the public. Participating attorneys will receive two hours of Texas continuing legal education credit, including one hour of ethics.

WHAT: A UH Law Center Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program [“Lawyers Who Lead: Ethics, Influence, and Impact.”](#)

WHERE: Online over Zoom

WHEN: 3-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

[Click here for more information](#) about the event.

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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.