For three decades, the Health Law & Policy Institute (HLPI) at the University of Houston Law Center has been at the forefront of legal education, scholarship and policy analysis related to health care and biotechnology. In October 2009, the University became a member institution of the famed Texas Medical Center, solidifying HLPI’s link to the world’s largest medical complex. Formed in 1978 to advise the Texas Legislature on health law and policy issues, HLPI has built a diverse portfolio of research on a variety of topics, including health finance systems; disability law; health information exchange; genetic data; health care quality and access improvement; integrated provider organizations and questions of individual rights in health care and biomedical research. Our mission is threefold:

- **Education:** to provide one of the nation’s most rigorous, comprehensive and cutting-edge programs in health law at the basic (J.D.) and advanced (LL.M.) levels with the goal of preparing students for careers in health law practice or in scholarly or policy-oriented positions.

- **Research:** to facilitate independent and grant-funded research and to cultivate the next generation of health law scholars by providing mentoring and support to our students.

- **Service:** to share our knowledge through public commentary and engagement and to advise the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies on matters involving health care and public health.

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TURN ON THE TELEVISION; PICK UP A NEWSPAPER; SEARCH THE WEB. All will quickly confirm the importance of health law and policy issues in the world around us. As the debates continue, leaders in government and private industry must rely on legal scholars to help inform and refine their perspectives. HLPI has advanced the understanding of health law issues and provided guidance for significant policy decisions affecting health care for almost four decades.

On the campus of the UH Law Center, HLPI directs curriculum, teaching, research, publications and conference activities relating to health law and policy. Beyond the university, HLPI maintains connections with academic and health institutions locally, nationally and around the world.

HLPI’s concentrations are as varied as the topics in health care, one of the fastest growing areas of the economy. They include biotechnology, public health, electronic medical records, health care reform, genetics, bioethics, disability rights, health care finance, health insurance, end-of-life issues, corporate transactions, health care fraud and abuse, children’s health, hospital law and ethics, health legislation, regulation of health care, Medicaid and Medicare.

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Jessica L. Roberts is the Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute and a George Butler Research Professor, who specializes in health law, disability law, and genetics and the law. Prior to UH, Professor Roberts was an Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School and an Adjunct Professor of Disability Studies at the City University of New York. Immediately after law school, she clerked for The Honorable Dale Wainwright of the Texas Supreme Court and The Honorable Roger L. Gregory of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Professor Roberts’ research operates at the intersection of health law and antidiscrimination law. Her scholarship has appeared, or is forthcoming, in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Boston College Law Review, the Iowa Law Review, the Minnesota Law Review, the Notre Dame Law Review, the Vanderbilt Law Review, the American Journal of Law and Medicine, the Journal of Law and the Biosciences, Nature Biotechnology, and JAMA Internal Medicine, among others. Her book on “healthism,” co-authored with Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, is forthcoming with the Cambridge University Press. In 2015, she received the university-wide Teaching Excellence Award and the Provost’s Certificate of Excellence. Professor Roberts was named a 2018 Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics. She teaches, or has taught, contracts, disabilities and the law, genetics and the law and health law.

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Jessica L. Mantel is an Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute at the UH Law Center. Her research interests include the impact of legislative and regulatory schemes on emerging trends in the health care delivery system, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the allocation of limited health care resources. Her most recent work has focused on how payment reforms impact the physician-patient relationship and cross-sector collaborations to address the social determinants of health. Prior to joining the UH Law Center in 2010, Professor Mantel served as a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While in government, Professor Mantel worked on a range of Medicare matters, including advising the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, inpatient hospital payments and incentive payments for providers adopting electronic health records. Previously, she was a health analyst at the Government Accountability Office and was an associate in the health care practice at Ropes & Gray.
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Professor Hawkins joined the University of Houston Law Center after clerking for The Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and working with the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP. His research and teaching interests include consumer borrowing, the fringe banking industry and the fertility business. His research has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and other media outlets.
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After law school, Professor Kwok clerked for The Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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- Children’s Rights
- Disability Rights
- E-Health
- Genetic Data
- Health Care Modernization
- Health Care Reimbursement
- Health Disparities
- Health Insurance
- Regulation of Provider Organizations
- Tobacco Regulation
- Treatment and Punishment of Sex Offenders
Following is a representative sampling of recent faculty scholarship and activities:

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**LL.M. PROGRAM**

The UH Law Center offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law. Since its inception in 1992, over 200 attorneys have graduated from the program. Students must complete 24 credit hours, including a minimum of 18 hours in health law courses. Students also have the option of writing a 50-page thesis. Many LL.M. students combine classes with research projects, externships or other practice or policy experiences. They frequently publish their research.

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The UH Law Center, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, provides students with the opportunity to pursue concurrent degrees in law (J.D.) and medicine (M.D.) in six years of full-time study. This extraordinary educational program highlights the relationship between law and medicine. Students in this program attend their first, second and fifth years of study at Baylor College of Medicine, start their law school curriculum during their third and fourth years and complete both degrees in their sixth year.

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J.D./M.P.H. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center, in conjunction with The University of Texas School of Public Health, Health Sciences Center at Houston, offers students a concurrent degree program to pursue a law (J.D.) degree and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. By receiving joint credit for courses approved by both institutions, a student may earn both degrees in a shorter time than it would take to earn the degrees separately. The joint degree allows students to concentrate their studies on such areas as health services delivery, occupational and environmental health, access to insurance, patient safety issues and other public health concerns.

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JOINT J.D./LL.M. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers a joint J.D./LL.M. degree program which allows students to earn both degrees in 3.5 years (105 credit hours). UHLC law students are eligible to apply for the joint J.D./LL.M program after the completion of 30 credit hours. Joint degree students must meet all J.D. and LL.M. degree requirements in order to complete the program.

SEMESTER IN HOUSTON

Second- and third-year law students in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school are eligible to apply to spend a semester at the UH Law Center to enroll in health law courses. Students may also enroll in other courses at the UH Law Center, the UTMB at Galveston and UTSPH, Health Sciences Center at Houston.

Students transfer credit to their home institution according to that institution’s requirements. Students in the program have “visiting” status and receive their law degrees from their home institutions.

HEALTH LAW EXTERNSHIPS

Students may earn academic credit by serving in externship positions in nonprofit or public entities with an accompanying classroom component. Numerous placements are available in the Houston area, including hospital general counsel offices, hospital risk management departments, government and compliance agencies, the Texas Legislature and nonprofit advocacy groups.

“Health policy is a difficult field to break into, but having both degrees gives me a unique perspective and understanding of the complexities of health care and health policy, which has set me apart from others working in the field.”

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COURSE OFFERINGS

THE UH LAW CENTER OFFERS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE health law curricula in the country, with 29 courses. The UH Law Center also has recognized strengths in the complementary fields of intellectual property, environmental law, international law, business/transactional law, trial advocacy and other areas. Health law classes are taught by full-time HLPI faculty members with national and international reputations and by successful practicing attorneys who serve as adjunct professors. The following is a list of recent health law offerings.

Advanced Health Law
Biotechnology and the Law
Comparative Health Law
Disabilities and the Law
E-Health Law
Elder Law
Employment Discrimination
ERISA
Food and Drug Law
Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society and Law
Fraud and Abuse
Genetics and the Law
Health Care Transactions
Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators
Health Law Externship
Health Law Research

Health Legislation and Advocacy I and II
Health Regulatory Process
HIPAA
Hot Topics in Health Policy
Insurance Law
Life and Health Insurance
Long-Term Care Law
Medical Malpractice Litigation
Mental Health Law
Public Health Law
Scientific Evidence
The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions and Policy
Toxic Torts

* Not all classes are offered every year, and offerings are subject to change. Please visit www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/ for current information and course descriptions.
PLANNING YOUR HEALTH LAW CURRICULUM AFTER THE FIRST YEAR

1. Students seeking a general introduction to health law should take three core courses (1) Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society & Law; (2) The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions, and Policy; and (3) Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators.

2. Consider taking groupings of courses that are relevant to different careers in health law. Health lawyers may work, for example, as private lawyers, government attorneys, lobbyists, legislative staffers and government officials. A health law practice may involve representing clients in traditional civil or criminal litigation, transactional/health care business arrangements, litigation before administrative agencies and regulatory/policy development.

3. Identify other core and building-block courses. For example, Business Organizations, Administrative Law, Evidence and Tax may be useful to take early in law school, depending on your area of interest.

4. Develop a curricular plan that takes into account the frequency of course offerings. Not all courses are offered every year. Check the website for current offerings.

5. Consider interdisciplinary opportunities, such as the J.D./M.P.H., J.D./M.D. and J.D./Ph.D. programs. Investigate graduate courses in public health, business, psychology and social work. Explore the possibility of combining your health law interests with other substantive areas, such as: international law–border health issues; intellectual property law–biotechnology issues; and environmental law–toxic torts. Ask advisors in Student Services or the HLPI faculty for more information.

“...My LL.M. studies gave me a strong foundation for my own career as a professor. My teachers provided me with a wealth of substantive knowledge and were committed to helping me network and obtain an academic job. My former professors have now become colleagues in the field of health law.”

SHARONA HOFFMAN, LL.M. ’99
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THE HEALTH LAW ORGANIZATION

The Health Law Organization (HLO) is one of the largest and most active student organizations at the UH Law Center. HLO provides opportunities for students to discuss health law issues and to work with faculty on projects that promote learning in health law and policy. HLO also sponsors speakers, initiates charity fundraisers, provides information and networking for students on career opportunities in health law and organizes social activities for health law students.

HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY

The Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy is a student-edited publication made possible by the financial support of private donors and the commitment of HLPI’s faculty, students and administration. Staffed by law students who are committed to health law, editors earn academic credit while gaining valuable research, writing and editing experience.

The Journal provides a scholarly forum to explore interdisciplinary issues in health law and policy. It publishes one issue of professional and student-authored pieces each year focusing on an emerging issue in health care. Symposium topics have included our patchwork health care system (2013), America’s future health care system (2014), vulnerability in health care (2015) and health access and health justice (2016).

MOOT COURT

HLPI supports two health law moot court competitions in collaboration with the Law Center’s Blakely Advocacy Institute. The L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition and the SIU National Health Law Competition are the two premier health law competitions in the nation. Students hone their advocacy skills by analyzing and arguing a health law legal issue.

HEALTH LAW FELLOWSHIPS

HLPI offers congressional and state legislative fellowships for students to work with lawmakers in Washington D.C. each summer and Austin, Texas every biennium. The fellowships provide students with a unique opportunity to participate in health policymaking at the federal and state levels and to forge strong networks with policy leaders. Fellows research issues related to health law, analyze health policies and contribute to the development of legislation.
HEALTH LAW STUDENTS EMERGE VICTORIOUS IN HEALTH LAW MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT

Three UH Law Center students won the seventh annual L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition in Chicago. The competition was hosted by the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

The winning students included recent 2017 UH Law Center graduates Mary Borrego and Stefan Casso, along with Zachary Scott, who began his 3L year in August. The team was coached by Angela Odensky, a 2014 graduate of the Law Center and a current adjunct professor, and Julia Peebles, a 2017 Law Center graduate and LL.M. candidate in Health Law.

“We at the Health Law & Policy Institute are so proud of these students’ success,” said Professor Jessica Roberts, Director of the Institute. “We appreciate their hard work and dedication.”

HLPI SPONSORED THREE LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS IN AUSTIN

HLPI placed three UH Law Center health law students in legislative fellow positions to work closely with lawmakers in Austin for the 85th Legislative Session. The fellowship provides a unique opportunity for students to impact state health law and policy development and to forge strong networks for the future stakeholders, advisory groups and individuals.
DeMaurice Smith, Executive Director of the NFL Player’s Association, called for fans to recognize the humanity of professional athletes regarding safety and legal rights. Smith made his remarks in a discussion presented by HLPI titled, “Medical and Legal Ethics in the NFL and Sports,” days before Super Bowl LI was played at NRG Stadium between the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots.

Smith provided a broad overview of the NFLPA’s activities and also spoke about violence committed off the field by players and player safety, including the NFL’s issues with concussions. Smith was elected to his position unanimously by a board of active player representatives on March 16, 2009 and re-elected unanimously to a second term on March 29, 2012. He is the first attorney to lead the NFLPA.

Smith is a 1989 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and a 1985 graduate of Cedarville University. He is on the faculty of the National Trial Advocacy College in Charlottesville, Virginia; is an executive in residence of the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia; and is a guest lecturer at Georgetown University, Columbia University, Harvard University, George Washington University, and the University of Virginia School of Law. He also has been a guest speaker at the New York Stock Exchange and the commencement speaker for the University of Maryland and the Howard University School of Law.
HLPI sponsored the 2016 Health Law Symposium held at Norton Rose Fulbright on November 4, 2016. The symposium entitled, “Good Health Policy or Discrimination? How to Tell the Difference” featured keynote speaker, Marisa Smith, Regional Manager of the Office of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The symposium focused on “healthism,” or discrimination on the basis of health status. Experts from around the country came together to discuss the legal and ethical issues behind policies that discriminate on the basis of health-related factors, such as smoking and obesity. Areas of law discussed included Medicaid, ERISA, employment discrimination and public health. Speakers were:

- Jacqueline Fox, Associate Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law;
- Brendan Maher, Professor of Law, Director of the Insurance Law Center and Robert D. Paul Scholar, University of Connecticut School of Law;
- Jessica L. Roberts, George Butler Research Professor and Director, Health Law & Policy Institute, UH Law Center;
- Jennifer Shinall, Assistant Professor of Law, Vanderbilt Law School;
- Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law, University of Georgia School of Law; and
- Lindsay Wiley, Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law.

From left: Lindsay Wiley, Jacqueline Fox, Jessica L. Roberts, Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, Brendan Maher and Jennifer Shinall
2016-2017 SPEAKER SERIES BEGAN WITH A PANEL ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

On October 18, 2016, the 2016-2017 HLPI Speaker Series kicked off with “Ethical & Legal Issues in End of Life Care.” UH Law Center Professor Seth J. Chandler, Law Foundation Professor of Law, served as moderator for the panel discussion. Panelist Monica James, community outreach coordinator for Houston Hospice, began the talk by clarifying common misconceptions about hospice care. Panelist Barbara Mancini, a consultant at Compassion and Choices, rose to national and international prominence when she was arrested in 2013 for handing her dying 92-year-old father a bottle of morphine. Panelist Lex Frieden, professor of Health Informatics and Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Health Science Center, was the final speaker. Frieden directs the Independent Living Research Utilization Program at TIRR Memorial Hermann, and was instrumental in drafting the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. He discussed end-of-life issues for people with disabilities.

Representative Garnet Coleman Visits UHLC Health Law Class to Discuss the Use of Telemedicine to Prevent Jail Suicides

State Representative Garnet Coleman of District 147 shared his thoughts on ways to decrease the rate of inmate suicide in Texas jails in a talk with UH Law Center students during a Health Legislation & Advocacy class taught by Research Professor Allison Winnike and Adjunct Professor Patricia Gray. In an effort to prevent inmates from taking their own lives, Representative Coleman proposed the use of technology to treat prisoners with serious mental health issues.
HLPI’s Spring Lectures Analyzed Special Education, Current Health Care Policy and Workplace Hazards

HLPI’s Spring Speaker Series concluded with three discussions that covered a wide-ranging set of legal issues.

“HLPI was excited to bring together a diverse set of speakers to educate our community about the various facets of health law,” said Professor Jessica Roberts, HLPI Director.

D. Wendy Greene, Professor at Cumberland School of Law and Visiting Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law, presented her talk, “Occupational Hazards: What’s Hair Got to Do with It?” that challenged widely held perceptions about workplace policies that regulate employees’ hair.

The second talk, “Health Care Policy and Digital Health Under the Trump Administration,” was led by Jodi G. Daniel, a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP’s Washington, D.C. office who analyzed several of President Donald J. Trump’s executive orders relating to health care. Daniel is also the founding director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Policy in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

The final lecture of the semester, “Special Education Law Practice,” featured Dustin Rynders, a supervising attorney with Disability Rights Texas; Pam Kaminsky, an associate attorney with Rogers Morris & Grover; and Karen Mayer Cunningham, an advocate for special education, who discussed special education law from the perspective of the child, the parents and the school district.
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