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UH Law Center in the News

UH LAW CENTER/CALGARY PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EARN LAW DEGREES IN TWO COUNTRIES



The University of Houston Law Center and The University of Calgary have formed the International Energy Lawyers Program which begins in August. Students will be able to earn dual J.D. degrees to practice on both sides of the border. [more...](#)

CENTER FOR U.S. AND MEXICAN LAW DRAWS INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES FOR INAUGURAL EVENT



The Law Center launched the nation's first independent research center for the study of the legal relationship between the United States and Mexico with addresses by Mexico's Ambassador to the U.S. and by a Justice of the Mexican Supreme Court. [more...](#)

THREE-HOUR ETHICS COURSE SLATED FOR SEPT. 12

Register for **The Ethics Review**, a three-hour ethics CLE course sponsored by the UH Law Center and the UH Law Alumni Association. Scheduled from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Professors Ira Shepard, Ellen Marrus, and Robert Schuwerk will lead the session. Click [here](#) for registration and information.

UHLC SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

Ethics and compliance specialists gathered at the University of Houston Law Center to share real-world advice about meeting the challenges of today's multinational companies in a global economy. [more ...](#)

PROFESSORS ANALYZE HEALTH CARE RULING



Professors Chandler, Gray and Mantel weigh in to explain the Affordable Care Act ruling, its impact and outlook. [more...](#)

PRO BONO HONORS

The Immigration Clinic has been honored with a national pro bono award for its many years of helping immigrants facing deportation. The clinic was cited specifically for its work in winning a precedent-setting decision that enhanced the rights of thousands of mentally impaired immigrants in deportation proceedings. [more...](#)

'CATCH THE WAVE' GALA A CRASHING SUCCESS



The annual soiree with a decidedly nautical flair netted \$450k for Law Center programs. [more...](#)

CAMPUS GOES GREEN



Alumni and friends rolled up their sleeves on a Saturday morning to beautify Law Center grounds and improve the environment by planting trees with the help of the nonprofit Trees for Houston. [more...](#)

"A CASE FOR EXCELLENCE" UNVEILED



The University of Houston Law Center has debuted its new fast-paced promotional video "A Case for Excellence." The nine-minute piece presents a broad overview of the Law Center from its extensive curriculum and internationally recognized faculty, to its top-ranked specialty programs, renowned research centers and institutes, nationally known clinics and new global initiatives. [more...](#)

UH Law Center Faculty News

HOFFMAN GETS WHITE HOUSE UPDATE



He didn't sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom, but Professor Geoffrey Hoffman was invited to attend a day-long White House briefing session on immigration reform in June. [more...](#)

HAWKINS FINDS STUDENTS STILL TARGETED WITH CREDIT OFFERS

Professor Jim Hawkins released the first empirical data showing that credit card companies are largely ignoring strict new regulations in issuing cards to college students. [more...](#)

CHASE LEADS GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP

Professor Anthony Chase is the current Chairman of the Board of the Greater Houston Partnership. As head of the GHP, he is working to strengthen initiatives to build regional economic prosperity. [more...](#)

THOMPSON NAMED TO FORENSICS BOARD

Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson, a nationally recognized criminal law expert and director of the Law Center's Criminal Justice Institute, was named to a city governing board charged with overseeing a planned independent forensic center. [more...](#)

OLIVAS ROCKS ON



A lifelong aficionado of rock and roll, Professor Michael A. Olivas examined its legal side in his annual CLE seminar. [more...](#)

OBAMA APPOINTS BURKE TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT POST

President Obama named Professor Marcilynn A. Burke to serve as assistant secretary for Land and Minerals Management within the Department of the Interior. [more...](#)

UH Law Center Alumni in the News

UHLC ALUMNA AMONG NATION'S BEST YOUNG LAWYERS



Goldie K. Gabriel '07 has been honored as one of the nation's brightest, young lawyers by the National Bar Association and IMPACT's "2012 Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40." She also received the Excellence in Activism award at a special awards gala in Las Vegas during the 87th annual convention of the NBA. [more...](#)

TEXAS BAR HONORS CHARLES JACOBUS



The Real Estate Probate and Trust Section of the State Bar of Texas has honored Charles J. "Chuck" Jacobus '73 with its 2012 Distinguished Texas Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award. [more...](#)

Click [here](#) for more Alumni in the News. Submit your alumni news to briefcase@uh.edu.

Class Reunions 2012 – Save the Date! Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th
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REGISTER FOR SPECIAL CLE PROGRAMS

University of Houston Law Center alumni are reminded to take advantage of special offers that provide unlimited access to thousands of hours of continuing legal education and professional development programs.

The first is a complimentary program for 2012 offered through a partnership with the school, Thomson Reuters West LegalEdcenter, and the UH Law Foundation. Practicing attorneys may fulfill their Texas CLE requirements by choosing from among more than 6,000 programs from more than 50 leading CLE providers. To register, go to www.law.uh.edu/alumni/ and click on the UHLC West LegalEdcenter tab.

The UH Law Center has also partnered with the Practising Law Institute, one of the country's foremost CLE providers, to offer a free "Privileged Membership" to all recent Law Center graduates. This opportunity will provide subscribers with an all-access pass to PLI's wide range of traditional and virtual CLE offerings. Visit the PLI website, <http://www.pli.edu/>, or call 1-800-260-4754 for more details.

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