October 2025

Alumni in the News



Six UH Law Alumni Judges Celebrated as 2025 Judicial **Pioneers**

The University of Houston Law Center honored six judicial pioneers and their wide range of service to the bench, from county courts to federal jurisdiction, at its Judicial Pioneers Heritage Celebration. The honorees shared their journeys and insights with the next generation.



Recognized for Championing Workplace Justice Mishell Parreno Taylor (J.D. '03), a University of Houston

UHLC Alumna Mishell Parreno Taylor Nationally

Law Center alumna, was recently elected as a fellow to The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers Class of 2025. A partner at Akerman, L.L.P., she has represented the corporation on a wide range of employment law issues, including discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, retaliation, and wage and hour issues.



The University of Houston Law Center marked what

<u>UH Law Center Celebrates Alumnus John O'Quinn</u>

would have been the 84th birthday of legendary trial lawyer, philanthropist and alumnus John M. O'Quinn (J.D. '67) with a gathering in September.

Faculty In the News

Service

Justice Clinic



The University of Houston Law Center has added three new faculty members to its ranks and has promoted three

UH Law Center Celebrates New Faculty, Promotions and

professors for the 2025-26 academic year. Meet Joshua Lake New Director of UH Law's Criminal



the University of Houston Law Center as the first fulltime director of the Criminal Justice Clinic, a transition that built on his years of experience as a criminal defense

Earlier this year, Joshua Lake stepped into a new role at

attorney and his commitment to community-centered advocacy. Read about his journey. **UH Law Professor David Froomkin Earns National Recognition for Dissertation**

UH Law Center Assistant Professor David Froomkin received the 2025 Leonard D. White Award from the American Political Science Association, honoring the year's best dissertation in public administration. His groundbreaking work, titled "Structuring Democracy,"



reimagined the separation of powers. <u>UHLC Professor Seth Chandler Previews Key Cases for</u>

radio news show.



UH Law's Professor Seth Chandler previewed key cases for the new U.S. Supreme Court term on the Texas Standard

Service, Professionalism and Pride

on Progress and Growth

mentorship.

New SCOTUS Term



2026 academic year by welcoming 219 full-time and 30 part-time J.D. students and helping them settle into their new academic home.

New UH Law Students Begin Their Journey with

UHLC Community Joins Deans Baynes for Conversation

The University of Houston Law Center started the 2025-



Strong

Events

heart-to-heart at the beginning of the fall semester.

Students, faculty, and staff joined University of Houston Law Center Dean Leonard M. Baynes for a lunch-time

<u>UHLC's Pre-Law Pipeline Programs Mark 10-Year</u> **Milestone**

Programs initiative has supported more than 500 first-

generation and low-income students by providing access

Since its inception in 2015, the Pre-Law Pipeline

to law school preparatory courses, LSAT study, and

Fairly Allocating Scarce Medical Resources: Should We Consider Age and **Health Status?**



RSVP University of Houston Law Center

Room 220, John M. O'Quinn Law Building 4170 Martin Luther King Blvd Houston, TX 77204-6060

Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 Noon-1 PM Central Time 1 Hour of CLE Credit, Lunch Provided

2025 UH Law Holiday Coffee Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025

In-person **RSVP**

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Central Time

University of Houston Law Center John M. O'Quinn Law Building 4170 Martin Luther King Blvd Houston, TX 77204-6060

Save the Date: 49th Annual Law Gala and Auction

Bond, Barristers and Black Tie

Saturday, May 2, 2026

The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston

Tables and Tickets Will Go on Sale Dec. 1, 2025

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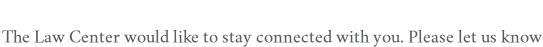
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