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## Alumni in the News

### [Doolabh '22 leans into love of sports through in-house counsel role with baseball's Phillies](#)



University of Houston Law Center alumna Elina Doolabh '22 could not be happier in her new role as in-house associate counsel for the Philadelphia baseball team, the Phillies. Working for a baseball team allows her to combine that passion for sports with her legal degree. Since she began her new role in May 2022, Doolabh has enjoyed the variety of the work and the opportunities it has created.

### [Ed Sullivan '97 argues before the U.S. Supreme Court in a labor and employment law case](#)



Ed Sullivan's career came full circle when the UH Law Center alumnus argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. v. Hewitt*, a case centered around whether an employee who earned six figures and was paid a daily rate is entitled to overtime pay. Since August 2017, Sullivan has represented Michael J. Hewitt, a former Helix Energy Solutions employee who "worked a significant amount of overtime" and was never compensated for it. At the core of the lawsuit is whether Hewitt, who was paid \$963 each day he worked, was paid a salary.

### [Fermeen Fazal '00 contributes student organization space](#)



The Fermeen Fazal Student Organization Flex Room in the University of Houston Law Center's new John M. O'Quinn Law Building is named for respected attorney, community advocate and PMC Capital Partners General Counsel Fermeen Fazal '00. The Flex Room is part of the student organization suite serving more than 30 Law Center student organizations. The space is located on the third floor of the new ultramodern John M. O'Quinn Law Building.

## Faculty in the News

### [Professor Trujillo gives insights on the North American Leaders Summit](#)



Elizabeth Trujillo, UHLC professor and founding Director of the Initiative on Global Law and Policy for the Americas, was quoted in a CBC news article on "Trudeau stakes Canada's trade policy on NAFTA's resiliency." The pandemic already has shifted the focus away from multilateralism, she said. "These things are like pendulums — we've moved away from globalization, and we went to nationalism, and now we're inching back toward regionalism. And some of these issues around environment and energy are better dealt with regionally, at least initially."

### [Professor Flatt talks climate policy and what to expect for 2023](#)



Grid News asked experts what they're keeping an eye on in the climate realm for 2023. Victor Flatt a law professor and co-director of the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Center at the University of Houston Law Center said, "To me the biggest change in U.S. climate law will come if/when the Securities and Exchange Commission rules go into effect requiring companies to report actual emissions of greenhouse gases."

### [Professor Bush reshapes scholarly landscape through presentations and publication](#)



The University of Houston Law Center's Professor Darren Bush has been busy bringing antitrust and consumer protection law topics to the forefront through conference presentations and published academic research. As part of the Utah Project, a coalition of economists and law professors dedicated to the study of progressive antitrust and consumer protection law, Bush participated in the renowned Lee E. Teitelbaum Utah Law Review Symposium titled "The New Roaring Twenties: The Progressive Agenda for Antitrust and Consumer Protection Law."

## More News

### [University of Houston Law Center remembers Professor G. Sidney Buchanan](#)



University of Houston Law Center Professor Emeritus G. Sidney Buchanan died Saturday, Jan. 7 at the age of 89 after a long illness. Buchanan joined the Law Center faculty in 1967, teaching constitutional law, wills and trusts. In 1970, Buchanan became the first faculty advisor to the fledgling *Houston Law Review*, a position he held until his retirement in 2004.

### [UH Law Center expands Briefcase program with video series](#)



University of Houston Law Center's new video series focuses on the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. This series complements the Briefcase radio program on KUHF, launched in 2016. UH Law Center Dean Leonard M. Baynes hosts both series; during this season, he will explore how the amendments relate to society today.

### [Bankrate names UH Law Center best value for environmental law](#)



The University of Houston Law Center was listed in the "Top 9 best value law schools 2022" by Bankrate, which evaluated law schools across the country in four key areas. Best value rankings focused on bar passage rates, financial aid, indebtedness upon graduation and the earnings of alumni. Selected as the "Best Value for Environmental Law," UH Law Center was noted for its prominent and experienced faculty, comprehensive environmental law curriculum, and unique legal perspective gained from a location in Houston, the Energy Capital of the World, and upcoming Sustainable Energy Capital of the World.

### [UH Law Center clinic expands to include criminal appeals representation](#)



This semester, criminal appeals was added to the University of Houston Law Center clinic program. The Death Penalty & Criminal Appeals Clinic is spearheaded by Clinical Supervising Attorney Jeffrey R. Newberry as well as David R. Dow, Cullen Professor at UH Law Center and founder of the Texas Innocence Network, an organization that uses UH Law Students to investigate claims of actual innocence brought by Texas prisoners.

## Upcoming Events



### Bracewell LLP Distinguished Lecture in Racial and Social Justice

Guest: Reginald Dwayne Betts  
Felon: *An American Washi Tale*

Thursday, February 16, 2023  
6:30 p.m. CT  
In-person and Virtual  
Location: Danny M Sheena Classroom 102A

Approved for 1 hour of Texas MCLE

[Click here to register or more information](#)

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### Yale L. Rosenberg Memorial Lecture

Thursday, March 22, 2023

In-person and Virtual

Guest Speaker: Janai Nelson  
NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund  
President & Director-Counsel

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### LONE STAR REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE

Lone Star Regional Legal Writing Conference  
April 14-15, 2023  
In-person

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### 7th Annual North American Environment Energy and Natural Resources Conference

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM CT  
In-person and Virtual

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