



AALS: PATHWAYS TO LAW TEACHING REGIONAL WORKSHOP SO, YOU WANT TO BE A LAW PROFESSOR



Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00 AM Central Time - Breakfast and Networking

9:00 AM - 1:15 PM Central Time - Panel Discussions

1:30 - 5:00 PM Central Time

Interviews with Participating Law Schools (by invitation)

Approved for 3.50 hours of Texas MCLE credit

University of Houston Law Center
John M. O'Quinn Law Building

AGENDA

8:00 AM

Breakfast and Networking

9:00 – 9:10 AM

Welcome

Leonard M. Baynes

Dean Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center

M. Kaylan Dunn

President-Elect, Houston Bar Association
Partner, Hunton

9:10 – 9:55 AM

So, You Want to Be A Law Professor: Pathways to Legal Academia

.75 Texas MCLE

Chanté Brantley

Director of the VanSickle Family Law Clinic
Clinical Professor of Law
SMU Dedman School of Law

Christina Crozier

Clinical Assistant Professor
Lawyering Skills and Strategies
University of Houston Law Center

Moderator

Sally Brown Richardson

A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law
Tulane University Law School

Attorneys may self report their hours commensurate with the time in attendance using the course number or QR code provided at the workshop. Please see the Agenda for the amount of credit per panel. If you are licensed in another jurisdiction and require an out-of-state certificate to pursue credit or if you have questions about CLE credit, please email Kristina Van Arsdel at kgvanars@central.uh.edu.

AGENDA

9:55 – 10:40 AM

So, You Want to Be A Law Professor: The Application Process

.75 Texas MCLE

Johnny Rex Buckles

Mike and Teresa Baker College Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center

Moderator

J. Anna Cabot

Assistant Dean of Clinical Programs
Clinical Associate Professor
Immigration Clinic Director
University of Houston Law Center

Pamela V. Keller

Clinical Professor
Lawyering Skills Director
Moot Court Director
University of Kansas School of Law

10:40 – 10:55 AM

Break

10:55 – 11:55 AM

Interactive Breakout Sessions

1.0 Texas MCLE

Panel for Doctrinal Course Positions

Donald Campbell

Owen Cooper Professor of Law
Mississippi Christian University School of Law

Martin Edwards

Associate Professor of Law
University of Mississippi School of Law

Sally Brown Richardson

A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law
Tulane University Law School

AGENDA

10:55 – 11:55 AM

Interactive Breakout Sessions

1.0 Texas MCLE

Panel for Legal Research and Writing/ Clinical Positions

Alissa Gomez

Clinical Professor

Lawyering Skills and Strategies & Pro Bono Facilitator

University of Houston Law Center

Ryan Marquez

Clinical Associate Professor

Director of the Civil Justice Clinic

University of Houston Law Center

Annie Smith

Wylie H. Davis Professor of Law

Director, Civil Litigation & Advocacy Clinic

Director, Human Trafficking Clinic

University of Arkansas School of Law

Stephanie J. Thompson

Instructional Professor of Law

Texas A&M University School of Law

Panel for Adjunct Positions

Be'Atrice M. Randall

The Randall Law Office, PLLC

Adjunct Professor

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Richard A. Schwartz

Shareholder

Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC

Adjunct Professor, Professional Responsibility

University of Houston Law Center

AGENDA

10:55 – 11:55 AM

Interactive Breakout Sessions

1.0 Texas MCLE

Panel for Adjunct Positions

Rusty Umble

Senior Associate

Rapp & Krock, PC

Adjunct Professor

South Texas College of Law Houston

11:55 AM – 12:15 PM

Break to get lunches

12:15 – 1:15 PM

So, You Want to Be A Law Professor: Deans' Perspective on Hiring Faculty

1.0 Texas MCLE

Moderator

Leonard M. Baynes

Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair

Professor of Law

University of Houston Law Center

Angela Banks

Interim Dean

Charles J. Merriam Distinguished Professor of Law

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Arizona State University

Anna E. Carpenter

Dean and Director of the Law Center

Fenelon Boesche Chair in Law

Professor of Law

University of Oklahoma College of Law

AGENDA

12:15 – 1:15 PM

**So, You Want to Be A Law Professor:
Deans' Perspective on Hiring Faculty**

1.0 Texas MCLE

Colin Crawford

Dean and Professor of Law

William H. Bowen School of Law

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Madeleine M. Landrieu

Dean

Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Distinguished Professor of Law

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

1:30 – 5:00 PM

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BIOGRAPHIES



ANGELA BANKS

*Interim Dean, Charles J. Merriam Distinguished Professor of Law
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Arizona State University*

Angela M. Banks serves as Interim Dean and Charles J. Merriam Distinguished Professor of Law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She is an immigration and citizenship expert whose research focuses on membership and belonging in democratic societies. Her scholarship has appeared in leading American law review journals such as the *Emory Law Journal*, the *William & Mary Law Review* and the *Brooklyn Law Review*.

As a member of ASU Law's executive leadership team, Dean Banks has played a key role in advancing the college's academic innovation and strategic growth. She has spearheaded initiatives focused on expanding access to legal education, strengthening student success and enhancing the college's national impact. Dean Banks led the development and launch of ASU Law's part-time, online Juris Doctor program, helping position the college at the forefront of flexible and accessible legal education. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to preparing future lawyers through forward-thinking programs that meet the evolving needs of students, communities and the legal profession.

Prior to joining the ASU Law faculty, Dean Banks was a Professor of Law at William & Mary School of Law. She has also served as the Reginald F. Lewis Fellow for Law Teaching at Harvard Law School; a legal advisor to Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal; an associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, DC (now WilmerHale); and as a law clerk for Judge Carlos F. Lucero of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.



LEONARD M. BAYNES

*Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center*

Leonard M. Baynes, currently the longest serving law dean in Texas, made history in 2014 with his appointment as the first dean of African descent at the University of Houston Law Center.

During his deanship, the UH Law Center's admission credentials have steadily increased — the median LSAT score climbed from 159 to 163 and the median GPA grew from 3.47 to 3.79, with over 20% of the students in the 2025 entering class from first-generation college backgrounds and more than 83% from first-generation law school backgrounds. Under Dean Baynes's leadership, the Law Center completed the \$93 million world-class John M. O'Quinn Law Building in 2022 and expanded pathways to legal education through innovative programs including the 3-3 Program with UH Honors College, the UH Law Express Program, and the award-winning Pre-Law Pipeline Programs, which prepare first-generation, economically challenged students for the competitive law school admissions process.

A prolific scholar, Dean Baynes co-authored the casebook "Telecommunications Law: Convergence and Competition" and has published over 25 law review articles and book chapters. He has received numerous honors, including recognition as one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers of color, the Paul Robeson Award from his alma mater Columbia Law School, and the Clyde Ferguson Award from the Association of American Law Schools. He is serving a three-year term on the AALS' Executive Committee.

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CHANTÉ BRANTLEY

*Director of the VanSickle Family Law Clinic
Clinical Professor of Law
SMU Dedman School of Law*

Chanté Brantley is a dedicated advocate, educator, and legal practitioner with a distinguished career in family law and public service. She is a Clinical Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the VanSickle Family Law Clinic at SMU Dedman School of Law. In this role, Professor Brantley mentors and supervises law students who provide critical legal representation to low-income clients in cases involving divorce, paternity, custody, visitation, child support and marital property disputes. She teaches the civil litigation process through hands-on clinical practice, guiding students in case preparation, courtroom procedures, and client advocacy. Grounded in

her teaching philosophy of “*growth, not perfection*,” Professor Brantley inspires students to embrace challenges, build confidence, and continuously develop as effective, compassionate advocates.

As the clinic’s director, Professor Brantley oversees its operations, case selection, and advocacy strategies. She ensures that the clinic not only delivers meaningful legal services to clients but also provides law students with invaluable, hands-on legal experience that prepares them for practice.

A visionary leader, Professor Brantley created a courthouse self-help desk to assist self-represented litigants and support the judiciary. Recognizing a critical gap in access to legal services, she developed this initiative to provide essential guidance to individuals navigating the legal system without formal representation. The self-help desk is staffed in part by law students under her supervision, offering them invaluable hands-on experience while serving the community. To date, the program has helped more than 1,800 individuals.



JOHNNY REX BUCKLES

*Mike and Teresa Baker College Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center*

Johnny Rex Buckles has been a faculty member of the University of Houston Law Center since August of 2000. He has also served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the Washington & Lee University School of Law. Professor Buckles has taught Taxation of Exempt Organizations, Federal Income Tax, Law & Theology, Estate Planning, Trusts & Wills, Contracts and Tax Policy Seminar.

Professor Buckles’s primary research interests are in the law of tax and charity, and in law and theology. His publications include a number of law review articles and contributions to collective works. Professor Buckles holds a Juris Doctorate from the Harvard Law School, a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Science from Oklahoma State University.

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J. ANNA CABOT

*Assistant Dean of Clinical Programs
Clinical Associate Professor
Immigration Clinic Director
University of Houston Law Center*

Anna Cabot is the Assistant Dean of Clinical Programs, Clinical Associate Professor, and Immigration Clinic Director at the University of Houston Law Center. Professor Cabot's research interests include the intersections of gender and cultural difference with global migration, immigration laws, and international law, and crisis-responsive clinical pedagogy.

Prior to teaching at the University of Houston Law Center, Professor Cabot was the Practitioner in Residence in the Gender Justice Clinic at American University Washington College of Law.

There, she taught and supervised students representing clients with cases spanning immigration, housing, family law, domestic violence protection, wills, and name-and-gender change. Additionally, from 2014 to 2018, Professor Cabot was the William Davis Clinical Teaching Fellow at the University of Connecticut School of Law, teaching in the Asylum and Human Rights Clinic.

Professor Cabot received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law in 2009 and her B.A. from Amherst College in 2003. Professor Cabot graduated from college with a degree in physics and received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Chennai, India.



DONALD CAMPBELL

*Owen Cooper Professor of Law
Mississippi Christian University School of Law*

Professor Donald Campbell joined the MC Law faculty in 2008. Professor Campbell's research agenda focuses on legal ethics and property; however, he has also published articles dealing with such political issues as the Voting Rights Act and confirmation of federal judges. Professor Campbell has published a legal ethics casebook and has also written a textbook on construction law for West Academic (with Mike Montoya at Boise State University), as well as co-authored an article on judicial confirmation and an article on the enforcement of ethical obligations as a matter of substantive law. Professor Campbell also serves as an editor of the Second Edition of the

Encyclopedia of Mississippi Law (along with colleague Dean Mary Miller). Professor Campbell is also an editor of *Mississippi Civil Procedure* treatise (with Justin Matheny). Professor Campbell often speaks to lawyers and judges on ethics.

Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Campbell served as a clerk for the Honorable Leslie H. Southwick on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He was voted Law School Professor of the Year for the 2009-2010 and 2015-2016 school years. Professor Campbell also serves as the faculty advisor for the school's law review.

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ANNA E. CARPENTER

*Dean and Director of the Law Center
Fenelon Boesche Chair in Law
Professor of Law
University of Oklahoma College of Law*

Anna E. Carpenter serves as Dean and Director of the Law Center, holds the Fenelon Boesche Chair in Law, and is Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. As dean, she leads Oklahoma's only public law school, working with faculty, staff, students, alumni, the bench and bar, and university partners to advance OU Law's mission of preparing students for meaningful legal careers, public service, and leadership in Oklahoma and beyond.

A nationally recognized scholar of civil justice and access to justice, Dean Carpenter studies how people experience civil legal problems, the roles of courts and lawyers in the civil justice system, and the design of legal institutions. Her scholarship examines state civil courts and judges, legal regulatory innovation, legal education, and clinical pedagogy. Her work has appeared in the *Columbia Law Review*, *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Wisconsin Law Review*, *Fordham Law Review*, *Harvard Law Review Forum*, *Stanford Law Review Online*, and *Law & Social Inquiry*. She has received numerous national honors, including the Stephen Ellmann Memorial Clinical Scholarship Award and the inaugural Alli Gerkman Legal Visionary Award, and she was named a Bellow Scholar by the Association of American Law Schools.

Before joining OU, Dean Carpenter served at the University of Utah as Special Advisor to the President and as Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs at the S.J. Quinney College of Law. Her previous academic appointments include Associate Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Tulsa College of Law and Clinical Teaching Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center. She was also a Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow.

Before entering academia, Dean Carpenter worked as a legal services attorney and federal policy analyst. She holds a J.D. and an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from Willamette University.



COLIN CRAWFORD

*Dean and Professor of Law
William H. Bowen School of Law
University of Arkansas at Little Rock*

Colin Crawford was appointed Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in July 2023, having previously served as dean in law schools in Louisville, Kentucky and San Francisco, California.

Prior to becoming an academic administrator, Dean Crawford was a tenured member of the faculty at Tulane University, where he served as the law school's Robert C. Cudd Professor of Environmental Law and was the Executive Director of the Payson Center for International Development, and an affiliated faculty member of the university's Stone Center for Latin American Studies. Before that he was, among other roles, a tenured member of the faculty at the Georgia State University College of Law, where he founded and co-directed the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. While at Georgia State, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and the recipient of a four-year grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to improve the teaching of environmental law in Latin America and the Caribbean.

BIOGRAPHIES



CHRISTINA CROZIER

*Clinical Assistant Professor
Lawyering Skills and Strategies
University of Houston Law Center*

Professor Christina Crozier teaches Lawyering Skills and Strategies at the University of Houston Law Center, a course which imparts the fundamentals of legal writing to first-year students.

In her teaching, Professor Crozier draws on more than two decades of experience in Haynes Boone's appellate practice group. She is a seasoned legal writer and oral advocate, having argued appeals in the Fifth Circuit, the Texas Supreme Court, and numerous Texas courts of appeals.

Professor Crozier is board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She has been selected for membership in the American Law Institute and has been repeatedly recognized by *Texas Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of appeals.

An enthusiastic supporter of the bar, Professor Crozier serves as editor-in-chief of *The Appellate Advocate*, the law journal of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section. She is a past chair of the Houston Bar Association Appellate Section and regularly teaches continuing legal education courses to lawyers and judges on topics such as error preservation, the jury charge, and legal writing.



M. KAYLAN DUNN

*President-Elect, Houston Bar Association
Partner, Hunton*

Kaylan Dunn, Partner at Hunton and Houston Bar Association President-Elect, is a litigator who excels at courtroom advocacy and legal writing. She focuses her practice on commercial, energy, and fiduciary matters. Kaylan represents clients across industries in complex energy, banking, real estate, and trust and estate disputes, tackling actions involving breach of contract, fraud, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, trespass, and other torts in state and federal court, arbitration, and mediation. Her experience includes multi-million dollar lawsuits, bankruptcy proceedings, class actions, and more. She counsels public and private energy companies, fiduciaries, commercial property owners, national banks, tech start-ups, trust companies, private equity firms, and individuals alike.



MARTIN EDWARDS

*Associate Professor of Law
University of Mississippi School of Law*

Professor Martin Edwards joined the Ole Miss Law faculty in 2023 after two years each on the faculties at Belmont University College of Law and Mississippi College School of Law, where he taught Contracts, Business Associations, Mergers & Acquisitions, Sales, Commercial Paper, Ethics, and Legal Information & Communication. He has also taught Legal Research and Writing as a Forrester Fellow at Tulane University School of Law. Before entering law teaching, he clerked for the Hon. Leslie H. Southwick of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, served as a Special Assistant Attorney General at the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, and practiced law at Phelps Dunbar, LLP. He graduated from Duke Law School, where he was the managing editor of *Law & Contemporary Problems* and a member of the Moot Court Board, and he holds a Bachelor's of Accountancy from The University of Mississippi.

Professor Edwards's research interests include business entity law, corporate governance, contract law and theory, securities and financial regulation, financial technology, antitrust, law and economics, law and technology, and firearms law and the Second Amendment. His work has appeared in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law*, *Dickinson Law Review*, *Louisiana Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law*, *St. John's Law Review*, *Colorado Law Review*, *Penn State Law Review*, and *Administrative Law Review*.

BIOGRAPHIES



ALISSA GOMEZ

*Clinical Professor, Lawyering Skills and Strategies & Pro Bono Facilitator
University of Houston Law Center*

Professor Alissa Rubin Gomez teaches Lawyering Skills & Strategies and Evidence at the University of Houston Law Center, and serves at the Law Center's facilitator for pro bono projects and opportunities. Professor Gomez's scholarship focuses on legal writing, pro bono, and civil justice reform.

Prior to joining the Law Center faculty in 2017, Professor Gomez served for six years as the Executive Director of Houston Volunteer Lawyers, the non-profit legal aid arm of the Houston Bar Association. Under her leadership, Houston Volunteer Lawyers achieved a pro bono case placement rate of 98 percent, grew to a full-time staff of 30 including 14 staff attorneys, and launched innovative programming such as the Texas Children's Medical-Legal Partnership. Houston Volunteer Lawyers received the State Bar's Pro Bono Award in 2014.

From 2002 to 2011, Professor Gomez was a commercial litigation associate and then partner in the Houston office of King & Spalding LLP. *Texas Monthly* named her a "Rising Star" in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. In 2017, the Houston Association of Women Attorneys honored Professor Gomez with its Premier Women in Law award.



PAMELA V. KELLER

*Clinical Professor
Lawyering Skills Director
Moot Court Director
University of Kansas School of Law*

Pamela Keller is a clinical professor and director of the lawyering skills program at the University of Kansas School of Law. She graduated from the KU School of Law in 1993, Order of the Coif, and was the Note and Comment Editor of the *Kansas Law Review*.

After serving two years as a law clerk for the Hon. John W. Lungstrum, U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, she joined Ice Miller in Indianapolis and worked for the firm for nine years as a labor law and employment litigation attorney. She joined the KU Law lawyering skills faculty in 1999, at the inception of the program, and has served as director since 2006. She directed the judicial field placement for fifteen years and currently directs the moot court program. She received the law school's Robert A. Schroeder Teaching Fellowship in 2012 and the Edwin W. Hecker Jr. Teaching Fellowship in 2019 and 2022. The University awarded her the inaugural Bob & Kathie Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018.



MADELEINE M. LANDRIEU

*Dean
Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Distinguished Professor of Law
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law*

Madeleine M. Landrieu has served as the Dean of the College of Law at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law since 2017. Prior to her appointment, she served as a judge on the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans and on the Court of Appeal for the Louisiana Fourth Circuit. During her 16-year tenure in the judiciary, Dean Landrieu served as President of the Louisiana District Judges Association, President of the Louisiana Judicial College, Chair of the New Judges Training Committee, and on the Board of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Committee.

Dean Landrieu teaches *Trial Advocacy*, *Children and the Law*, and *Collaborative Divorce* at Loyola and presents continuing education programs in areas of civil procedure, judicial recusal, trial advocacy, the impact of early childhood trauma, and leadership.

BIOGRAPHIES



RYAN MARQUEZ

*Clinical Associate Professor
Director of the Civil Justice Clinic
University of Houston Law Center*

Professor Ryan Marquez has been at the University of Houston Law Center since 2016, where he began as a Staff Attorney for the Center for Consumer Law. He has experience with consumer legal issues including debt collection, contractor disputes, foreclosures, title disputes, and landlord/tenant cases. He has been board certified since 2019 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for Consumer and Commercial Law. As a Professor of Practice, he directed the Consumer Law Clinic from 2019-2022. He previously managed the Hurricane Harvey Assistance Program with other

Law Center clinical programs and oversaw the legal work in law clinics for cases related to Hurricane Harvey. From 2010 to 2015, he worked for Lone Star Legal Aid's Disaster Relief Unit and Housing and Consumer Unit. Under his leadership, UH Law Center was one of 99 law schools in 35 states and Puerto Rico recognized by the White House for its commitment to addressing the national housing and eviction crisis. Through Professor Marquez's efforts, this initiative was funded by a \$300,000 grant from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.



BE'ATRICE M. RANDALL

*The Randall Law Office, PLLC
Adjunct Professor
Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law*

Be'Atrice Randall is a Child Welfare Law Board Certified attorney, celebrating her 20th Anniversary of being licensed to practice law in the State of Texas. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, where she served as an editor of the Law Review and Honor Court Chief Prosecutor.

She is the principal attorney for The Randall Law Office, PLLC, where she has developed a comprehensive Child Welfare Law practice, representing Children, Parents, Grandparents, Intervenor and Foster Care Agencies. Her practice also includes Estate Planning and Probate matters. She has served as Speaker/Presenter for several Continuing Legal Education workshops regarding Ethics in the Practice of Law and was listed as a Top Rated Presentation for the Best of Child Protection Law CLE Collection in 2024 for her presentation on De Novo Hearings and in 2026 for her presentation on Self Care and Ethics. As a community activist, Be'Atrice has served as a member of the STAR Drug Court in Harris County, designed to help reunify families involved with CPS litigation due to drug misuse and abuse.

BIOGRAPHIES



SALLY BROWN RICHARDSON

*A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law
Tulane University Law School*

Sally Brown Richardson specializes in property law, community property law and comparative private law. Her scholarship and teaching focus on how property and community property doctrines might be modernized to operate more effectively and efficiently given changes in society since their creation. In doing so, she compares how property and community property doctrines operate in both common and civil law jurisdictions, and she considers what the different legal systems might learn from each other to better address modern property issues.

Professor Richardson is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She has served as a Reporter for property committees of the Uniform Law Commission, including the Tenancy In Common Default Rules Committee. Professor Richardson also serves on the executive board for both the American Society of Comparative Law and the Association of Law, Property and Society. She is an active member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, serving on its Council and a number of committees, including as the Reporter for the Property Law Committee.

In 2019, Professor Richardson received Tulane University's highest teaching honor, the President's Award for Excellence in Professional and Graduate Teaching. In 2025 and 2015, she was awarded the Felix Frankfurter Award for Distinguished Teaching, Tulane Law School's highest teaching honor. And in 2015-16, she was the Gordon Gamm Faculty Scholar, an award supporting early-career professors.



RICHARD A. SCHWARTZ

*Shareholder
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Adjunct Professor, Professional Responsibility
University of Houston Law Center*

For more than 45 years working as a successful trial lawyer, Richard A. "Dick" Schwartz has tried more than 65 cases. He has handled cases in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, New York and California, representing clients in state and federal courts in various types of disputes, including complex commercial litigation, breach of contract, business break-ups, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, insurance, environmental, labor and employment, intellectual property, securities, personal injury and professional liability matters.

In addition to his complex commercial trial practice, Dick counsels clients and handles cases regarding employment contracts, terminations and separations, claims of discrimination and retaliation, breach of non-competition/non-solicitation/confidentiality agreements and theft of trade secrets. He also performs independent investigations for companies on a variety of issues.

Since 2019, Dick has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Law Center, where he teaches a course on the legal and ethical responsibilities of members of the legal profession. In 2023, he completed his second six-year term on the State Bar of Texas District 4 Grievance Committee, where he also served as Chairman.

BIOGRAPHIES



ANNIE SMITH

*Wylie H. Davis Professor of Law
Director, Civil Litigation & Advocacy Clinic
Director, Human Trafficking Clinic
University of Arkansas School of Law*

Professor Annie Smith directs the Civil Litigation & Advocacy Clinic and Human Trafficking Clinic. Her advocacy and scholarship focus on labor exploitation, including human trafficking. She and her students have represented numerous clients in forced labor and human trafficking, unpaid wage, and other matters. Professor Smith has been interviewed by local, national and international media, including the *Washington Post*. She serves as chair of the board of Legal Aid of Arkansas, is a member of the Arkansas Human Trafficking Council, and co-chairs its Training Committee.

Professor Smith is a recipient of the Arkansas Bar Foundation's Equal Justice Distinguished Service Award as well as its Best Legal Writing Award. She has twice received the Law School's Dean's Circle Faculty Award for Service and has been recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Mentor by the University's Office of the Provost. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Smith taught at the George Washington University School of Law and practiced at Legal Services of New Jersey. Professor Smith received her LL.M. from George Washington University, J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and B.A. from Brown University.



STEPHANIE J. THOMPSON

*Instructional Professor of Law
Texas A&M University School of Law*

Stephanie J. Thompson is an Instructional Professor of Law at the Texas A&M University School of Law. She specializes in legal research, legal writing, torts, and employment discrimination. Prior to joining Texas A&M, she taught at the McGeorge School of Law for over two decades.



RUSTY UMBLE

*Senior Associate
Rapp & Krock, PC
Adjunct Professor
South Texas College of Law Houston*

Rusty Umble's practice is focused on fiduciary representation, probate litigation, guardianship, and general commercial litigation. Drawing on experience as both a practicing attorney and a former corporate trust officer, Rusty brings a practical and strategic approach to helping families, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, and businesses navigate complex legal and financial issues. Rusty is also an adjunct professor, teaching pre-trial litigation drafting at South Texas College of Law Houston.



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