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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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#### **University of Houston Law Center**

Houston, TX

Research Assistant Professor, 2018 – present  
*Research Director, Health Law & Policy Institute*

### **RECOGNITION**

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#### *Honors and Awards:*

Health Policy Scholar, Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine

2021 American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholar

2021 Inductee, Delta Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health, Alpha Iota Chapter

2021 Center Service Award, Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine

2020 Ethel M. Baker Faculty Award, University of Houston Law Center

#### *Grants:*

*Member, Legal Aim*, NIH NIMH R01 Polygenic Risk Scores in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Ethical, Clinical, and Legal Implications (PIs: Lazaro-Munoz, Pereira, Storch). 2021 – present

*Principal Investigator*, Secondhand Smoking Ordinances Database. Funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition. 2019 – present

*Principal Investigator*, An Empirical and Legal Analysis of Unilateral Amendment Provisions in Consumer Health Technology Contracts. Funded by a research grant from the University of Houston. 2020 – 2021

*Co-Investigator*, Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration: A Qualitative Study of Medical-Legal Partnerships. Funded by a research grant from the University of Houston (PI: Mantel). 2018 – 2019

### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

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*Femtechdystopia* (with Michael R. Ulrich), 75 STAN. L. REV. -- (forthcoming 2023).

- Selected from call for papers for the Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop at Loyola University School of Law, September 2022.
- Selected from call for papers for the Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford Law School Fifth Junior Faculty Forum for Law and STEM at Northwestern Law School, October 2022.

*Health App Lemons*, 74 ALA. L. REV. -- (forthcoming 2022).

- Selected for the 2021 American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholars Workshop, September-October 2021.
- Selected from call for papers for the 2022 Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall University School of Law, February 2022.

*Uncertain Terms* (with Jessica L. Roberts & Jim Hawkins), 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1 (2021).

- Selected from call for papers for “A Workshop on Vulnerability and Corporate Subjectivity” at Emory Law School (virtual), October 2020.
- Selected from call for papers for the 2020 Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop at Loyola University School of Law (virtual), September 2020.

*A Qualitative Study of the Promises and Perils of Medical-Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica L. Mantel) 12 NORTHEASTERN L. REV. 1 (2020) (selected from call for papers).

- Selected from call for papers for the “Promises and Perils of Emerging Health Innovations” symposium at Northeastern University Law School, April 2019.

## **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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*If We Want An App For That, We Should Fund It*, AM. J. BIOETHICS NEUROSCIENCE 13(3): 198-200 (2022).

*A Pregnant Pause: System-Level Barriers to Perinatal Mental Health Care* (with Stephanie R. Morain and J. Wesley Boyd) -- HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC – (in press 2022).

*Let’s Tok About Sex* (with Lauren Schoen and Stephanie R. Morain) 69 J. ADOLESCENT HEALTH 5, 687-688 (2021).

*Sex Education on TikTok: A Content Analysis of Themes* (with Lauren Schoen, Hadley Stevens Smith, and Stephanie R. Morain) -- HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC -- (in press 2021).

*Teen Use of Smartphone Applications for Menstrual Cycle Tracking* (with Stephanie Morain and Charlotte Gillard) 145 PEDIATRICS 5 (2020).

*Readability and Accessibility of Terms of Service and Privacy Policies for Menstruation-Tracking Smartphone Applications* (with Stephanie R. Morain and Charlotte Gillard) 21 HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC. 5 (2020).

*A Matter of Life and Longer Life* (with Kristin Kostick and Christopher Scott). 50 J. AGING STUD. (2019).

*From Cervical Cap to Mobile App: Examining the Potential Reproductive Health Impacts of New Technologies* (with Stephanie R. Morain and Julie Marie Dorland), 20 HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC. 5, 642-647 (2019).

*Engineering Eden: Does Earthly Pursuit of Eternal Life Threaten the Future of Religions?* (with Kristin Kostick and Christopher Scott), 17 THEOLOGY AND SCI. 2 (2019).

*A Nudge Toward Meaningful Choice* (with Jessica L. Roberts), AM. J. BIOETHICS 19(5): 76-78 (2019).

*What to Expect When [Your Employer Suspects] You’re Expecting* (with Stephanie R. Morain & Jessica L. Roberts), Viewpoint, 176 JAMA INTERN. MED. 1597 (2016).

## **SHORTER WORKS**

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*Reproductive Surveillance* (with Michael R. Ulrich) -- J. L. MED. & ETHICS – (forthcoming 2023) (selected from call for papers).

*Unlimited Medical Liability?* (with Jessica L. Roberts and Paul S. Appelbaum) -- EMORY L. J. ONLINE -- (forthcoming 2022).

*COVID-19 & The Myth of Health Data Privacy* -- KANSAS J. L. & PUB. POL’Y -- (forthcoming 2022) (invited symposium contribution).

*Mind the App* (with Jessica L. Roberts) 31 ANNALS OF HEALTH L. LIFE SCI. 2, 143-166 (Summer 2022) (selected from call for papers).

*Trustworthy Digital Contact Tracing* (with Emily Berman and Jessica L. Roberts) 56 RICHMOND L. REV. 879 (2022) (invited symposium contribution).

*Patient Referral Failures* (with Jessica Mantel) 32 HEALTH MATRIX 1 (2022).

*Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium: Redefining and Regulating Health Data*, 21 HOUS. J. HEALTH L. & POL'Y 1, 1-8 (2021).

*Thinking Outside the Silos: Information Sharing in Medical-Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica Mantel) 40 J. LEGAL MED. 3-4, 369-389 (2020).

*Faculty Parental Leave Policies at Top Health Law Programs* (with Lauren Schoen, Lindsey Limbaugh, Richa Lavingia, and Stephanie R. Morain) 45 J. LEGAL PRO. 37 (2020).

*Schrödinger's App* (with Stephanie R. Morain) 46 AM. J. L. & MED 2-3, 203-218 (2020) (selected from call for papers).

*How Assuming Autonomy Undermines Wellness Programs* (with Jessica L. Roberts), 27 HEALTH MATRIX 101 (2017) (invited symposium contribution).

### **BOOKS, CHAPTERS, & EDITED VOLUMES**

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*Data Management*, in ASSESSING LEGAL RESPONSES TO COVID-19 (with Jessica L. Roberts & Nicolas P. Terry) (Scott Burris et al. eds., 2d. ed.) (2021).

CONTROL MEASURES AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES: A TEXAS BENCH BOOK (Leah R. Fowler ed., 2020), available at <https://www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/HLPIBenchBook.pdf>.

### **SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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*Cooperative Surveillance* (with Emily Berman and Jessica L. Roberts) (law review).

- Selected from call for papers for the 2021 Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall University School of Law, February 2021.

*The Appification of Genetic Risk* (law review essay).

*The Quantified Legal Self* (law review).

*Fertility Awareness Based Methods of Contraception on TikTok: A Content Analysis of Themes* (with Chelsea Polis and Stephanie R. Morain) (peer-review).

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Video Interview, *New warning about the privacy of period-tracking apps*, GOOD MORNING AMERICA, August 18, 2022, <https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/wellness/video/warning-privacy-period-tracking-apps-88535123>.

Media Mention, *After Dobbs v. Jackson, the Battle Shifts to Digital Privacy v. Surveillance*, LEAPS.ORG, August 4, 2022, <https://leaps.org/roe-v-wade/>.

Media Mention, *After Roe v. Wade ruling, Houston women are deleting period tracking apps, citing privacy concerns*, THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, July 5, 2022, <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/lifestyle/renew-houston/health/article/Period-tracking-apps-spark-panic-after-Roe-v-17279151.php>.

Podcast, *The Church and State of Play*, ABC NEWS START HERE PODCAST, June 28, 2022, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/2eOMUrdl1huXIQStVphaeC>

Media Mention, *How Period-Tracker Apps Treat Your Data, and What That Means if Roe v. Wade Is Overturned*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (June 19, 2022) <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-period-tracker-apps-treat-your-data-and-what-that-means-if-roe-v-wade-is-overturned-11655561595>.

Media Mention, *These Period Tracker Apps Say They Put Privacy First. Here's What We Found*, CONSUMER REPORTS, May 25, 2022, <https://www.consumerreports.org/health-privacy/period-tracker-apps-privacy-a2278134145/>.

Media Mention, *Fertility Apps Bound By Weak Disclosure Rules in Post-Roe World*, BLOOMBERG LAW, May 18, 2022, <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/fertility-apps-bound-by-weak-disclosure-rules-in-post-roe-world>.

Live Radio Show, *Sex Education on TikTok*, ALL SIDES WITH ANN FISHER, WOSU-NPR RADIO, Columbus, OH, February 9, 2022, <https://news.wosu.org/show/all-sides-with-ann-fisher/2022-02-09/wellness-wednesday-the-dangers-dangers-behind-selfies>.

Media Mention, *The Youth Are Turning to TikTok for SexEd, But How Accurate Are The Videos?* HYPEBAE, December 29, 2021, <https://hypebae.com/2021/12/tiktok-sex-education-videos-misinformation-study>.

Media Mention, *Sex Ed Info on TikTok Shows Gaps in Traditional Education*, THE VERGE, December 24, 2021, <https://www.theverge.com/2021/12/24/22851540/tiktok-sex-education-gaps-misinformation>.

Podcast, *Episode 64: What You Do and Don't Need to Fear in the COVID-19 Crisis*, CAP IMPACT PODCAST, June 5, 2020, <https://www.capimpactca.com/2020/06/the-cap%E2%8B%85impact-podcast-covid-19-crisis/>.

Media, *Menstrual cycle apps may pose problems for teens*, REUTERS HEALTH MEDICAL NEWS, April 17, 2020, <https://www.mdalert.com/news/article/menstrual-cycle-apps-may-pose-problems-for-teens>.

Media, *UH Law Center's Health Law & Policy Institute organizes COVID-19 legal resources toolkit*, YAHOO NEWS Mar. 26, 2020, <https://news.yahoo.com/uh-law-centers-health-law-171500333.html>.

Podcast, *Medical-Legal Partnerships*, BRIEFCASE RADIO, April 17, 2019, <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2019/04/17/329573/briefcase-medical-legal-partnerships/>.

Op-Ed, *In Zika Era, Pregnant Workers Are Due Accommodations*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE Jul. 20, 2016, <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Fowler-In-Zika-era-pregnant-workers-are-due-8399305.php>.

## **BLOG POSTS**

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Blog post, *Birth Control During COVID-19*, (with Julie Marie Dorland, Stephanie R. Morain, and Lauren Schoen), Public Health Post, June 22, 2020, <https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/birth-control-during-covid19/>.

Memorandum, *How Does the Texas Declaration of a Public Health Disaster and the Court's Order of March 13, 2020, Affect Personal Control Measures Under the Health & Safety Code*, (with Seth Chandler), University of Houston Law Center COVID-19 Resources, March 23, 2020, <https://www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/covid-19/Public%20Health%20Disasters.pdf>.

Blog post, *Disability Rights and Health Care: Olmstead at 20* (with Jessica Roberts), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, February 7, 2020, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2020/02/07/disability-rights-and-healthcare-olmstead-at-20/>.

Blog post, *The Promises and Perils of Medical Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica Mantel), HARVARD PETRIE FLOM BILL OF HEALTH, November 18, 2019, <https://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2019/11/18/the-promises-and-perils-of-medical-legal-partnerships/> (cross-posted from NORTHEASTERN L. REV. FORUM).

Blog post, *The Promises and Perils of Medical Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica Mantel), NORTHEASTERN L. REV. FORUM, October 15, 2019, <https://nulronlineforum.wordpress.com/2019/10/15/the-promises-and-perils-of-medical-legal-partnerships/>.

Blog post, *Providers and Lawyers Partnering for Patients*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, June 7, 2019, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2019/06/07/law-and-medicine-how-providers-and-lawyers-join-forces-for-patients/>.

Blog post, *How the Medical Community Can Encourage Gun Safety* (with Lea Kiefer), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, June 1, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/06/01/how-the-medical-community-can-encourage-gun-safety/>.

Blog post, *Medical Care: More Than Just the Doctor and Patient*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, May 16, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/05/16/medical-care-more-than-just-the-doctor-and-patient/>.

Blog post, *How Immigration Rhetoric Impacts Health* (with Stephanie Morain), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Feb. 9, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/02/09/immigration-rhetoric-impacts-health/>.

Blog post, *Frankenstein at 200*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jan. 31, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/01/31/frankenstein-at-200/>.

Blog post, *A Year with PolicyWise*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Dec. 27, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/12/27/a-year-with-policywise/>.

Blog post, *Planning for the Unknown: How to Harness the Power of Predictive Thinking*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Oct. 20, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/10/20/planning-unknown-harness-power-predictive-thinking/>.

Blog post, *Crowdfunding Science: Promises and Problems* (with Christi Guerrini), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jun. 30, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/06/30/crowdfunding-science-promise-problems/>.

Blog post, *Social Media's Potential Impact on the Future of Medicine*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jul. 29, 2016, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2016/07/29/social-medias-potential-impact-on-the-future-of-medicine/>.

Blog post, *An Outsider's Perspective on a Medical Data Sharing Conference*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Mar. 23, 2016, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2016/03/23/an-outsiders-perspective-on-a-medical-data-sharing-conference/>.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### *Femtech After Dobbs*

- (Scheduled) *Femtechnodystopia* (with Michael R. Ulrich), Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop at Loyola University School of Law, September 16, 2022, Chicago, IL.
- (Scheduled) *Femtechnodystopia* (with Michael R. Ulrich), Northwestern, Penn and Stanford Law School Fifth Junior Faculty Forum for Law & STEM at Northwestern Law School, October 21, 2022, Chicago, IL.
- (Scheduled) *Reproductive Surveillance* (with Michael R. Ulrich), Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Symposium *Looking Beyond Roe v. Wade: Seeking Reproductive Justice in the Next 50 Years* at Boston University, January 26, 2023, Boston, MA.
- (Scheduled) *Panel on Privacy and Reproductive Health Care*, 2023 Jeharis Symposium on Health Law and Intellectual Property on "The Changing Legal Landscape of Reproductive Healthcare Technology," at DePaul University College of Law, March 1, 2023, Chicago, IL.

*Polygenic Risk Scores in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Ethical, Clinical, and Legal Implications*

- *Panel - Legal Issues with Pediatric Psychiatric Polygenic Risk Scores* (with Jessica L. Roberts, Dov Fox, and Natalie Ram) 2022 Association of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, June 3, 2022, Phoenix, AZ.

*COVID-19 & The Myth of Health Data Privacy*, University of Kansas School of Law, Journal of Law & Public Policy Privacy Praxis Conference, Symposium on Post-Pandemic Privacy: Health, Data, and Dignity, February 11, 2022 (online) (invited speaker).

*Health App Lemons*

- *Health App Lemons*, 2022 Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall University School of Law, February 4, 2022.
- *Mind the App*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law's fifteenth annual Symposium on Health Care and Policy, November 5, 2021 (online).
- *Reassessing Low Risk*, American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholars Workshop, September 30-October 2, 2021, St. Louis, MO.
- *Health Law Discussion Session*, Discussant, 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, FL.
- *Health Harms of Health Apps*, 2021 Association of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Boston, MA (online).

*Uncertain Terms*

- *Uncertain Terms* (with Jessica Roberts), Workshop on Vulnerability and Corporate Subjectivity at Emory Law School, October 2-3, 2020 (online).
- *Uncertain Terms* (with Jessica Roberts), Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop at Loyola University School of Law (online), September 2020.

*Health Law Discussion Session*, Discussant, 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL (online).

*Court-Ordered Management of Communicable Diseases in Texas*

- *An Introduction to the Texas Bench Book*, Control Measures and Public Health Emergencies: A Texas Bench Book Training 2020, Webinar available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zWzYrXA4ag&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zWzYrXA4ag&feature=emb_logo)
- *Orders for Management of a Person with a Communicable Disease*, Control Measures and Public Health Emergencies: A Texas Bench Book Training 2020, Webinar available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZQitEur5Gs>.

*Schrödinger's App* (with Stephanie Morain), American Journal of Law and Medicine 2020 Symposium, Boston, MA.

*Medical-Legal Partnerships*

- *Lowering Barriers to Embedding Lawyers in the Health Care Workforce* (with Jessica Mantel), program on Advancing Health Equity by Addressing Social Determinants of Health, Poverty, and Racial Disparities 2020 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- *Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Legal Prescription for Improving Health*, 2019 Humana Integrated Health System Sciences Institute & the University of Houston Law Center Lunch & Learn Event, Houston, TX.
- *Stranger in a Strange Land: Challenges for Attorneys in Medical Legal Partnerships*, 2019 Association of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Chicago, IL.
- *Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration: A Qualitative Study of Medical-Legal Partnerships*, 2019 Northeastern University Law School Health Law Conference, Paper Presentation, Boston, MA.
- *Law as Health Care: Challenges for Attorneys in Medical-Legal Partnerships*, 2019 Belmont Health Law Journal Symposium, Nashville, TN.

*Health Law Year in Review: Health Care Delivery*, Moderator, 2019 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL.

*Health Law Discussion Session*, Discussant, 2019 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL.

*Make Aging Great Again: Imagining a YUGE Lifespan*. Paper session presentation given at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Kansas City, MO.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### *Professional Affiliations*

University of Houston Health Law & Policy Institute  
Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy

### *Law Center Committees*

Online Learning Committee

### *University Committees*

University of Houston Institutional Review Board

### *External Committees*

Texas Tobacco Epidemiology Workgroup  
Houston COVID-19 Biomedical and Public Health Response Expert Panel 2020-2021

### *Activities*

Faculty Advisor, Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy  
Faculty Advisor, Health Law Organization  
Faculty Editor, Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy  
Faculty Editor, Health Law Perspectives

## **TEACHING**

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### **Baylor College of Medicine**

Invited Lecturer, MEETH-413 Introduction to Health Policy, Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022  
Invited Lecturer, MEETH-415 Methods & Analysis in Health Policy, Summer 2020  
Small Group Leader, MBETH-MAIN Ethics, Spring 2018, 2019

### **University of Houston College of Medicine**

Population Health During a Pandemic: Contact Tracing and Beyond. Legal and Regulatory Issues in Contact Tracing, Coursera Instructor, Summer 2020

### **LoneStar LEND Program**

Disabilities and the Law, Invited Lecturer, Spring 2019

### **University of Houston College of Pharmacy**

Disabilities and the Law, Invited Lecturer, Spring 2019

## **EDUCATION**

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**University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**, M.P.H., August 2021

Health Services Organization  
Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health

Houston, TX

**University of Houston Law Center, J.D., May 2014**

*Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy*, Managing Editor

Blakely Fellowship, 2011

Public Interest Fellowship, 2013

Dean's Scholarship, 2011 – 2014

Prudential Life Insurance Scholarship, 2014

Houston, TX

**Georgetown University, B.S. May 2011**

*Cum laude* in International Health

Washington, DC

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, 2016-2018**

*Health Policy Program Manager*

Houston, TX

**Black Law, P.C., 2015-2016**

*Associate Attorney*

Houston, TX

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

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**Texas State Bar No: 24093445**, Licensed as of November 2014 (active)