Houston is the perfect setting for studying the dynamic nature of health law and policy. The nearby Texas Medical Center, the world’s largest medical complex, offers extraordinary opportunities for legal scholars and students to interact with frontline health care providers while assisting them in addressing complex legal issues that affect their work. The Texas Medical Center includes dozens of academic and research institutions, hospitals and related organizations. Unmatched for its scale and diversity, the Texas Medical Center is a critical link in the Institute's acclaimed programs of interdisciplinary study. The concentration of health practice and research in the Houston area creates a large and sophisticated market for related legal services.

The Texas Medical Center (foreground) is Houston’s largest employer. Its size rivals Houston's downtown (background), located just minutes away. Photo courtesy of Texas Medical Center.
For three decades, the Health Law & Policy Institute (HLPI) at the University of Houston Law Center has been at the forefront of legal education, law scholarship and policy analysis related to the role of law in healthcare and biotechnology. In October 2009, the University became the 48th member institution of the famed Texas Medical Center, leveraging the Health Law & Policy Institute with a formal link to the world’s largest complex for healthcare and biomedical innovation. Originally formed to advise the Texas Legislature on health law and policy questions, the Institute has built a diversified portfolio of sponsored research projects and ongoing policy studies encompassing health finance systems; disability issues; health information exchange; data security; medical privacy and bioethical issues in large health information systems and biomedical research; healthcare quality improvement; integrated provider organizations and questions of individual rights in the context of emerging biotechnologies and human genetics. Our mission is threefold:

- **Education**: to provide one of the nation’s most rigorous, comprehensive, and up-to-the-minute programs of health-related legal education at the basic (J.D.) and advanced (L.L.M.) levels, with the goal of preparing students for fulfilling careers whether in health law practice or in scholarly and policy-oriented positions.

- **Research**: to facilitate independent and sponsored research projects by our staff of academic and policy-oriented law scholars and to cultivate the next generation of health law scholars by mentoring students who choose to pursue their own in-depth projects related to health law.

- **Service**: to share our knowledge through regular service on advisory bodies guiding federal policy on emerging issues in medical products regulation, health information privacy and healthcare modernization and to advise the Texas Legislature and regulatory agencies on matters involving healthcare access, quality and financing.

**SETHER J. CHANDLER**

*Director, Health Law & Policy Institute*

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*Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute*

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*Directors Seth J. Chandler and Jessica Mantel*
TURN ON THE TELEVISION; PICK UP A NEWSPAPER; CLICK ON A SEARCH ENGINE. Any medium you select will quickly confirm the pervasiveness of health law and policy issues in the world around us. As the debates surrounding these topics grow increasingly complicated and contentious, leaders in government and private industry rely on legal scholars to help inform and refine their perspectives. Since 1978, the Health Law & Policy Institute at the UH Law Center has advanced the understanding of health law issues and provided guidance for significant policy decisions affecting every element of health care.

The Health Law & Policy Institute leads a twofold existence. On the campus of the UH Law Center, it directs curriculum, teaching, research, publications and conference activities relating to health law and policy. Beyond the university, the Institute is known for its associations with academic and health institutions locally, nationally and around the world. An advisory board of leading academicians, practitioners, elected officials, community leaders and health care executives assists in these collaborations.

The Institute’s concentrations are as varied as the scope of topics in health care, one of the fastest growing areas of the economy. Topics of ongoing study include biotechnology, public health, electronic medical records, health care reform, human experimentation, food and drug law, genetics, mental health, bioethics, patient safety and medical error, reproductive health, disability discrimination, health care finance, health insurance, end-of-life issues, corporate transactions, health care fraud and abuse, children’s health, hospital law and ethics, health legislation, regulation of health care, taxation issues, Medicaid & Medicare, and health and human rights.

The UH Law Center’s Health Law program has been ranked consistently among the top ten programs in the country by a national survey of experts in the field for the last thirteen years.

*Source: U.S. News & World Report*
ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER

The Law Center has been cited as one of the best values in legal education today. We are the leading law school in the nation's fourth largest city, and our curriculum is among the broadest offered in the Southwest.

Fast Facts

• The Law Center was established in 1947 and offers J.D., LL.M. and concurrent degrees that allow students to obtain two degrees in less time than individual programs would require.

• We are currently ranked No. 58 among the nearly 200 law schools in the United States. Two of our specialty programs – Health Law and Intellectual Property and Information Law – consistently rank among the nation's “Top 10,” according to the annual U.S. News & World Report survey. Our part-time program joined that elite list this year.

• The Law Center is well-connected with the international legal and education communities. The international activities of our faculty include visiting professorships, publications in foreign journals and participation in international symposia and conferences.

• We enrolled 235 new first-year J.D. students and 94 LL.M. students. The class is 38% students of color, 51% male and 49% female.

• The Law Center has nearly 15,000 alumni, and the majority of them live in the greater Houston area.

• Our O’Quinn Law Library includes more than 570,000 volumes and meets legal information needs with an extensive collection of electronic and traditional resources.
Houston...

Houston’s dramatic skyline is a showcase for post-modern architecture. The nearby Johnson Space Center is Mission Control for NASA. The Hobby Center is a jewel for Houston’s vibrant performing arts scene. The Kemah Boardwalk beckons tourists on the way to Galveston Island. Bicycle riding and racing are year-round pursuits in Houston. NRG Stadium, home to the Houston Texans of the NFL, dwarfs the legendary Astrodome. Nightclubs and outstanding restaurants add energy to downtown Houston. Houston is one of a handful of cities with resident troupes in the major performing arts. A Hermann Park sculpture honors the city’s namesake: General Sam Houston.

There’s a good reason why 56% of the Law Center’s alumni live in the greater Houston area. Along with its friendly, laid-back sensibility, Houston still offers a low cost of living compared to many larger American cities.

...a city on the move!
HLPI Faculty

SETH J. CHANDLER

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Professor Mantel is an Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute at the UH Law Center. Her research interests include the impact of legislative and regulatory schemes on emerging trends in the health care delivery system, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the allocation of limited health care resources. Her most recent work has focused on accountable care organizations. Prior to joining the Law Center in 2010, Professor Mantel served as a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While in government, Professor Mantel worked on a range of Medicare matters, including advising the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, inpatient hospital payments and incentive payments for providers adopting electronic health records. She also advised CMS on various aspects of health care reform. Previously, she was a health analyst at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and was an associate in the health care practice at Ropes & Gray. Professor Mantel received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. and M.P.P. from the University of Michigan.
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Barbara Evans, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M., is George Butler Research Professor and is a member of our core health law teaching faculty. In 2013, after UH was named a member institution in the Texas Medical Center, she stepped down as Co-Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute to forge new cross-disciplinary collaborations as an Affiliated Member of Baylor College of Medicine’s Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. She continues as Director of our Center for Biotechnology and Law, which is expanding our health law curriculum in the fast-growing life sciences area and carries out an active portfolio of research projects addressing drug safety, clinical research, medical genetics and health information legal issues underfunding from the NIH, FDA and Greenwall Foundation.

JESSICA L. ROBERTS

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Jessica L. Roberts is an Assistant Professor of Law at the UH Law Center. Her research focuses on the theoretical implications of health law reform, the formation of genetic identity and the antidiscrimination protection of genetic information. Before joining the UH faculty, Professor Roberts was an Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School and an Adjunct Professor of Disability Studies at the City University of New York. In 2010, she was selected as American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholar and as a Seton Hall Labor & Employment Law Scholar.

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J.D., U.C.L.A. School of Law
Ph.D., Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute
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Professor Winslade teaches, lectures and writes about legal aspects of bioethics and mental health. He has authored one book and co-authored four others and has written numerous articles on privacy and confidentiality in health care, legal regulation of medical and psychiatric practice and ethical issues arising out of the physician-patient relationship. Professor Winslade has taught philosophy, practiced law and gained clinical experience as a psychoanalyst. His most recent book—Confronting Traumatic Brain Injury—was nominated by Yale University Press for a Pulitzer Prize.
JIM HAWKINS

Associate Professor

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law
B.A., Baylor University

Professor Jim Hawkins earned his J.D. from The University of Texas, where he was the Grand Chancellor and served as the Chief Articles Editor of the Texas Law Review. He has published articles in the UCLA Law Review, the Minnesota Law Review, Indiana Law Journal, the Washington and Lee Law Review, the William and Mary Law Review and the Harvard Journal on Legislation, among other journals. He recently had papers selected for the Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum and for the Petrie-Flom Center’s annual conference at Harvard Law School.

Professor Hawkins joined the University of Houston Law Center after clerking for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and working with the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP. His research and teaching interests include consumer borrowing, the fringe banking industry and the fertility business. His research has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and other media outlets.

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Professor Kwok graduated Northwestern University with a B.S. from the McCormick School of Engineering and received his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was elected to Order of the Coif. At UC Berkeley, he also received his Masters Degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy and his Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy.

After law school, Professor Kwok clerked for the Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Professor Kwok teaches and writes in the areas of white collar crime, public policy and law and the social sciences.
Professor Ronald Turner, Alumnae Law Center Professor of Law, served as an examiner with the National Labor Relations Board, practiced law in Chicago, and taught at the University of Alabama School of Law before joining the Law Center faculty in 1998. He has also served appointments as a visiting professor of law at the William & Mary School of Law and as a visiting professor of history at Rice University.

Professor Turner’s research interests include disabilities and the law, labor and employment law and constitutional law. Professor Turner’s publications include nearly 80 articles, two books, a co-authored employment discrimination law casebook and two forthcoming casebooks in the areas of torts and employment law.
Dr. MICHAEL S. EWER

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LL.M., UH Law Center

Dr. Michael Ewer is a Professor of Medicine and an administrator at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he has served for the last 30 years, and is also a faculty member at The University of Bern in Switzerland. Dr. Ewer holds a Master of Public Health degree from The University of Texas and received his J.D. and LL.M. degrees from the University of Houston Law Center. He has broad experience in medical ethics, conflicts of interest and uncompensated (charity) medical care. Dr. Ewer has published extensively in the fields of oncology, medical ethics and philosophy of medical care, has authored three medical texts and is a sought-after international speaker.

“The health law program at UHLC exposes students to both academic and practical aspects of health law, allowing the individual to gain an appreciation for the many specific areas of law that are encompassed within the general term ‘health law.’ The program provided a pathway to confidence and poise, allowing me to constructively manage the various issues encountered while serving as in-house counsel for a hospital.”

NATHAN ANDERSEN, LL.M. ‘08
Senior Legal Officer
The University of Texas
Medical Branch
Professor Gray served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1992 to 2003. She was in the private practice of law for 22 years, including 16 years as a partner in the Galveston firm of Yarbrough, Jameson & Gray. As a member of the Texas Legislature, Professor Gray received many awards for her work on health care and environmental issues. In February 2003, Professor Gray received the Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, the highest award given by the American Medical Association. She also was named to the Texas Monthly Hall of Fame for Texas’ Ten Best Legislators List – a 30-year retrospective (2012).
Research Activities

THE HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE IS COMMITTED TO RESEARCH AND IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING THE STATE AND NATION. Its studies on mental health, nonfinancial barriers to health care, e-Health, long term care, universal health insurance and family violence and the health care system have provided the foundation for legislative action. The Institute and its faculty have also received funding for conducting research for a number of external entities, including the City of Houston, the Texas Legislature, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) and Rice University. Selected areas of faculty research interests include:

• Privacy and Security Standards in Electronic Health Information Exchanges
• Regulatory Issues in Pharmacogenomics
• Health Care Modernization
• Health Care Reimbursement
• Regulation of Provider Organizations
• Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Research
• Disability Rights

• Privacy, Security, and Data Access in Large Health Information Networks
• Health Insurance
• Genetic Information
• Treatment and Punishment of Sex Offenders
• Consciousness and Neuroethics
• Health and Human Rights
Selected Recent Faculty Publications

Following is a representative sampling of recent faculty scholarship and activities:

**SETH J. CHANDLER**
Director, Health Law & Policy Institute and Law Foundation Professor of Law

*Introduction: The Eighteenth Annual Frankel Lecture*, 51 Houston L. Rev. 1017 (2014) (discussing the Affordable Care Act)

ACADeathSpiral.org (authored over 50 lengthy entries discussing the Affordable Care Act) (2013-present)

Catrisk.net (authored over 100 entries discussing Texas windstorm insurance regulation) (2012-present)

**BARBARA J. EVANS**
Director, Center on Biotechnology & Law, Professor of Law

*Preventing Harms to Patients Who Know Too Much About Their Own Genomes, in Behavioral Economics, Law, and Health Policy* (Holly Fernandez Lynch & I. Glenn Cohen, eds., Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, forthcoming 2016)


*Mining the Human Genome After Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics*, 16 Genetics in Medicine 504 – 509 (2014)


**PATRICIA GRAY**
Director of Research

Principal Investigator, Texas Smoke-Free Ordinance Database, (http://shsordinances.uh.edu) supported by funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services

**JIM HAWKINS**
Associate Professor

Law’s Remarkable Failure to Protect Mistakenly Overpaid Employees, 99 Minnesota L. Rev. (forthcoming 2014)


DAVID KWOK
Assistant Professor of Law

JESSICA LIND MANTEL
Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute
Assistant Professor of Law
Legal Barriers to Physicians’ Stewardship Role, 14 Am. J. Bioethics 40 (2014)


ELLEN MARRUS
George Butler Research Professor of Law


JESSICA L. ROBERTS
Assistant Professor of Law
Privacy Law as Antidiscrimination Law, 56 Wm & Mary L. Rev. (forthcoming 2015)


RONALD SCOTT
Research Professor
Editor, UPDATE ON HEALTH (2007-2014)

RONALD TURNER
Alumnae Law Center Professor of Law
EMPLOYMENT LAW: ISSUES, THEORIES, AND REALITIES (Thomson/West, forthcoming 2013) (with Michael Z. Green, Angela Onwuachi-Willig & Geraldine Szott Moomr)


ALLISON WINNIKE
Research Professor
Editor, CONTROL MEASURES AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES: A TEXAS BENCH BOOK (2014)

Editor, Health Law Perspectives (2013-2014)

Faculty Editor, 14 Hous. J. Health L. & Pol’y (2014)

WILLIAM J. WINSLADE
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law and Health Law LL.M. Advisor


Clinical Ethicists: Consultants or Professionals?, 25 The JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ETHICS, 36 (Spring 2014)


CONFIDENTIALITY, 2 BIOETHICS 671 (Bruce Jennings, ed., 4th ed. 2014)
The UH Law Center offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law. Since its inception in 1992, over 150 attorneys have graduated from the program. It provides attorneys with an opportunity to return to an academic setting to obtain specialized training or to update their knowledge in health law. Students must complete 24 credit hours, including a minimum of 18 hours in health law courses. Students also have the option of writing a 50-page thesis. Many LL.M. students combine classes with research projects, externships or other practice or policy experiences. They frequently publish their research in law journals. Health law courses previously taken at the UH Law Center or at another institution may not be credited toward program requirements.

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The UH Law Center, in conjunction with The University of Texas School of Public Health, Health Sciences Center at Houston offers students the opportunity to pursue, on a concurrent basis, a law (J.D.) degree and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. By receiving joint credit for courses approved by both institutions, a student may earn both degrees in a shorter time frame than it would take to earn the degrees separately. The joint degree allows students to concentrate their studies on such areas as health services delivery, occupational and environmental health, access to insurance, patient safety issues and other public health concerns.
J.D./PH.D. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center, in conjunction with the Institute for the Medical Humanities at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, gives students the opportunity to receive both a law degree (J.D.) and a doctorate in medical humanities (Ph.D.) in five to six years. The medical humanities program trains teachers, clinicians, researchers and administrators in the health care professions to address critical issues such as ethical problems in clinical practice, health policy, bioethics and law and to link them with literature, history, anthropology and religion. Students in this program are eligible to apply 9 hours of approved credit taken at the UH Law Center toward their Ph.D. coursework, and to apply 12 hours of approved classes taken in medical humanities toward their J.D.

J.D./M.D. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, now offers students the opportunity to pursue on a concurrent basis a law (J.D.) degree and a medical doctorate (M.D.) degree. A student earns both degrees in six years of full-time study. This extraordinary educational program highlights the relationship between law and medicine and provides students important enrichment in their interdisciplinary studies. Students in this program attend their first, second and fifth years of study at Baylor College of Medicine, start their law school curriculum during their third and fourth years, and complete both degrees in their sixth year.

SEMESTER IN HOUSTON

Second- and third-year law students in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school are eligible to apply to spend a semester at the UH Law Center to enroll in a semester of health law courses. Students may also enroll in other courses at the UH Law Center, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and The University of Texas School of Public Health, Health Sciences Center at Houston.

Students transfer credit to their home institution according to that institution’s requirements. Students in the program have “visiting” status and receive their law degrees from their home institutions.

HEALTH LAW EXTERNSHIPS

Students may earn academic credit by serving in externship positions in nonprofit or public entities with an accompanying classroom component. Numerous placements are available in the Houston area, including hospital general counsel offices, hospital risk management departments, government agencies, the Texas legislature and nonprofit advocacy groups.

“[The Health Law & Policy Institute helped me launch my health law practice more than 15 years ago, because it built living, learning, health law laboratories—as opposed to just classrooms. While a student, I saw health law brought to life, and because of the Health Law & Policy Institute’s philosophy, was prepared for the real life application of health law and compliance.]”

JESSICA L. QUINN, J.D. ’96
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PLANNING YOUR HEALTH LAW CURRICULUM AFTER THE FIRST YEAR

1. Students interested in a general introduction to health law should take Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society & Law; The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions, and Policy; and Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators to gain an appreciation for the wide range of health law issues confronting lawyers and policymakers.

2. Consider taking groupings of courses that are relevant to different careers in health law. Health lawyers may work, for example, as private lawyers, government attorneys, lobbyists, legislative staffers and government officials. A health law practice may involve representing clients in traditional civil or criminal litigation, litigation before administrative agencies, transactional/health care business arrangements and regulatory/policy development.

3. Identify other core and building-block courses. For example, Business Organizations, Evidence and Tax may be useful to take early in law school, depending on your area of interest.

4. Develop a curricular plan that takes into account the frequency of course offerings. Not all courses are offered every year. Check the website for current offerings.

5. Consider interdisciplinary opportunities, such as the J.D./M.P.H., J.D./M.D. and J.D./Ph.D. programs. Investigate graduate courses in public health, business, psychology and social work. Explore the possibility of combining your health law interests with other substantive areas, such as international law–border health issues, intellectual property law–biotechnology issues and environmental law–toxic torts. See advisors in Student Services or the Institute faculty for more information.

“My LL.M. studies gave me a strong foundation for my own career as a professor. My teachers provided me with a wealth of substantive knowledge and were committed to helping me network and obtain an academic job. My former professors have now become colleagues in the field of health law.”

SHARON A. HOFFMAN, LL.M. ‘99
Edgar A. Hahn Professor of Jurisprudence
Co-Director of Law-Medicine Center
Case Western Reserve University School of Law
THE UH LAW CENTER OFFERS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE health law curricula in the country, with more than 30 courses. The Law Center also has recognized strengths in the complementary fields of intellectual property, environmental law, international law, business/transactional law, trial advocacy and other areas. Core health law classes are taught by full-time Institute faculty members with national and international reputations. The curriculum is enriched by successful practicing attorneys who serve as adjunct professors, adding a different perspective to the topics they teach. The following is a list of recent health law offerings.

Advanced Health Law  
Biotechnology and the Law  
Children’s Health and the Law  
Comparative Health Law  
Directed Research  
Disabilities and the Law  
E-Health Law Seminar  
Elder Law  
Employee Benefits Law  
Food and Drug Law  
Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society & Law  
Fraud and Abuse  
Genetics and the Law  
Health and Human Rights  
Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators  
Health Law Externship  
Health Law Transactions  
Health Legislation and Advocacy I & II  
Health Privacy  
Health Regulatory State  
HIV and the Law  
Hospital Law and Ethics  
Independent Research and Writing  
Insurance Law  
Intersession Course  
Law and Psychiatry  
Law, Ethics & Brain Policy  
Legal Aspects of Bioethics  
Life and Health Insurance  
Medical Malpractice Litigation  
Medicare  
Public Health Law  
Regulation of Biomedical Research  
Regulation of Health Care Professionals  
Scientific Evidence Seminar  
Sexual Orientation and the Law  
The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions and Policy

* Not all classes are offered every year, and offerings are subject to change. Please visit www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/ for current information and course descriptions.
THE HEALTH LAW ORGANIZATION

The Health Law Organization (HLO) is one of the largest and most active student organizations at the UH Law Center. HLO provides opportunities for students to meet informally to discuss health law issues and to work with faculty on projects that promote learning in health law and policy. HLO also sponsors speakers, initiates charity fundraisers, provides information and networking for students on career opportunities in health law and promotes social activities for health law students.

HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY

The Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy is a student-edited publication made possible by the extraordinary financial support of private donors and the commitment of the UH Law Center’s faculty, students and administration. Staffed by law students who are selected either based on their scholarship and commitment to health law or through a writing competition, student editors earn academic credit while gaining valuable research, writing and editing experience.

The Journal is committed to providing a scholarly forum for the interdisciplinary exploration of issues in health law and policy. It publishes two issues of professional and student-authored pieces each year, with the Spring issue focusing on an emerging issue in health care. Symposium topics have included antitrust issues in health law and policy (2007), medical decision making for children/adolescents (2008), predictive health technologies (2009), mental health law (2010), information systems and data collection (2011), health data security (2012) and our patchwork health care system (2013).
DEAN’S AWARDS HONOR LAW CENTER’S BEST AND BRIGHTEST

April 24, 2014 – Krost Hall at the University of Houston Law Center was filled Wednesday with proud parents, friends and faculty as the school’s most outstanding students were recognized with Dean’s Awards for their academic and community efforts.

More than 125 students were honored during the program moderated by Sondra Tennessee, associate dean for Student Affairs. Awards were presented by Interim Dean Richard M. Alderman, sponsors and faculty members. Lex Awards given to students earning the highest grade in a first-year course were presented to 59 students.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Professor Seth J. Chandler testified before the House Oversight Committee on the Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment provisions of the Affordable Care Act. His testimony presented models of the government’s subsidization of large insurers under these programs and the narrow conditions under which their touted budget neutrality would materialize. He likewise discussed the inconsistent estimation of the costs of the program by the Congressional Budget Office.

Professor Chandler’s work was cited twenty times in the report ultimately released by the House Committee.

Director Seth J. Chandler preparing for his testimony in Washington, D.C.
THE HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARD meets to discuss the goals and achievements of the Institute and advises the Institute on operational, academic and policy matters. Members include legal, medical and public health practitioners as well as business leaders.

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