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For four decades, the Health Law & Policy Institute (HLPI) at the University of Houston Law Center (UHLC) has been at the forefront of legal education, scholarship and policy analysis related to health care and biotechnology. In October 2009, the University became a member institution of the famed Texas Medical Center, solidifying HLPI’s link to the world’s largest medical complex. Formed in 1978 to advise the Texas Legislature on health law and policy issues, HLPI has built a diverse portfolio of research on a variety of topics, including health finance systems; disability law; health information exchange; genetic data; health care quality and access improvement; integrated provider organizations and questions of individual rights in health care; and biomedical research. Our mission is threefold:

- **Education**: to provide one of the nation’s most rigorous, comprehensive and cutting-edge programs in health law at the basic (J.D.) and advanced (LL.M.) levels with the goal of preparing students for careers in health law practice or in scholarly or policy-oriented positions

- **Research**: to facilitate independent and grant-funded research and to cultivate the next generation of health law scholars by providing mentoring and support to our students

- **Service**: to share our knowledge through public commentary and engagement and to advise the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies on matters involving health care and public health

JESSICA L. ROBERTS
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The HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE (HLPI) at the University of Houston Law Center

TURN ON THE TELEVISION; PICK UP A NEWSPAPER; SEARCH THE WEB. All will quickly confirm the importance of health law and policy issues in the world around us. As the debates continue, leaders in government and private industry must rely on legal scholars to help inform and refine their perspectives. HLPI has advanced the understanding of health law issues and provided guidance for significant policy decisions affecting health care for four decades.

On the campus of the University of Houston Law Center, HLPI directs curriculum, teaching, research, publications and conference activities relating to health law and policy. Beyond the university, HLPI maintains connections with academic and health institutions locally, nationally and around the world.

HLPI’s concentrations are as varied as the topics in health care, one of the fastest growing areas of the economy. They include biotechnology, public health, electronic medical records, health care reform, genetics, bioethics, disability rights, 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, Medicaid and Medicare.

The University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One University. The UH 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.
Houston... a city on the move!

Houston’s dramatic skyline is a showcase of post-modern architecture. The nearby Johnson Space Center is NASA’s Mission Control. 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 a large percent of the UH 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.
JESSICA L. ROBERTS

Director, Health Law & Policy Institute
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B.A., University of Southern California
J.D., Yale Law School

Jessica L. Roberts is the Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute and an Alumnae College Professor in Law. She specializes in health law, disability law, and genetics and the law. Her scholarship has appeared, or is forthcoming, in the Yale Law Journal, Michigan Law Review, University of Pennsylvania Law Review and Nature Biotechnology, among others. Her new book HEALTHISM with Elizabeth Weeks is forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

A noted expert on diverse issues of health law, Professor Roberts has been interviewed by several media outlets, including BBC World Service, the New York Times (twice) and the Washington Post. She was a panelist at a congressional briefing on the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, an invited presenter at NASA and a consultant for the Football Player’s Health Study at Harvard.

Professor Roberts received the university-wide Teaching Excellence Award and the Provost’s Certificate of Excellence. She is a Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics and a Health Policy Scholar with Baylor College of Medicine’s Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy. She teaches, or has taught, contracts; disabilities and the law; genetics and the law; and health law.

JESSICA L. MANTEL

Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute
Associate Professor of Law and George Butler Research Professor

B.A., University of Pennsylvania
J.D., M.P.P., University of Michigan Law School

Jessica L. Mantel is an Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute. 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 how payment reforms impact the physician-patient relationship and cross-sector collaborations to address the social determinants of health. Prior to joining the UH 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. Previously, she was a health analyst at the Government Accountability Office and was an associate in the health care practice at Ropes & Gray.
**SETH J. CHANDLER**

*Law Foundation Professor of Law*

A.B., Princeton University  
J.D., Harvard Law School

Seth J. Chandler is a Law Foundation Professor of Law at the UH Law Center who specializes in insurance law and the application of mathematics and computer science to law. Professor Chandler won a prestigious university-wide teaching excellence award in 1995, was a first year winner of the Innovator Award from Wolfram Research, received the President’s Medal from Loyola University for extraordinary service in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and has been called on twice to testify before Congress on the Affordable Care Act. Professor Chandler has a broad Internet presence; he is the author of over 100 interactive Demonstrations on the Wolfram Research website. He founded two blogs, acadeathspiral.org, which addressed the ACA, and catrisk.net, which addressed catastrophic insurance in Texas. He is currently a blogger on health care finance issues for Forbes Magazine on its Apothecary site. Professor Chandler’s blog entries have over 400,000 views. He is a Visiting Scholar at the Mercatus Center of George Mason University. He practiced with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. before beginning his academic career in 1990 at the UH Law Center. Professor Chandler teaches contracts, health law, analytic methods and constitutional law.

**DR. MICHAEL S. EWER**

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M.D., University of Basel, Switzerland  
M.P.H., University of Texas School of Public Health  
J.D., University of Houston Law Center  
LL.M., University of Houston Law Center  
Ph.D., University of Texas School of Public Health

Dr. Michael S. Ewer is a Professor of Medicine and an administrator at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he has served for the last 40 years. He is also a faculty member at the University of Bern in Switzerland. Dr. Ewer holds a doctorate 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 four medical texts and is a sought-after international speaker. He teaches hospital law & ethics, HIPAA and foundational issues in health law.
BARBARA J. EVANS  
Director, Center on Biotechnology & Law  
Alumnae College Professor of Law  
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

B.S.E.E., The University of Texas at Austin  
Ph.D., Stanford University  
J.D., Yale Law School  
LL.M., University of Houston Law Center

Barbara J. Evans is the Alumnae College Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Biotechnology & Law at the University of Houston Law Center. Her research interests include health information systems, genomic testing, gene editing and neurotechnology. She was a Greenwall Foundation Faculty Scholar in Bioethics for 2010-2014 and is a member of the American Law Institute. She is currently involved with several multi-site research projects sponsored by the National Institutes of Health/National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

JIM HAWKINS  
George Butler Research Professor of Law

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

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. His papers have been 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.
DAVID KWOK
Assistant Professor of Law

B.S., Northwestern University
M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley
J.D., University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

David 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 Berkeley, he also received his Master’s 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. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Professor Kwok teaches and writes about white collar crime, public policy, and law and the social sciences.

ELLEN MARRUS
Royce Till Professor of Law
Director, Center for Children, Law & Policy

B.A., Kean College
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LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center

Ellen Marrus teaches in the areas of juvenile law, professional responsibility, children and the law and practice skills. She concentrates her scholarship in the areas of children’s rights, juvenile justice and professionalism. Professor Marrus also directed and taught in the clinical programs at the UH Law Center for 10 years. She currently directs the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the UH Law Center. Professor Marrus serves on various local and national boards, including the National Juvenile Defender Center, the Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, the Houston Association of Counsel for Children and the Clinical Legal Education Association.

RONALD TURNER
A.A. White Professor of Law

B.A., Wilberforce University
J.D., University of Pennsylvania

Ronald Turner is the A.A. White Professor of Law and teaches and writes in the areas of labor and employment law, constitutional law, torts, race and the law, and HIV/AIDS and the law. He has published over 90 articles and is the author or co-author of three books as well as employment discrimination and torts casebooks.

Prior to joining the Law Center, he practiced labor and employment law in Chicago, Illinois and was a member of the faculty at the University of Alabama School of Law. He has also served 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 is a member of the American Law Institute and an American Bar Foundation Fellow.
LEAH R. FOWLER

Research Director, Health Law & Policy Institute and Research Assistant Professor

B.S., Georgetown University
J.D., University of Houston Law Center

Leah R. Fowler is a Research Assistant Professor and the Research Director for the Health Law & Policy Institute, focusing on public health law, bioethics, and health legislation and policy. Her current projects explore state variation in insurance utilization review and grant-funded work tracking Texas municipal smoking ordinances. In addition to her research duties, Professor Fowler is involved in several Health Law & Policy Institute initiatives, including oversight of the Health Legislative Fellows Program and development of a medical-legal partnership. She is also a faculty advisor to the Health Law Organization and the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy.

Prior to joining the University of Houston, Professor Fowler worked as the Health Policy Program Manager in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine where she maintains a designation as a Health Policy Scholar.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

HLPI is deeply committed to research and is actively engaged in the study of health issues affecting the state and the nation. Its studies on mental health, nonfinancial barriers to health care, E-Health, long-term care, universal health insurance, family violence, disease control and the health care system have provided the foundation for legislative action. HLPI and its faculty receive research funding from external entities, including the Greenwall Foundation, 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, TIRR Memorial Hermann and Rice University. Selected areas of faculty research interests include:

- Children's Rights
- Disability Rights
- E-Health
- Genetic Data
- Health Care Modernization
- Health Care Reimbursement
- Health Disparities
- Health Insurance
- Regulation of Provider Organizations
- Tobacco Regulation
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Following is a representative sampling of recent faculty scholarship and activities:

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*Stigmatizing the Unhealthy (with Elizabeth Weeks Leonard)*  


*The Legality of Tracking Professional Athletes Through Biometric Screening (with I. Glenn Cohen, Holly Fernandez Lynch & Christopher Deubert)*  

*Should You Profit From Your Genome? (with Amy McGuire & Stacey Pereira)*  


**JESSICA L. MANTEL**  
*Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute  
Associate Professor of Law  
George Butler Research Professor of Law*


*Legal and Ethical Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration Among Medical Legal Partnership Participants (co-authored with Renee Knake)*, *Annals of Health* (forthcoming 2018) (symposium on privacy, big data, and the demands of providing quality patient care).

*Refusing to Treat Noncompliant Patients is Bad Medicine, 29 Cardozo Law Review 127* (2017).
SETH J. CHANDLER  
*Law Foundation Professor of Law*

ACADeathSpiral.org (authored over 70 lengthy entries discussing the Affordable Care Act) (2013-present).  

BARBARA EVANS  
*Alumnae College Professor of Law*  
Director, Center on Biotechnology & Law


MICHAEL S. EWER  
*Distinguished Visit. Prof. & Health Law LL.M. Director*  

LEAH R. FOWLER  
*Research Director, Health Law & Policy Institute*


JIM HAWKINS  
*George Butler Research Professor*

Female Perspectives in Commercial and Consumer Law, 34 COLUMBIA J. OF GENDER AND LAW 1 (2017).

DAVID KWOK  
*Assistant Professor of Law*


ELLEN MARRUS  
*Royce Till Professor of Law*  
Director, Center for Children, Law & Policy

Rights, Race, and Reform: 50 Years of Child Advocacy in the Juvenile Justice System (Laura Cohen, Kristen Henning eds., forthcoming May 2018).  
Arizona Before and After In Re Gault: Has Arizona Realized the Promises of In Re Gault, in Rights, Race, and Reform: 50 Years of Child Advocacy in the Juvenile Justice System (Laura Cohen, Kristen Henning & Ellen Marrus eds., forthcoming May 2018).

RONALD TURNER  
*A.A. White Professor of Law*

HLPI Turns 40

“For 40 years, the University of Houston has been a national leader in innovative health law studies, inter-disciplinary and advanced degree programs, health policy research and public service. In my view, however, the greatest measure of its success has been the remarkable record of accomplishments of its alumni in diverse fields of health law and policy throughout Texas, the United States and internationally. I congratulate the Health Law & Policy Institute on this milestone, and I look forward to many more years of success from this extraordinary program.”

MARK A. ROTHSTEIN
Former Director of the HLPI (1986-2000)

“As a faculty member at UH and as Director of the HLPI, I was fortunate to work with brilliant colleagues, dedicated and skilled staff members and amazingly talented students. The program – much like Houston itself – was a place of dynamism and energy. I was grateful to have the opportunity to work with faculty members and students who hoped to make a difference in the full range of health care law and policy issues facing our society.”

MARY ANNE BOBINSKI
Former Director of the HLPI (2001-2003)

“My time at the Health Law & Policy Institute offered the unique opportunity to work with students, practicing attorneys, researchers and state legislators to address important health law and policy issues. I am grateful for the chance to be part of such a talented group of people, working on these important issues in the unique and vibrant city of Houston.”

JOAN H. KRAUSE
Former Director of the HLPI (2004-2009)

“For 30 years, I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Law and Psychiatry and Law and Bioethics to many talented law students at the Health Law & Policy Institute. As the founding Director of the Health Law LL.M. Program, my colleagues and I enabled over 205 J.D. students from United States and international law schools to earn their Health Law LL.M. degrees. It was a privilege and a pleasure to work together with superb health law faculty. The exceptional administrative and other support provided by April Moreno and Elaine Fiala created an effective and enjoyable oasis for faculty and students. I deeply appreciated and valued being part of such a stimulating, productive and innovative health law program.”

WILLIAM J. WINSLADE
Former Director of the HLPI (2010-2012)
1978
The Health Law & Policy Institute (HLPI) was established as a joint program between the University of Houston Law Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center.

1986
HLPI experienced a rebirth under the leadership of new Director Mark A. Rothstein and was relocated to the University of Houston Law Center.

1987
HLPI hosts the Annual American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME) Health Law Teachers Conference.

1988

1991
Congressman Mike Andrews and NBC’s Robert Bazell were featured speakers at the "Legal and Ethical Issues Raised by the Human Genome Project" Conference sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) who awarded HLPI with a $75,000 grant to fund it.

1993

1994

1996

A look back at the past 40 years . . .
through the many milestones along the way.
2015
HLPI receives $228,000 from the Texas Department of State Health Services to renew the Texas Second-hand Smoke Ordinance Database Project for two more years.

2016
HLPI partnered with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of the Connect2HealthFCC Task Force's Beyond the Beltway Series to host a conference on “Broadband Prescriptions for Mental Health: A Policy Conference” held at the UHLC.

2016

2017

2018
HLPI partnered with UNICEF to host a conference entitled, “Human Trafficking Symposium: A Global and Local Perspective,” for community leaders, public health professionals, and county and city government officials.

2018

2018

Jessica L. Roberts named Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute. Jessica Mantel remains Co-Director.

2015
HLPI awarded $93,343 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for updating, publishing and distributing a revision of “Control Measures and Public Health Emergencies: a Texas Bench Book.”

2016
HLPI held a workshop on the Zika Virus to address public health preparedness and legal measures to control the spread of the disease.

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Celebrating
Four Decades
of HLPI

(1986) First HLPI Advisory Board. Pictured: Seated - Dr. Joseph
Jachimezyk, Mark Rothstein (Director), Margery Shaw and Carmen
Stallings
Standing - Terry Tottenham, Dr. William J. Winslade, Dr. George
Magner, Carl Hacker, Garrett Graham, Albert Gunn, Jay Lapine,
Cathy Tanenbaum (Assistant Director) and Dean Robert Knauss

(1994) Dr. William J. Winslade, Justice Robert Gammage and Director
Mark A. Rothstein


(2001) Advisory Board Meeting

CONCURRENT AND ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAMS

LL.M. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law, which according to the LL.M. Guide, is one of the top 10 worldwide. Since its inception in 1992, over 200 attorneys have graduated from the program. 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.

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J.D./M.D. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, provides students with the opportunity to pursue concurrent degrees in law (J.D.) and medicine (M.D.) in six years of full-time study. This extraordinary educational program highlights the relationship between law and medicine. 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.

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J.D./M.P.H. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center, in conjunction with The University of Texas School of Public Health, Health Sciences Center at Houston, offers students a concurrent degree program to pursue 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 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.

JOINT J.D./LL.M. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers a joint J.D./LL.M. degree program which allows students to earn both degrees in 3.5 years (105 credit hours). UHLC law students are eligible to apply for the joint J.D./LL.M. program after the completion of 30 credit hours. Joint degree students must meet all J.D. and LL.M. degree requirements in order to complete the program.

PLEASE SEND INQUIRIES TO: llm@uh.edu

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 health law courses. Students may also enroll in other courses at the UH Law Center, the UTMB at Galveston and the UTSPH at the UT 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. Students can also take any specialty courses at UHLC and transfer those credits to the UHLC J.D./LL.M. program.

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 and compliance agencies, the Texas Legislature and nonprofit advocacy groups.

HEALTH POLICY QUOTES

“The dual J.D./M.D. program helped position me to have a successful career in health policy. Health policy is a difficult field to break into, but having both degrees gives me a unique perspective and understanding of the complexities of health care and health policy, which has set me apart from others working in the field.”

QUIANTA MOORE, M.D., J.D. ’09
Scholar in Health Policy
Baker Institute for Public Policy
Rice University
COURSE OFFERINGS

WITH 29 COURSES, THE UH LAW CENTER OFFERS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE health law curricula in the country. The UH 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. Health law classes are taught by full-time HLPI faculty members with national and international reputations and by successful practicing attorneys who serve as adjunct professors. The following is a list of recent health law offerings.

- Advanced Health Law
- Biotechnology and the Law
- Comparative Health Law
- Disabilities and the Law
- E-Health Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- ERISA
- Food and Drug Law
- Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society and Law
- Fraud and Abuse
- Genetics and the Law
- Health Care Compliance
- Health Care Transactions
- Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators
- Health Law Externship
- Health Law Research
- Health Legislation Advocacy
- Health Regulatory Process
- HIPAA
- Hot Topics in Health Policy
- Insurance Law
- Life and Health Insurance
- Long-Term Care Law
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Mental Health Law
- Public Health Law
- Scientific Evidence
- The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions and Policy
- Toxic Torts

* 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 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 organizes social activities for health law students.

HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY

The Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy (HJHLP) is a student-edited publication made possible by the financial support of private donors and the commitment of HLPI’s faculty, students and administration. Staffed by law students who are committed to health law, editors may earn academic credit while gaining valuable research, writing and editing experience.

The Journal provides a scholarly forum to explore interdisciplinary issues in health law and policy. It publishes one issue of professional and student-authored pieces each year focusing on an emerging issue in health care. Symposium topics have included vulnerability in health care (2015), health access and health justice (2016), telemedicine (2017) and climate change and public health (2018).

MOOT COURT

HLPI supports two health law moot court competitions in collaboration with the Law Center’s Blakely Advocacy Institute. The L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition and the SIU National Health Law Competition are the two premier health law competitions in the nation. Students hone their advocacy skills by analyzing and arguing a health law legal issue.

HEALTH LAW FELLOWSHIPS

HLPI offers congressional and state legislative fellowships for students to work with lawmakers in Washington D.C. each summer and Austin, Texas every biennium. The fellowships provide students with a unique opportunity to participate in health policymaking at the federal and state levels and to forge strong networks with policy leaders. Fellows research issues related to health law, analyze health policies and contribute to the development of legislation.

“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
THE HEALTH LAW SECTION & HLPI SPONSORED THREE HEALTH LAW STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS HEALTH LAW CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN

Three UHLC students were selected to attend the annual Texas Health Law Conference hosted by the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas on October 22-24, 2017.

As part of its commitment to continuing education and to promote the practice of health law, the Bar’s health law section sponsors two scholarships for Texas law school students who are interested in the field. Scholarship recipients nominated by the faculty of the UHLC Health Law & Policy Institute for the 2017 conference were LL.M. students Katya Nikitina and Tiffany Little. A third student, John W. (Jack) Frazee, was sponsored by HLPI.

HEALTH LAW STUDENTS PLACE IN HEALTH LAW MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT

In Chicago, three UHLC students earned 2nd Best Memorandum at the L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition. The competition was hosted by the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

The team was composed of UHLC students Greg Garza, Cynthia Adjain and Michelle Jefferies. They were coached by Angela Odensky.
An awards ceremony was held on April 24, 2018, to honor law students for writing papers related to health law which were sponsored by three generous donors.

- Rebekah Reed won the 2018 Scott Chase Scholarship in Health Law. This award was established by Mr. Scott Chase, a Dallas-based, 1971 graduate of the Law Center, and Board Certified, Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Chase awards a student who is pursuing studies in health law.

- Shannon Terry won the 2018 Dr. Alvin Goldstein Health Law Writing Scholarship which was established by Wendy C. Goldstein-Feldman. This writing award recognizes an outstanding paper prepared by a J.D. or L.L.M. student on a current health/life sciences law topic that embodies the professional spirit of Dr. Goldstein.

- The 11th Annual Ewer-Oren J.D. Health Law Writing Award Winners were Alexis Guadarrama and Julia Peebles. The J.D. Writing Award was established by Professor Laura Oren, Ph.D., J.D., in honor of Dr. Michael Ewer and her mother, Grace Oren, to be given to the best health law paper written by a J.D. student.
On March 20, 2018, legal and medical professionals gathered at the University of Houston Law Center to bring attention to the perils of human trafficking.

The event, “Human Trafficking Symposium: A Global and Local Perspective,” was sponsored by the Health Law & Policy Institute and UNICEF, and was attended by community leaders, public health professionals, and city and county government officials.

Nelson Bowman (UNICEF), Rachel Rose (Private Practice), Olsa Alikaj-Cano, (Foster LLP), Julie Kaplow (Texas Children’s Hospital), Minal Patel Davis (Mayor’s Office), Noela Barasa, (UNICEF) and Jessica L. Roberts (HLPI)
A panel discussion featured three attorneys and a child psychologist, each of whom had their own unique focus on curbing human trafficking.

Noela Barasa, a child protection specialist with a focus on migration for UNICEF, said it is her mission to assist children who have been victims of violence.

Olsa Alikaj-Cano, a senior attorney with Foster LLP, pointed out that victims of human trafficking without legal immigration status are often charged with crimes.

Julie Kaplow, a clinical child and adolescent psychologist at Texas Children’s Hospital, said part of her job is to spread awareness among medical professionals about human trafficking and sex trafficking.

Minal Patel Davis, a special advisor on human trafficking to Mayor Sylvester Turner and the city of Houston, was the final panelist. She is tasked with making a local impact on human trafficking in the fourth-largest city in the U.S. Patel Davis discussed how she is introducing a program that is the first of its kind to combat human trafficking.

The panel was moderated by Rachel Rose, the principal attorney at her own firm. The symposium also included remarks from Nelson Bowman, UNICEF’s managing director of the southwest region, a screening of the documentary “Not My Life” and a story from a woman who survived being trafficked.
HLPI and EENR Co-sponsored the HJHLp Annual Symposium

HLPI co-sponsored the 2017 Health Law Symposium with the UHLC’s Environment, Energy and Natural Resources (EENR) Center on December 7, 2017. The symposium entitled, “Is Climate Change Making Us Sick? The Future of Public Health in a Climate Altered World,” featured keynote speaker, Kristie L. Ebi, Ph.D., M.P.H., Rohm & Haas Endowed Professor in Public Health Sciences and Director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment (CHAnGE) at the University of Washington. Professor Ebi has been an international leader in climate change and health for 20 years and was an editor of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, Working Group II volume on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability.
Following the keynote address, the symposium workshop brought together a small group of scholars from around the country from both the public health and climate change adaptation and mitigation sectors for an in-depth discussion of their research. Their works will be published in the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy’s 2018 Symposium issue. Presenters included:

- Courtney L. Anderson, J.D., LL.M., Georgia State University College of Law
- Robin K. Craig, J.D., Ph.D., S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
- Justin Gundlach, J.D., LL.M., Columbia Law School
- Edward P. Richards, J.D., M.P.H., LSU Law
- Jason A. Smith, M.T.S., J.D., California State University East

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