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University of Houston Law Center maintains high ranking among top law schools

Intellectual property and health law specialty programs among Top 10 in country

March 13, 2012 – The University of Houston Law Center retained its high standing among the nation’s top law schools this year, ranking 57th overall with two specialty programs maintaining their position in the Top 10, according to an annual report released today by U.S. News & World Report.

The Law Center’s Intellectual Property and Information Law Institute rose two spots to 4th and the Health Law and Policy Institute stood at 8th among the nation’s 195 ABA accredited law schools. The Law Center’s part-time program ranked 11th.

The latest rankings follow solid ratings in scholastic and career categories. In February, the Houston Law Review was ranked in the top 2.5 percent, 42nd out of more than 1,600 law journals worldwide, according to an annual report by Washington & Lee Law School. The National Law Journal recently ranked the Law Center 32nd on its list of “Go-To” law schools based on the percent of graduates hired by the nation’s top 250 law firms.

“These high rankings and others reflect the hard work of the faculty, students and staff of the Law Center,” said Dean Raymond T. Nimmer. “While rankings are important, they are just a part of what distinguishes a great school. I am proud to be dean of a fine law school whose quality is recognized around the country and internationally.”

Earlier this month, the Law Center entered into an agreement with the University of Calgary law school to offer a unique, joint, dual-degree energy program. Beginning this fall, students in the new International Energy Lawyers Program can study two years at each of the schools and earn a J.D. in four years, enabling them to apply for admission to the bar in both the United States and Canada.

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About the University of Houston

The University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best colleges for undergraduate education. UH serves the globally competitive Houston and Gulf Coast Region by providing world-class faculty, experiential learning and strategic industry partnerships. Located in the nation's fourth-largest city, UH serves more than 39,500 students in the most ethnically and culturally diverse region in the country.

About the University of Houston Law Center

The University of Houston Law Center is the leading law school in the nation's fifth-largest legal market. Founded in 1947, it is a top-tier institution awarding [Doctor of Jurisprudence](#) (J.D.) and [Master of Laws](#) (LL.M.) degrees. The Law Center is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the American Association of Law Schools.