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The University of Houston Law Center's Legal Excellence speaker series launches Oct. 2 with GHP Chairman Tony Chase

Future lectures will explore healthcare, energy, tax, and trade issues affecting the Houston business community

Oct. 1, 2012 – The University of Houston Law Center is joining the Greater Houston Partnership and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to present the Legal Excellence speaker series to the Houston business community.

The kickoff event will feature Anthony R. Chase, Law Center professor and chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership, who will present "Powerful Partnership: Houston as a Business Center Today and the Role of Higher Education in its Future." The event will be Oct. 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Tony's Restaurant.

The series will feature four additional lectures by Law Center professors starting in January 2013. Tentative topics include:

- "Affordable Care Act: What It Means for Texas" presented by Patricia Gray, UH Law Center professor and director of research in the Health Law & Policy Institute
- "Latest Tax Issues for Small Business Owners," presented Bret Wells, UH Law Center assistant professor
- "International Trade, NAFTA, Pipelines, and the I-69 Corridor," presented by] Stephen Zamora, Leonard B. Rosenberg Professor of Law and director of the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law
- "Energy, Regulation, and Utility Issues for Small Business Owners," presented by Tracy Hester, visiting assistant professor and director of the Environment, Energy & Natural Resource Center

The lectures are free and open to the public. To RSVP for the kickoff event and for more information on the speaker series, email ssmith5@central.uh.edu or call 713-743-2107.

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About the University of Houston Law Center

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