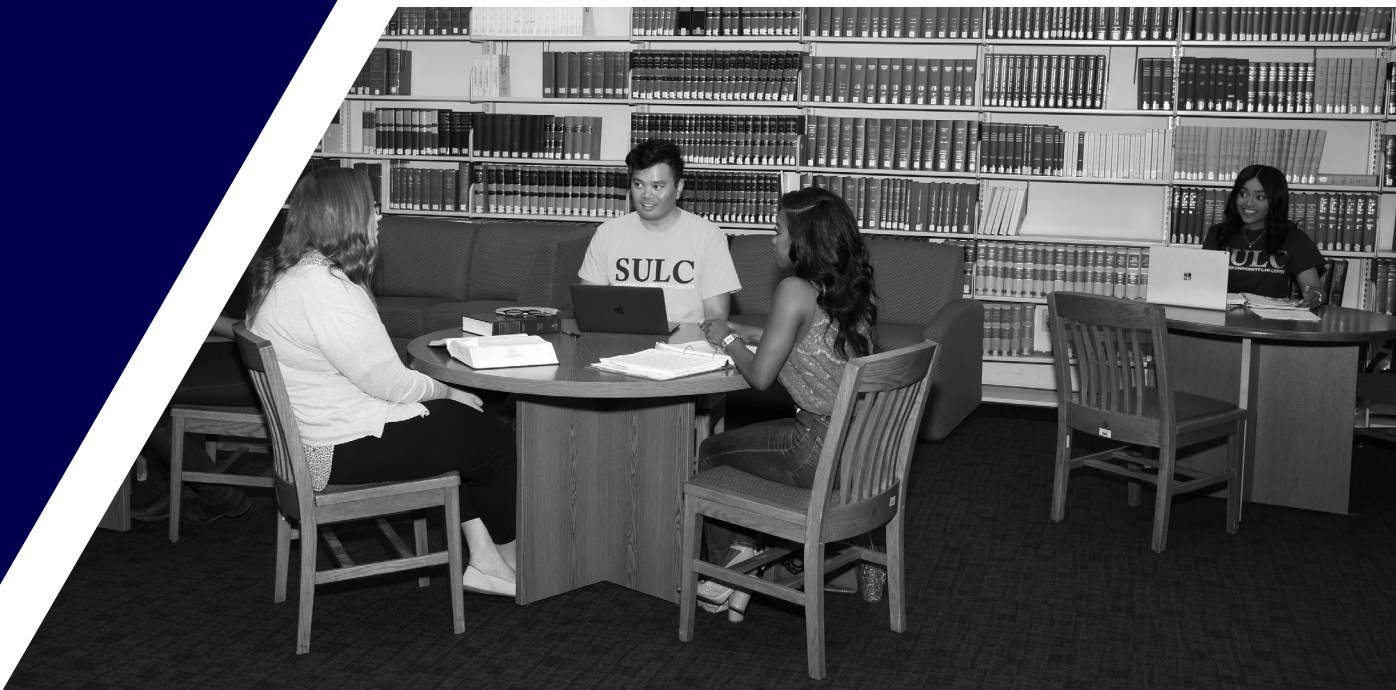


CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022



PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS

NEWS



SULC STUDENTS BEGIN NEW CHAPTER BY RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM

Since opening its doors in September 1947, the Southern University Law Center has developed trailblazers in the legal profession across Louisiana and the nation. Seventy-five years later, the legacy continues as a new class of Lawyer Leaders embarks on a new chapter in their lives.

The Law Center has established many accolades but prides itself on being part of the nation's only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) system while being one of the nation's most racially diverse law schools.

"As an HBCU graduate, I wanted to continue to have the nurturing HBCU environment in law school," said first-year law student Semaj Fielding. "I am extremely excited to see what the future holds for me at Southern University Law Center." Fielding plans to focus on environmental and disaster law.

Through the various real-world experiences offered with the Law Center's law clinics, such as the Disaster Law Clinic, its externship opportunities, and strategic partnership and initiatives available, students are challenged and inspired to achieve far beyond all expectations. The Law Center also fosters an environment that stimulates intellectual processes and promotes professional development by seeking excellence from its students.

Offering part-time day and evening courses, the Law Center provides an avenue for everyone desiring to pursue a law career the chance, like first-year law student and mother of three, Tramaine Sam. Sam is attending the part-time evening program and appreciates the flexibility while she juggles motherhood, and a full-time job as a Personal Injury Case Manager.

CONT. SULC STUDENTS BEGIN NEW CHAPTER

“Before I even decided to sign up for the LSAT, I talked with my “village” and mentioned to them that I was finally ready to pursue my law school career,” said Sam. “I needed to make sure that I had a plan and a backup plan. Once I knew that I had the support of my family, friends, and the firm, I knew it was my time.”

“Yes, it will be tough,” Sam added. “I will have to make the necessary changes and sacrifices, but I also know who’s looking up to me. I know my children won’t fully understand now why mommy is so busy, but they will soon. The road will not be easy, but the reward will be far greater.”

Sam earned her bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Southern University and said she is grateful to start her journey at the Law Center because of the sense of home she feels on campus. “I chose to pursue my JD at Southern because it is like home,” said Sam. “My time there during undergrad was some of the greatest moments in my adult life. Southern is truly one big happy family and nothing short of amazing.”

Whether you are familiar with the Southern University campus or not, students know that the Law Center will train them to be equipped with the necessary skills to practice law and prepare for leadership positions in society.

First-year law student Morgan Johnson chose to attend the Law Center because she believes it is the only law school that will fully equip her to fulfill her goal of being a Baton Rouge community leader while transforming the criminal justice system. Johnson, who received her undergraduate degree from LSU in Political Science and Spanish plans to practice criminal and immigration law.

“I decided I wanted to practice criminal law because Louisiana is the number one incarcerator in the country per capita,” said Johnson. “I want to help transform the system and ensure that our criminal justice system is fair and equitable. The mission at SULC aligns with my personal morals and values,” said Johnson. “SULC’s mission to educate students from diverse, low-income, and marginalized backgrounds aligns with the morals that will drive my future work in the criminal justice system.”

The Law Center continues to develop as a progressive and innovative institution that prepares students for success in all law-related segments of society. Each year the Law Center introduces and open doors for new paths for students and we are excited to see what this new class accomplishes.

SULC RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO SUPPORT TRAUMA RECOVERY FOLLOWING NATIONWIDE HBCU BOMB THREATS



Southern University Law Center has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and Project School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV) to support student trauma recovery related to bomb threats toward Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Southern University Law Center was the first HBCU to receive this grant award.

At the beginning of 2022, more than one-third of HBCUs received bomb threats. Although there were no explosive devices found on any of those campuses, the damage incurred threatened the safety and security of students, faculty, and staff. Because of these actions, the Biden Administration and the U.S. Department of Education formed a collaborative agreement to address this trauma through emergency response grants. Project SERV provides funding for institutions of higher education in instances where there are significant violence and traumatic events.

SULC will use the one-year grant to conduct a series of questionnaires, activities, and counseling to assess behavior related to the trauma derived from the HBCU bomb threat. Participation is available virtually and in person. The goal is to provide a stable and safe environment for the campus community.

SULC AND BRCC SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, FACILITATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

On August 24, Southern University Law Center and Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) signed a partnership agreement focused on promoting the education of students in the legal profession and eliminating obstacles that prevent graduates from securing employment.

CONT. SULC AND BRCC SIGN PARTNERSHIP



The agreement will remove barriers for BRCC students seeking to enter the workforce who need assistance with expungement services for prior justice-related issues. Additionally, the agreement will provide BRCC paralegal students with an experiential learning environment to develop their skills and competencies through facilitated opportunities at SULC.

SULC and BRCC share mutual goals in promoting access and opportunity to education. By identifying and assisting with the removal of legal barriers to employment, SULC and BRCC will contribute to the improvement of the educational, employment, and

economic environment of individuals and communities.

Several of the efforts that will be implemented to educate and assist students with barriers to employment, include: developing educational resources for students who enter college with legal issues, developing an early screening program to determine what students are in need of expungements services, and streamlining access to expungements.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

CHANCELLOR JOHN K. PIERRE

Thurgood Marshall College Fund has chosen Chancellor John Pierre to receive the Educator of the Year Award during their upcoming anniversary gala.



MARLA DICKERSON

Marla Dickerson, associate vice chancellor of innovation and strategic partnerships and initiatives, was appointed as the American Bar Association's special advisor to the Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

ASELAH GREENWOOD



Aselah Greenwood was selected as one of 11 ambassadors for the first HBCU Accelerator presented by Student Marijuana Alliance for Research & Transparency and Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

CHAREE WOODARD

Law Center student Charee Woodard accepted a position as a Fall 2022 extern with the White & Case LLP Racial Justice Task Force.



VENESIA CAMPBELL



Law Center student Venesia Campbell has secured an externship with the Northern District of Florida's Office of the Federal Public Defenders.

DAYLEEN CHERY

SULC student Dayleen Chery joined the AccessLex Institute Champions Program.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

WILLIAM GASPARD



Law Center student William Gaspard was selected for the Snell & Wilmer law firm's Fellowship for Advancement and Resources.

EBONY COMIER

SULC student Ebony Cormier was selected as a 2022-2023 Arnold & Itkin LLP scholarship recipient



CHACITY SIMMONS



Law Center student Chacity Simmons was named as a 2022 National Black Prosecutors Association Foundation Scholarship Recipient.

DEMARIO THORNTON

DeMario Thornton has received a post-graduation offer to join Bradley Law as an associate.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

ANGELICA DIX



Law Center student Angelica Dix has accepted an offer to return to Irwin Fritch Urquhart & Moore LLC as a summer associate in 2023.

ERYN WELLS

SULC student Eryn Wells has accepted an offer to join Reed Smith LLP as first-year associate in Fall 2023.



LANNETTE RICHARDSON



Law Center student Lannette Richardson has accepted an offer to join Creative Artist Agency as an assistant to the Chief Legal Officer.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

VIKY McDONALD

Recent Law Center graduate Viky McDonald is set to begin her legal career with Deutsche Bank as in-house counsel.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

JUDGE D. NICOLE SHEPPARD

The Judicial Council National Bar Association has named Law Center alumna Honorable Judge D. Nicole Sheppard as the 2022 recipient of the Raymond Pace Alexander Award.



CARLYN ADDISON



Law Center alumna Carlyn Addison has been elected Judge of Criminal Court Division V, Domestic Violence in Memphis, Shelby County, TN.

SHEVA SIMS

Alumna Judge Sheva Sims received the Power 50 Award during the National Bar Association Convention.



MONETTE DAVIS



Alumna Monette Davis was selected for the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer Leadership Program.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

CANDACE B. FORD

Law Center alumna Candace B. Ford was recognized as one of Breazeale Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.'s best lawyers to watch.



JORDAN P. PARKER

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Louisiana welcomed alumnus Jordan P. Parker to its board of directors.



JARED NELSON

The Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel announced Law Center alumnus Jared Nelson as this year's recipient of the 2022 Frank L. Maraist Award.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

MICHEAL VICTORIAN



JARED EVANS



Michael Victorian and Jared Evans both received the 40 under 40 award from the National Bar Association.

GERALD THORNTON



JOANN COSTON-HOLLOWAY



Law Center alumni Gerald Thornton and Joann Coston-Holloway were recently named Distinguished Alumni of the Year at the 97th annual National Bar Association Conference.

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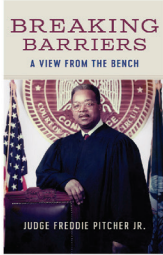
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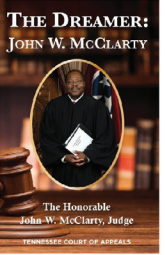
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