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The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III



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January 10, 1946

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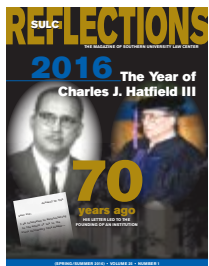
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In declaring 2016 The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III, the Southern University Law Center is sharing an important history



lesson about access to legal education in the State of Louisiana in a most personal way. When Hatfield wrote his January 10, 1946, letter seeking

admission to the only state-supported legal education program in Louisiana, he did so confident in his scholastic qualifications, determined to present an opportunity to effect positive change, and with courage in his call for equality in educational opportunity.

“His letter was a catalyst for the creation of an institution that has been dedicated to access and opportunity in legal education,” says Chancellor John K. Pierre.

Although his original intent was not realized, his action opened doors for qualified students seeking a legal education that had been closed to them. For that, we can all say, “Thank you, Mr. Hatfield.” SULC revels in its success in producing lawyer-leaders. This diverse group is highlighted in this issue. See how the SULC students feel about “2016: the Year of Charles J. Hatfield III,” on page 6.



Qualities that match those of a true leader— Southern University’s first President-Chancellor took the helm for the 2015-16 academic year. His admiration for the Law Center is longstanding. He will champion the cause of continuing to make this institution a producer of lawyer-leaders. *See his thoughts about SULC and more on page 4.*

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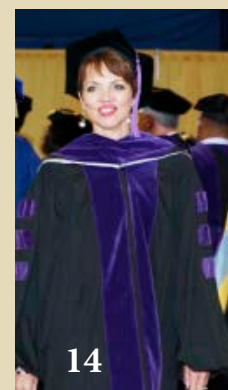
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In congratulating the more than 150 graduates of the Southern University Law Center at the 2016 Commencement, Governor John Bel Edwards stated that he is sure that they are going to make the “great state of Louisiana and the world even greater.”

2015 Commencement featured speaker, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, executive vice president and treasurer of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., advised the more than 170 graduates to “Continually re-evaluate and reinforce priorities, to make the most of each day, and to do what leads you to happiness.”



2016 SULC Hall of Fame Inductees—From left: Brian Caubarreux, '92, Marksville, Louisiana; Chet Boudreaux, '03, St. Francisville, Louisiana; Debra Page Coleman, '88, Atlanta, Georgia; Marcia Graf Pfeiffer, '91, Jennings, Louisiana; and Arthur L. Stallworth, '75, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



2015 SULC Hall of Fame Inductees—From left: District Attorney John Belton, '90, Ruston, Louisiana; Mark Crawford, '95, Houston, Texas; Kathy Nesbitt, '96, Denver, Colorado; Russell Jones, '82, Zachary, Louisiana; P. Craig Morrow Jr., '94, Opelousas, Louisiana; and Johnnie Matthews, '73, Baton Rouge. Inductees not pictured are Antonio “Tony” Clayton, '91, Port Allen, Louisiana; and Judge John Westley McClarty, '76, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

At the Southern University Law Center, 2016 has been declared the year of Charles J. Hatfield III.

Seventy years ago, Hatfield, a graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans, military veteran, and postal service worker, wanted to attend law school. He applied to the only state university that offered a law program and was refused admission because the institution did not admit black students. Hatfield retained New Orleans civil rights attorney A. P. Tureaud to file a lawsuit. Evelyn Wilson, a recently retired SULC professor, discusses the Hatfield case and events surrounding it in *Laws, Customs, and Rights*.

In his letter dated January 10, 1946, Hatfield stated, "I am interested in matriculating in the school of law in the State University this summer..." On December 16, 1946, in response to Hatfield's lawsuit seeking to attend law school at a state institution, the Louisiana State Board of Education took "positive steps to establish a Law School for Negroes at Southern University" to be in operation for the 1947-1948 session.

Hatfield, whose lawsuit was the catalyst for establishing a law school at Southern University, was the recipient of the Law Center's first Honorary Juris Doctorate, presented during the May 2002 Commencement. He died June 14, 2002, at the age of 87.

As we celebrate the 70-year milestone, we recognize more than just a courageous call for change and the establishment of a racially segregated state-supported law school. We now know the celebration is one of an institution where access and opportunity are paramount and admittedly real. Just ask the thousands of successful graduates who attest to being where they are today because of SULC.

In the declaration of 2016 as the year of Charles J. Hatfield III, we celebrate diversity in legal education and the clarion call for diversity in the legal profession today. Throughout the year, our focus will be on the significance of what we do at the Southern University Law Center in providing access and opportunity, which is to produce lawyer-leaders.

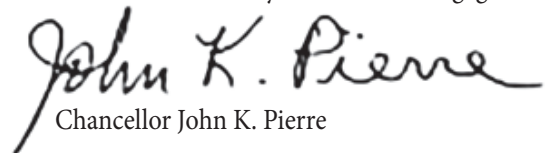
ABA President Paulette Brown, first African-American female to head the group, stated in her president's message, November 1, 2015, that greater diversity and inclusion in the legal profession will help achieve justice for all. The ABA has set four key priorities; Goal III commits to eliminating bias and enhancing diversity. The objectives are "simply to promote full and equal participation in the Association, our profession, and the justice system by all persons; and eliminate bias in the legal profession and the justice system."

Our alum Tricia R. Pierre, '98, director of member outreach and diversity for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), confirms that LSBA believes that because of diversity it is "a richer and more effective Association." In addition, LSBA states that "a diverse group of talented legal professionals is important to the success of law firms, law departments, public service organizations, and other organizations that include attorneys."

We have held a number of SULC events and invited our students, alumni, and friends to celebrate the "Year of Charles J. Hatfield." Of special note was the 2016 Founders' Day Program, where we enjoyed a roundtable discussion on the *Hatfield* case by heirs of key individuals associated with the case, Charles J. Hatfield IV, A. P. Tureaud Jr., and Vanue B. Lacour Jr., all civil rights activists in their own rights. It was a poignantly inspiring and provocatively enlightening exchange about the founding of this law school as we look forward to our 70th anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2017.

This issue of *Reflections* includes a wealth of information about what SULC does best and is a testimony to its worth in the legal academy, the profession, and the community. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to all who have extended well wishes on my position as Chancellor and who have continued to pledge their support to SULC under my leadership. It is the generous contributions of time and effort of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other supporters that make this institution possible.

We look forward to your increased engagement this year and in years to come.



Chancellor John K. Pierre

Chancellor's Message



John K. Pierre
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President-Chancellor Ray Belton appreciates, admires, and is inspired by SULC



Photo by N. John Oubre III.

President-Chancellor Ray Belton appreciates, admires, and is greatly inspired by Southern University Law Center faculty, staff, students, and graduates. And SULC can be assured that it has in Dr. Belton a genuine and valuable ally in its pursuit to become the number 1 law school of “access and opportunity” in the nation.

“I know that Southern University was established to advance the interests of people of color and that it embraces diversity in the academy,” Belton said in an interview with *Reflections* shortly after he became President-Chancellor.

The former Chancellor of the SU campus in Shreveport says, “Historically, we took minorities from where they were and helped to improve their quality of life. In other words, we embraced, shaped, and groomed them through the educational process.”

Belton admits that he is a beneficiary of what Southern offers. He describes himself as someone who formerly had little interest in pursuing higher education, although he did well in primary and secondary schools. In fact, he decided to do so only because of the GI Bill, a veterans benefit that helps pay for college. “When I enrolled at Southern, I grew to appreciate the value of higher education and decided to pursue a career in academia because of the mentoring of professors I had at SU.”

Who he is:

- Shreveport, Louisiana, native
- Product of a military family
- U.S. Army veteran, Viet Nam War
- Beneficiary of the value and success of Southern University
- Education administrator with degrees from SUSLA, SUBR, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and University of Texas
- Recipient of the Black Lawyers Association Thurgood Marshall Community Service Award, W. K. Kellogg Graduate Fellowship 1996, 1997, 1998; League for Innovation Graduate Scholarship 1996, 1997; C. C. Colvert Scholarship 1997, 1998; John and Suzanne Roueche Scholar 1997, 1998; and Community College Leadership Program Fellowship 1996, 1997.

Who he is for SUS:

- First leader named to the combined roles of System President and Chancellor of the BR campus
- An insider with nearly 30 years of experience in higher education
- Leader that values every member of his team
- Spokesman on the influential panel of system presidents who advises the Board of Regents, the top college board

What others say are his challenges:

- Potential restructuring of the SU System
- Budget woes and leadership struggles
- Image problems for SU System
- Enrollment declines
- Dealing with years of budget cuts to institutions in the SU System
- National discussions about future of HBCUs in general



A \$10,000 contribution to the SULC Scholarship Fund by members of the Northeast Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society was a highlight of the September 4, 2015, President's Reception hosted by the Southern University System. Some 300 alumni gathered at the Eddie G. Robinson Museum in Grambling, Louisiana, on the Jaguars' opening football game weekend. Pictured from left are Bobby Manning, '97; Carol Powell-Lexing, '88; President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton; Chancellor John K. Pierre; James Ross Jr., '80; Louis Scott, '78; and Martinet Society chapter president George Britton III, '89.

"They saw something in me, and I not only earned a degree, but also a lifelong affection for Southern's campuses and a strong commitment and dedication to a lifetime of service here."

Today, Dr. Belton laments that financial struggles have dominated conversation about Southern to the detriment of its value. Through a statewide listening tour early in his first year as President-Chancellor, he gathered information from Louisiana's business leaders and education supporters.

"We need to be who we are," he concludes. Belton believes that Southern must advance its historical mission, not redefine it.

He is dedicated to the proposition that "to become as prominent as we have been in the past, we must position this institution so that people feel the scope and presence of Southern University."

"We must shape strategies to insure that we evolve to the point where we can effectively and efficiently fulfill our role now and in the future," he said.

The greatest evidence of the need for Southern to be its true self is reflected in its Law Center alumni, Belton said. "Law Center alumni such as former and current Shreveport attorneys the late Jesse N.

Stone, the late Paul Lynch, Willie Singleton, S. P. Davis, Bill Monroe, and so many other lawyer-leaders who have contributed richly to our society through their legal careers, leadership, and mentoring prove the value and purpose of Southern," he said. When you ask them the key to their success, they all say "without Southern," they would not have had the know-how and opportunities.

"The power of this institution rests with people, and I believe that people who are guided by purpose can and will make a difference."

—President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton

"They also speak of the 'seriousness of purpose' that was instilled in them at the Southern University Law Center," President Belton continues.

"The power of this institution rests with people, and I believe that people who are guided by purpose can and will make a difference," he said.

Belton's administration has had the charge of selecting new top administrators for four of the system's five campuses and a new executive vice president for academic affairs/provost. Chancellor John K. Pierre, his choice for the Law Center's top leadership post, has garnered the best wishes of

students, alumni, and other SULC supporters alike.

President Belton views as a necessity "taking another look at our programs to see that they meet the needs of potential students and the community and expanding offerings that will cater to a diverse student population, including working adults." At SULC that means a new JD/MBA dual degree launched this fall, as well as studies that investigate the feasibility of the establishment of a branch/satellite campus in the Shreveport area and the development of a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree in Trial Litigation.

"There's great promise for the Law Center going forward," says Belton, who vigorously supports all of these ideas.

Scholarships are obviously vital in an era when enrollment drives the budget. Though not at the levels it could be, alumni giving is up, said Belton, cautious about the incessant reference to a "cash-strapped Southern."

From the beginning of his tenure as President-Chancellor, he says it was a clear mandate from the faculty and staff that "at the end of the day, having SU advance to its rightful place in the higher education community is paramount."

Dr. Belton knows it is a goal that must be achieved by all SUS stakeholders together. And as a leader who believes in empowering people, Belton says, "I've learned to be patient, but still be persistent."

"I will continue to engage the faculty and staff, as well as the students and alumni, understanding their role in making the system work," he said.



Brittany Tassin, 3L class representative, was one of five students nationwide recognized as a “Law Student of the Year” in the 2016 Spring issue of the *National Jurist* Magazine.

“This accomplishment again is proof that SULC makes history every day,” according to Chancellor John K. Pierre.

“What a fitting honor for one of the beneficiaries of the Charles J. Hatfield III legacy,” he said.



SULC's 2016 SU Founders' Day Celebration highlights discussion of Louisiana's legal education history—Pictured standing, from left: student escort Gilbert Bayonne; round-table discussion panelists Charles J. Hatfield IV, Vanue B. Lacour Jr., and A. P. Tureaud Jr.; and student escort Robert McKnight; seated, from left: student escort Courtney N. Harris; and panel interviewers Arthur R. Thomas, '76; Nicole Sheppard, '05; and Taryn Branson, '14.

Student-Leaders' Thoughts on Celebrating “2016: The Year of Charles Hatfield III”

The legacy is about all students building bridges, shattering stereotypes, peeling back labels, unlocking potential, overcoming obstacles, and fostering camaraderie. It is also about preserving history, opening hearts and minds, and progressing forward as a society through mutual respect, understanding, and unity. Essentially, our collective potential is far greater by constructively engaging our differences while still appreciating our common humanity.

—Patrick J. Harrington, 2015-16 SBA President

Declaring 2016 as “The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III” means paying homage to the person that paved the way for me to attend the only law school that I’ve ever wanted to attend. But for Mr. Hatfield’s initiative and perseverance, there would be no Southern University Law Center. As years pass, we tend to forget what and who paved the way and broke down barriers. Taking the time to not only remember Mr. Hatfield’s courage, but also to honor his memory is something that we should continue doing for years to come.

—Jasmine Henderson, 2015-16 3L Class President

Without Mr. Hatfield’s courageous efforts, the students that walk the halls of the SULC may not otherwise have the opportunity to study law at a state institution where their race is not a criteria for their acceptance. If Mr. Hatfield were here today, I would have two words to say to him. Those words are, “Thank You.” As we continue to move forward, I will continue to pay tribute to Mr. Charles J. Hatfield III and never remain silent on issues that involve opportunity, race, and education.

—Courtney N. Harris, 2015-16 Evening Division President

Southern University Law Center was created as a place for opportunities for those who strive for excellence in every circumstance despite the obstacles. Today SULC thrives on this seriousness of purpose by providing students from diverse backgrounds quality legal opportunities and education. I will continue to support SULC in every way possible by promoting its mission and embracing diversity and opportunities as they become available, overcoming any obstacles that may arise.

—Brittany Tassin, 2015-16 3L Class Representative

SULC History Call for Action

Calling all SULC supporters—please play an active role in support of SULC’s place in history by contributing to two special publication projects.

Commemorate the 30th anniversary of the landmark cases that led to greater diversity in the Louisiana judiciary by contributing judicial portraits of those who benefitted from the litigation. The portraits will be printed in a large-format poster.

Additionally, help SULC chronicle its glorious history through a 2017 calendar featuring your Law Center photographs. Send us your photographs to help tell the story of “seriousness of purpose.” All photos submitted should include information for captions.

Electronic images for the judicial portrait poster and the SULC 2017 anniversary calendar scanned at 300 dpi should be sent via email: Remanuel@sulc.edu; and actual photographs can be sent via postal service: Attn.: Rachel L. Emanuel, SULC, Post Office Box 9294, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813. An appointed alumni and staff volunteer committee will review and determine photos to be used in each project.

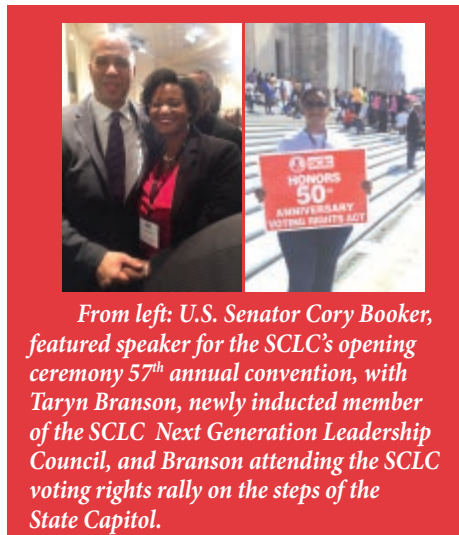
The deadline for all submissions is Monday, August 15.

Law clerk looks forward to making her mark

Taryn Branson, '14, law clerk for Judge Trudy White of the 19th Louisiana Judicial District Court, was inducted into the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Next Generation Leadership Council.

The induction was held during the Women's Luncheon at the 57th SCLC National Convention, July 23-26, 2015 in Baton Rouge. The conference theme, "We've Come Too Far to Turn Back Now—The Voting Rights Act—Then and Now," reflects on the future work of the organization and the new advocates needed.

The Next Generation Leadership Council comprises young people across the country willing to help support SCLC's mission to ensure economic justice and civil rights for all, Branson said.



From left: U.S. Senator Cory Booker, featured speaker for the SCLC's opening ceremony 57th annual convention, with Taryn Branson, newly inducted member of the SCLC Next Generation Leadership Council, and Branson attending the SCLC voting rights rally on the steps of the State Capitol.

SCLC leaders want to ensure that there are young people ready and willing when the torch is passed from one generation of civil rights leadership to the next.

In a news conference in New Orleans on Wednesday, January 5, 2016 SCLC national president Charles Steele Jr.; officers

and members marked the return of the historic civil rights organization to Louisiana. The state charter has been reinstated under the leadership of the Rev. Reginald Pitcher, state president.

Branson a native of Monroe, Louisiana, always wanted to be an attorney. After graduating from Louisiana Tech University, she worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in Monroe before deciding to attend SULC.

She says Southern came highly recommended. Her boss, attorney Janet Floyd, '96, was an SULC graduate, and a lot of other attorneys in the area were graduates too.

"It felt good to be in a professional setting where people had the same goal in mind of helping people and serving the community," she says of her Law Center experience.

She says she's looking forward to making her mark on justice.



Stasha Rhodes, '13, was inspired to become a community organizer by her grandfather, who successfully fought for higher wages for farm workers in the '70s.

"My grandfather Gustave Rhodes ended up testifying before Congress, and he was a little farmer from Napoleonville, Louisiana, with a seventh-grade education," she said. "That's how community organizing became attractive to me."

So now she's waging her own battles through her company called The Red Team. The strategic advocacy firm in Baton Rouge, which opened in October, specializes in issues management, grassroots organizing, and community affairs.

Staying true to her community organizing roots

"I partner with mission-driven organizations on issues-based campaigns to help build coalitions or lobby on their behalf," said the Napoleonville native. "Our goal is to increase the political influence of organizations devoted to possibly changing the world."

Rhodes graduated from Southern University with a bachelor's degree in political science and then enrolled at the Law Center.

"I chose SULC because I had a really good relationship with Chancellor John Pierre, and I wanted to stay in the Southern University System," she said. "Southern taught a small-town girl like me how to be a leader. I grew up at Southern and wanted to continue my journey here."

After graduating from the Law Center, she worked with churches and community organizations through a nonprofit organization called Together Baton Rouge to help address food deserts in low-income areas in North Baton Rouge. Food deserts are areas that lack a large supermarket or gro-

cery store so residents don't have access to fresh fruit and vegetables.

After that, she accepted a position with the American Heart Association as the state director of government relations. She was responsible for legislative outreach regarding cardiovascular health. During that time, she helped pass a bill that required all high school students to receive hands-on CPR training. She also worked on a campaign that helped to pass a law banning smoking in New Orleans' bars and restaurants.

She decided to open her own advocacy firm so she could help fight even more issues affecting the community.

"I felt we were really successful in changing public health policies, and I wanted to broaden my scope to include other issues such as criminal justice reform, access to quality education, and affordable housing. I want to help mission-driven organizations make a tremendous difference."

For more information on The Red Team, go to www.redteamadvocacy.com.



Dr. James C. Cook Jr.:

“When you don’t stand up to injustice, you lose a piece of your soul.”

Dr. James C. Cook Jr., one of five students who helped desegregate Catholic High School in Baton Rouge in the '60s, encouraged others to do their part to stand up for what is right.

“You can’t say it’s not my child or it’s not my problem or it doesn’t affect me. You can’t pick and choose. You must ask questions because whenever you don’t stand up to injustice, you lose a piece of your soul.”

Dr. Cook was the guest speaker at the SULC-sponsored event commemorating the 50-year milestone for students who helped to desegregate Catholic high schools in Baton Rouge, held on November 13.

He along with his brother Harold and three other African-American students desegregated the all-white Catholic High in 1965. The other students included Dupuy Anderson Jr., Ralph Anderson, and Lynn A. Darenbourg.

Anderson Jr. and Harold Cook also attended the event along with officials from Catholic High, St. Joseph’s Academy, and the Catholic Diocese; pastors of St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul the Apostle, and Immaculate Conception Catholic churches; presidents of the Baton Rouge Branch and Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP; and classmates, family, and friends of the honorees. It was sponsored by SULC’s Louis A. Berry Civil Rights and Justice Institute, SULC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and the Student Bar Association.



Emotions ran high after a speech from Dr. James C. Cook Jr. sharing his experience as one of the first black students to help desegregate Catholic High School in Baton Rouge. Pictured on front row, from left: Dr. Cook; his brother, Harold Cook; and his sons, Justin and Kurston Cook.

Cook is the director of cardiac rehabilitation at the Providence Medford Medical Clinic in Oregon. He grew up in Scotlandville and attended Southern University Lab School before going to Catholic High. He vividly recalled the day when he and the other students walked into the school, making history.

“They separated us in five different classes. As you can imagine, there was a lot of isolation. We were left alone. No one talked to us, and when they did it was constant harassment and verbal assaults. There was no one who was brave enough to stand up and say stop. I always felt like we were left on our own to try to survive the best we could.”

He said they were urged to participate in the movement by his father, a civil rights activist, and by their teachers. “We felt obligated to do so because of the overall feeling in the community that everyone needed to do their part to dispel the lies of racial inferiority,” he said. Before the students went to the school, they were told what to expect and how to respond during a meeting led by community activists and students who had been part of the public school desegregation.

“The main message was to expect it to be unpleasant, and we were told not to engage in any physical activity such as fighting or do anything that would get us thrown out of the school,” said Cook, who earned his bachelor’s degree and medical degree from Tulane University.

He reflected on how difficult it must have been for his parents to send him and his brother into the dangerous, unknown conditions.

“As a parent, I don’t know if I could have done what my parents did. They had no reassurance of the school’s commitment to justice or fair resolution of conflict. What they did represented true courage. I commend them, the teachers, and activists who encouraged us to be prepared.”

“We are thankful that the Law Center is honoring all of us who were instrumental in dispelling the fallacious lie of racial inequality and set the Catholic High community on a new course of inclusivity. This milestone changed all of our lives for the better.”

—Dr. James C. Cook Jr.

The honored students and the Catholic high schools that they attended were:

Dupuy H. Anderson Jr., the late Ralph Waldo Anderson Sr., Gregory Baranco, Harold M. Cook, Dr. James C. Cook Jr., Lynn A. Darenbourg, and Benjamin J. Roberts, Catholic High School

Elaine Lacour Brown, Rosalind Darenbourg, Glenda Darenbourg Llorens, and Judey Lyons Marshall, St. Joseph’s Academy

Rodney G. Higgins Jr., Anthony “Tony” G. Lacour, Marlene Little, Michael Porche, Paul St. Amant, Carl Stevenson, the late Lewis Lensy “Chuckie” White Jr., Phyllis Thompson White, A. Leo Wiggins, and Judy Young Francisco, Redemptorist High School

Jacqueline Nevels Brown, Adrienne Domingue (Millican) Carter, Alva Jean Darenbourg Chase, Linda Darenbourg, Cheryl Eames, Lizette Darenbourg Green,



Pictured from left: Vice Chancellor Russell Jones; Sisters Joan Laplace and Lucy Silvio of St. Joseph's Academy; Father Richard Andrus of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church; Dr. Cook; Father Edward Chiffriller of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; Dupuy Anderson Jr.; Harold Cook; Brother Ray Hebert of Catholic High School; and Chancellor John K. Pierre.



AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR HIS COURAGE—Pictured from left: former Southern University Laboratory School classmate James E. Slaughter Jr. presented to Dr. Cook a commemorative medal from the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery March.



Pictured from left: Dr. Cook; Amanda White and Joice White, family members of the late Lewis "Chuckie" White, who helped desegregate Redemptorist High School; Chancellor Pierre; and Charles Vincent, SUBR professor of history.



Pictured from left: Dr. Cook; Gilbert Bayonne, SULC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild; Krystal Wilson, Student Bar Association; Dupuy Anderson Jr.; and Harold Cook.

Carol Patin, and Lynn St. Amant, St. Anthony's High School.

Chancellor John Pierre and SULC students say Dr. Cook's message inspired them, and they will forever be grateful for the group's fearlessness.

"We use this opportunity to teach our students about history and advocacy," Pierre said. "We are better individuals because of the courageous steps taken by them, their parents, and the leaders that were part of this movement."

"These individuals provide us with blueprints. These achievements give us the

manual," said Gilbert Bayonne, a board member of the SULC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

"Thank you for your courage and initiative. We hope to make you as proud as you have made us."

"Through your individual and collective efforts, you've created opportunities and opened educational doors and turned stairs into elevators," said Krystal Wilson, who serves on the board of the SULC Student Bar Association. "You've overcome obstacles and taught us to overcome barriers."



Pictured from left: Catholic High School president Gerald "Gene" Tullier; student escort Qdraex J. White, SULC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild; and Catholic High School guidance counselor Ray Hebert.

In his invocation at the Founders' Day event, Catholic High President Gerald "Gene" Tullier reflected on the words of a prayer by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw. The prayer was dedicated to Bishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, who was martyred on March 24, 1980, for boldly speaking out for those poor and marginalized in El Salvador.

"We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us..."

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We lay foundations that will need further development...

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker...

We are prophets of a future not our own."

—Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw

"We give thanks also for those within our own community who have and continue to courageously witness to you by proclaiming equality, respect, and opportunity for all," Tullier said.

2016 Commencement

In congratulating the more than 150 graduates of the Southern University Law Center at the May 7 Commencement, Governor John Bel Edwards stated that he is sure that they are going to make the “great state of Louisiana and the world even greater.”

“The perseverance you put into earning this distinguished juris doctorate is a testament not only to yourselves, but also to the dreams of many before you,” Gov. Edwards said.

He cited the story of the late Charles J. Hatfield III, who 70 years ago sought admission to the only state institution offering a law degree program at the time, instigating the establishment of the Southern University Law Center. Although Hatfield was academically qualified, he was denied admission because he was black.

“Because of the bold step he took 70 years ago, your degrees represent more than an education about the justice system,” the governor stated. “They’re an example of how important justice really is.”

Hatfield never enrolled in law school, but just a month before he died in 2002, he received the first honorary juris doctorate awarded from SULC. In honor of Southern Law’s founding, the school has declared “2016: The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III.”

Gov. Edwards noted “[Y]ou have a pretty big responsibility to live up to. You’re not just the Class of 2016; you’re the class of Charles J. Hatfield III.”

He acknowledged the tremendous pressure that comes with that designation, but said he knew the graduates would represent Hatfield’s legacy well. An Order of the Coif graduate from LSU’s Paul M. Hebert School of Law and before that a Dean’s List graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Edwards said all of the graduates, all practicing lawyers, and the public in general, without regard to race, are the beneficiaries of this legacy.

Southern Law University Center graduates have a reputation for their commitment to public service and opportunities for all, he said. In addition to community service, the Governor

said, his best advice to the 2016 grads is “a lesson this institution has already instilled in you—seriousness of purpose.”



“Our state is depending on you and your seriousness of purpose. There’s no doubt we’ve got some challenges to overcome,” he said.

“We’re still dealing with the largest budget deficit in the history of the state threatening vital state services. While I am very frank about the challenges we face as a state, I am also openly and genuinely optimistic about the future of Louisiana,” the former state legislator said.

If the graduates ever doubt their purpose, Gov. Edwards said, they should just remind themselves of Louisiana’s motto: “A state, under God, united in purpose and ideals, confident that justice shall prevail for all those abiding here.”

“That is your purpose, Gov. Edwards said, and “That is what it means to be the class of Charles J. Hatfield III.”

It was the first Commencement presided over by the newly appointed Chancellor John K. Pierre, who was presented congratulations and a commendation on behalf of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus. Alexandria, Louisiana, attorney Edward Larvadain, SULC Class of 1966, represented the newest members to the ranks of Golden Alumni.

The 2016 SULC graduates included 36 honor graduates (seven magna cum laude and 29 cum laude). The top students are Day Division, Rachal D. Cox of Bossier City, Louisiana, and Evening Division, Elizabeth O’Quin of Prairieville, Louisiana.

Courtney N. Harris of Shreveport, Louisiana, earned a dual degree JD/MPA; Amy Anazia of McComb, Mississippi, and JaQuay Jackson Gray of Lake Charles, Louisiana, both earned a Public Law Certificate.





From left: Governor John Bel Edwards, 2016 SULC commencement speaker; Edward Larvadain, Class of 1966, a Golden Alumnus; top students, Evening Division, Elizabeth O'Quin of Prairieville, Louisiana, and Day Division Rachal Cox of Benton, Louisiana; outgoing SBA president and member of the Louisiana Board of Regents Patrick J. Harrington of Benton, Louisiana; and Chancellor John K. Pierre.



From left: Vice Chair Calvin W. Braxton Sr., Southern University Board of Supervisors; attorney Larvadian, President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton, Governor Edwards; Chancellor Pierre, and Donald R. Henry, SU Board of Supervisors.



Law Faculty—Seated from left: Profs. Dorothy Jackson and Michelle Ghetti; Vice Chancellor Russell Jones; Interim Vice Chancellor Alfreda Sellers Diamond; Vice Chancellor Roederick White; Chancellor Emeritus B. K. Agnihotri; and Prof. Freddie Pitcher Jr.; and standing from left: Profs. Shawn Vance, Arthur Stallworth, Kenneth Hooks, Nadia Nedzel, Mark Thurmon, Gail Stephenson, Willmai Rivera-Pérez, Cynthia N. Reed, Stanley Halpin, Wendy Shea, Michael Garrard, Chris Odinet, Marcia Burden, Paul Race, and Prentice White; and Chancellor Pierre.



Honor Graduates (Day Division)—Front row, from left: Lindsey Linder, Alexis Normand, Alanna Francois, Alaina Boothe, Erika Richoux, Lillian Williams, Trachelle Johnson, and Ashleigh Mazerac; middle row, from left: Austin Lipsey, Douglas Daigle, Christopher Kubacki, Kaitlin Mayeaux, Lindsey Dupree, Lauren Noel, Rachel Dunaway, Rachal Cox, Ryan Nolan, and Colby Bowman; back row, from left: Craig Cassagne, Bryan Creekmore, Daryl Causey, Raymond Hicks, Adrianna Higginbotham, Duran Davis, Larry Roach III, John Blanchard, Patrick J. Harrington, and Bradley Sloane.



State Rep. Randal Gaines, '84, presented Chancellor John K. Pierre, with a congratulatory commendation on behalf of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus.



Southern University Law Review Grads—Seated from left: Raymond Hicks, Rachel Dunaway, Lillian Williams, and Lauren Noel; and standing from left: Rachal Cox, Craig Cassagne, John R. Blanchard, Alanna Francois, and Christopher Kubacki.



Honor Graduates (Evening Division)—Seated from left: Angell Jackson, Roxanne Jackson Childs, Elizabeth O'Quin, and Kaleya Harris; and standing from left: Brock Vosburg, Valerie Rodrigue, and Kirk LaCour.



Recruitment Committee Grads—From left: Aleya Greenhouse, Britni Duplantis, and Brittany Tassin.



Inn of Court Grads—Front row, from left: Ashley Barfield, Vernett Lewis, Erica Ty Marchand, Britni Duplantis, Brittany Tassin, Danielle Davis, Kaley Harris, Jacqueline Adeyemi, Miah Hill and Megan Edwards; middle row, from left: Angeline Brown, Sunseray Joseph, Victoria Washington, Mya Strauss, Alexandria Veasley, Brooklyn Brewer, Veronika Mark, Shaina Pomerantz, Jameshia Durham, Trasaya Gaines, Tiffany Lemons, Lauren Noel, Rosalind Freeman, JaQuay Jackson Gray, and Amy Anazia; and back row, from left: Patrick J. Harrington, David Patin, Adrianna Higginbotham, and Edward Jenkins III.



Moot Court Grads—Seated from left: Raymond Hicks, Rachel Dunaway, Christine Wells, John Blanchard, and Alexis Normand; and standing from left: Danielle Davis, Ryan Nolan, Ericka Richoux, and Christopher Kubacki.



Trial Advocacy Board Grads—Seated from left: Shirlise Rivera, Trasaya Gaines, Brittany Tassin, Alaina Boothe, Barbara Pilat, Tiara Jones, and Veronika Mark; and standing from left: Georgina Stephenson, Jasmine Henderson, Idiongo Sampson, John Blanchard, Gregory Stahlnecker, Christine Wells, and Brooklyn Brewer.



Student Bar Association Grads—Seated from left: Alexandria Veasley, McKinley James, Patrick J. Harrington, and JaQuay Jackson Gray; standing from left: Krystal Wilson, Jasmine Henderson, Brooklyn Brewer, Erica Ty Marchand, Courtney N. Harris, and Brittany Tassin.



Journal of Race, Gender and Poverty Grads—Seated from left: Alaina Boothe, Duran D. Davis, Ashleigh Mazerac, Alexis Normand, Danielle Davis; and Georgina Stephenson; and standing from left: Meghan Notariano, Emmanuella A. Petion, Patrick Harrington, Kyru Adams, Daniel Conway, Montrell Tarvin, and Bryan Creekmore.



Clinical Education Program

Grads

Civil/Administrative Law Clinic—From left: Christine Wells and John Blanchard.

Bankruptcy Law Clinic—From left: Angeline Brown, Adrianna Higginbotham, Montrell Tarvin, and Terri Mayes.

Civil/Administrative Law Clinic—Jay Coleman.

Criminal Law Clinic—From left: Julio C. Baca Jr., Venese Morgan, Ericka Richoux, and Daniel Conway,

Divorce/Domestic Violence Clinic—From left: Stacey Stephens, Sunseray Joseph, Kaleya Harris, and Trasaya Gaines.

Elder Law Clinic—Seated from left: Meghan Notarianom Elizabeth O'Quin, Juliette Scioneaux, Alexandria Veasley, and Vernet Lewis; and standing from left: Jessica Weimer, Valerie L. Rodrigue, Kirk LaCour, Jay Coleman, Luke Donovan, Julio C. Baca Jr., and Brian Liddell.

Juvenile Law Clinic—From left: Dion Peeples, Brittan Tassin, Rosalind Freeman, Britni Duplantis, and Philip Burse.

Tax Law Clinic—Seated from left: Juliette Scioneaux, Elizabeth O'Quin, Roxanne Jackson Childs, Jacqueline Adeyemi, and Peggy Evans; and standing from left: Jameshia Durham, Troy Bell, Edward Jenkins, Kirk P. LaCour, Michael D. Smith, and Jessica Weimer.

Mediation Law Clinic (Day Division)—Seated from left: Krystal Wilson, Georgina Stephenson, JaQuay Jackson Gray, and Amy Anazia; and standing from left: Veronika Mark, LaJuan Cranson, Larry Roach III, Myesha Harrell, and Lindsey Dupree.

Mediation Law Clinic (Evening Division)—Seated from left: Juliette Scioneaux, Angell Jackson, Roxanne Jackson Childs, Tracy LeDuff, and Taranika "Ada" Goodly; and standing from left: Jessica Weimer, Shirlise R. Rivera, Valerie L. Rodrigue, Kirk P. LaCour, James L. Russell III, Wyattte Jamison, Troy Bell, and George Severson.

Workers' Compensation Law Clinic—From left: Brett Bajon, Tracy LeDuff, Tiffany Lemons, and Patrick Harrington.



SULC *2015 Commencement*

The 2015 SULC Commencement Speaker, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, '89, executive vice president and treasurer for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., shared defining moments of her life's journey to inspire and encourage law graduates as they look forward to joining the "noble profession."



SULC alumna tells graduates to find the “recipe for your Kool-Aid” a/k/a: What makes you happy

“Figure out the recipe for your Kool-Aid.”

That was the message given by the 2015 SULC Commencement Speaker Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, '89, an executive vice president and treasurer of Walmart Stores in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Babineaux-Fontenot described a time in her life 27 years ago when she was a recently married, financially challenged law student living in a tiny apartment in North Baton Rouge. She'd fixed her favorite Kool-Aid drink and put it in the freezer before enjoying it.

“As the icy drink made its way down, I had an epiphany that would inform every important decision I made after that one. You see, in that moment, I realized that I was HAPPY,” said the Opelousas, Louisiana, native.

“So on that fateful July day in my tiny kitchen, I, the broke, status-deficient law student made a very important declaration. I declared that for the rest of my life I would endeavor to remember and retain what makes me happy.”

For her, she said, happiness is “people to love, who know me and love me back, and an opportunity to do something that is bigger than myself for someone other than myself.”

She challenged the 165 graduates by asking, “Do you know what it takes to make you happy? Do you have the recipe and ingredients for your Kool-Aid?”

“I want you to figure out right now and never forget the recipe for your Kool Aid. Maybe it will lead you to fame and fortune, maybe not. My sincere wish is that it will lead you to happiness.”

“The best way to find out what makes you happy is to ask three people who are closest to you to describe you,” she said. “Look for the themes, which will help you figure out how you're built.”

“An example from my life is a conversation that I had with my father as a child. I told him that I would be a lawyer when I grew up. His response was ‘that sounds like a good idea. You argue all of the time

anyway. That way someone will pay you to do it!’”

“I became a litigator. Kind of makes sense, right?”

She encouraged each student to focus on being a good lawyer because there's always room for another good lawyer.

“It is striking how often enjoying what you do leads to doing it well. Doing it well leads to being in demand, and being in

demand leads to being recognized and well compensated.”

Babineaux-Fontenot then announced that she and her husband, Barry, '91, have established a \$10,000 Law Center scholarship for first-generation students like herself. The scholarship was boosted by a match from Walmart. It will be used for the “all-important” bar review course, she said.

The first scholarship recipients are Sherron Douglas of Stonewall, Louisiana; John Collins of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Jazmine Torres of Garden Grove, California.

In closing, Babineaux-Fontenot provided insights on the most recent chapter of her life story, revealing that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Because she figured out what was important long ago, a life-threatening event like cancer didn't cause her to regret how she's lived her life so far. This news, she said, made it all the more important for her to come to address the graduates.

*“Continually
re-evaluate and
reinforce priorities,
to make the most
of each day, and to
do what leads you
to happiness.”*



Top Honors and Special Recognitions at 2015 SULC Commencement: *From left: top student for the Day Division Kelley R. Dick, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Diangleo Frazer, outgoing Student Bar Association president and student member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors; Judge Curtis A. Calloway (ret'd.), a Golden Alumnus, representing the three members of the Class of 1965; Chancellor Freddie Pitcher Jr.; and top student for the Evening Division Scott D. Harrington, Plaquemine, Louisiana, who also earned a Public Law Certificate.*



2015 SULC Commencement Program Participants:

Chancellor Pitcher and the Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade, Executive Director, Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge.



Honor Graduates: Front row, from left: Marlon Jackson, Portia Johnson, Cranay Murphy, Theresa Phillips, Allison Morrow, Danielle Thompson, Cassandra Gilyard, Jasmine White, and Summar Kasem; middle row, from left: Shoneak Glass, Jordan Wright, Jesse Lagarde, Patrice Rose Harding, Elissa Turner, Jared Price, Laci Hamilton, and Jackson Brown; and back row, from left: Jordan Amedee, Denis Barry Jr., Oscar Battle Jr., William Wilson, Zachary Fickes, and Scott Harrington.



Southern University Law Review Grads: Front row, from left: Scott Harrington, Jasmine White, Elissa Turner, Summar Kasem, Cranay Murphy, Allison Morrow, and William Wilson; middle row, from left: A. David Mayhall, Jared Price, Jackson Brown, Jesse Lagarde, Corey Meaux, Kelley Dick, and Randall L. Daquanno Jr.; and back row, from left: Denis Barry and Oscar Battle Jr.



Inn of Court Grads: Front row, from left: Brittany McKeel, Sherron Douglas, SeNita McRae, Kristian Dobard, Rubianté Brown, Deonna Hayes, Charika Tolliver, Laci Hamilton, and Brittany Bass-Arvie; middle row, from left: Alicia McDowell, Candice Haley, Larry Williams II, Doning Barber, Arisa Banks, Iriane Lee, Venise Johnson, Ivory Batiste, and LeBuria Johnson; and back row, from left: Jeremy Mason, Tramelle Howard, Jesse Lagarde, Theresa King, James Mattox III, and Xavier Semien.



Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty Grads: Seated from left: Shermin Khan, Deonna Hayes, Arielle Young, Whitney Thomas, Kathryn Serio, Katrena Porter, and Arisa Banks; and standing from left: Jordan Wright, Patrick Celestine, Xavier Semien, Joshua Rock, Devin Fontenot, Adam Taylor, Zachary Fickes, and LeBuria Johnson.



Moot Court Grads: Seated from left: Oscar Battle Jr., Courtney Allen, Kathryn Serio, Shoneak Glass, and Brennan Vazquez; and standing from left: Xavier Semien, Diangleo Frazer, Drew Lyons, Randall L. Daquanno Jr., and Kelley Dick.



Recruitment Committee Grads: Front left: SeNita McRae, Meagan Smith, David Saterfield, Larry Williams, Brittany Bass-Arvie, and Xavier Semien.



Student Bar Association Grads: Seated from left: SeNita McRae, Arisa Banks, Brittany Bass-Arvie, Katrena Porter, and Kyla Hemphill; and standing from left: Xavier Semien, James Mattox III, and Diangleo Frazer.



Clinical Education Externs: Seated from left: Bobby Triche, Deonna Hayes, Kayla Williams, and Scott Harrington; and standing from left: Monroe Murphy III, Ivory Batiste, Caleb Kilgo, Bryan Harris, Diangleo Frazer, and Jesse Lagarde.



Academic Support Program Teaching Assistant Grads:

Seated from left: Kathryn Serio, Caina Green, Shirley Guillory, Theresa Phillips, Shoneak Glass, Deonna Hayes, Danielle Thompson, Allison Morrow, Katrena Porter, and Summar Kasem; and standing from left: James Roberts, Kenneth Doggett, Patrick Celestine, Jeremy Mason, Kelley Dick, Denis Barry Jr., Brennan Vazquez, Xavier Semien, Jackson Brown, Jordan Wright, and LeBuria Johnson.

Clinical Education Program Grads:



Bankruptcy Law Clinic—From left: Kendra Harris and Trachelle Cornish



Civil/Administrative Law Clinic—Front left: Brian Burns and Phillip Robinson.



Criminal Law Clinic—From left: Willie Joseph Jr., Courtney Allen, Shoneak Glass, Lacie Lemoine, Stephane Gerler, and LeBuria Johnson.



Divorce/Domestic Violence Clinic—From left: Alex Mitchell, India Roberts, Christy James, and Anacletus Gynia.



Tax Law Clinic—From left: Katrena Porter, A. David Mayhall, Charles Ayles, Trachelle Cornish, and Kendra Harris.



Elder Law Clinic—Seated from left: Kendra McCray, Brittany McKeel, Trachelle Cornish, Doning Barber, and Shirley Guillory; and standing from left: Xavier Semien, Charles Ayles, and Evan Knoten.



Juvenile Law Clinic—Standing from left: Deonna Hayes, Brittany Bass-Arvie, Arisa Banks, Rubianté Brown, and Charika Tolliver; and standing from left: Monroe Murphy III, Donovan Brittian, Kristian Dobard, Alex Mitchell, Chasity Minix, James Mattox III, and Ivory Batiste.



2014-15 Faculty: Seated from left: Maurice Franks, Gail Stephenson, Vice Chancellor Roederick White, Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, Vice Chancellor John Pierre, Nadia Nedzel, and Christopher Odinet; and standing from left: Christian Fasullo, Cynthia N. Reed, Alfreda Diamond, Dorothy Jackson, Winston Riddick, Michael Garrard, Marcia Burden, Stanley Halpin, Ollivette Mencer, Paul Race, Wendy Shea, and Thomas Richard.

Law professor's scholarship changes course of life for self and others

Prof. Angela A. Allen-Bell never thought that a few law journal articles she wrote between 2012 and 2015 would change the course of her life and the lives of many others.

But that's exactly what happened after the associate professor of legal analysis and writing at Southern University Law Center (SULC) wrote an article on the constitutional implications of prolonged solitary confinement, then two articles on the Black Panther Party.

Since the release of the articles, Prof. Allen-Bell has become internationally known as an activist, scholar, and advocate for social and criminal justice, as well as solitary confinement reforms.

She has been interviewed by the *Huffington Post*, MSNBC, National Public Radio, NBC Nightly News, and other media outlets, including some as far away as France and Canada.

She is also a regular on the speaking circuit at law schools and community and civic organizations locally, as well as across the nation.

"I never, ever envisioned this for my life, but it's something that feels very natural," said the 1998 SULC graduate, who began her professional career as a program director at the National Council of Negro Women.

The attorney regularly receives calls from reporters for interviews, families who need help, individuals wanting to collaborate on projects, and requests for speaking engagements.

"I didn't think it would be any bigger than some articles," said the New Orleans native and former staff attorney at the First Circuit Court of Appeal. "I just had an interest and wanted to answer some legal questions."

The article that started it all is titled "Perception, Profiling, and Prolonged Solitary Confinement Viewed Through The Lens of the Angola 3 Case: When Prison Officials Become Judges, Judges Become Visually Challenged, and Justice Becomes Legally Blind." It was published in the *Hast-*



Prof. Angela A. Allen-Bell, internationally known scholar, activist, and an advocate for social and criminal justice, as well as solitary confinement reforms, addressed the Louisiana Judicial College 2015 Fall Judges Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

ings Constitutional Law Quarterly in Spring 2012.

The Angola 3 case involved three Louisiana inmates who collectively have spent more than 113 years in solitary confinement at Angola, which is also known as the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace were charged in the 1972 murder of a prison guard. Wallace was released in 2013 after a judge vacated his conviction and sentence. Robert King, charged with murdering a fellow inmate, was freed in 2001 after his conviction was overturned. Woodfox, who spent more than 43 years in isolation, was released from incarceration on February 29, 2016, after two separate rulings setting his conviction aside.

Allen-Bell and other supporters believe the men were wrongly convicted because of their ties to the Black Panthers, and they also believe that the extended isolation is unjustified and inhumane.

"After the articles were published, I was contacted by many people because a lot of them had not examined the topic of

solitary confinement in the way I had or explored it in Louisiana," Allen-Bell said.

"The articles involving the Black Panther Party also filled a void because they came along at a time when the American public had begun to entertain the thought of finally coming to terms with our unsettled racial baggage. The articles corrected episodes of racial amnesia and showcased why restorative justice is such an invaluable solution to the racial challenges that plague the nation."

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From left: Malik Rahim, co-founder of New Orleans Common Ground Collective and former Black Panther; Prof. Allen-Bell; and Angola 3 member Robert King.

Scholarship changes course of life *continued*



Prof. Angela Allen-Bell spoke at a law review symposium at Mercer University School of Law in October. Prof. Allen-Bell participated in a four-person panel discussion in which she shared her perspective and lessons as an innovator concerning “Justice in the Deep South.” She is pictured with other panelists, from left, Judge Daniel Craig, Superior Court of Richmond County, Augusta, Georgia; Ilham Askia, executive director and co-founder of Gideon’s Promise; and Tremaine “Teddy” Reese, director of community operations and affairs, Georgia Applesseed Center for Law and Justice.

In addition to local legislative efforts, she has been invited to speak before the Louisiana Justice Commission and has twice submitted written testimony to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights. She has also served as an expert reviewer of related materials, which is featured on the PBS website.

Her work is featured in legal research books to be used as a reference for others who are working on similar cases. She also incorporates her passion for social justice into her classroom lessons, giving students invaluable practice-ready lessons. Other law professors from across the country have asked her to share her social justice teaching methods.

She has also been joined by a chorus of other voices who are calling into question current solitary confinement practices,

including President Barack Obama, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Pope Francis, and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture Juan E. Mendez.

“The advocacy part is always the next step,” she said. “Scholarship is irrelevant if it just ends up on the shelf of the library. It only becomes relevant if you take it off the shelf.”

“This is far more than a piece of scholarship,” says the Northwestern State University graduate who was named to the National Black Lawyers Top 100 list. “They are my cries for changes. They are my pleas for those who can’t speak on their own behalf. They are my service to my community, state, and nation,” she said.

In the words of the late Judge D’Army Bailey, “they are my way of ‘creating a theatre of agitation’ when progress warrants a change of course.”

SULC students venture out of classroom to learn more about law

About 25 SULC legal writing students and members of the SULC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild recently participated in two on-site learning projects.

The one-day session, organized and sponsored by Angela A. Allen-Bell, an associate professor of legal analysis and writing, was held in New Orleans on December 12.

The first session featured Louisiana’s compensation law and the role of legal professionals in ongoing advocacy efforts. Speakers included John Thompson, a Louisiana death row exoneree and founder of Resurrection after Exoneration (R.A.E); Parnell Herbert, a New Orleans area criminal justice reform activist; Jerome Morgan, a recently released inmate who spent 20 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit; and Mummi Ibrahim, an attorney and R.A.E. board member.

The second session taught students about some of the United States human rights agreements and how those agreements can be used as legal authority.



Prof. Allen-Bell’s students at StudioBe, an art warehouse, for a program organized by Amnesty International. Speakers addressed the human rights agreements that the U.S. is bound to and how they can be used as legal authority by lawyers. Also, there were discussions on how lawyers can partner with non-lawyers to engineer social change.

Sponsored by Amnesty International, the session also featured discussions on how lawyers can partner with non-lawyers to engineer social change.

“These on-site learning activities give students an understanding of areas of law that are often ignored in textbooks and overlooked or under addressed in the traditional academy curriculum,” said Prof. Allen-Bell. “In one day, these students got a window into intricate areas of human rights law, restorative justice law, social justice law, criminal law and procedure, legislative drafting, advocacy, legal analysis and professional responsibility. More importantly, they are able, as a result of this exposure, to begin to

view law as an instrument and not as an abstraction and to gain invaluable skills that will aid them in being practice-ready upon completion of law school.”

“I really enjoyed it,” said David LeBlanc, a first-year student from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

“It’s a pretty good experience to meet people who were wronged by the justice system and subsequently relieved of that injustice,” LeBlanc said.

“Both of the sessions were very impactful,” said Ariel Harris, a first-year student from Houston.

“I am very happy that Prof. Allen-Bell put this program together,” Harris said.

Attorneys host radio show to “empower” the community



Alfreda Tillman Bester, Joyce Marie Plummer, and Taryn Branson come together in a small room at WTQT 106.1 FM in Baton Rouge.

The women, all lawyers by day, gather every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to talk about the issues of the day on a radio talk show called “Perspective.” On this day, the conversation led by Bester is about a video that has gone viral showing a white school resource officer in South Carolina grabbing a black girl by her neck, flipping her backward, and throwing her across the room. The incident happened at a high school, after the girl refused to leave the classroom after the teacher caught her using her cell phone.

“He dragged her!” said Bester, ’99, a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who serves as general counsel for the Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP. “He handled her as if she was not human.”

The other cohosts chime in as well—attorney Plummer, a former SULC law professor; and Branson, ’14, a law clerk for Judge Trudy White in the 19th Judicial District Court.

It’s a lively discussion that also features topics about the low voter turnout in the recent Louisiana primary election and the persons of the week.

“I love it,” Bester says. “It’s a lot of work, but it truly is a labor of love. I’m not practicing law when I’m doing the show, but I’m empowering people. There’s a judge that refers to a lawyer as a mouthpiece, so I’m being a mouthpiece for the people who don’t have a voice.”

“It gives me a great opportunity to bring more awareness and consciousness to the community,” Plummer said. “I take it very seriously and it’s something I’m very passionate about.”

The radio show features discussions on current news and issues, and listeners call in to share their views as well. The cohosts describe it as “a conversation you would have on your front porch.”

Bester and Plummer started the show four years ago. The two met in 2000 when Bester, who graduated in the top seven percent of her class, was suing the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions to allow her to see the results of her bar exam, which the committee said she had failed. She was denied the opportunity, but the committee later changed the rules so now law students can see their test results.

“I understand people who fight the fight are not necessarily the beneficiaries, but the people who come after them are,” Bester said. “I think it’s a wonderful thing.”

Co-hosts of “Perspective,” a radio show featuring discussions on current news and issues with listeners call-ins, are pictured from left: Taryn Branson, ’14; Alfreda Tillman Bester, ’99; and Joyce Marie Plummer, former SULC adjunct professor.

Plummer met Bester at an event and complimented her on her fight. “I truly respected and admired what she was doing,” said Plummer, who received her law degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The two became friends and started talking about the need for some kind of forum to discuss important issues going on in the city. They came up with the idea of a TV or radio show. Every time they’d see each other they would talk about doing the show.

They discussed it for about three years and looked at some options. Then Bester met with another SULC alum Ernest Johnson, ’76. Johnson is managing partner of Our TV Network/Thought Network Broadcasting, which owns WTQT and several other radio stations in Baton Rouge and Tallulah and television stations in Shreveport, Monroe, and Alexandria, Louisiana.

“I was meeting with him on a totally different matter. I saw the radio staff and told Ernest, ‘I would like to do a community interest show.’ He said, ‘When do you want to start?’ The next morning Joyce called and said ‘Freda we need to talk about doing this radio or talk show.’ And I smiled and told her that I had just spoken to Ernest.”

Two weeks later in March 2012, Bester and Plummer were on the air. Branson joined the show in February 2015.

“I think they are phenomenal women,” Plummer, said of her cohosts. “I am grateful to be a part of the show and I love it!”

For more information or to listen to the show, go to www.wtqt.org or follow them on twitter @urperspective.

Other Alumni with broadcast programs

Eric W. Claville, ’06, “The Claville Report: Law, Policy and Politics,” WHRV 89.5 FM, Hampton Roads, Virginia; www.AnotherViewRadio.org.

Faith Jenkins, ’03, “Judge Faith,” FOX-TV, <http://judgefaith.com>

Jacqueline Scott, ’85, “Cajun Court TV Mediation,” Shreveport; <http://965kvki.com/shreveports-own-cajun-court-with-justice-jacque/>

Nicole Sheppard, ’12, “Real life,” “Real life law edition,” and “Traffic Time,” New Orleans, Ch 76, Cox Cable and <http://on the World Wide Web>.

Arthur R. Thomas, ’76, “It’s Your Voice,” WTQT 106.1 FM, Our TV Network/Thought Network Broadcasting.

FULBRIGHT SENIOR SCHOLAR—*Evelyn L. Wilson teaches law in Nepal*



This is the entrance to Kathmandu School of Law in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, where Prof. Evelyn Wilson taught during a six-month Fulbright Scholar Program experience. Established in 2000 as a community-based, non-profit academic institution, the school is an undergraduate program that offers only a major in law and master's degrees in a number of legal specialties, mostly having to do with human rights and justice. It has a strong nexus with many law schools abroad and has frequent exchange programs of teaching faculties and students.

Because of her former affiliation with the Southern University Law Center, retired Prof. Evelyn L. Wilson has been able to teach in many parts of the world.

Wilson's most recent trip to Nepal, from January to July 2015, was part of the Fulbright Scholar Program, an international exchange program for faculty and students administered by the U.S. Department of State. Wilson was awarded the Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and do research at Kathmandu School of Law in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

"It's really a prestigious opportunity," said the West Virginia native, who taught at SULC for 28 years. She retired in summer 2015.

In Nepal, Wilson taught constitutional law and clinic. Undergraduate classes were scheduled for six days a week, Sunday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. There were 7 a.m. classes for master's level students, who could attend part-time.

"I taught two hours of constitutional law to two different sections. Con law was more history, policy, and principles of law rather than cases, but also some cases are referenced," she said.

She taught one hour of clinic to the same two third-year classes. "The clinic taught the role of a lawyer, as well as

tools and methods for lawyers to effect social change," she said.

"The students in my class were required to speak English, but sometimes I had difficulty understanding their accents," she said.

Wilson, who notified SULC administrators immediately that she was safe, was there during the April 2015 earthquake, which killed over 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000.

In addition to teaching, she conducted research, made presentations, and moderated panel discussions during her Fulbright Senior Scholar assignment. She presented, "An Outsider's View of Nepal's Judiciary: Looking at What Is and at What Could Be," at a Fulbright Forum. She also traveled to Hyderabad, India, for a Fulbright conference, where she moderated several panels.

More opportunities for travel

Prof. Wilson traveled to Turkey as part of an exchange program with SULC in November 2013. While in Turkey, she served as a guest lecturer for three weeks to undergraduate students in the political science department. The lectures included topics on common law and civil law and the development of America's constitution.

Her lectures were translated into the Turkish language. The students asked both law-related questions, such as why does America have the death penalty, and general questions about America, such as why is there discrimination against African Americans.

"That also was a wonderful experience," Wilson says of her stint in Turkey. "Everybody there was a lot more inviting. They invited me to their homes for dinner or just to meet up with other people. I got into some conversations with people about politics and law."

National travels have taken Wilson from her native West Virginia, to New York—where she grew up—to Baton Rouge, where she attended law school at LSU in 1980. She earned a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in Ohio and a

Retired law professor credits SULC for opportunities to teach law around the world



Inside the residence where Wilson lived during her stay in Nepal.



Wilson at the Golden Gate of Bhaktapur. The King of Bhaktapur built it to celebrate the birth of his first son.



Prof. Wilson reading to children at a childcare center near her temporary residence in Madhyapur Thimi.

Photos courtesy of Prof. Evelyn Wilson.

master's degree from the University of Utah. After graduating from law school in 1983, she clerked at the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans and then worked at a firm in Baton Rouge for two years before coming to the Law Center.

"Being part of the Law Center has opened up lots of opportunities to teach around the world," including Nepal, Turkey, London, South Africa, Nigeria, and Lithuania," she says.

"I enjoyed teaching. I enjoyed the opportunity to write, to interact with other law professors, and to go to various

conferences to talk about the law," she said. She encourages other professors and students to take advantage of programs to see the world.

"I think it opens you up to understanding other people when you can physically see what their reality is. It gives you new ideas on different ways to do things and helps stimulate questions about why we do what we do or why we make the choices we make.

"You don't know what the world is like, if you haven't seen it."

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FACULTY REFLECTIONS: WHAT THEY REALLY THINK

By Prof. Christopher Odinet

Black Lives Matter surveillance tactics familiar; mimic approaches from the past



"Modern-day surveillance has been influenced by COINTELPRO tactics. While the government's goal is, understandably, to prevent acts of domestic terrorism, the lack of a uniform definition

of terrorism makes the process concerning. It was such a fluid term then and it remains that way now. So it allows a person to cast a very broad net, allowing a great amount of latitude."

Prof. Angela Allen-Bell in *The Huffington Post* on government surveillance and the #BlackLivesMatter movement, August 20, 2015.

Disturbing trends in U.S. prison system on the rise; the wrongfully convicted need a voice

"The state has a pattern of engaging in dilatory practices. [The wrongfully imprisoned Albert Woodfox] has been dealt an injustice and we are here to help him rebuild his life. There's a lesson in this for many other inmates. There are 80 thousand inmates in the United States being held under conditions just like Mr. Woodfox. This is not an isolated case. This is starting to become a trend in the way we operate our prison system."

Prof. Allen-Bell in June 9, 2015, interview with Sky news, on her advocacy work for the wrongfully imprisoned.

Challenges continue with domestic violence reporting: religion, demographics, and culture play significant role



"There are still women who fail to report domestic violence, and that varies greatly with demographics as well.

With certain religions you don't say anything about it or they don't do anything about it if you do. Also, Native Americans have a bigger problem, it's more difficult, there's special provisions regarding Indian tribal lands. [Illegal i]mmigrants have a problem with reporting because they could be kicked out of the country. Military spouses have a problem because they could lose their housing. So there are specific demographic considerations that make women more quiet about that than they should be."

Prof. Michelle Ghetti in an interview on 107.3 talk radio, October 8, 2015.

Casebook is first of its kind in Louisiana; represents a new trend in legal education



"An *Anatomy of Louisiana Evidence Law* is the first of its kind in Louisiana, representing a new trend in law school casebooks across the country. Much more than just a compilation of cases and notes, this

book is a complete coursebook. It presents a detailed, thorough, and comprehensive examination of the law of evidence through the use of concise commentary and a number of pedagogical elements designed to both reinforce legal principles and to help bridge the ever-widening gap between law school theory and practice."

Prof. Shenequa Grey in her casebook, *An Anatomy of Louisiana Evidence Law*, October 2016, by Carolina Academic Press.

A comparative study of Louisiana and federal evidence law shows close relations, but noteworthy differences

"It goes without saying that the state and federal evidentiary rules are closely related. In fact, even though there had been efforts to develop a code of evidence for the state for more than 150 years before a code was finally enacted, it was not until after the Federal Rules of Evidence were enacted in 1975 that a sufficient model had been developed from which a state code would eventually be created."

The article addresses "...forty-five distinctions between the Louisiana Code of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Evidence" by addressing "provisions of the Louisiana Code of Evidence that have at least one aspect or component of the rule that should be applied and/or interpreted differently than the corresponding Federal Rule."

Prof. Grey in her forthcoming article, *Forty Five Major (and minor) Distinctions Between the Louisiana Code of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Evidence*, to appear in *Tulane Law Review* in spring 2015.

Inartful will drafting may give rise to yet another revision to Louisiana successions law



"For many years, lawyers have sought to draft last wills and testaments in an effort to comport with their clients' wishes as well as to appeal to their clients' intellectual sensibilities. Sometimes lawyers

are tempted to use flowery words or phrases to impress the prospective testator who happens to be a layperson.

"Based upon the ambiguities that can result from the inarticulate drafting of wills, it may be necessary to amend or revise (once again) Louisiana Civil Code article 1588, which

governs legacies made to more than one individual. Failure to use words that are clear and unambiguous, based upon the ordinary meaning of words, has resulted in some of the simplest drafted wills failing to comport with the client's express intent."

Prof. Dorothy Jackson in *Contemporary Issues in Louisiana Law—Successions* appearing in the spring 2016 issue of the *Southern University Law Review*.

New deskbook for secured credit transactions hits the shelves



"Statutory supplement comprises Louisiana's law governing the collateralization of movable property, both corporeal and incorporeal."
"It is my hope that this compilation will serve not only as a useful pedagogical tool for Louisiana law professors teaching Article 9 and for their law students in understanding this law's various complexities, but will also aid the important work of commercial and business lawyers across the state."

Prof. Christopher Odinet in his deskbook, *Louisiana Secured Transactions: Statutory Supplement, Commentary, and Selected Forms*, by West Academic, December 2015.

U.S. Supreme Court's gay marriage ruling promises to herald a groundswell of new legal rules and interpretations

"Across Louisiana . . . , local and state officials will begin scrambling to comply with Friday's sweeping Supreme Court ruling granting same-sex couples the right to marry."
"With this decision, many of the legal obstacles that have long prevented gays and lesbians from being treated as equal partners under the law will need to be changed. In one fell swoop, the court rendered many of the ways our state handles such matters as adoption, parenting, and even the filing

of income taxes as ineffective at best and unconstitutional at worst."

Prof. Odinet in a guest column in *The Advocate* co-authored with LSU Prof. Andrea Carroll, June 26, 2015.

Frivolous-appeal sanctions in Louisiana often wrongfully analyzed and little used



"Frivolous appeals burden overcrowded courts, diminish the opportunity for careful consideration of nonfrivolous appeals, and delay access for litigants with meritorious claims. The court may award damages, including attorney fees, for frivolous appeal or application for writs, and may tax the costs of the lower or appellate court, or any part thereof, against any party to the suit, as in its judgment may be considered equitable."
"Despite this broad discretion, during the past 30 years, frivolous-appeal sanctions have been imposed in less than 10 percent of the cases in which sanctions were sought."

Prof. Gail Stephenson in "Sanctions for Frivolous Civil Appeals in Louisiana," *Louisiana Law Review*, Summer 2015.

In wake of 2005 hurricanes and even today, federal government still struggles to coordinate disaster services

"FEMA was scrambling to get people anywhere they could. . . . If they had a church in Alaska saying they'd take a few people, FEMA would put them on a plane. Tens of thousands of people were scattered across the U.S. by FEMA after the storm. A hodgepodge of federal agencies provide other services like mental health care and housing assistance, but not specifically for disaster relief victims. The federal government relies on the states for that."

Prof. Stephenson in an interview by *BuzzFeed* on the 10th anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, August 22, 2015.

Study assesses feasibility of an SULC campus in Shreveport

Southern University Law Center (SULC) administrators are looking into the possibility of opening a campus in the Shreveport area. A feasibility study is underway to help in making the decision.

"The Shreveport metropolitan area is a large area, and there is no law school in the region," said Chancellor John Pierre. "There are no law schools in North or Central Louisiana, East Texas, Southern Arkansas, or Western Mississippi. We're trying to determine if there is sufficient interest in the region to establish a branch/satellite campus."

The survey will help administrators customize a program that fits the region's demographics. The goal is to offer an affordable, flexible part-time program that would allow students to take evening and weekend classes. The four-year program is designed for working professionals, as well as traditional and non-traditional students. The proposed SULC branch could open as soon as fall 2018.

"We need at least two more years of planning. We're trying to determine if establishing a branch/satellite law school campus is financially feasible," Pierre said.

Anyone interested in attending law school in the proposed location is encouraged to fill out the survey, which can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SULC-BRANCH.

New SULC website launched

SULC launched its new SULC.edu website for the new year. New website features are in response to comments by current students and other users, as well as from prospective students who participated in focus groups.



Law Center News



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PROMOTIONS:

Angela Allen-Bell to associate professor of legal analysis and writing, director of Louis A. Berry Civil Rights and Justice Institute, and B. K. Agnihotri Endowed Professor;

Demetria George to director of finance and budgets;

Shenequa Grey to Clyde C. Tidwell Endowed Professor and advocacy coordinator;

Virginia Listach to director of clinical education;

Angela Mason, to assistant director of public services, Oliver B. Spellman Law Library;

Christopher Odinet to Horatio C. Thompson Endowed Professor;

John K. Pierre to Chancellor;
Wendy Shea to associate professor of legal analysis and writing;

Gail S. Stephenson to Louisiana Outside Counsel A. A. Lenoir Endowed Professor;

Tracie Woods to associate professor of legal analysis and writing.

NEW HIRES:

Mary W. Johnson, coordinator, Office of Career Services;

Michele B. McKee, procurement services manager, Financial Affairs;

Natalie Roberson, administrative assistant III, Financial Aid Department;

Famika Sargent, accounting and financial analyst manager, Financial Affairs;

Rahim A. Smith, '10, academic counselor, Office of Academic Support Programs and Academic Counseling; and law instructor.

SERVICE RECOGNITION:

Lata Johnson, director of information technology, 30 years;

Pamela Anderson, administrative assistant, Academic Support Programs and Counseling, 20 years.

IN MEMORIAM:

Ruth J. Hill, director of library services and professor of law, passed away on April 23, 2015.

Ollie McClinton Lewis, library specialist supervisor, passed away on May 28, 2015.

RETIREMENTS



Ten faculty and staff members were honored at the 2015 Employees Retirement Recognition Reception, August 14, 2015, in the Law Center Atrium. The retirees are: Prof. Steve Barbre; Prof. Linda Fowler; Harold Isadore, acting director of law library services; Prof. Ollivette Mencer; Judge Freddie Pitcher Jr. (retd.); Prof. Winston Riddick; Prof. Arthur Stallworth; Prof. Tom Richard; Ruth Bailey Wesley, executive assistant to the Chancellor; and Prof. Evelyn Wilson.

Welcome Classes of 2018 and 2019



Chancellor John K. Pierre introduced the class motto: “From Enrollment to Employment,” declaring to the incoming law students that “we want you to become professionals who will be leaders.” *Orientation presenters: At top, from left: Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones; Barry H. Grodsky of the LSBA Committee on the Profession; LSBA President Mark Cunningham; Chancellor Pierre; Associate Justice John Weimer III, Louisiana Supreme Court; SBA President Patrick Harrington; and Vice Chancellor Roederick White. Below, from left: Interim Career Services director Tavares Walker, Prof. Judith Perhay, Interim Vice Chancellor Alfreda Sellers Diamond, and Prof. Shawn Vance.*



Statistical information provided August 11, 2015—The 224 entering law students for fall 2015 were selected from a pool of 591 applicants. The students are from 18 states and from 72 colleges/universities. The highest GPA is 3.96 and the highest LSAT score is 165. The average age is 28. The gender ratio is 44.20 percent male, 55.80 percent female. The diversity is 55.3 percent African American, 32.59 percent Caucasian, and 12.05 percent other.



FACULTY AND STAFF Presentations/Appointments/Honors

Prof. Angela A. Allen-Bell was among the featured speakers at the Fall 2015 Law Review Symposium, "Justice in the Deep South: Learning from History, Charting Our Future," at Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia. Prof. Allen-Bell led a panel discussion on the documentary, "Slavery by Another Name," September 26, at the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum.

Pamela Anderson, administrative assistant, Academic Support Programs and Counseling; and **Claudette Smith-Brown, administrative assistant, Law Library,** completed the Southern University System Administrative Professional Certificate Program, August 14.

Adj. Prof. Scott Andrews was awarded the 2014-15 Louisiana Association for Justice (LAJ) President's Award for outstanding and highly dedicated service to the legal profession and LAJ at the group's annual meeting.

Prof. Kelly Carmena participated in LPB's Louisiana Public Square 2016 Spring statewide broadcast, titled "Justice on Hold: Louisiana's Public Defender Shortage," which focused on the state's current public defender crisis.

Rachel L. Emanuel, director of communications and development support, was a speaker for the LSU-Shreveport, Fall 2015 College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series. Emanuel discussed *A More Noble Cause: A. P. Tureaud and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Louisiana*, followed by a book signing. Emanuel and co-author SUBR Prof. Charles Vincent presented a book talk and signing for *Images of America: Scotlandville*, September 16, at the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum in Port Allen. The co-authors will be featured at the 2016 Louisiana Book Festival, October 29.

Adj. Prof. Michael Garrard spoke at the 2015 Fall freshman orientation event held by the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College and at the 2015 Fall Honors College Convocation.

Adj. Profs. Michael Garrard and Arthur Stallworth made mock law school class presentations during the 2015 Fall

Semester at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond; Nicholls State University, Thibodaux; Louisiana College, Pineville; Dillard University, New Orleans; Northwestern State University, Natchitoches; and McNeese State University, Lake Charles.

Prof. Michelle Ghatti was interviewed on the Scotty Drake Radio Program, "Community Concerns," (107.3), October 18. Ghatti discussed pressing issues surrounding domestic violence in Louisiana and nationally. Ghatti participated in a media communications workshop with the Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. She discussed cases highlighting statutes and case law in the areas of criminal law and procedure at the Louisiana Judicial College 2016 Annual Spring Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Prof. Regina R. James presented "Multitasking for Professional Development: Legal Writing, Constitutional Law, and Scholarship" at the 2016 Southeastern Legal Writing Conference at the University of Miami School of Law and at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

Prof. Dorothy Jackson recently published a booklet titled "A Layman's Guide to Elder Law and Estate Planning."

Vice Chancellor Russell Jones was co-chair of the merit selection panel of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to consider the appointment of a new magistrate judge. Vice Chancellor Jones received a \$5,588 grant from the Louisiana Bar Foundation for the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project.

Andrea Love, director of admissions and recruitment, was named a National Association of Professional Woman VIP member and a NAPW 2015/2016 Professional Woman of the Year. This designation is the highest level of membership in the association and recognizes Love for outstanding leadership and commitment within her profession. Love also has been listed in the Continental Who's Who Registry of National Business Leaders.

Prof. Nadia Nedzel made a presentation on studying for the LSAT before mem-

bers of the Southern University and A&M College Pre-Law Society, October 9.

Prof. Christopher Odinet gave a presentation on the law and economics of Bitcoin and other virtual currencies, for the 2015 Annual Legislative Legal Seminar; on "Cities as Consumers," during a junior faculty scholarship exchange hosted by the University of Massachusetts School of Law, Boston; on the use of virtual property in secured credit transactions at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in Boca Raton, Florida; and on mortgage contracts and consumer protection at the 2016 American Association of Law Schools annual meeting. Odinet's article, "Banks, Break-ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosure" was listed as one of the top 10 most downloaded property law articles on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). He participated in the Fall 2015 George Mason Law & Economics Center's Workshop for Law Professors on the Economics of Public Pension Reform in Palo Alto, California.

Chancellor John Pierre addressed "10 years later—Lessons learned when trying to assess disasters caused from Hurricane Katrina" at the 15th Annual Central Louisiana (CENLA) Lagniappe CLE seminar, presented by the Avoyelles Parish Bar Association. Pierre was the keynote speaker for the 2016 Black History Month program at From the Heart Christian School and was a panelist for "The State of Our Union," at the 2016 Spring Meeting of Minorities in the Profession Committee, New Orleans Bar Association.

Retired Chancellor Freddie Pitcher Jr. was honored on August 21, 2015, with a resolution passed by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Board of Governors.

Cynthia N. Reed, director of CLE and alumni affairs, is one of 10 recipients of the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys' 2015 Client Satisfaction Award. Reed discussed domestic violence and legal issues on the radio show, "Major Topics," and was a panelist for "Hands Off: Community Involvement Against Domestic Violence," at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Angela Scott-Gaines, computer support specialist/facilities manager, was among recent graduates of the Institute for Facilities Management at APPA U.

Prof. Wendy Shea and **alums Sirena Wilson, '11**, and **Courtney Richardson, '13**, were featured on the cover of the November *Around the Bar*, the monthly publication of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. The cover photo recognizes the contributions of the BRBA Youth Education Committee through programs, such as the Junior Partners Academy and Lawyers in the Classroom.

Prof. Gail Stephenson was appointed to the Louisiana State Bar Association Task Force on Notarial Legislation. Stephen-

son's law review article, "Sanctions for Frivolous Civil Appeals in Louisiana," 75 La. L. Rev. 1125 (2015), was quoted in two Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal cases, *Armstrong Airport Concessions v. K-Squared Restaurant, LLC*, 15-0375 (La. App. 10/28/15), 178 So. 3d 1094; and *Kirby v. Poydras Ctr.*, 15-0027 (La. App. 4th Cir. 9/23/15), 176 So. 3d 601, 608.

Prof. Mark Thurmon presented recent developments in trademark law at the 31st Annual Institute on Intellectual Property Law, in Galveston, Texas.

Tavares A. Walker, interim director of career services, has been appointed to the following Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) standing committees: Bar Governance Committee, Committee on

the Profession, Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee, and the Publications Subcommittee.

Prof. Prentice White discussed SULC and the launch of its upcoming JD/MBA program with a number of representatives from major companies at the 2015 Annual National Black MBA Association Conference, Orlando, Florida.

Prof. Tracie Woods and **SBA President Patrick J. Harrington** served on the Louisiana Task Force on Higher Education Disciplinary Process for Sexual Assault on Campus. The 15-member taskforce was created by Senate Resolution 11 to study the post-secondary education disciplinary process for campus rape and sexual assault in Louisiana.

2015-16 BANNER YEAR FOR SULC SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

2015 Black Lives Matter Summit, 8.22



From left: Ron Gathe, '00; co-chair, Erika Green, '10; Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, '76; Officer Daryl Honore, Chuck Toney Jr., '11; Officer Riley Harbour, and Karmen Davis.



Federal Government 101: Federal Employment Career Fair, 9.10

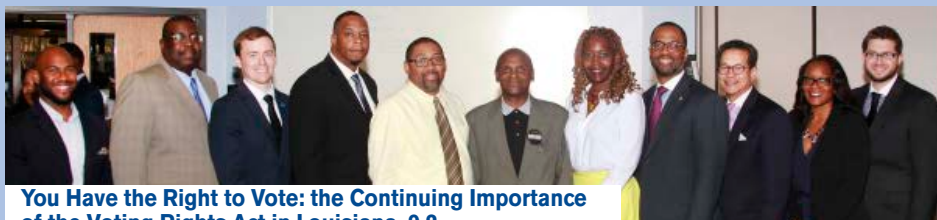
Twenty federal agencies participated at Federal Employment Career Fair.



7th Annual Symposium of the Journal of Race, Gender, & Poverty "Effects of Hurricane Katrina after 10 Years," 10.14

From left: LaShaunté Henry-Martin, '10, deputy legal counsel, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness; Howard O. Godnick, partner, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP; Chancellor Pierre; JRGP editor Alonna Murray, moderator; and Prof. Gail Stephenson.

"Something for Everyone" seemed to be the motto for SULC-sponsored events during the 2015-16 academic year...and there were many. *Reflections* is pleased to share pictorial highlights of the symposia, speakers series, commemorations, how-to's, and recognition events that were not covered in articles. The events were inspiring, informative, entertaining, fascinating, and all in keeping with SULC's "Seriousness of Purpose."



You Have the Right to Vote: the Continuing Importance of the Voting Rights Act in Louisiana, 9.2

From left: Dorian L. Spence, associate counsel, Voting Rights Project; Chancellor John K. Pierre; SBA president Patrick J. Harrington; Trupania "Trap" Bonner, founder, Crescent City Media Group; Prof. Albert Samuels, chair, SUBR Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice; Ernest L. Johnson, president, NAACP Louisiana State Conference; Tracie L. Washington, president & CEO, The Louisiana Justice Institute; Rev. Jonathan "Jay" C. Augustine, senior pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church; Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux, Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal; SBA Diversity Committee chair Cassandre Michel; and SBA Diversity Committee co-chair Dax Ramsey.



Peggy Browning Fund Regional Workshop at SULC, 9.22

The workshop addressed the topic, "Advocating for Workplace Justice." —From left: Tracie L. Washington, president & CEO, Louisiana Justice Institute; Caitlin Bargo, field attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Peggy Browning Fellow (PBF) '08; Kevin Mason-Smith, associate, Robein, Urann, Spencer, Picard & Cangemi APLC; SBA president Patrick Harrington; Latoya Lewis, organizer, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice; Daniela Conde, staff attorney, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice and PBF '12; and SULC student Tracie LeDuff, PBF '13.

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"Banner Year" for Special Events at SULC continued



2015 Fall Convocation, 10.21

Antonio "Tony" Clayton, '91, spoke on "I was in your shoes 25 years ago: let me tell you what I know now."



Maritime Law Society hosted speakers at Fall Fest, 10.22

The Louisiana Seafood Promotions and Marketing Board (LSPMB) appointed by the state's lieutenant governor helps bring awareness throughout the world of the quality of Louisiana seafood. The SULC Maritime Law Society hosted a number of speakers on the Louisiana seafood industry this fall. Pictured from left: Troy Parris, Maritime Law Society vice president and LSPMB member; Chalin Delaune, LSPMB member; and Sal Sumseri, LSPMB chairman.



2015-16 Speakers Series, Opening Lecture, 11.4

Arizona State University Prof. Michael Bennett discussed "Some Impacts of Technological Flux on the Publicity Rights of Marginal Sports Celebrities." Pictured from left, Prof. Stanley Halpin, series committee chair; Adrienne Shields, interim director of law library services; and Prof. Bennett.



Recent Developments CLE Seminar, 12.11-12

Ethics regarding social media and how stress affects legal professionals was the CLE topic. Speaker Frank Brown, '98, is pictured with Cynthia N. Reed, '90, director of CLE and alumni affairs.



Free Legal Clinic Housing, 1.19

Participants in the Free Legal Clinic on fair housing, landlord-tenant law, foreclosure, and other housing issues, sponsored by Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) and the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC), held January 19--pictured from left: Latoya "Elle" Virdure, Shaina Pomerantz, Erin McDonald, Draylan Gant, SLLS Executive Director Laura Tuggle, Renee Corrigan, Pearlina Boyd, Needum Lekia, Charlotte Cravins, and Jonathan Jean-Louis.



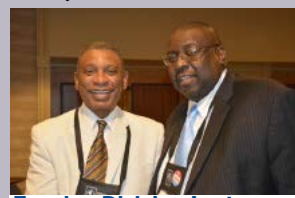
Kick-off event of "2016: The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III," 1.26

Alumni district attorneys expressed their appreciation to SULC for the education, confidence, exposure, and encouragement they received on their paths to success as lawyer-leaders at "My Life as a Lawyer" event to kick-off "2016: The Year of Charles J. Hatfield III." The alumni also shared words of wisdom to current law students on starting their law careers. Pictured from left: Courtney Harris, Evening Division president; Crystal Etue, 3L Evening Division student; DA Bridget Dinvaut, '05, 40th Judicial District; Yoursheka George, '13, special assistant to the District Attorney for the 20th Judicial District; DA Samuel C. D'Aquila, '92, 20th Judicial Court; Chancellor Pierre; and Austin Lipsey, 3L student. SULC has seven alumni currently serving as DAs in Louisiana.



23rd Annual Pre-Law Day, "Surviving Law School: What You Need to Succeed," 2.19

Approximately 160 prospective students who attended the 23rd annual SULC Pre-Law Day, in which SULC administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, and current students were on hand to meet participants and provide information on admissions, financial aid, career decisions, and academic support services, and more. Panelists discussed information on how to succeed in law school and campus involvement. Pictured from left are: alumni panelists Merrick Cossey, '13; Prof. Kelly Carmena, '09; Don Johnson, '98; and Dwayne Murray, '87.



Evening Division Lecture, 1.23

Judge Donald Graham of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, discussed new rules of federal civil procedure with Evening Division students. Pictured from left Judge Graham and Chancellor Pierre.



Presentation on employment opportunities with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Louisiana, 1.26

Pictured from left: Tavares Walker, interim director of career services; Raymond Hicks, 3L student and current intern with U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of LA; Candace Ford, 2L student and former intern in the office; Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones; Corey Amundson, First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Division; Jessica Thornhorn, assistant U.S. attorney and intern coordinator; Kaleya Harris, 3L student and former intern; and Collins Harper, administrative officer for human resources, U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of LA. Career Services hosted 14 employers during its 2016 Spring Semester On-Campus Interview Program.



SBA Lecture Series, 2.24

Douglas Smith, a policy analyst and lobbyist with the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, spoke with students and faculty about ending mass incarceration. Pictured from left are Lindsey Linder, Kaleya Harris, Shanice Crawford, Douglas Smith, Matthew Foster, and Matthew Sandifer.



The 30th Anniversary Commemoration of *Clark v. Roemer* and *Chisom v. Edwards*, 2.26

Pictured from left, Ernest Johnson, '76, lead attorney in the *Clark v. Roemer* case; Chancellor John K. Pierre; Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry; Arthur Thomas, '76, attorney; former Gov. Edwin W. Edwards, official involved in the settlement of the cases; President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton, Southern University and A&M College; Judge Yvette Alexander, Baton Rouge City Court; Judge Janice Clark, '76, of the 19th Judicial District Court, lead plaintiff; Judge Freddie Pitcher Jr., '73, (ret.); Judge John M. Guidry, '87, First Circuit Court of Appeal; Judge Pamela Taylor-Johnson, '79, East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court; and former Louisiana Attorney General Richard Ieyoub, official involved in the settlement of the cases.



SULC Pillar Awards, 2.27

The SULC Chapter of National Lawyers Guild hosted the first-time Pillar Awards recognizing 14 recipients, as part of the SULC Cold Case Film Festival. Seated from left: Pillar Award recipient Johnnie A. Jones, '53; Etta K. Hearne, '69; Pillar Award recipient Robert Williams, '67; and Alfreda Tillman Bester, '99; and standing from left, Gayle Horne Ray, Judge Pamela Taylor-Johnson, '79; and Pillar Award recipient Ernest L. Johnson, '76.



Judicial Portrait Unveiling, 2.18

Judge Shonda Stone, '88, with portrait of her father, the late Jesse N. Stone Jr., '50, first African American appointed to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court. The portrait is a gift to the Law Center from Chancellor Emeritus B. K. Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones, and Prof. Winston Riddick (ret.) in honor of their friend and mentor.



"Careers in Diplomacy," 3.2

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State discussed careers in foreign services during a visit to SULC. Pictured from left are law student Shaina Pomerantz, Thomas-Greenfield, and law student Jasmine Fields.



Attorney Turned Entrepreneur, 3.14

Featured speaker Michelle Vallot, '92, president of her own company, Zydeco Foods, discussed her career path. Vallot, at left, is pictured with law student Amy Anazia.



Maritime Law Society Event, 3.15

SULC Maritime Law Society (MLS) members and Chancellor Pierre welcome Lt. Gov. Nungesser to SULC--Pictured from left: Daryl Causey, MLS president; Lt. Gov. Nungesser; Karen Profita, executive director, Louisiana Seafood Promotions and Marketing Board (LSPMB); Pierre; SBA President Patrick Harrington; and Troy Parria, MLS vice president and LSPMB member.



Louisiana Supreme Court in Session at SULC, 3.15

The Louisiana Supreme Court held oral arguments at SULC on a family law case. The session is part of an ongoing effort to educate and inform students and the general public about the work of the Supreme Court. Pictured from left: Associate Justices Jeff Hughes, Greg Guidry, and Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, Associate Justices John L. Weimer, Marcus R. Clark, and Scott Crichton.



Corporate America, 3.15

Law Week featured speaker Latriece Watkins, senior vice president of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., shared five characteristics of a successful leader in hopes of inspiring the audience members to become the best that they can be. Pictured from left: Watkins and law student Brooklyn Brewer.



Kimbrough Scholars visit SULC, 4.25-30

SULC hosted the Kimbrough Scholars, students from Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (CRLS), Cambridge, Massachusetts; and their advisers during their visit to the Baton Rouge area to investigate a Civil Rights-era cold case. The Kimbrough Scholars Program is a partnership between the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice (CRRJ) Project directed by Prof. Margaret Burnham of Northeastern University School of Law, who has conducted summer programs with SULC students since 2014.



National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Program, 5.9-12

The Law Center hosted a National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Public Service Trial Skills Program for Legal Service attorneys in Louisiana that featured the recipe for a great learning experience. Chancellor John Pierre working with NITA secured a program that taught 32 public service attorneys and 16 SULC law students at a dynamic trial skills program taught by local attorneys and SULC clinical professors. Pictured from left are: Jamar Myers-Montgomery; Krystal R. Wilson; Christopher Harvey; Christopher Brault; Christine E. Wells; Victoria T. Washington; Hammad Syed; Kywonna Drake; David Points; Zen Fedison; Kenneasha Johnson; Lance Beal; and Prof. Virginia Listach, director of clinical education.

Martinet Legal Society chapters provide networking opportunities and more for law students, professionals across the state

Rolando Urbina, '11, has been a part of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society's Greater Baton Rouge Chapter since he was a first-year law student at SULC in 2008.

Now he's president of the professional organization, whose mission is to promote legal scholarship and the exchange of ideas among lawyers and judges.

The group plays an important role in his life as an assistant prosecutor for the City of Baton Rouge as well as many of the SULC students and its graduates.

"The legacy of past presidents from SULC shows the importance of the viability of our organization," said the New Orleans native. "People like Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, Dwayne Murray, Alejandro Perkins, Shelton Dennis Blunt, and Preston Castille are past presidents. Our organization provides training for our attorneys and a very supportive atmosphere, as well as networking opportunities for our members. We also strive to support the community through our service projects like expungement days and ask-a-lawyer events, just to name a few."

The group was established as a statewide legal organization to combat the racial injustices and inequalities that existed in the 1950s. Its first president was A.P. Tureaud, a civil rights attorney who was instrumental in the numerous civil rights and desegregation cases throughout Louisiana.

The Baton Rouge chapter has more than 120 members; most are SULC graduates. The group provides free CLE training, bar scholarships, stipends for pro-bono work, networking, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities.

"The practice of law can be scary, but with the help of our members and our organization, we are cultivating an atmosphere where resources are readily available as well as a support system, which is our own legal family," Urbina said. "We help our members prepare for court hearings and show them how to go about the



Rolando Urbina

practice of law so they're not just fed to the wolves. Our group has cultivated and grown. When our student members leave SULC, they immediately join Martinet."

Krystal Wilson, a third-year law student and president of the Black Law Students Association, says the group has been very helpful to her. She has been a student member for about a year. She has attended meetings and volunteered at various events.

"Members are always willing to give us feedback," said Wilson of Washington, D.C. "If you call them, they're always willing to help. They come to speak or serve as panelists for our events. They act as mentors for our organization."



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Wendy Ramnarine, '11, an assistant attorney general for the state of Louisiana, says she will always be indebted to Martinet for giving her a \$500 bar scholarship when she was in law school.

"I will always remember what they did for me," Ramnarine said. "It made me feel like the organization and the professionals cared about my success. There's nothing that Martinet couldn't ask me to do that I wouldn't do because of how they supported me in school."

"Coming out and working as an attorney is terrifying, and this organization provides a safe place to meet people before you're sitting across from them in the courtroom. It helps with the transition. It helps us become better equipped and better prepared as professionals."

For more information, go to the chapter websites or email contacts: Alexandria (Central Louisiana), larvadain@bellsouth.net; Baton Rouge, www.louismartinetbr.com; Lafayette, parandall@15thjdcda.org; Monroe, (Northeast Louisiana), gewabriii@aol.com; and New Orleans, www.gnomartinet.com.

60s

Retired Judge Curtis A. Calloway, '65, served as judge pro tempore to the Court of Appeal, Second Circuit. He was assigned August 10, 2015, by the Louisiana Supreme Court to fill the seat of Judge James Stewart, Who retired. Calloway served in the position until the election of Judge Shonda D. Stone, '88, to the seat in March 2016.

80s

Monique Edwards, '86, has been appointed chair of the Subcommittee on Debt Management for the Louisiana State Bar Association, Committee on the Profession.

Judge John Michael Guidry, '87, of the First Circuit Court of Appeal, was the keynote speaker at the 2015 Youth Peace Olympics Closing Ceremony.

Timothy W. Hardy, '81, delivered the keynote address at Baton Rouge Community College's 2015 Commencement.

Kimberly Slay Holmes, '86, is assistant commissioner for the Minnesota Department Revenue.

Dwayne M. Murray, '87, is president-elect of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees (NABT) and will lead the NABT during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Murray is currently serving his 22nd term as a United States Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for the Middle District of Louisiana, Region V, Mississippi and Louisiana.

90s

Judge E. Adrian Adams, '92, was guest speaker for the black history program at Live Oak Manor Elementary School in Waggaman, Louisiana. Judge Adams was sworn in on January 16, to the 24th Judicial Court, Division G, Jefferson Parish.

Judge Paula Brown, '92, received the Forum for Equality's Acclaim Award for Leadership, September 26.

Don Cravins Jr., '98, former U.S. Senate chief of staff, has been named the National Urban League's senior vice president for policy and executive director, Washington Bureau.

U. S. Attorney Stephanie Finley, '91, Western District of Louisiana, visited SULC, March 24, to talk about her office's role in administering justice. Finley addressed the Law Office Practice class taught by Prof. Monique Edwards about the various careers available within agencies under the Department of Justice. She also answered questions from the students about the federal civil and criminal practices of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

P. Craig Morrow Jr., '94, was sworn in as president of the Louisiana Association for Justice on September 11, 2015, in New Orleans.

2000s

Virag Dave, '12, is a due diligence analyst with Mead Johnson, headquarters in Glenview, Illinois.

Lacy Durham, '06, is chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyers Division.

Ebony Griffin, '04, has founded The Stress Less Lawyer, an organization that through Facebook, Instagram, and face-to-face workshops, creates awareness about stress, depression, and mental illness, and provides spiritual encouragement to attorneys and other legal professionals.

Marcus B. Griggs, '02, of Roig Lawyers, a minority-owned, multi-practice litigation law firm in Florida, has been selected as a fellow in the Miami-Dade Legal Aid's Leadership Academy.

Benjamin R. LaBranche, '04, was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). LaBranche previously served on the Board of Directors from 2012-15 and is a current member of the Membership Committee and the Fourth Amendment Committee. LaBranche has his own firm, Benjamin R. LaBranche, LLC.

Ashley E. Philen, '07, of Simien & Simien Law Firm, New Iberia, Louisiana, office, has been recognized as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" attorneys by the National Trial Lawyers Association, for a third time.

Jeremy Pichon, '08, is a partner with the Didriksen Law Firm PLC in New Orleans. Pichon is also a captain and command judge advocate for the 244th Aviation Regiment of the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Deidre Deculus Robert, '00, is a member of the Corporate Counsel and Government Lawyer Task Force for the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Alumna follows cousin's footsteps to SULC, trademark law



Keisha Hardley-Jenkins, '11, has always looked up to her older cousin, so it was only natural that she would follow in her footsteps.

Her cousin Dinisa Hardley Folmar, '99, attended SULC, as did Hardley-Jenkins. Her cousin works in trademark law. Hardley-Jenkins is a trademark attorney advisor with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

"I had always considered law school, but did not give it more serious thought until my cousin advised me on the opportunities and possibilities," says the Woodbridge, Virginia, native, who earned a bachelor's degree at Old Dominion University.

"When I went to meet the faculty and staff at SULC, it felt like family and I knew I would get a quality education," said Hardley-Jenkins, who worked at a boutique intellectual property firm immediately after law school graduation.

"I still talk to my friends that I met in law school multiple times a week. Vice

Chancellor Russell Jones and Professor Cynthia Reed were instrumental in my career and continue to serve as mentors," she said.

Her interest in trademark law was sparked when her cousin invited her to attend the annual International Trademark Association (INTA) conference in Berlin, Germany, in 2008. "It gave me an opportunity to network with trademark attorneys and influenced me to go into the field."

Before joining the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in February, Hardley-Jenkins worked in the field of trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets as a trademark associate at Dunlap, Bennett, and Ludwig in Leesburg, Virginia.

"It's very rewarding knowing I'm helping people with their business goals and brand association."

She advises anyone interested in trademark law to join INTA, start an intellectual property organization at SULC, write articles based on intellectual property, and network with attorneys within the field.

Hardley-Jenkins hopes to follow in her cousin's footsteps again by working as an in-house trademark attorney for a corporation or organization. Her cousin works for Nike, but she doesn't want to take her job — just have one like it.

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Smith is Baton Rouge City Court judge



Judge Janice Clark, '76, of the 19th Judicial District Court, administered the oath of office to Judge Tarvald A. Smith, '95, the newest Baton Rouge City Court judge. Smith won the newly created at-large seat with an overwhelming 52 percent of the vote, avoiding a runoff election. Pictured from left are Judge Clark; Smith's wife, Allison Kleinpeter Smith; Judge Smith, and his mother, Mary Ann Smith.

During his commission presentation and investiture on Thanksgiving eve, Judge Tarvald Smith, '95, stated, "It is an honor to not only be elected, but to be elected outright, a testament to what Baton Rouge can do."

Smith, who was elected to the newly created Baton Rouge City Court at-large judge seat on October 24, follows in the footsteps of retired Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, who was the first African American elected as a Baton Rouge City Court judge.

Judge Smith's acknowledgements of those who assisted him "in getting where I am today" included a long list of SULC faculty, administrators, and fellow alumni.

Before being elected judge, Smith, operated his own law practice and served as the

public defender for the city of Baker. He was also a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for nearly 12 years.

He is a former prosecutor in the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's office and a criminal defense lawyer in the Louisiana State Attorney General's office.

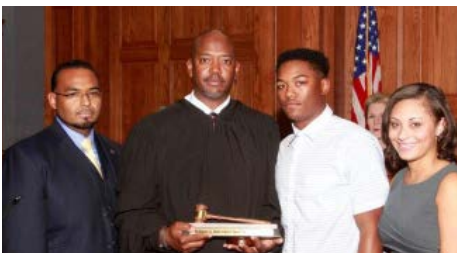
"I want to be a judge who is fair and firm; and when a second shot is warranted, gives that second chance and just helps people," said the Scotlandville native.

The at-large judge seat Smith fills was created by the late State Rep. Alfred Williams, '77, who wanted to bring more diversity to the city court bench to reflect Baton Rouge's majority African-American population.

Smith took office on November 16.



Smith's interest in being a city court judge was cultivated during his third year in law school. He was assigned to work in city court as part of SULC's clinical education program. He is pictured top left clockwise accepting a commendation from Public Defender Michael A. Mitchell, '77; being robed by his stepson, Spencer Kleinpeter, and father, Thomas Earl Smith; and receiving his gavel from Rolando Urbina, '11, president of the Greater Baton Rouge Louis A. Martinet Legal Society and representing the Office of the City Prosecutor; Kent Smith III; and Morgan Smith.



Alumni updates continued

Dwazendra J. Smith, '09, formerly of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards of Lafayette, Louisiana, is president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association.

Erin Monroe Wesley, '02, serves as special counsel in the executive cabinet of Governor John Bel Edwards.

2010s

Jacques B. Ambers, '15, is special assistant to Attorney General Jeff Landry.

Kerry Cahill, '15, admitted to the bar in October 2015, has joined the Monroe, Louisiana, office of the Texas-based firm of Escamilla & Poneck.

Merrick Cosey, '13, joined the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. As attorney-adviser within EPA's Employment and Labor Practice Group, Cosey provides legal advice to agency management concerning adverse employment actions and labor relations matters. In addition, he represents the agency in defense litigation associated with these actions.

Van Freeman, '12, has been promoted to senior adviser to the national director in the Minority Business Development Agency-U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. Freeman was formerly deputy director of the Office of the Executive to the Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Cornell Hubbard, '14, is adult system administrator for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Baton Rouge.

Vanessa L. Griddine Jones, '14, earned the LL.M. in International Law at the University of Houston.

Andrea Morrison, '10, is an administrative law judge manager at Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Ephraim Lucas, '13, is a tax consultant for Strategic Tax Advisors based in Illinois. Lucas earned an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Houston, was a paid intern at the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C., and was summer legal intern for Judge Juan F. Vasquez, United States Tax Court.

Yladrea Nicole Marshall, '15, is enrolled in the Intellectual Property and Information Law LL.M. program at the University of Houston Law Center.

David Mayhall, '15, is enrolled in the LL.M. in taxation program at the New York University School of Law.

Talibah McIntyre, '14, is a special agent of Federal Investigative Services (FIS) conducting investigations of current and potential employees of the Federal Government in order to

We salute our alumni Louisiana Legislators!!



SEN. JONATHAN PERRY, '03



SEN. JAY LUNEAU, '92



SEN. RICK WARD, III, '74



REP. CHAD BROWN, '96



REP. STEPHEN DWIGHT, '02



REP. RANDAL GAINES, '84



REP. "JIMMY" HARRIS, '05



REP. MARCUS HUNTER, '05



REP. KATRINA JACKSON, '04



REP. "TED" JAMES, '06



REP. "SAM" JENKINS JR., '82



REP. EDMOND JORDAN, '97



REP. SHERMAN Q. MACK, '99



REP. BLAKE MIGUEZ, '08



REP. THOMAS WILLMOTT, '87



Hebert



Free

Christopher Hebert, '03, director of gaming; and **Renee Free, '88**, director for public protection, are among seven new division directors for the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

SULC recognized for alumni employed in government service

A national publication that regularly ranks law schools and their services, *Prelaw Magazine*, placed SULC on its "honor roll" for alumni employed in government service.

Featured in the Winter 2016 issue, "Best Schools for Public Service," SULC was in the top 20 (#19) for government service based on Curriculum, including externships in government service; Employment, based on the percentage of grads, who are employed in public service; and Financial, based on salary, student loan debt, and existence of an LRAP.

SULC is one of only two schools earning an A+ in public service employment by *Prelaw Magazine*.

"I am happy that *Prelaw Magazine* using objective criteria recognizes that the Southern University Law Center is a leader in legal education," Chancellor John K. Pierre said. "The national ranking and recognition confirms that the Law Center continues to produce lawyer-leaders for the 21st century."

Statistics reported to the American Bar Association show that for the last three years the percentages of SULC graduates employed in public service, government, and judicial clerkships are 25 percent in 2013; 41.3 percent in 2014; and 29 percent in 2015.

"This ranking speaks volumes to SULC's commitment to public service and is a testament to our students' strong desire to further the mission of our institution," Tavares Walker, interim director of career services, said.

"As a result, our students and graduates are drawn to careers in government service as a medium to participate in civic change," Walker stated.

determine whether they are eligible for security clearances for their respective positions. McIntyre started the position in May 2015 with a four-week paid training program at the training academy in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Cleveland Patterson III, '12, prosecutor with the Mobile County District Attorney's Office in Alabama, moderated a panel discussion regarding the topic of domestic violence in professional sports and the future of professional athletes that are charged with domestic abuse at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Shakira Pumphrey, '12, is policy director for the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC). In this role, Pumphrey has strategic and operational responsibility for generating and coordinating TCJC's research and policy work.

Brady Skinner III, '12, attended Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer's College for a 3-1/2 week program in Wyoming. Skinner also attended a program last year at the National Criminal Defense College at Mercer in Georgia.

Robert B. Vincent, '10, was honored for his years of dedication to public service in his hometown of Erath, Louisiana. Vincent, who helped establish the Acadian Museum of Erath in 1990, was inducted into the Order of Living Legends by the museum on June 28, 2015. The Order of Living Legends recognizes and honors individuals who have helped to shape and define the Cajun culture. The Erath 4th of July Association also recognized Vincent for his two decades of volunteering with organizations and events that benefit his hometown by naming him Grand Marshal of the 2015 Erath 4th of July Parade.

IN MEMORIAM

Dana Darice Anderson-Carson, '98, passed away in New Orleans, October 26.

Rosemay Feltus Juraszek, '76, passed away on January 21. Services were held January 29 at Wilson-Wooddale Funeral Home, Baton Rouge, with interment in Centerville, Mississippi.

Edward Dewey Rubin Jr., '06, passed away on Saturday, February 27, in Lafayette, Louisiana. Services were held Saturday, March

5, at Our Lady of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Lafayette, Louisiana. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

State Representative Alfred C. Williams, '77, passed away Tuesday, August 4, at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. Williams was elected to the House of Representatives in 2011, representing District 61.

Nathan E. Wilson, '63, passed away Monday, August 31, 2015, at the age of 93 at the Baton Rouge Health Care Center.

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

2015 SULC ROUND- ALUMNI & FRIENDS UP



2015 inductee District Attorney John Belton, '90, Third Judicial District (LA), Ruston, Louisiana; his wife, Alana Belton; and children, Alexis and Jon Randall Belton.



Accepting for the 2015 inductee Antonio "Tony" Clayton, '91, senior partner, Law Firm of Clayton, Frugé, and Ward, Oscar, Louisiana, is his wife, Paula Clayton, '91, pictured with Chancellor Pitcher.



His wife, Desiree Crawford, and 2015 inductee Mark Crawford, '95, managing counsel of the Houston-based Labor and Employment Legal Team, BP America Inc.



Cynthia N. Reed, '90, with 2015 inductee SULC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Russell Jones, Jesse N. Stone Jr. Endowed Professor.



His daughter, Dr. Chanelle Matthews Clark; 2015 inductee Johnnie Matthews, '73, senior partner in Matthews and Matthews Law Firm, Baton Rouge; his wife, Johnell Matthews, '01; and daughter Chrystal Matthews, '06.



Carolyn McDonald and 2015 inductee Judge John McClarty, '76, Tennessee Court of Appeals for the Eastern Section.



His wife, Nicole Morrow, and 2015 inductee P. Craig Morrow Jr., '94, a senior partner, the firm of Morrow, Morrow, Ryan & Bassett, in Opelousas, Louisiana.



Her husband, attorney Eric Nesbitt, and 2015 inductee Kathy Nesbitt, '96, vice president for employee and information services, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado.

2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES—From left: William Bradford Jr., '09, city attorney, City of Shreveport; Krystal Brumfield, '07, vice president and chief operating officer, Washington D.C. Chamber of Commerce; Christian Elloie, '08, assistant general counsel, Deloitte LLP; Donald Cravins Jr., '98, senior vice president of policy and executive director, National Urban League, Washington Bureau; and Louisiana State Rep. Edward C. "Ted" James Jr., '06, District 101.



—2015 INSTALLATION OF THE SULC JUDICIAL WALL OF FAME—



1) Judge Charles Elloie, '79 (ret.) and his son, Charles Elloie Jr.; 2) Daughter, Kennedy Michele; Judge John M. Guidry, '87, First Circuit Court of Appeal (LA); his wife, Carol A. Fowler-Guidry, '01; son, John Morgan; and mother, Annie Mae Jones; 3) Judge Beau Higginbotham, '03, 19th Judicial District Court (LA); and his wife, Carrie Madsen; and 4) Judge Toni Higginbotham, '85, First Circuit Court of Appeal (LA); and her husband, Judge Leo Higginbotham (ret.).



1) Judge Charles Porter, '76 (ret.); and his daughter, Kelly DeJan Porter, '12; 2) Daughter, Taylor Reign-Howard Sims, Judge Sheva Sims, '94, Shreveport City Court; and daughter, K.C. Madison Sims; 3) Judge Benedict "Ben" Willard, '92, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; his wife, Diane Dunn Willard; and son, Jonathan Willard; and 4) Judge John McClarty, '76



2016 Admitted Students Reception provided a unique networking opportunity for SULC alumni and current students.



2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



Reed and Chancellor Pierre are pictured with Ron A. Austin, '95, principal, Law Firm of Ron Austin and Associates, LLC, Harvey, Louisiana; Jason Brown, '01, partner, Kean Miller LLP, Baton Rouge; Ronald C. Gathe Jr., '00, assistant district attorney & section chief for the 19th Judicial District, Office of the District Attorney, Baton Rouge; Barry A. Roach, '92, and Larry A. Roach Jr., '92, owners and senior partners of Roach Law Firm, Lake Charles, Louisiana; and Brian Smith, '94, senior partner in the Law Offices of Smith and Nwokorie, LLC, El Dorado, Arkansas.



Participants in the **2016 INSTALLATION OF THE JUDICIAL WALL OF FAME** are from left: Judge E. Adrian Adams, '92, 24th Judicial District Court (LA); Judge Lee Faulkner Jr., '92, 24th Judicial District Court (LA); Judge Erin Waddell Garrett, '06, 1st Judicial District Court (LA); Judge Marc E. Johnson, '89, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal (LA); Judge Ethel Simms Julien, '82, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; and Judge Tarvald Smith, '95, Baton Rouge City Court.



Panelists for the **2016 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE U.S. MILITARY** are from left: Major Quintillis Lawrence, '01; Colonel Michael Black, '90; Colonel Howard Matthews, '00; Reed; Colonel Jona Hughes; Colonel Steven Sumbler, '06; and Lt. Commander Demetrius Cheeks, '04. Not pictured are Colonel Donald North (retd.), '83, moderator; and Major Gen. Harry "Skip" Philips (retd.).

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees



2016 inductee Chet Boudreaux, '03, associate, Gordon McKernan Injury Lawyers, St. Francisville; and his wife, Shanna Boudreaux.



His wife, Tressie Caubarreaux; and 2016 inductee Brian Caubarreaux, '92, founder/owner of Caubarreaux and Associates, Alexandria, Louisiana.



2016 inductee Debra Page Coleman, '88, group vice president and associate general counsel, Macy's, Atlanta; and her parents, Sallie and Joseph Page.

2016 inductee Maria Graf Pfeiffer, '91, partner, Marcantel, Law Firm of Marcantel, Wall, Pfeiffer, and Stretcher, Jennings, Louisiana; and Chancellor Pierre.



Cynthia N. Reed, '90, and 2016 inductee SULC Professor Arthur L. Stallworth, '75 (retd.).

Student Activities

Dunaway and Mazerac named 2015 BRBF Scholarship recipients

Third-year students Rachel Dunaway and Ashleigh Mazerac are the recipients of the 2015 Baton Rouge Bar Foundation (BRBF) Scholarship.

This scholarship, which is jointly sponsored by the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, is awarded to an upper-class student on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, community service, and exemplary character.

Dunaway of Pensacola, Florida, is the editor-in-chief of the *Southern University Law Review*. She is also secretary for the



BRBF Scholarship recipients Rachel Dunaway and Ashleigh Mazerac with Prof. Gail Stephenson, who presented the checks to the students during 2015 Fall Convocation.

2015-16 Moot Court Board and chair of the Student Bar Association Bar Prep Committee with a focus on Common Law Bar Prep.

Dunaway has interned for Judge James Brady in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana and for Chief Judge M. Casey Rodgers in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Mazerac of Hammond, Louisiana, is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Race, Gender, & Poverty*.

She has worked as a legal intern at the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

First-year law student invited to White House ceremony

First-year student Fatima Mann was invited by Generation Progress, a national advocacy group that promotes solutions to social challenges, to attend its awards ceremony and a meeting to discuss how to improve relationships between police and the youth community. The event was held at the White House in September 2015.

The organization sponsored Mann's trip, flying her to the nation's capital and covering her hotel stay.

"I had an opportunity to hear Attorney General Loretta Lynch speak and met journalist Jeff Johnson, who was one of the facilitators at the awards ceremony," Mann said. She also had the opportunity to see Vice President Joe Biden.

The Hartford, Connecticut, native was invited because of the work she had done involving the Sandra Bland case in Waller County, Texas. Bland, a 28-year-old African-American woman, was found dead in her jail cell after being arrested during a routine traffic stop.

Officials ruled it a suicide stating that Bland was found hanging in the cell, but her family disputed the findings. The case drew national attention as another example of excessive police force, and protests were held across the country calling for an independent investigation.

After hearing about the case, Mann and a friend drove to Waller County from Austin, Texas, to attend Bland's prayer vigil.



Fatima Mann (at right) with Valeria Jarrett, senior advisor to the President.

"I was led to go to Prairie View," said the National Lawyers Guild SULC Chapter member. "I had to do something to help, because she could have been me. I saw me when I saw her. I did what I would want someone to do for me, if it were me."

She launched a 30-day social media campaign posting stories, inspirational quotes, pictures, videos, and case updates on various forms of social media including

Twitter and Facebook. She also worked with city council members from Prairie View to help lobby Attorney General Lynch to investigate the case.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte graduate is no stranger to advocating for social justice. Prior to Bland's case, she helped organize demonstrations and vigils involving Black Lives Matter in Austin and created an African American HIV Taskforce for the city. She formerly worked for the AmeriCorps Vista program.

Meanwhile, as part of the White House event, the administration shared 59 recommendations to improve community policing. Mann and others were asked to provide feedback on those recommendations. This law student is determined to be the change she wants to see. This visit was not her first to the White House, and it probably won't be her last.



FOLLOWING AN IMPRESSIVE ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT— Student-attorneys conducted oral argument in a pro se case assigned by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Their argument representing the appellant in *State of Louisiana, Appellee v. Gerald W. Dahlem, Appellant*, Docket number 2014-KO-1555, were available for viewing via live stream on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website. Pictured from left are Charletta Anderson; Prof. Virginia Listach, director of clinical education; Christine Wells; and John Blanchard.

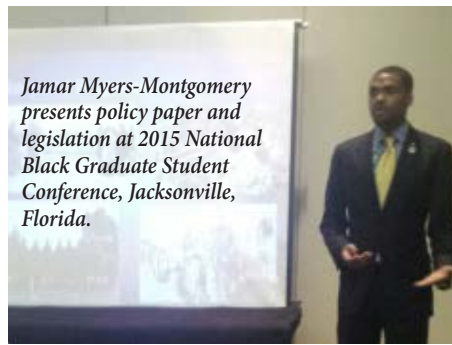
Student presents policy paper at 2015 National Black Graduate Student Conference

Third-year student Jamar A. Myers-Montgomery presented a policy paper and proposed legislation at the 2015 National Black Graduate Student Conference (NB-GSC) in Jacksonville, Florida, April 10.

His presentation, "Militarized Police and Unpermitted Protest: Implementing Policy that Civilizes the Police," dealt with the current trend of militarized police and the First Amendment implications of militarized protest policing.

The most recent example of this trend is the policing of the protests that occurred in Ferguson, Missouri. "However, this trend of militarized protest policing has been around for decades and only recently is garnering national attention," Myers-Montgomery states.

"I was compelled to explore this subject after witnessing the wanton use of



Jamar Myers-Montgomery presents policy paper and legislation at 2015 National Black Graduate Student Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

violence against peaceful demonstrators and protestors in Ferguson," the Fontana, California, resident said.

His friend recounted demonstrating in Ferguson where she was tear-gassed and pepper sprayed. He could hear the horror and fear in her voice as she talked about having guns pointed in her face and encountering riot police and their shields. "Her experience hit very close to home,

and I took action to help prevent these types of quasi-military actions from occurring again," the former U.S. Navy systems engineer said.

Myers-Montgomery, a member of the NAACP and the 2015-16 chair of the Student Bar Association's Lecture Series Committee, wrote the paper and accompanying legislation to satisfy the course requirements for Policy-making and Legislative Drafting Seminar, taught by Prof. Ruby Andrew in Fall 2014. It has been accepted for publication in *Cultural Studies/Critical Methodologies* — Special Issue, "Hands UP! Don't Shoot!: Policing Race in America."

Myers-Montgomery is currently seeking sponsors for his legislation in the Louisiana and California legislatures.

View the presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQupCoJhWF0>.

ON THE GO—Students working and networking



Administrators and ten law student leaders enjoyed the activities of the 15th Annual Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Leadership Institute, November 13-17, in Washington, D.C. The four-day conference included leadership training and career-management sessions as well as a job fair with top employers such as Amazon and Walmart and on-site interviews.



Second-year law student Marquita Christy attended a reception honoring American Bar Association (ABA) President Paulette Brown at the Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, November 6, 2015. It was Brown's first visit to Louisiana since her inauguration as ABA president. "It was an amazing networking event," said Christy, a board member of the ABA Law Student Division.



The Pro Bono Project and 48 student volunteers, along with Prof. Wendy Shea, assisted with "Pack the Pantry" on Friday, November 13, 2015, at the Zachary Food Pantry. Members of the Pro Bono Project's Executive Council, who helped with this Holiday Community Service effort, are pictured from left: Britni Duplantis, Victoria Washington, Jameshia Durham, Prof. Donald North, Kenneasha Johnson, David Points, Lynzee Cannon, Rosalind Freeman, and Brittany Tassin.



Sine De La. Legislative Black Caucus/SULC Externs for 2015 Louisiana Legislative Session pictured in House Chamber, from left: Adrianna Higginbotham, Candace Newell, Summerian Green, Ra'Quel Shavers Tat, Lorrianne Lucas, and Reuben Thomas. (Courtesy of Cynthia Bug-gage, Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus.)



New Trial Advocacy Board makes SULC history, October 12—The purpose of the Trial Advocacy Board is to offer a select group of students opportunities to target and sharpen their trial advocacy skills. Pictured standing, from left: Brittany Tassin, Shirlyse Rivera, Veronika Mark, Trasaya Gaines, Brooklyn Brewer, John Blanchard, Daniel Conway, Gregory Stahlnecker, Charletta Anderson, Ericka Richoux, Georgina Stephenson, and Christine Wells; seated, from left: Barbara Pilat, board adviser Shenequa Grey, and Tiara Jones. Not pictured: Jeremy Guillory and Idiongo Sampson.

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ON THE GO—Students working and networking continued



FALL 2015 SULC AMERICAN INN OF COURT PUPILS—Front row, from left: Reuben Thomas, Candace Newell, Lauren Noel, Vernett Lewis, Jameshia Durham, Danielle Davis, Latau Martin, Megan Edwards, Corin St. Julien, Amy Anazia, Jayme Womack, Brooklyn Brewer, Angeline Brown, Britni Duplantis, Victoria Washington, Kaleya Harris, Shaina Pomerantz, and Veronika Mark. Back row, from left: Sunseray Joseph, Edward Jenkins III, Brittany Tassin, Mya Strauss, Jacqueline Adeyemi, Tiffany Lemons, Ashley Barfield, JaQuay Jackson, Patrick Harrington, GeFranya Graham, Miah Hill, Trasaya Gaines, Adrianna Higginbotham, Erica Marchand, Jay Coleman, Alexandria Veasley, Rosalind Freeman, and David Patin.



SPRING 2016 MOOT COURT BOARD INDUCTEES—Pictured front row, from left: Jared Shumaker, Candace Ford, Tanya Hamilton, Jonathan Jeanlouis, Michael Domingue Jr., Janet Madison, Franchester Gipson, Charletta Anderson-Fortson, and Andrew Blackwood; Back row, from left: Mohamad Khaled, Christopher Brault, Anthony Cobb, Gilbert Bayonne, Ryan Lloyd, and Daniel Gauthier. State Rep. Katrina Jackson, '04, was the speaker.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW—Pictured from left: 2016-17 editorial board members Shanado Lamar Gardner, editor-in-chief; Elizabeth Bloch, executive editor; Candace Ford, articles editor; and Carla Haney, managing editor; and 2015-16 editorial board members Lillian Williams, managing editor; Lauren Noel, articles editor; Rachel Dunaway, editor-in-chief; and Raymond Hicks, executive editor.

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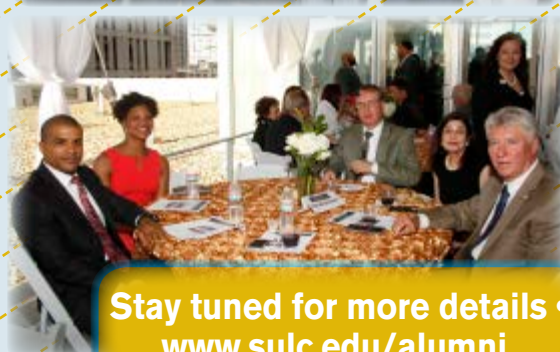
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Calendar of Events

(Schedule subject to change.)

JULY

- 4** Independence Day Holiday Observed
- 6** Classes Resume
- 15** Classes End
- 18** Final Examinations Begin
- 19** Alumni Breakfast, 91st Annual NBA Convention and Exhibits, Marriott St. Louis Grand, St. Louis, MO; For more details, contact Cynthia N. Reed, director of CLE and alumni affairs, Creed@sulc.edu; (225) 771-2155
- 21-23** 2016 SU Alumni Federation Annual Conference, Westin O'Hare, Chicago, IL
- 21-31** 2016 Baton Rouge Bench Bar Conference, Grand Hotel Marriott, Point Clear, AL; Chancellor John K. Pierre and LSU's new dean Thomas C. Galligan Jr. will present "Professionalism: A View from the Law School Deans," 1-2 p.m., July 21
- 22** Summer Term Ends

AUGUST

- 11-13** First-Year Orientation
- 15** Registration
- 16** Classes Begin

SEPTEMBER

- 5** Labor Day Holiday Observed
- 6** Classes Resume
- 8** Opening Lecture for the 2016-17 Speakers Series, Prof. Pamela Foohey, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN, "What Happens When Your Place of Worship Goes Bankrupt: Lender Discrimination and Black Churches and Bankruptcy," noon, 129-130 A. A. Lenoir Hall

OCTOBER

- 19** Fall Convocation
- 20-21** Pre-registration for 2017 Spring Semester

NOVEMBER

- 22** Classes End
- 24-25** Thanksgiving Holiday Observed
- 24-27** 43rd Annual Bayou Classic; Football Game, Nov. 26, 4 p.m., Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, LA
- 28** Final Exams Begin

DECEMBER

- 9** Fall Semester Ends
- 9** Recent Developments CLE Seminar; For details, contact Cynthia N. Reed, director of CLE and alumni affairs, Creed@sulc.edu, (225) 771-2785
- 23-Jan. 4** Christmas-New Year Holidays Observed

JANUARY

- 6** 2017 SULC Hooding Ceremony
- 9** Registration
- 10** Classes Begin
- 16** MLK Holiday Observed
- 17** Classes Resume
- 29** Final Date for Adding Classes

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