### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



### Producing Lawyer Leaders

### AUGUST 2024

# **Inside Story**



### Southern University Law Center Champions Legal Innovation at the annual AfroSport Summit in Ghana

The Southern University Law Center has been a proud sponsor of the AfroSport Summit in Accra, Ghana for the past two years. To enhance the institution's global presence, representatives from the Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives journey to West Africa each year to share valuable insights into legal trends and the emerging esports industry.

The AfroSport Summit, which took place July 17-18, brought together influential sports stakeholders from Africa and beyond, creating a unique platform for learning, idea exchange, and networking at the intersection of science and business. Attendees participated in sessions covering topics such as fan engagement, governance, team performance, and media strategies.

This year, Marla Dickerson, Vice Chancellor of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, and Chris Turner,

Director of the Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and Esports Institute, led a discussion titled "Driving Legal Excellence in Gaming, Esports, Music, and Entertainment." They were accompanied by Kwesi Hayford, President of the Ghana Esports Association, and Danny Martin, Co-founder and CEO of Esposure, to explore various subjects including contracts, branding, and gaming trends.

Furthermore, the Institute organized the SULC Cross Over II Esports Tournament, featuring competitions in NBA 2K and FC24. With a substantial prize pool, the tournament attracted over 50 spectators.

Throughout the two-day conference, SULC representatives actively engaged with attendees, sharing information about the Southern University System and distributing various keepsakes.

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### **BAR WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Over the past months, graduates have invested countless hours preparing for the Louisiana Bar exam. Under Chancellor Washington's leadership, the Bar Wellness Program was launched to support Louisiana test takers, enabling them to concentrate fully on their exam preparation. This overall program offered housing discounts, lunches, mental health counselors, and additional resources during the week of the exam.

The exam was administered on July 19, July 21, and July 23 in New Orleans. Throughout these days, students were warmly welcomed by the enthusiastic and supportive SULC faculty as they entered and exited the testing facility. Faculty members were also available throughout the week to address any questions and provide guidance.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication to our student's success in becoming accomplished lawyer leaders.

# **Student Features**

### Shanique Strickland



Shanique Strickland landed a summer clerk position at Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP.

### HAYDEN ADAMS



Hayden Adams received a summer associate position at Gieger Laborde & Laperouse, LLC.

### **Omarosa** Newman



Omarosa Newman was elected as chair of the National Bar Association's Law Students Division.

### DANIEL SWEET



Daniel Sweet was named as a Peggy Browning Fund Fellow.

### TATIYANA HARPER



Tatiyana Harper secured a legal internship at Knowable

# **Student Features**

### MADISON DIEZ

### WHITLEY PARKER





Madison Diez and Whitley Parker joined Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, LLP as law clerks.

# FACULTY FEATURES

### MARLA DICKERSON



Marla Dickerson, vice chancellor for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives at the Law Center, has been appointed by the president of the American Bar Association to serve as Special Advisor of the Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline.

# Alumni Features

### **Bethany Blackson**



Bethany Blackson was appointed to chief of staff for the Louisiana Department of Health.

### Lane Campo



Lane Campo secured a position as a junior associate at Hebbler & Giordano LLC.

### Allyce Bailey



Allyce Bailey has been named Magistrate Judge for Richland County, South Carolina.

## **DeMario** Thornton



DeMario Thornton was appointed to deputy district attorney of Jefferson County, Alabama.

### **Regina Rudisill**



Regina Rudisill was named interim general counsel at Elizabeth City State University.

### LORI GREEN



Lori Green has been named to serve on the board of directors at Operation Restoration.

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