

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



*Producing Lawyer Leaders*

NOVEMBER 2025

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# INSIDE STORY

## SULC BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CLINICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

Southern University Law Center held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Clinical Legal Education Building, a major step forward in expanding experiential learning and strengthening community service. Leaders from the Southern University System, faculty, students, and local partners gathered to mark the occasion. Chancellor Alvin Washington, Professor Virginia Listach, and Kenneth Dawson highlighted the building's role in enhancing hands-on training and improving access to justice in Baton Rouge.



## STUDENTS FIND SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR FINALS SEASON AT CHANCELLOR'S FIRESIDE CHAT

Law Center students came together for the final Chancellor's Fireside Chat of the semester, where they engaged in an open and meaningful discussion on final exams, stress management, and mental health. The conversation created a supportive environment for students to voice their concerns, exchange tips and strategies, and build connections with institutional leadership.

## PRE-LAW MAGAZINE LISTS SULC



Pre-Law Magazine named Southern University Law Center as a top law school for public service for 2025–2026, highlighting the institution's longstanding dedication to community advocacy, access to justice, and experiential learning.



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## SULC's TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC PREPARES STUDENT ATTORNEYS FOR CAREERS IN INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



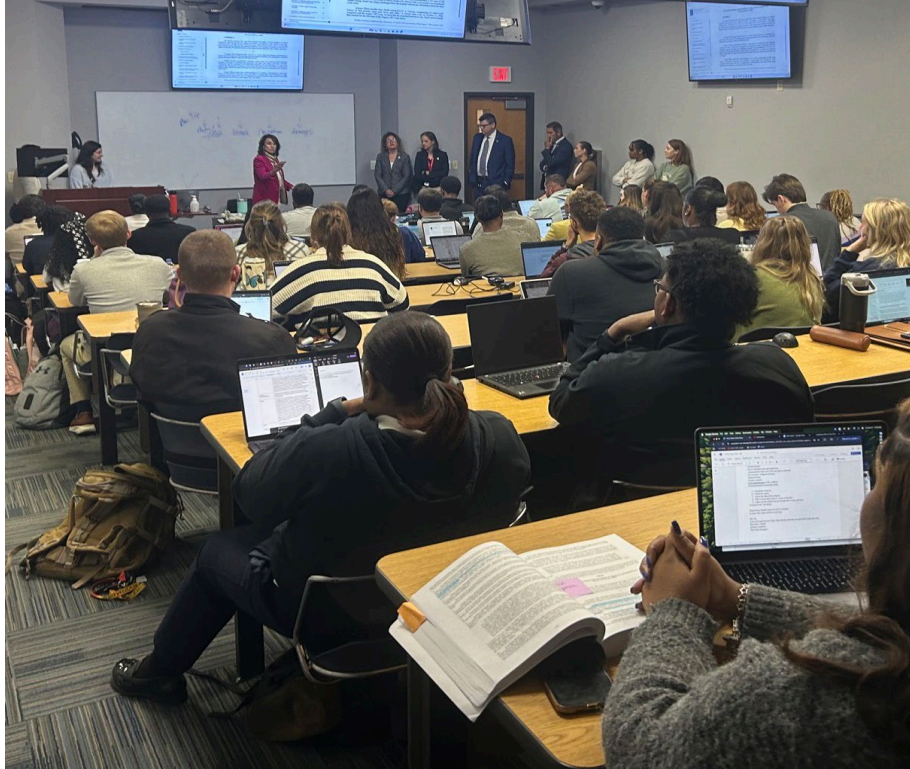
Southern University Law Center's Technology and Entrepreneurship Clinic celebrated another strong semester of growth, offering students real-world experience at the intersection of law, technology, and business. New student attorneys completed their training and began assisting clients with innovation, business development, and patent law matters. Returning students advanced further by earning provisional licenses to practice before the USPTO, enabling them to represent clients under supervision.

## SULC EARNS AALS RECOGNITION FOR ADVANCING FACULTY EXCELLENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP



The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) commended Southern University Law Center for its comprehensive report on full-time faculty teaching and scholarly productivity over the past three years. The Executive Committee noted that full-time faculty consistently taught at least 60% of JD credit hours in both divisions for all but one semester during the review period. They also recognized the Law Center's new initiatives to support faculty scholarship, including increased staffing, enhanced programming, and expanded financial incentives, which contributed to 70.8% of faculty with writing obligations publishing work, up from 63% in the previous review. AALS congratulated SULC on these achievements, confirmed the Law Center's continued membership, and expressed appreciation for its ongoing contributions to legal education and society.

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## LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITS SULC TORTS CLASS

Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill visited Southern University Law Center's Torts I class, offering students an in-depth conversation on career development, the value of mentorship, and the essential role that solid legal writing plays in every area of practice.

During the visit, AG Murrill and members of the Medicaid

Fraud Division shared real-world examples from their work, responded to questions from students, and highlighted pathways for those interested in public service and criminal justice. Their dialogue offered students with a practical perspective on how early professional habits can shape long-term success.



# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

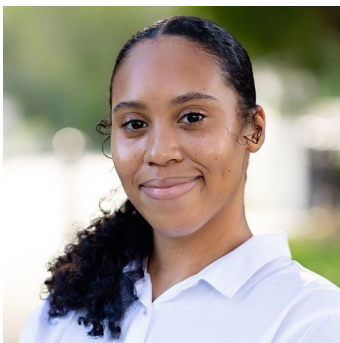
## PROFESSOR CARLO PEDRIOLI PRESENTED RESEARCH ON FREE SPEECH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AT GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS



Professor Carlo Pedrioli presented his research at the Academic Days on Open Government and Digital Issues Conference in Paris, an international gathering of more than 150 participants from 34 countries. His presentation, “Critiquing the U.K.’s Public Order Act 2023,” examined how recent U.K. laws impose harsh penalties on civil disobedience, particularly protests related to environmental concerns, and how such restrictions affect free expression in democratic societies. Portraying on his four years of teaching Constitutional Law in the U.K.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## AMANDA HOWELL



Amanda Howell was selected as an HSF scholar through the Hispanic Scholarship Foundation.

## ALEXIS BLANTON



Alexis Blanton won her first trial while practicing under Rule 20 supervision at the East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## WILLIAM MEANES JR.



William Meanes Jr. secured a summer associate position with Lewis Brisbois at their Las Vegas office.

## DEVIN NEELY



Devin Neely won a 3-count not guilty verdict on his first trial working under Rule 20 in East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court.

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

## EBONY MORRIS



Ebony Morris was named partner at Foley Mansfield.

## RENITA WILLIAMS



Renita Williams started a new role as Vice Chancellor of Institutional Affairs and Strategic Planning at Baton Rouge Community College.

## CHRISTOPHER HERBERT



Christopher Herbert was named the Regulator of the Year at the 2025 American Gambling Awards.

## DURAN KELLER



Duran Keller was named as National Consumer Law Center's 2025 Rising Star.



# CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

JAN | 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

**ABBVIE 2026 LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE ACADEMIES**

TRIALS | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY | COMPLIANCE | DEALS | eDISCOVERY & AI

JANUARY 2026

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

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*Law students & alumni welcome. Compliance and IP also open to undergraduates and non-law students.*

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

SEPTEMBER 22: ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS

NOVEMBER 7: APPLICATION DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 14: ASSIGNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

 SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
Office of International and Business Law  
and Compliance

JAN 24<sup>TH</sup>

*Save the Date*

**FALL 2025 COMMENCEMENT**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 | 10 A.M.

SMITH-BROWN MEMORIAL UNION

 **LIVE STREAMING**

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APR | 8<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup>



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**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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