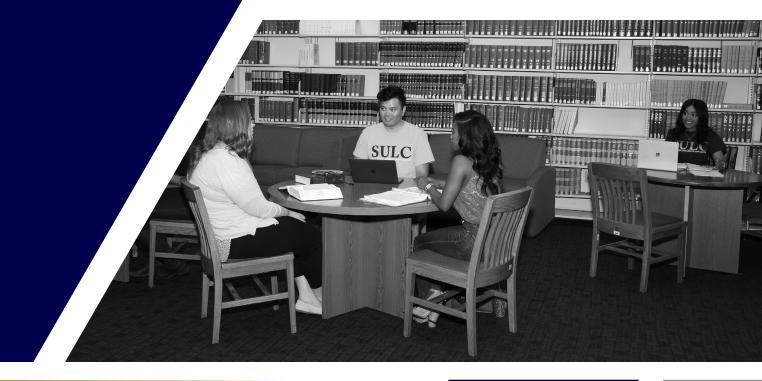
# Chancellor's Report August 2022





## **PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS**

# NEWS



### The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice holds Civil Rights Panel 2022 for Governors Fellow Cohort

The Southern University Law Center's Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice hosted a Civil Rights panel discussion for the 2022 Governor's Fellows Cohort.

Professor Deleso Alford moderated the discussion that included panelists Judge Janice Clark and Atty. Ernest Johnson. During the event, panelists engaged the fellows in important conversation about civil rights, public policy, and higher education.

## Southern University Law Center and Diverse Representation Partner to Launch the Inaugural Summer Entertainment Immersion Program

Southern University Law Center and Diverse Representation, an organization dedicated to increasing the hiring and exposure of Black agents, attorneys, managers, publicists and financial advisors who work in the sports and entertainment industries, partnered to launch the inaugural Summer Entertainment Immersion Program curated specifically for Law Center students who are interested in pursuing a career in the entertainment law industry.

## CONT. IMMERSION PROGRAM

The first-of-its-kind program hosted a select group of rising second and third year SULC law students live in Los Angeles, CA for a week of immersive learning from July 25-29. The goal of the program is to expose students to various career paths in the entertainment industry including film, television music and digital opportunities.

In an effort to help increase the number of working Black entertainment lawyers, the program provided Law Center students with a firsthand look into the inner workings of the entertainment industry all while exploring career opportunities in Los Angeles – the entertainment capital of the world. During the week long program, students had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with leading attorneys, entertainment executives, and thought leaders in the entertainment industry from companies such as CAA, Netflix, Warner Bros. Discovery and more. Students, also, visited studios, networks, and Los Angeles-based law firms.

This year's inaugural class included a select handful of students from SULC's Sports and Entertainment Association. All participants met rigorous academic requirements set by SULC and expressed a deep interest in working in the entertainment industry while in law school. Some of the additional companies that participated in this year's immersion program include: Netflix, Amazon, Warner Bros. Discovery, and Revolt, among many other notable organizations. Beyond company visits, the students visited landmark locations, such as the GRAMMY Museum, the Academy of Motion Pictures Museum, Creative Artists Agency (CAA), and the Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz Law Firm.

Both Diverse Representation and SULC pride themselves on providing access and opportunity to all. Through beneficial partnerships like this one, both organizations reinforce their mutual commitment to creating experiential learning opportunities where students are able to foster relationships that potentially lead to employment. Earlier this year, SULC and Diverse Representation held their inaugural Sports Agent Bootcamp. The two-day event brought leading agents to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to engage with law students, alumni, and the community through networking and panel sessions.





#### SULC provides distance learning and telemedicine equipment to rural communities through USDA grant

The Southern University Law Center has been awarded two additional United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Distance Learning & Telemedicine (DLT) grants for 2020 and 2021. SULC was a hub site for the 2019 USDA DTL grant in a partnership with North Carolina Central University.

Through this grant, SULC will empower rural communities with the education and resources necessary to enable informed legal decisions. With technology and training, SULC's legal and business education clinics will connect educational and medical professionals to students, teachers, and patients. The goal is to promote equity and economic opportunity in rural America.

Over the next three years, SULC will work with 25 locations within Avoyelles, Bertie, Caddo, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, Evangeline, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lincoln, Morehouse, Madison, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry, and Tangipahoa parishes.

Each community site will receive HD (high definition) video conferencing equipment to receive content and programs from Southern University and Southern University Law Center's legal and business education clinics. These resources will be available to some of the most economically depressed communities in Louisiana to foster equity and improve the quality of people's lives. Each site will have the ability to generate programs and content as well.

# Student Events Sulc welcomes new students at annual committed students' day event

The Southern University Law Center welcomed incoming students during Committed Students Day. This event gave students the opportunity to connect with Law Center faculty, staff, and administration, while also learning about the valuable tools needed to prepare for the first day of class.



# Student Highlights

#### Sydney Taylor

Sydney Taylor has secured a legal internship at Entergy.



#### TAYLOR SCOTT

Law Center student Taylor Scott joined Pirkey Barber PLLC as a summer associate.



# **STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **COURTNEY BROWN**



Courtney Brown has been selected as a merchandising intern with Proenza Schouler in partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

# Ebony Comier

#### JADA HAYES



Law Center students Ebony Cormier and Jada Haynes have been selected for the USLAW NETWORK Foundation Law School Diversity Scholarship program.

# Alumni Highlights

#### MONETTE DAVIS



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

## **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

#### CHARLOTTE BUSHNELL

LAKEISHA CAREY

Judge Charlotte Bushnell received the Black Excellence in Justice Award by the SWLA Center for Health Services.

#### **Stefanie Moon**



Judge Stefanie C. Moon has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to serve a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation.

Alumna Lakeisha Carey is named a 2022 CoVa BIZ Next Gen honoree.

#### TODD MANUEL



Law Center alumnus Todd Manuel was named Louisiana State University's Vice President of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX.

# **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

#### SHANE D. WILLIAMS

Alumnus Shane D. Williams has been elected to serve as the 2022-2023 President of the Alexandria Bar Association.

#### MARGARET A. PIERRE



Law Center alumna Margaret A. Pierre was hired as director of Title IX compliance and equal opportunity officer for the University of Lynchburg.

Alumna Aisha Key is the newest assistant district attorney for the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office.



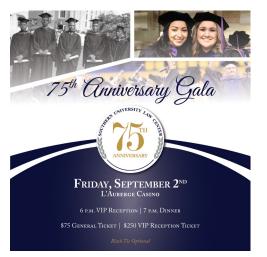
AISHA KEY

#### April Hibbler



The Small Business Administration Nebraska District Office has welcomed Law Center alumna April Hibbler as a business development specialist.

# ONGOING AND UPCOMING Events













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