

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Producing Lawyer Leaders

NOVEMBER 2024

INSIDE STORY

SULC CELEBRATES NEWLY SWORN-IN ATTORNEYS



Southern University Law Center proudly commemorates the swearing-in ceremony of its newest attorneys.

SULC NAMED TOP LAW SCHOOL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The National Jurist has recognized the Southern University Law Center (SULC) as one of the top law schools for racial justice. This accolade stands as a testament to the institution's unwavering commitment to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in the legal field.



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SULC STUDENTS EMBODY CIVIC DUTY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



During this election season, Law Center students researched and presented on various legal challenges facing the community, including access to voting. The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice at SULC hosted an Election Protection Training in collaboration with The Legal Defense Fund and the Power Coalition, preparing attendees to safeguard voting rights.

Experienced voting rights attorneys and civic leaders guided attendees to identify and address voting barriers and advocate for solutions to assist Louisiana voters.

Whitley Parker, president of the SULC Student Bar Association, and Carlos Pollard, an SULC student and program coordinator with the Power Coalition for Equity & Justice, were recognized for their outstanding civic engagement. The La-Capitale Links Chapter honored them with a Certificate of Appreciation for organizing a successful week-long voter registration drive.

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LOUIS A. BERRY INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE AT SULC HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION



The Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission (JJRAIC) held its first meeting of the year, organized by staff and interns from the Southern University Law Center's (SULC) Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice. The meeting provided a valuable forum for community members, justice advocates, and media to engage with data and insights from youth, families, and experts on Louisiana's juvenile justice system.

During the meeting, Institute staff presented a comprehensive three-year strategic plan for the commission's review, focusing on best practices to create a safer and more effective juvenile justice system for Louisiana. The strategic plan emphasized data-driven approaches, aiming to improve public safety outcomes by aligning policies and services with the unique needs of youth in the justice system.



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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER AND LPB PRESENT DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEGACY



Southern University Law Center proudly premiered the new Louisiana Public Broadcasting documentary short, *Southern University Law Center: A Civil Rights Dream Come True*. This film highlights the significant impact the Law Center has had over the years and explores legacy of our historic institution.

The screening was followed by a panel discussion that included SULC professor Angela Bell; Rachel Emanuel, former director of communications at SULC; Professor Deleso Alford, Rachel Emanuel Endowed Professor; Eric Hatfield; and Clarence “C.C” Copeland, LPB president and CEO.

STUDENT EVENTS

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES HOSTS NETWORKING MIXER WITH ALUMNUS PAUL DEROUSSELLE



Southern University Law Center's (SULC) Office of Career Services hosted a Mix and Mingle networking event with Law Center alumnus Paul DeRousselle. During his visit, DeRousselle shared insights on how he leverages his legal expertise to build a thriving, multi-million-dollar sports career.

FACULTY FEATURES

SULC PROFESSOR DELESO ALFORD RECEIVES NBA SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD

Professor Deleso Alford received a Special Appreciation Award at the National Bar Association's 35th Annual Wiley Branton Symposium for her service on the Executive Planning Steering Committee.



STUDENT FEATURES

JADA BENNET



Jada Bennet received the Award of Excellence from the Sarasota County Branch of the NAACP.

ALUMNI FEATURES

REGINA RUDISILL



Regina Rudisill is named General Counsel of Elizabeth City State University.

JENNIFER CRUZ



Jennifer Cruz started joined McGlinchey Stafford as a financial services litigation associate.

EBONY MORRIS



Ebony Morris is named as a New Orleans City Business 2024 Leading in Law honoree.

MEGAN EARLY-SOPPA



Megan M. Early-Soppa joined Spencer Fane LLP as Of Counsel in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group.

CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 14TH

TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIVE FARMERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
12 P.M. CST

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE VIA ZOOM

GUEST PRESENTER

MACKENIZE MARTINEZ
*Inter-Regional Manager
Intertribal Agriculture Council*

REGISTER AT WWW.SULC.EDU/ALI



Nov 21ST

JOIN US FOR OUR AGRICULTURE IN INDIAN COUNTRY WEBINAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

12 P.M. CST



GUEST PRESENTER:

KELLI CASE
*Senior Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food &
Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas (IFAI)*

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DEC 5TH



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

12 P.M. CST



GUEST PRESENTER:

CHIMERE HAMPTON
*Navigator Project Specialist
University of Arkansas*

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DEC | 13TH-14TH

SAVE THE DATE

END OF YEAR CLE

DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Continuing Legal Education

JAN 25TH



FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 | 10 A.M.
F.G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

FEB 1ST

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships
and Initiatives

SAVE THE DATE

EXPUNGEMENT INTAKE SESSION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESERVE CAMPUS
181 REGALA PARK RD,
RESERVE, LA 70084

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