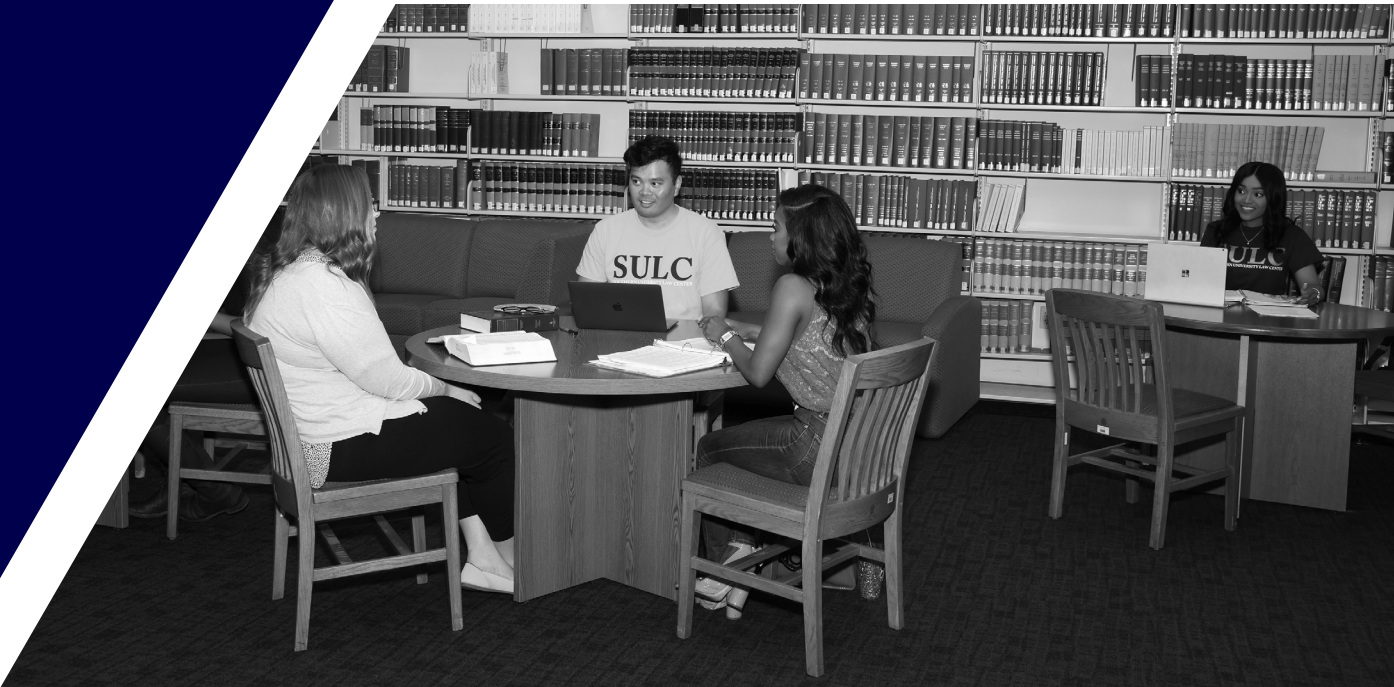


CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

MARCH 2022



PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS

NEWS

THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER HOSTS JOINT PANEL WITH LSU LAW CENTER DURING 75TH ANNIVERSARY



(to r) Ken Barnes, attorney; Evelyn Wilson, LSU professor; and Eric Hatfield, Law Center alumnus and grandson of the late Charles Hatfield, discuss Hatfield's legacy and the Law Center's history.

The Law Center held an in person and virtual joint panel with the LSU Law Center to discuss the impact of Charles Hatfield's lawsuit that resulted in the establishing of the Law Center. Panelist included Evelyn Wilson, LSU professor; Eric Hatfield, Law Center alumnus and grandson of Charles Hatfield; Jake Henry, assistant dean of student affairs at LSU Law School; and Kenn Barnes, attorney. Each panelist gave background on the rich history of the Law Center and its connection to the LSU Law Center.

THE LOUIS A. BERRY INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE HOLDS VIRTUAL CONVERSATION ON THE INVESTIGATION OF LOUIS ALLEN



The Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice held an event titled "The Cases for Reparations: From Tragedy to the New Black Wall Street". This event discussed the investigations of Louis Allen, the economic implications of slavery vs. investments, and the new black Wall Street built by the Allen family.

SULC AND SUAREC HOST THE 2022 CANNABIS SYMPOSIUM

Southern University's Baton Rouge landmass was the first stop for Green Enterprise's College to Career initiative tour. The series of on-campus events brought together entrepreneurs, state officials and thought leaders to discuss solutions to create a point of entry in the emerging cannabis industry, as well as meaningful pathways to success.

Topics covered during the symposium included the State of Louisiana's Medical Marijuana Program, the Business of Growing Medical Marijuana, Cannabis and the Endocannabinoid System, Southern University's Cannabis Research Initiatives, Equity and Justice, the State of Louisiana's Hemp Program, International Cannabis Law, Cannabis Pharmacology, and a Roundtable discussion of Hemp Growers.

The event also featured a Hemp Growing 101 session which provided participants with hands-on training.



Cannabis Symposium vendor table displays

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER HOSTS MEET AND GREET EVENT FOR SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION ZAILA AVANT-GARDE



Zaila Avant-Garde and Chancellor John Pierre

The Southern University Law Center welcomed Zaila Avant-Garde, the first African American to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Southern University and Baton Rouge officials celebrated her accomplishments at a special meet and greet during her last stop of her seven-city tour.

SULC ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH PIONEERING HORTICULTURE LIGHTING BUSINESS

The Southern University Law Center received a \$500 donation from VOLT Grow® to support social initiatives during an upcoming partnership announcement. The partnership will help support initiatives of the Law Center's Cannabis Compliance, Law, and Policy Institute.

Through the SULC Cannabis Compliance, Law, and Policy Institute, the Law Center seeks to engage with various cannabis companies to help SULC students understand the landscape and opportunities within the cannabis industry. The Institute has helped to promote education, research, and understanding of the issues pertaining to the cannabis industry through expungement events, small business incubators, educational events, and other social initiatives.

“Donations such as those from VOLT Grow® allow SULC to continue to create programming that will educate not only SULC students but the community as a whole,” said Marla Dickerson, Associate Vice Chancellor of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives at Southern Law Center.

“As a manufacturer of high output, commercial LED grow lights, our products are most commonly purchased for cannabis cultivation. VOLT Grow® is proud to partner with Southern University Law Center to support another side of the cannabis industry—the legal side,” said Casey Brynjolfsson, Outreach for VOLT Grow®. “We hope our donation will help their social justice initiatives and benefit those affected by the criminalization of cannabis.”

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The Southern University Law Center would like to thank VOLT Grow®, an LED Grow Light brand, for their donation and support to the Law Center.



PARTNERSHIPS

STUDENT EVENTS

THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER'S STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION HOSTS LECTURE SERIES TO TEACH CURRENT SULC STUDENTS HOW SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE THROUGH LAW SCHOOL

The poster is for a lecture series titled "WHAT I WISH I KNEW" presented by the Student Bar Association. It features a panel discussion with current SULC students on Friday, February 18, 2022, from 12:00 to 1:30 CST. The panelists include Jennifer Nguyen (2L, Houston, TX), Korin Jones (2L, Oakland, CA), Eryn Wells (2L, Seattle, WA), Ashley Leonard (2L, Miami, FL), Jalyn Wells (2L, Fayetteville, NC), and DeMario Thornton (2L, Birmingham, AL). Moderators are Naudia Foster (2L, Class President) and Tony Black (1L, Class President). The poster also includes a QR code for the Zoom meeting and the meeting ID: 984 5788 4139.

The Law Center's Student Bar Association (SBA) held a lecture series titled "What I Wish I Knew" that provided tips and advice to current students on how to flourish during their first year of law school.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

TAYLOR ALLEN



Taylor Allen received a summer internship with Navy JAG Corps in Washington, DC. As a Navy JAC Corps intern, Taylor will be assigned to a legal command/staff and gain experience in traditional Navy JAG Corps practice areas such as military justice, legal assistance, and command services.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

KENYA PARKER

Kenya Parker earned a public interest law internship with Thurgood Marshall College Fund for summer 2022.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

KATHY NESBITT

The City and County of Denver's Career Service Board has hired Law Center alumna Kathy Nesbitt as executive director of the Office of Human Resources (OHR).



VALERIA WILLIAMS

Alumna Valeria Williams has a new role as associate general counsel with the Tennessee Titans.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

KIMBERLY SLAY HOLMES



Alumna Kimberly Slay Holmes has joined the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group as an of counsel attorney at Spencer Fane LLP.

COLETTE BATTLE

Alumna Colette Pichon Battle is a recipient of Open Society Foundation's Justice Rising Award. Battle is one of the 16 awardees who inspire, innovate, and mobilize people in the fight for racial justice in the United States.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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ALUMNI ROUND-UP 2022

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WALL OF FAME
UNVEILING CEREMONY**

JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE THE NEWEST JUDGES TO BE INDUCTED
INTO THE JUDICIAL WALL OF FAME.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH

2 P.M.

F.G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER
801 HARDING BOULEVARD, BATON ROUGE, LA 70807

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*Distinguished Alumni & Friends
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RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN SERVICE
TO THE LAW CENTER, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND THE PURSUIT OF
JUSTICE EVERYWHERE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH

4 P.M.

SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS
100 LAFAYETTE ST, BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

CULTURAL COMPETENCY SERIES

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
LAW CENTER

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY SERIES:
CENTERING THE WOMEN OF TUSKEGEE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH
NOON | VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE



PRESENTER:

Deleso Alford, J.D., LL.M is the Rachel Emanuel Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center and Off-Campus Instructional Site (OCIS) Director at Shreveport Memorial Library (Shreveport, Louisiana). A proud SU and SULC alum, Professor Alford also earned a LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center and a Certification in Clinical Bioethics from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Professor Alford's scholarship focuses on what she refers to as "HER stories"—the unique and particularized lived experiences of black women intersecting with health care and research. She has moved her scholarship into classrooms, benefiting both law and medical students with her racially inflected lessons.

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**2022 CHANCELLOR'S
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GREEN. WITH GOOD FOOD AND
FRIENDLY BUT FIERCE COMPETITION,
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WHO PARTICIPATE.

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INFORMATION

DATE
FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

LOCATION
SANTA MARIA GOLF COURSE
18460 SANTA MARIE PKWY
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810

TIME
7 A.M. - CHECK-IN
8 A.M. - SHOTGUN START

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
RECEPTION AT 6 P.M.
PROGRAM AT 7 P.M.

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