

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



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FEBRUARY 2023

INSIDE STORY

OVER 30 RECEIVE JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREES DURING FALL 2022 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



On January 21, over 30 graduates received their Juris doctorate degree during the Fall 2022 Commencement Ceremony for the Southern University Law Center. The prestigious ceremony was held at the F.G. Clark Activity Center on the campus of Southern University Baton Rouge. Honorable Judge John Guidry, chief judge of the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, served as the commencement speaker.

Chancellor John Pierre opened up the program by welcoming platform guests, family, friends, and guests. He went on to give encouraging words to the graduates. Pierre paid homage to Charles Hatfield, a Baton Rouge native that filed the historic lawsuit which led to the opening of the Southern University Law School.

Over the course of his legal career, Guidry was a former commissioner of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the Greater Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Commission. While maintaining a general private law practice, he formerly served as the assistant clerk of the Louisiana House of Representatives and an Assistant Parish Attorney for the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. In 1991, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives and the State Senate in 1993. Guidry was first elected as a judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeal in October 1997. Guidry poured positive affirmations into the graduates. He reminded them that they are the legacy of Charles Hatfield and the institution's first five graduates.

Myron Lawson, Southern University System Board of Supervisors chairman, and Dennis J. Shields, president of the Southern University System and chancellor of the Southern University and A&M College, and Naudia Foster, Student Bar Association president, shared closing remarks.

The ceremony was live-streamed and recorded on the Law Center's YouTube channel.

JOINT VENTURES



SULC'S OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES PARTNER WITH ABBVIE TO PILOT INAUGURAL LEGAL ACADEMIES

Over 70 Law Center students participated in the inaugural series of the AbbVie Legal Academies at Southern University Law Center. Designed as an intensive intercession experience, each Academy offered students focused task-oriented training, through actual practice experience.

During the three-day series, students practiced drafting patent claims, worked on simulated M&A deals, and prepared for mock trials before state and federal judges

with help from lawyers from AbbVie's legal department, and senior attorneys from Baker Donelson, DLA Piper, and Kirkland & Ellis.

The intellectual property legal academy gave students at various stages of their legal education, an overview of patent prosecution and litigation. The Deals Academy provided 24 students with intensive M&A and licensing training, including a mock life science M&A term sheet negotiation simulation.

FACULTY FEATURES

JOHN PIERRE



The HBCU Campaign Fund named Chancellor Pierre as one of ten most dominant HBCU leaders of 2023.

MARC ROARK



Louis Berry Louisiana Outside Counsel Endowed Professor, Marc Roark, has recently co-authored a book, "Squatting and the State: Resilient Property in an Age of Crisis".

STUDENT FEATURES

TAHJANEKE ROBERTS



Law Center student Tahjaneke Roberts accepted a summer 2023 internship position with Gilad Sciences.

KORIN JONES



Korin Jones accepted a full-time job offer at Queens Defenders in New York City.

DEVIN NEELY



Law Center student Devin Neely accepted a summer 2023 internship with the Dallas District Attorney Office.

ALUMNI FEATURES

JOHN M. GUIDRY



Chief Judge John Michael Guidry was named the 15th Chief Judge of the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal. He is the African American to hold that position in the more than 100-year history of the court.

JASON A. DAGATE



Alumnus and 32nd JDC Judge, Jason A. Dagate, was appointed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John L. Weimer to serve on the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.

CHARLES TONEY



Law Center alumnus Charles Toney joined the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation's board of directors.

ERIN M. WESLEY



Law Center alumna Erin Monroe Wesley was named Cox Communications' market vice president for Greater Louisiana.

ALEJANDRO "AL" PERKINS



SULC alumnus Alejandro "Al" Perkins was reappointed to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System by Governor John Bel Edwards.

FERAUD CALIXTE



The Alamance Community College Foundation welcomed Law Center alumnus Feraud Calixte to its board of directors.

ALUMNI FEATURES

ANNIK MORGAN



Chamblee Ryan Attorneys at Law promoted alumna Annik Morgan to partner.

JARED NELSON



Alumnus Jared Nelson was named one of Liskow & Lewis' Rising Stars.

JEREMY BAZILE



Alumnus Jeremy Bazile accepted an in-house counsel position at Liberty Mutual Insurance in San Antonio.

CANDACE FORD



Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP named Law Center alumna Candace Ford a 2023 Rising Star.

MICHAEL VICTORIAN



Law Center alumnus Michael B. Victorian was named on the 2022 Lawyers of Color Hot List.

CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3RD



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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Pre-Law Day

February 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CT)
In-Person Engagement

Start preparing for your legal career by joining us at our annual event! We're excited to share information about the wonderful opportunities provided at SULC, and our best practices to help you navigate your newfound legal passion.



MARCH 10TH



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ESPORTS INNOVATION LAB RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

MARCH 10, 2023 AT 9AM

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