



# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

*Board of Supervisors Report: May 2018*

## SULC HOST 2018 ALUMNI ROUND UP

### SULC 2018 Wall of Fame



On April 5, 2018, the Southern University Law Center inducted four judges into the SULC Judicial Wall of Fame at an afternoon ceremony in the Bert & Sue Turner Gallery of the Shaw Center. The inductees were from left to right: Jeff Cox, '92, Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal; Ree Casey-Jones, '05, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court; Nakisha Ervin-Knott, '98, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, and Angelo J. Piazza III, '83, Marksville City Court, Avoyelles Parish.

### SULC 2018 Distinguished Alumni



SULC Chancellor John K. Pierre recognized seven alumni for their professional achievements and support of their law school alma mater during an evening reception on the River Terrace at the Shaw Center. From left to right: Chancellor Pierre; Lacy L. Durham, '06; Thomas Russell "Rusty" Galloway, Jr., '95; Allen Miller, Sr., '99; Elizabeth "Liz" Pierre, '94; Scotty Chabert, Jr., '06; Tedrick Knightshead, '02; and Marcus Augustine, '09.

### **SULC 2018 Hall of Fame**



During the 2018 SULC Alumni & Friends Round Up, the Southern University Law Center held a gala where six alumni were inducted into the SULC Hall of Fame. The gala was held at Boudreaux’s on the evening of April 7, 2018. This year’s inductees are from left to right: S. Dennis Blunt, ‘91, Partner at Phelps Dunbar, LLP; Donald Cravins, Jr., ‘98, Senior Vice President for Policy & Executive Director of the Washington Bureau – National Urban League; C. Dylan Brown (standing in for Marcus Brown, ‘88, Executive Vice President of the Entergy Corporation); Jan Pritchett, ‘94, Managing Attorney of the Law Firm of Schlosser and Pritchett; Cynthia N. Reed, ‘90, Director of Continuing Legal Education and Alumni Affairs at Southern University Law Center, and Maurice A. Williams, ‘87, Attorney at Law.



# **SULC 2018 Symposium: The Over Criminalization of Minorities**



Left to right: Raymond Wilkes, 3L; Tanya Hamilton, 3L; Bakari Sellers; Donald Cravins, Jr., '98; Cynthia Reed, '90, Director of CLE and Alumni Affairs; Alanah Hebert; U. S. Congressman Bobby Scott; Carlton Miller, '14; Jourdan Williams, 3L; and John Belton, President-Chancellor Southern University and A&M College System

The Journal of Race, Gender, & Poverty injunction with SULC presented it's 2018 Symposium on April 5, 2018 in room 129 & 130. This year's topic was The Over Criminalization of Minorities. Governor John Bel Edwards provided a brief address and CNN Commentator Bakari Sellers served as the moderator for the panel discussion. Included in the panel were:

- U. S. Congressman Bobby Scott
- Attorney Donald Cravins, Jr., Senior Vice President of Policy at the National Urban League & Executive Director of the Washington Bureau
- Attorney Alanah Odoms Hebert, Director of the Division of Children and Families at the Louisiana Supreme Court
- Attorney Carlton Miller, Senior Associate for Criminal Justice Reform at FWD.us

The panel covered several topics, including the school-to-prison Pipeline, broad prosecutorial discretion, recidivism, and the Expansion of the Federal Criminal Code.



# SULC Events

## SULC 2018 Chancellor Golf Tournament Winners



Left to right: Chancellor John Pierre; winners, Stephen Spurgeon, Michael McDonald, Sam Spurgeon, and Mark White



Center, Chancellor John Pierre; winners, left to right, Dwayne Murray and Harry Dunson; not pictured: Ryan Richmond and Kenneth Wright



Center, Chancellor John Pierre; winners, left to right, Larry Pitcher and Dedrick Greggs; not pictured: Charles May and Sydney Brown



Center, Chancellor John Pierre; winners, left to right, Kelly Dick, Kyle Green, Kenneth Doggett, and Adam Taylor



### **3L Leila Arefi Accepted Into LLM Degree In Animal Law Program**



Leila Arefi, 3L from Lafayette, has been accepted into the LLM Degree In Animal Law Program at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR. In addition, Arefi was granted an Animal Law Leadership Award to help fund her tuition expenses. During both summers in law school, she interned with Animal Welfare Institute, a non-profit which works to end animal suffering through the law. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Political Science major hopes to secure a similar position working to advance the interests of animals through the law after she completes her LLM.

Regarding her future, Arefi said, “I would love to work with an organization such as Animal Legal Defense Fund. Ultimately, after the practice of animal law, I hope to acquire a property in the Pacific Northwest where I can start my own nonprofit animal sanctuary where rescue farm animals can come and live in peace and kindness.”

While managing the sanctuary, Arefi plans to drive into the city to continue animal rights advocacy through teaching.

Arefi is the founder and president of SULC’s Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter.



### **Tasina Gary, 2L, Summer Internship with Office of Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott**



**Tasina Gary, 2L and U. S. Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott**

Tasina Gary, 2L, will be doing Summer Internship with the Office of Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, May 14, 2018 to July 13, 2018.

As a legal intern, Ms. Gary will conduct legal research and analysis on legislation pending before the U. S. House of Representatives. She will work directly with the Chief of Staff and the Congressmen’s legislative counsel. She will be expected to draft memoranda, attend briefings, and committee hearings as assigned. Ms. Gary will also have the opportunity to directly brief and advise the Congressmen from time to time.



# Student Spotlight

## Spring 2018 Prospective Graduates

Taylor Alexander  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Lierica J. Boutte  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Ikeecia L. Colenberg  
Fayette, Mississippi

+Ryan J. Andrews  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Otia M. Bowie  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gwendolyn M. Collins-Greenup\*  
Clinton, Louisiana

+Eileen S. Andrus  
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Patricia A. Brandt  
New Iberia, Louisiana

Rachel L. Coronel\*  
DeRidder, Louisiana

Remington M. Angelle\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Trey Brazan  
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Kristina F. Douglas  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Leila M. Arefi-Pour  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Louis D. Brooks\*  
Seattle, Washington

Britney R. Duke\*\*  
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Ashley E. Armstrong  
Denham Springs, Louisiana

Kara A. Brown  
Monroe, Louisiana

Racquel C. Estavan  
Atlanta, Georgia

Lance C. Beal\*  
Erath, Louisiana

Justin A. Caprera  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Britton C. Evers  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Phillip M. Bellan\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tiffany L. Carriere\*\*  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Ashley N. Freeman  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Britney A. Bernard  
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Samuel Carroll  
Chicago, Illinois

Samuel T. French  
Fayette, Mississippi

Derek Bisig\*\*  
Jennings, Louisiana

Courtnei J. Carter  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Samantha G. Gahn'  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

+Tiffani M. Black  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Leroy Carter  
Slidell, Louisiana

Landon P. Gauthier  
Gonzales, Louisiana

Morgan Blanchard-Robertson\*\*  
Jennings, Louisiana

Mark A. Carter  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

John C. Ginart  
Chalmette, Louisiana

+Benjamin O. Boakye  
Durham, North Carolina

Ariel S. Clipper  
Suffolk, Virginia

Andres Gomez  
Lafayette, Louisiana

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\*\*Magna Cum Laude

\*Cum Laude

+Summer 2018 Graduate(s)



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Jorge Q. Gonzalez\*  
Monterey, Louisiana

Tiffany L. Green  
Natchez, Mississippi

Michelle R. Gros\*\*\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Johanna R. Hajiakbarifini  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tanya M. Hamilton  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Burgundy C. Hammond  
Alexandria, Louisiana

Ariel M. Harris\*\*  
Houston, Texas

Shante´ S. Harvey  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Jessica F. Hawkins  
Spring Lake, North Carolina

Alex T. Hebert  
Houma, Louisiana

Lea D. Hemphill  
Chicago, Illinois

Matthew H. Hernandez  
Covington, Louisiana

Daisha L. Hodges\*  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Anthony Hughes  
Tampa, Florida

Michael O. Indest  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Taylor L. Johnson\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

+Bria L. Joshua  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Danielle L. Kennebrew  
Miami, Florida

Johnny L. King, Jr.  
Huntsville, Alabama

Leona L. Latchie  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

David B. LeBlanc\*  
Oberlin, Louisiana

Jerri A. Lee  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Jordan A. Lewis  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Emily A. Lindig  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

+Robert B. Little  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Ryan T. Lloyd  
Winnsboro, Louisiana

+Fatima Mann  
Hartford, Connecticut

D´Juan R. Mansfield  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Kolby P. Marchand\*\*  
Prairieville, Louisiana

Canya Markey-Nelson  
Memphis, Tennessee

John M. McDonald\*  
Prairieville, Louisiana

+La´Tease N. McFarland  
Houston, Texas

Jerod M. McGriff  
Tampa, Florida

Dmitrius R. McGruder\*  
Riverdale, Georgia

Peggy P. Monette  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Tiffany E. Monroe\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Richard A. Montgomery  
Queens, New York

Charles K. Parr\*\*  
Bossier City, Louisiana

Brianne B. Sembera  
Violet, Louisiana

Courtland D. Morgan  
Ferriday, Louisiana

Sasha S. Poche'  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Brittany N. Short  
Schriever, Louisiana

Trevor C. Mosby\*  
Houston, Texas

Elizabeth A. Ray  
Pineville, Louisiana

+Jonathan J. Smith  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Arham Mughal\*  
Kenner, Louisiana

Melissa E. Reynolds  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Kimberly Souriyakhamphong\*  
New Iberia, Louisiana

+Patrick J. Murphy  
Oakland, California

Yolunda M. Righteous\*\*  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Perry Spann  
Columbia, South Carolina

Edwin T. Murray  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Jonathan C. Roberson  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Sharita L. Spears  
St Francisville, Louisiana

Jared E. Nelson\*  
Bronx, New York

Alecia R. Robillard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Stephen J. Spurgeon\*\*  
Alexandria, Louisiana

Xavier T. Nelson  
Birmingham, Alabama

+Phillip S. Robinson, III  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Jessica E. St. Pierre\*  
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Benjamin O'Connor  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Ricky R. Robinson, Jr.  
Bogalusa, Louisiana

Stefanie N. Stephens\*\*  
Montgomery, Alabama

Lianna Oliver  
Augusta, Georgia

+Shana Sanders  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Jamillia S. Stevenson  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Nchekube U. Onyima\*  
Gresham, Oregon

Ryan G. Saunders  
Harahan, Louisiana

Thomas R. Strohe  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Robert J. Ordogne\*  
Marrero, Louisiana

Matthew T. Seaton\*  
Pineville, Louisiana

Toby L. Tatum  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Angela M. Taylor\*  
Dallas, Texas

Brian L. Thornhill\*  
Walker, Louisiana

Larry S. Trahan  
Lafayette, Louisiana

+Julie M. Udoessien  
Dallas, Texas

John L. Van Norman, IV  
Westlake, Louisiana

Brandon P. Vasser  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Nicole L. Whigham  
Palm Beach, Florida

Qadraex White  
Opelousas, Louisiana

Raymond L. Wilkes, III\*  
Zachary, Louisiana

Arthur Williams, Jr.  
Zachary, Louisiana

Gary Williams, II  
Bossier City, Louisiana

Jourdan A. Williams  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Cheyenne Y. Wilson  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Derrick R. Woods  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

La'Deisha N. Woods  
Patterson, Louisiana

### ***JD/MPA Dual Degree***

Jared P. Bordere  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Alvarez J. Hertzock, III  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### ***Public Law Certificate***

Yasha L. Clark  
New Orleans, Louisiana

+Erin M. McDonald  
Ruston, Louisiana

### ***Tax Law Certificate***

William H. Caldwell  
Calhoun, Louisiana

Patrick J. Jester  
Greenwell Springs, Louisiana

### ***Posthumous Degrees***

Lisa Carral  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Marquita Christy  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

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## **Prof. Angela Allen-Bell spoke at a luncheon for the Legislative Black Caucus**



Prof. Angela Allen-Bell spoke on April 30, 2018 at a luncheon for the Legislative Black Caucus. She is pictured with SULC alum Rep. Edmond Jordan.

She discussed the historic, non-unanimous jury legislation that is now pending before the legislature. In her talk, she addressed the many unintended—but very real—consequences to have resulted from maintaining this law, such as a disproportionately high number of plea bargains, mass incarceration, voter suppression and disenfranchisement, wrongful convictions, the marginalization of minority and women voters and jurors and public distrust.

She ended by reminding the elected officials that conversations about this law don't just involve the racial history of the law or its impact on defendants. Instead, she told them what's at issue are the sacred and cherished matters of liberty, freedom and justice.



# Lunchtime Lecture unites civil rights pioneers, alumni of Southern University Law Center



Photo by Breanna Smith  
From left to right: Bonnie C. Cannon, Edward Larvadain, Carla Ball, Dr. Rachel L. Emanuel and Angela A. Allen Bell

The West Baton Rouge Museum provided another cause for celebration at the lunchtime lecture hosted on Wednesday, April 18.

Southern University Law Center alumni, faculty, staff, and family members of the former faculty were united for the lunchtime lecture on the history of the Southern University Law Center. The lecture was given by Dr. Rachel L. Emanuel, who co-authored the book “Southern University Law Center” with Carla Ball.

Bonnie C. Cannon, daughter of original Southern University law faculty member Edward L. Patterson, who worked with Dr. Emanuel and Carla Ball in the curation of photos and sharing her father’s story attended the lecture to meet the authors of the book for the first time.

Edward Larvadain was also in attendance. He was one of 25 students jailed for 31 days in 1961 during a student demonstration in Downtown Baton Rouge. The ensuing court case *Cox v. the State of Louisiana* was filed on behalf of those students for freedom of peaceful assembly covered under the First Amendment.

Joan Garner, the daughter of John Garner also spoke of her father’s influence at the lecture. John Garner was one of 16 Southern University students expelled after participating in a sit-in in Sitman’s drugstore in 1960.

Professor, alumna and social change agent, Angela A. Allen Bell also attended the event. She is known for her work on behalf of the “Angola Three.”

Brenna Smith  
The Westside Journal



Photo by Breanna Smith  
From left to right: Joan Garner, Carla Ball, and Dr. Rachel L. Emanuel



## ***Message from Chancellor Pierre***

### **A Value-Added Ranking of Law Schools**



Independent research by Christopher J. Ryan, Jr., a Ph.D. candidate at the Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education and American Bar Foundation Fellow had determined that the Southern University Law Center has ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in a value added ranking of law schools.

The value added rankings represent an outcome-based assessment of where a law school is predicted to be ranked based upon entering credentials of its law students versus the actual impact the law school has on those same students upon their graduation from law school. The value added ranking, in essence, measures the effect and impact of attending a particular law school. The law school value added measures deviate significantly from existing traditional rankings systems of law schools and suggest that traditional notions of a law school's value ought to be reassessed under this new value added framework.

Ryan is an Associate Professor of Law at Roger Williams University School of Law, with an A.B. from Dartmouth College, M.Ed from Notre Dame University, a J.D. from the University of Kentucky, and is expected to receive his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in May, 2018.

The rankings are attached for your review.



# Message from Chancellor Pierre

## A VALUE-ADDED RANKING OF LAW SCHOOLS APPENDIX

Table A1: Value-Added Law School Rankings

V.A. Rank	Law School Name	V.A. Index	U.S. News Rank (03.2018)	V.A. vs. U.S. News Rank
1	YALE UNIVERSITY	1.493434	1	0
2	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	1.428851	2	0
3	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	1.410744	3	0
4	CHICAGO, UNIVERSITY OF	1.333488	4	0
5	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER	1.200302	150	145
6	FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW	1.172538	150	144
7	APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW	1.163484	150	143
8	LA VERNE, UNIVERSITY OF	1.158052	150	142
9	VIRGINIA, UNIVERSITY OF	1.134309	9	0
10	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	1.131292	5	-5
11	PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF	1.115598	7	-4
12	DUKE UNIVERSITY	1.096284	11	-1
13	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	1.090248	6	-7
14	CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY, UNIVERSITY OF	1.068519	9	-5
15	CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES, UNIVERSITY OF	1.007559	16	1
16	MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF	0.9840198	8	-8
17	JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL - ATLANTA	0.9709448	150	133
18	AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW	0.9552526	150	132
19	FAULKNER UNIVERSITY	0.953442	150	131
20	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	0.9435802	11	-9
21	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	0.9317135	150	129
22	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF	0.9278879	19	-3
23	MASSACHUSETTS-DARTMOUTH, UNIVERSITY OF	0.9232635	150	127
24	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	0.919438	14	-10
25	CORNELL UNIVERSITY	0.9025382	13	-12
26	BARRY UNIVERSITY	0.8997245	150	124
27	CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF LAW	0.8948957	150	123
28	FLORIDA A&M SCHOOL OF LAW	0.8550599	150	122
29	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	0.8421814	17	-12
30	ELON UNIVERSITY	0.8405737	150	120
31	GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY	0.8399707	150	119
32	ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY (FL)	0.830917	150	118
33	TOURO COLLEGE	0.8291064	150	117
34	VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY	0.8272958	150	116
35	TEXAS-AUSTIN, UNIVERSITY OF	0.8216589	15	-20
36	WILLIAM & MARY, COLLEGE OF	0.8168302	37	1
37	WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF	0.7739776	32	-5
38	THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL	0.7681458	150	112
39	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - CARBONDALE	0.7669382	150	111
40	MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF	0.7486272	20	-20
41	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	0.7480234	24	-17
42	ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF	0.7462128	27	-15
43	JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL - CHICAGO	0.7458135	150	107
44	SOUTH DAKOTA, UNIVERSITY OF	0.7427961	128	84
45	BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	0.7425917	41	-4
46	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE OF LAW	0.7210676	150	104
47	EMORY UNIVERSITY	0.6967202	22	-25
48	DAYTON, UNIVERSITY OF	0.6667455	141	93
49	NOTRE DAME, UNIVERSITY OF	0.6629199	24	-25
50	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	0.6619168	144	94
51	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY	0.6601062	150	99
52	GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF	0.6592988	32	-20
53	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	0.6582956	150	97
54	OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY	0.6492419	150	96
55	NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW	0.6480352	150	95
56	ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY	0.6438094	150	94
57	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	0.6411914	22	-35
58	WIDENER UNIVERSITY - WILMINGTON	0.6323429	143	85
59	WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LAW	0.6317384	150	91
60	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	0.6250991	150	90
61	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	0.5953208	18	-43
62	CAPITAL UNIVERSITY	0.593713	150	88
63	SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW	0.5798314	150	87
64	INDIANA UNIVERSITY - BLOOMINGTON	0.5747991	32	-32
65	CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW	0.5466349	150	85

