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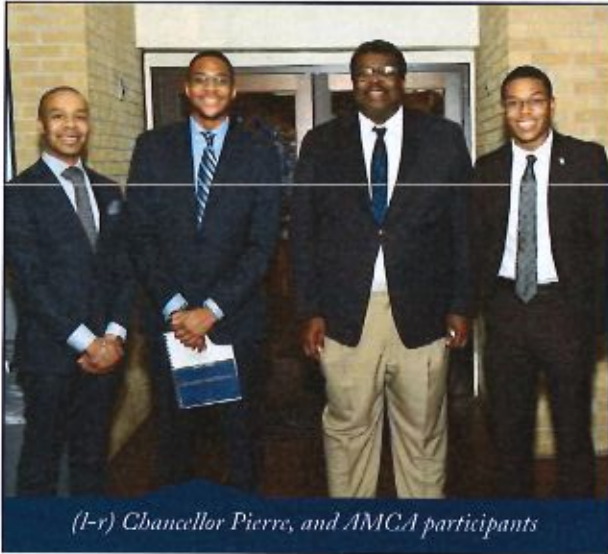
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

LAW CENTER

SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE

NEWS

AMERICAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION



(l-r) Chancellor Pierre, and AMCA participants

The Law Center and the Baton Rouge Bar Association hosted the American Moot Court Competition national tournament finals. The tournament consisted of 80 2-student teams competing ranging from institutions, such as Yale University, Duke University, Morehouse College, and others. Two Eastern Michigan University students, Kelsey Hall and Charles Graham, won as the top team in the nation. The guests enjoyed their time while on campus and praised the school's hospitality.

HOODING CEREMONY



Future lawyer leaders participating in Hooding Ceremony.

As a new semester commenced, the Fall 2019 Hooding Ceremony honored over 20 graduates. Grambling State University president, Richard "Rick" Gallot, was the keynote speaker. Gallot earned his Juris Doctorate from the Law Center in May 1990. He encouraged students to have a career that they enjoyed and could be proud of. In addition, he advised them to take on pro bono cases and work through the Louisiana Bar Association.

PARTNERSHIPS

PENN STATE LAW

Recently, the Law Center, in partnership with Penn State Law in University Park, was chosen as a winner in the second annual Leading Edge Prize for Educational Innovation, which rewards teams with \$10,000 for the best educational and professional solutions for law students and new legal professionals. The title of the project, "How Can We Educate 2L and 3L Students to be Better Equipped for Practice?", aims to educate, empower, and equip law students about the impact of artificial intelligence, legal process automation, data analytics, e-discovery, design thinking, and other technological innovations on the delivery of legal services.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

The Law Center was selected to receive funding through a United States Department of Agriculture Distance Learning and Telemedicine (USDA-DLT) grant for a new high-definition teleconference studio. The news comes as a part of a recent partnership with North Carolina Central University's (NCCU) Virtual Justice Project. The Law Center will receive a Polycom RealPresence Immersive Studio, which will create a visual, audio, and collaboration experience. Faculty, students, and staff will be able to connect to webinars, clients, and the community. The studio seats up to twenty-one individuals.

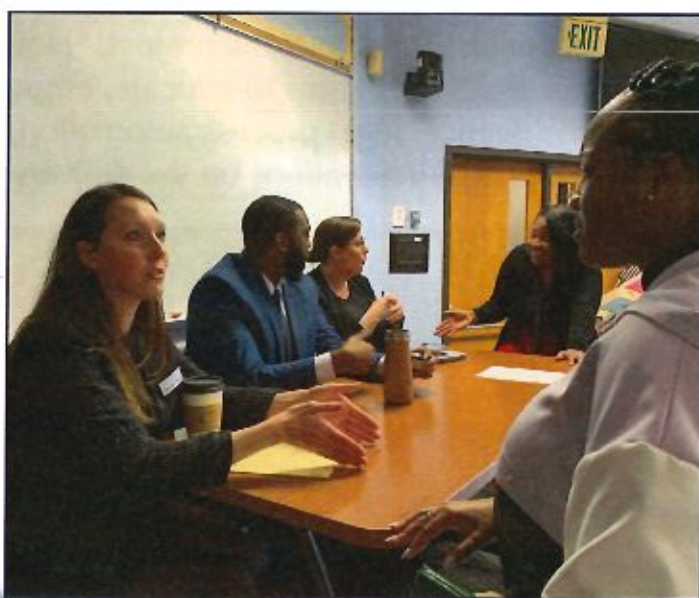
URBAN RESTORATION ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION

The Law Center continues its partnership with the Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation by hosting the Pre-Law Institute. Established in 2017, the Pre-Law Institute introduces high school students to civics, law and criminal justice at SULC under the guidance of a pre-law instructor. In addition, pre-law scholars will also facilitate the signature mock-trial at SULC's moot courtroom and network with Baton Rouge attorneys and judges.

UNIVERSITIES STUDYING SLAVERY

The Southern University Law Center has been invited to join Universities Studying Slavery (USS), a consortium dedicated to organizing multi-institutional collaboration as part of an effort to facilitate mutual support in the pursuit of common goals. USS is an ancillary organization through the University of Virginia. Over 40 institutions, such as Davidson College, Georgetown University, Tougaloo College, and more, make up the alliance. Additionally, USS allows participating institutions to work together as they address both historical and contemporary issues dealing with race and inequality in higher education and in university communities as well as the complicated legacies of slavery in modern American society. They host semi-annual meetings to discuss strategies, collaborate on research, and learn from one another.

LUNCH N' LEARN



The Law Center's Career Services provides the "Lunch and Learn" series to connect our students with potential internship and fellowship opportunities, as well as potential mentors and advice from legal professionals. This month, the United States Attorney General's Office for the Middle District, along with law firms, Phelps Dunbar and Jones Walker, provided students with sound encouragement and words of wisdom they could use throughout their legal careers.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

RACHEL GENTRY



Third-year law student, Rachel Gentry, was named a 2020 New Leaders Council (NLC) Institute Fellow. The NLC Institute is a six-month training program focused on skills building for each cohort on issues such as goal setting, strategic communications, and digital outreach, economics, finance and fundraising, management and coalition building, progressive policy, and diversity and inclusion. Gentry's future career goals are to use her law degree to effectively impact the policy and governmental affairs arena in the country.

FACULTY NEWS



JOHN PIERRE

Chancellor Pierre was recently named as an honoree for the Lawyers of Color's Power List, presented by the Diverse Partners Network. Also, Pierre was honored at the 15th Annual Black Pre-Law Conference in New York. At the conference, he received the John Mercer Langston Legal Education Leadership Award along with over 25 law school deans.

ALUMNI NEWS



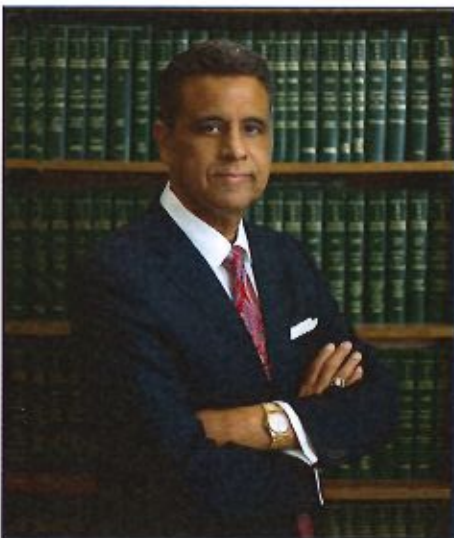
JIMMIE HERRING JR.

Jimmie Herring, '19, was recently selected as a junior member of the Louisiana State Law Institute. Since 1940, the Institute has declared its purpose "to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the law of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs, to secure the better administration of justice and to carry on scholarly legal research and scientific, legal work."



DONALD A. SAUVIAC

Donald Sauviac, '90, has been appointed the supervising attorney for the Northwestern District of North Dakota. His position covers three state counties. Sauviac's admittance to the United States District Court of North Dakota allowed him to serve on the CJA panel handling federal criminal cases.



CHARLES CRAVINS

Alumnus and former adjunct professor, Charles Cravins, was recently sworn in as the St. Landry Parish's District Attorney.



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