

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



*Producing Lawyer Leaders*

**April 2026**

# INSIDE STORY

## BRIDGING DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE: LEGAL ANALYSIS & WRITING II STUDENTS ENGAGE IN REAL-WORLD ADVOCACY



Southern University Law Center recently welcomed back distinguished alumnus Tony Clayton ('91), District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District Court and Chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, for an engaging visit with students in the Legal Analysis & Writing II course. During his time on campus, Clayton delivered a compelling presentation on oral advocacy and trial strategy, offering practical insight into courtroom practice. His candid perspective, extensive experience, and dynamic delivery left a lasting impression on students.

Building on their classroom learning, Legal Analysis & Writing II students also attended oral arguments at the First Circuit Court of Appeals, where they observed appellate advocacy firsthand. The experience was further enriched by Law Center alumnus and adjunct professor Judge Wilson Fields ('94), who generously met with students to provide a walkthrough of the appellate process and answer questions. His willingness to engage transformed the visit into an interactive and meaningful learning opportunity.

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## SULC TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC STUDENTS WITNESS FEDERAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY IN ACTION



Student attorneys from the Southern University Law Center's Technology and Entrepreneurship Clinic recently gained firsthand insight into federal appellate advocacy during a visit to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Students attended oral arguments in a trademark case and observed experienced litigators present complex legal issues before a three-judge panel. The opportunity provided a rare, real-world look at appellate strategy, courtroom decorum, and the nuanced questioning that shapes federal appellate decisions.

Beyond observing the proceedings, the students had the chance to engage with the attorneys who argued the case, discussing litigation strategy and professional pathways in intellectual property law. Following the hearing, the group had the distinct honor of meeting with Carl E. Stewart, who serves on the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Stewart shared insights about appellate practice and the role of the federal judiciary, offering encouragement and perspective to the aspiring attorneys.

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## Southern University Law Center Joins Statewide Celebration at HBCU Day at the Capitol



The Southern University Law Center's excellence was on full display at HBCU Day at the Capitol, where Students, alumni, and leaders from across Louisiana came together to celebrate the legacy, impact, and future of Historically Black Colleges.

## SULC's Phi Alpha Delta Earns National Recognition with Dual Wins at Mock Trial Competition



Southern University Law Center's Tureaud Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, made a strong impression at the Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Competition in Arlington, Virginia.

Law Center students earned two prestigious awards, including Outstanding Defense and Outstanding Fraternalism, which are a testament to the team's exceptional advocacy and preparation.

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## SULC ELEVATES FUTURE CORPORATE LEADERS AT NATIONAL GATEWAY TO SUCCESS CONFERENCE



Southern University Law Center proudly hosted the 14th National Bar Association Corporate Law Section Gateway to Success Conference, bringing together aspiring corporate attorneys for an impactful and engaging experience.

Students interested in corporate law gained valuable insight into the legal issues shaping today's corporate landscape while also taking advantage of networking opportunities with practitioners and industry leaders. Several Law Center alumni returned to serve as esteemed Honorary Chairs, further strengthening the connection between SULC and its accomplished graduates.

Through dynamic panel discussions, skills-based workshops, and intentional networking experiences, the conference continues to bridge the gap between legal education and professional practice. The event fostered the development of the next generation of diverse legal leaders committed to excellence, service, and innovation.

This year's conference featured a wide range of attorney-led and law student-focused sessions designed to educate, empower, and prepare attendees for success in the evolving field of corporate law. The NBA Corporate Law Section also started accepting applications for the Gateway to Success Conference Scholarship, a prestigious opportunity that supports and empowers the next generation of legal leaders.

# PARTNERSHIPS

## LPB AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY HOST POWERFUL INDIE LENS POP-UP SCREENING OF THE INQUISITOR HONORING BARBARA JORDAN'S LEGACY



Louisiana Public Broadcasting and Southern University A&M College partnered to host a free Indie Lens Pop-Up screening of *The Inquisitor*, presented in collaboration with ITVS and Independent Lens.

The documentary centers on the life and legacy of Barbara Jordan, a trailblazing Texas congresswoman whose intellect, integrity, and moral clarity left a lasting mark on American politics. From her historic role during the Nixon impeachment proceedings to her leadership in advancing civil rights, Jordan's public voice consistently called for accountability, even as the film also explores the private complexities of her life and intersectional identity.

Following the screening, attendees participated in a thoughtful and engaging panel discussion reflecting on Jordan's enduring impact on American democracy and the continued relevance of her story today. The conversation was moderated by Dr. Robyn Merrick, Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations for the Southern University and A&M College System.

Panelists included Dr. Angela A. Allen-Bell of the Southern University Law Center, B.K. Agnihotri, Endowed Professor at SULC, and Dr. Revathi Hines, Alphonse Jackson Professor of Political Science at Southern University, each offering powerful insights on Jordan's legacy and influence.

# STUDENT EVENTS

## **SBA BAR PREP COMMITTEE HOSTS FINAL MINI BAR EXAM SESSION FOR CLASS OF 2026**

Students joined the SBA Bar Prep Committee for the final Mini Bar Exam session for the Class of 2026, marking an important milestone in their bar readiness journey.

The session provided a structured, exam-style experience designed to reinforce key legal concepts, strengthen test-taking strategies, and build confidence ahead of the upcoming bar examination. Through continued practice and preparation, students are better equipped to navigate the rigor of the bar exam process as they move closer to graduation and entry into the legal profession.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Joy Antoine



Joy Antoine received the AFL-CIO Cherry-Holt scholarship and accepted a summer externship with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

## Jasmine Bellard



Jasmine Bellard received an internship with FX Networks group.

## Halle Bice



Halle Bice accepted a summer externship with the Air Force JAG Corps.

## Carolyn Cosey



Carolyn Cosey accepted a summer internship with the Dallas County Public Defender's Office.

## Saniah Giles



Saniah Giles has accepted a summer internship with the Chosen Law Group.

## Katrell Hickerson



Katrell Hickerson secured a law clerk position at the Louisiana Legislature with the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus.

## Asia Hope



Asia Hope secured a position as Senator Barrow's Legislative Aide for the 2026 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session.

## Roderick Jackson



Roderick Jackson landed a law clerk position for the Orleans Public Defenders.

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## Roxanne Mosley



Roxanne Mosley earned a scholarship from the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.

## Jade Myers



Jade Myers landed two internship opportunities as judicial extern at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and as a summer clerk at Galloway, Johnson, Thompkins, Burr & Smith.

## Madalynn Posey



Madalynn Posey has accepted a position as a law clerk position with Allstate.

## Bianca Sanchez



Bianca Sanchez secured a clerkship with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

## Miles Santiago



Miles Santiago accepted a position as a legal intern in the Office of General Counsel for the Southern University System.

## Fatou Sow



Fatou Sow accepted a summer internship with the Law Office of Mona Mansour, PLLC.

## Anastacia Thomas



Anastacia Thomas accepted a law clerk position for the Military Court of Appeals.

## Jaxon Turner



Jaxon Turner secured a clerkship with Fishman Haygood LLP.

# Apr 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**ROUND-UP** 2026

*Events* AT-A-GLANCE

**APRIL 8-11, 2026**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APR 8**

**DEDICATION OF CLASS OF 2011 COURTYARD  
HONORING J. ASHLEY MITCHELL-CARTER**  
6 PM | SULC COURTYARD

**THURSDAY**  
**APR 9**

**PROFESSIONAL STUDENT WORKSHOP**  
12 PM | SULC ROOM 130

**JUDICIAL WALL OF FAME UNVEILING**  
4 PM | BURT AND SUE TURNER GALLERY

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECEPTION**  
5:30 PM | RIVER TERRACE, SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS

**FRIDAY**  
**APR 10**

**CHANCELLOR'S ANNUAL  
SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
7 AM REGISTRATION • 8 AM SHOTGUN | COPPER MILL GOLF COURSE

**CLE**  
TBA

**SATURDAY**  
**APR 11**

**CLE**  
TBA

**HALL OF FAME GALA**  
6 PM RECEPTION • 7 PM DINNER & PROGRAM | RENAISSANCE HOTEL

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