

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



*Producing Lawyer Leaders*

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# INSIDE STORY

## CAREER SERVICES ACHIEVES FULL ABA COMPLIANCE FOR ITS CLASS OF 2024 REPORT

### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

L A W C E N T E R

#### Office of Career Services

The Southern University Law Center's (SULC) Office of Career Services received a fully compliant determination from the American Bar Association (ABA) following its audit of the Class of 2024 Employment Questionnaire (EQ), a notable achievement that came with no warnings, elevated reviews, or best practice reminders.

Under the leadership of Interim Director Dr. Melanie Powell Rey, the department undertook a strategic and thorough review process. This included a comprehensive overhaul of Symplicity data, targeted graduate outreach,

and a focused alignment with ABA reporting protocols.

SULC extends sincere thanks to the Class of 2024 alumni, whose prompt responses and engagement were instrumental in the success of the audit. Their participation strengthened the accuracy of reporting and helped further the Law Center's commitment to excellence.

All future graduates were encouraged to remain connected and responsive, as alumni involvement continues to be a cornerstone of SULC's legacy.

## SULC SUPPORTS BAR EXAM SUCCESS WITH COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS PROGRAM



After months of intensive preparation, graduates of Southern University Law Center took a major step toward their legal careers as they sat for the Louisiana Bar Exam on July 19, 21, and 23. Their commitment, focus, and endurance were matched by an outpouring of support from the SULC community, reaffirming the Law Center's mission to empower and uplift future lawyer-leaders.

Understanding the intense demands of the bar exam process, Chancellor Alvin Washington introduced the Bar Wellness Program which serves as a comprehensive initiative designed to ease external pressures and allow graduates to fully concentrate on their exam preparation. The program provided daily lunches during exam week, access to licensed mental health counselors, and a range of supplemental resources and services to promote academic focus and emotional well-being.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all faculty, staff, and administrators who played vital a role in this year's bar exam support efforts.

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## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW STUDENTS MAKE MAJOR STRIDES IN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP



Southern University Law Center's Law Review continues to serve as a great platform for student scholarship, with four standout contributors earning national recognition for their innovative legal writing. Ryan Abboud's article on geofencing and the Fourth Amendment was published in the Law Review and later reprinted by Thomson Reuters, who praised it for offering critical guidance on emerging legal issues. Crystal Ammons gained national attention with her work on affirmative action and corporate diversity, landing on SSRN's Top 10 Feminist Methodology & Research list. Olecia James's exploration of property rights was highlighted in SSRN's Land Use & Real Estate e-Journal and commended by a Washington University law professor for its originality and relevance. Maya Jones addressed age discrimination in politics with a piece published in The Jurisprudence and forthcoming in Stetson University's Journal of Aging Law and Policy.

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER OFFERS FREE CLE DURING NATIONAL ALUMNI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Southern University Law Center (SULC), in partnership with the Southern University Alumni Federation, hosted a free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar titled "Beyond the Bar: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches in Law" at LIVE! Casino & Hotel in Bossier City, Louisiana.

The event explored innovative strategies and cross-disciplinary perspectives that are shaping the future of the legal profession. Designed for legal professionals, alumni, and advocates for justice, the CLE was part of the larger 2025 SU Alumni Federation National Leadership Summit, which brought together alumni from all campuses under the theme: "A Legacy of Leadership and Service."



The CLE was presented in collaboration with the Shreveport-Bossier Black Lawyers Association and aimed to connect legal minds and leaders from across the Southern University System and beyond.



# JOINT VENTURES

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER PARTNERS WITH METROMORPHOSIS TO HOST 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EMPOWERED ENTREPRENEURS: ACCELERATING SUCCESS CONFERENCE



Southern University Law Center partnered with MetroMorphosis to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Small Business Conference titled EmpowerED Entrepreneurs: Accelerating Success.

The conference provided a valuable platform for small and minority-owned businesses to gain business information, expand their professional networks, and access key resources designed to accelerate their growth and long-term success.

Highlights of the event included an Awards Gala, which celebrated outstanding business achievements and community impact, and a training day, featuring interactive workshops and expert-led sessions tailored to equip entrepreneurs with practical tools for business development.

The event concluded with Vendor Connect, a signature matchmaking experience that brought business owners together with procurement opportunities and potential corporate partners.

# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

## MARLA DICKERSON



Dr. Marla Dickerson, SULC Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, was appointed to Special Advisor to the ABA's Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline for 2025–2026.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## CARL CAVLIER



Carl Cavalier received the Unsung Hero Award at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual RootsCampLA Conference.

## CALEB MAYO



Caleb Mayo secured a law clerk position with the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

## JASMINE BELLARD



Jasmine Ballard landed an internship with Entergy.

## MAYA R. JONES



Maya Jones secured an internship with Adam and Reese and Forman Watkins.



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## CAMILLIE COX



Camillie Cox accepted an offer to join Kirkland & Ellis as a 2026 2L Summer Associate.

## AUTUMN JAMISON



Autumn Jamison completed an internship with Judge Erika Green at the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Division B.

## DAELYNN FLAGG



Daelynn Flagg received multiple 2025–2026 ABA TIPS Leadership appointments, including Vice Chair of the Products Liability Committee, Law Student Vice Chair of the Litigation and Trial Practice Committee, and Ex-Officio Member of the

Committee on Outreach to Law Students.

## LYDIA CONRAD



Lydia Conrad secured an internship at the 19<sup>th</sup> JDC and the OMBI Group.

## DESTINIQUE FULGENCE



Destinique Fulgence served as a summer intern with the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office.

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

## BRETT BAJON



Brett Bajón was appointed as Attorney and Managing Partner at the Louisiana Family Law Firm.

## JARED PRICE



Jared Price was appointed as Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

## SHANE D. WILLIAMS



Shane D. Williams joined the Cash Money Records and Maven Sports Group as the Sports Agent.

## ARNEDIA WALLACE



Arnedia Wallace is named Senior Assistant General Counsel at Humane World for Animals.

## ALVAREZ HERTZOCK III SHAYLA JOHNSON



Alvarez J. Hertzock III was named the Executive Director of the Louisiana Leadership Institute.




Shayla Johnson was selected as a recipient for the inaugural Garzola Foundation Bar Prep Scholarship.

# CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

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