

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Producing Lawyer Leaders

March 2026

INSIDE STORY

SULC ALUMNI TAKE ON THE LOUISIANA BAR EXAM WITH CONFIDENCE



Southern University Law Center alumni began the first day of the Louisiana Bar Exam with the support of faculty and staff.

Their preparation was strengthened through a bar support initiative launched under the leadership of Chancellor Alvin Washington. Designed to provide structured review, targeted instruction, and encouragement throughout the study process, the program reflects the Law Center's intentional investment in student success beyond graduation.

Faculty and staff remained actively engaged, offering guidance, accountability, and reassurance during one of the most demanding periods in a law graduate's journey.

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TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC STUDENTS WITNESS FEDERAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY IN ACTION



Student attorneys from the Southern University Law Center's Technology and Entrepreneurship Clinic 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, observing 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, 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 knowledge about appellate practice and the role of the federal judiciary, offering encouragement and perspective to the aspiring attorneys.

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SULC Students Gain Hands-On Legal Experience at Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl



Southern University Law Center students participated in an exclusive legal event as a part of the Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl. Students had an opportunity to participate in case study breakout sessions and to gain hands-on experience with mock depositions.

Southern University Law Center Continues Bar Prep Support for Alumni

PREPARING FOR THE LOUISIANA BAR EXAM?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER PRESENTS
BAR EXAM SUPPORT FOR ALUMNI

- ◆ TOPIC PRESENTATIONS ON TESTABLE SUBJECTS
- ◆ BAR-STYLE PRACTICE QUESTIONS
- ◆ PERSONALIZED FEEDBACK TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RESPONSES

SESSIONS HELD VIRTUALLY ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS VIA ZOOM
Saturday, February 28, 2026 through Saturday, July 18, 2026
1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

ZOOM LINK: [SULC-EDU.ZOOM.US/J/99757431848](https://sulc-edu.zoom.us/j/99757431848)

INTERESTED? ALUMNI WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE OR WHO HAVE QUESTIONS CAN CONTACT VISITING PROFESSOR MICHAEL GARRARD MGARRARD@SULC.EDU OR 225-278-6698

The Southern University Law Center remains committed to supporting its graduates as they prepare for the Louisiana Bar Exam through its comprehensive Bar Exam Support Series. This series is designed to guide and assist alumni in their preparation for the 2026 bar exam.

Sessions are held every Saturday via Zoom and provide participants with valuable resources and strategies to enhance their exam readiness. Each session includes presentations on bar-tested subjects, practice with bar-style questions, and personalized feedback to help strengthen written responses.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Rousseau Christome



Rousseau Chrisostome accepted an offer to serve as a Summer 2026 Judicial Intern at the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. U.S. Courthouse in Miami.

Yamilah Foy



Yamilah Foy accepted an internship with the Office of Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Alabama.

Keith Gauff



Keith Gauff was selected for a Summer 2026 law clerk position at Fishman Haygood in New Orleans.

Jordan Jackson



Jordan Jackson was selected to serve as a Summer 2026 intern with AbbVie.

Aimee Kuykendall



Aimee Kuykendall secured a law clerk position at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in Hammond.

Micah Mims



Micah Mims secured a law clerk position through the Black Public Defender Association's Summer Fellowship.

Keyonti Pleasant



Keyonti Pleasant accepted a summer law clerk position with the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office in South Carolina.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Shaylynn Bivens



Shaylynn Bivens landed a role as Senior Legislative Analyst at Advocates for Children of New Jersey.

Ashley Firven



Ashley Firven was promoted to Partner at Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, LLP.

Shauel Israel



Shaul Israel accepted a new role at Aurora University as an adjunct professor. He will also serve as coach of the University's mock trial team.

Kaylan Richardson



Kaylan Richardson joined Breazeale Sachse as a transactional associate.

Whitney Renee



Whitney Renee Thomas was selected to join the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program, Class of 2026.

Chuck Toney



Chuck Toney was appointed as Director of Intergovernmental Relations with Mayor Moreno's Administration for the City of New Orleans.

CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

March 11th



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
LAW CENTER

ALVIN R. WASHINGTON
Chancellor

OPEN CONVERSATION WITH CHANCELLOR WASHINGTON

Join the chancellor for a monthly conversation with students focused on open dialogue, idea sharing, and strengthening the campus community.

12 P.M. - 1 P.M.

Room 129 & 130

DATES
FEBRUARY 11, 2026
MARCH 11, 2026
APRIL 8, 2026

Feb 28th - July 18th

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Apr 8th - 11th, 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 HILL 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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