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Producing Lawyer Leaders

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Inside Story

SULC Achieved Highest First-Time Louisiana Bar Passage Rate in SULC History



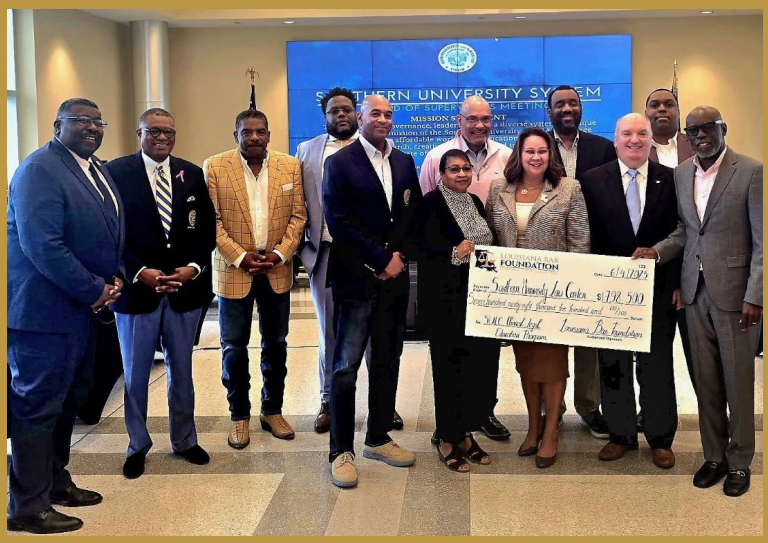
Southern University Law Center reported a first-time bar passage rate of 75% on the July 2025 Louisiana Bar Examination, surpassing Tulane Law School among the four law schools in the state.

The Law Center credited its robust bar prep initiatives and faculty support for this success and looks forward to building upon the momentum to continue improving outcomes for future graduates.

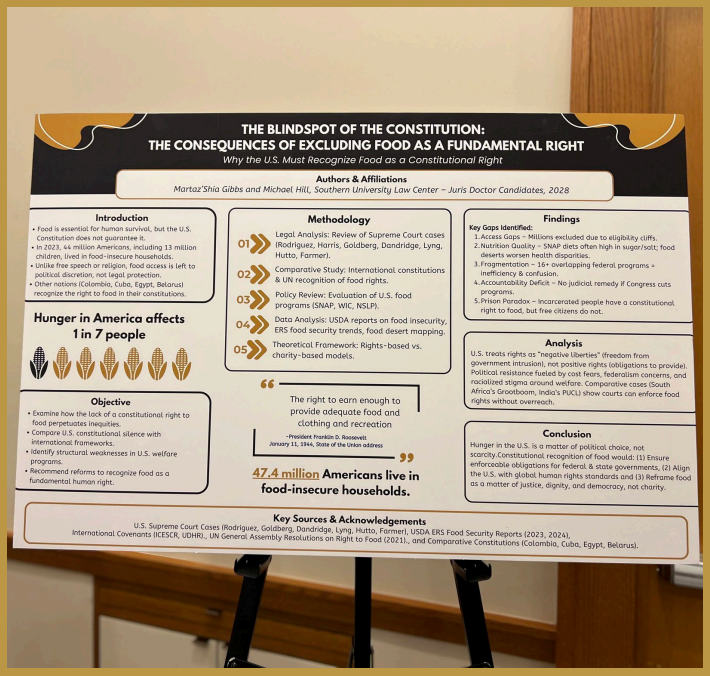
SULC Received Investment from the Louisiana Bar Foundation to Strengthen Clinical Legal Education

The Southern University Law Center received a groundbreaking $798,500 investment from the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) to advance its clinical legal education (CLE) program.

This funding marked a significant step in expanding opportunities for hands-on legal training and advancing access to justice in Louisiana. This investment was part of the LBF's School Project, launched in 2023 to strengthen the pathway of public service attorneys and broaden access to civil legal aid across the state.







Law Center Students Participated in National Food Law Summit at Harvard Law School

Several Southern University Law Center (SULC) students traveled to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to participate in the Food and Democracy: From Policy to Plate – Food Law Student Leadership Summit 2025, hosted by the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic at Harvard Law School.

The three-day summit convened students, professors, policymakers, and advocates from across the country who are leading efforts to shape the future of food law and policy. Discussions focused on the critical role of law in fostering equitable, sustainable, and accessible food systems, with sessions addressing key topics such as food equity, agricultural reform, and community-based solutions.

Representing SULC, Professor Kimberly H. LaMotte contributed to the national dialogue alongside USDA Risk Management Ambassador Cindy Ayers Elliott, a noted leader in agriculture and community development. SULC students Martaz'Shia Gibbs and Michael Hill also showcased their scholarship through a poster presentation examining the intersection of community health and food access. Their work highlighted the essential connection between legal advocacy and public well-being, illustrating how emerging legal professionals advanced meaningful change at the community level.

SULC SELA participated in Women in Sports Symposium



Members of Southern University Law Center's Sports and Entertainment Legal Association attended the 9th Annual Women in Sports Law Symposium (WiSLS), hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans. This event brought together students, professionals, and industry leaders for engaging discussions on advancing women's roles in the field of sports law.

During the symposium, attendees explored key topics such as representation, gender equity, contract negotiation, and leadership in sports organizations. The symposium also served as a networking and professional development platform, celebrating the accomplishments of women lawyers and connecting aspiring professionals with established leaders in the industry.

Distinguished guest speakers included attorneys from the National Football League and National Basketball Association, as well as other accomplished legal professionals who shared insights from their careers and offered guidance to the next generation of women in law.

Southern University Law Center NextGen Bar Committee Hosts Interactive Workshop

The Southern University Law Center's NextGen Bar Committee will host a NextGen Share & Learn: Skills Integration Workshop, an engaging session designed for all civil and common law faculty. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn, collaborate, and prepare for the upcoming changes to the NextGen Bar Exam, with a focus on integrating practical skills into the curriculum to benefit all faculty and students.

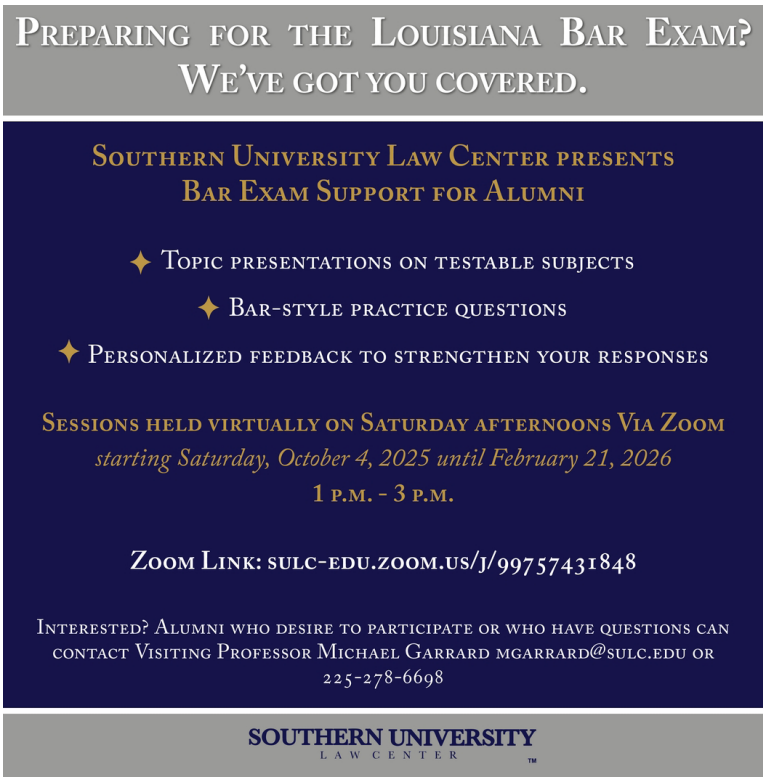
SULC Hosts Freedom, Justice, and Equality Lecture Series with Congressman Fields as Keynote Speaker

Southern University Law Center hosted the inaugural lecture of the Freedom, Justice, and Equality Series for the fall semester. The initiative was designed to engage students in critical conversations at the intersection of law, civic engagement, and advocacy.

The program featured Congressman Cleo Fields delivering the keynote address, and Chancellor Alvin Washington delivering the opening remarks.

The series served as a platform for students to connect their legal studies with pressing social issues, preparing them to become change agents in their communities. By engaging directly with policymakers and advocates, students gained the tools and inspiration necessary to shape the future of civil rights and justice.

Southern University Law Center Continue Bar Prep Support for Alumni



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 February 2026 exam.

Sessions are held every Saturday from 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.

Inside Story

Alumni Reunite at SULC's Homecoming Tailgate









The Southern University Law Center's (SULC) Office of Alumni Affairs hosted its annual Alumni Homecoming Tailgate as part of Homecoming Week festivities. The lively event brought together alumni, students, faculty, and friends for an afternoon filled with camaraderie, celebration, and Jaguar pride. Guests enjoyed reconnecting with classmates, networking with current students, and reminiscing about their time at SULC while celebrating the enduring spirit of the Jaguar Nation.









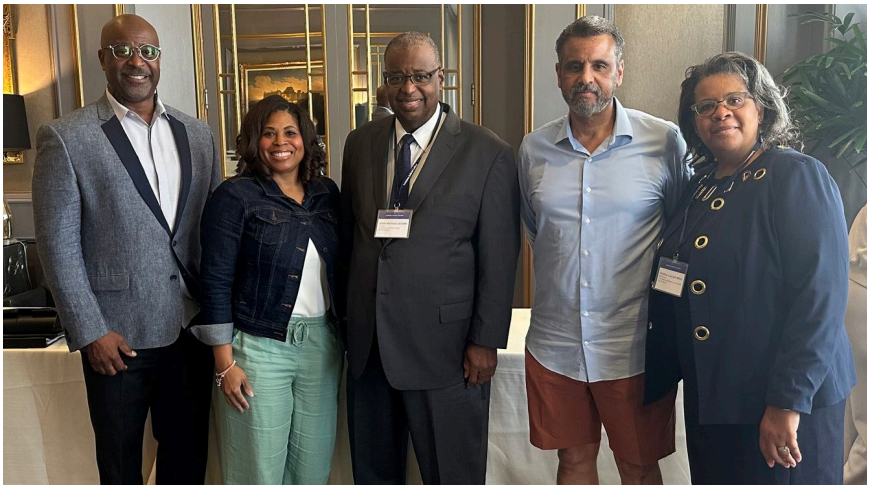
ABA joins Chancellor Washington for Environmental and Energy Law Lunch and Learn

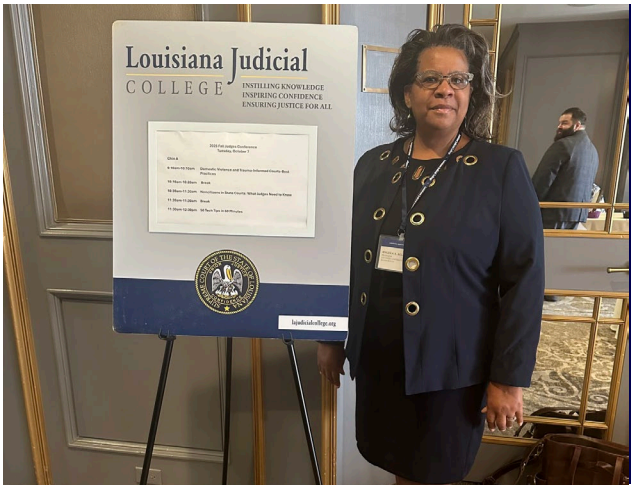
Southern University Law Center's Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives hosted a Lunch and Learn with Chancellor Washington and representatives from the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER).

During the event, students had the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals from SEER, gaining valuable insight into emerging trends and career opportunities within the field. The discussion encouraged students to explore areas that are increasingly vital to shaping the future of legal practice, such as sustainability and resource management.

Faculty Highlights

Professor Angela Allen-Bell presents at the Louisiana Judicial College





Southern University Law Center Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell was featured as a presenter at the Louisiana Judicial College's 2025 Fall Judges Conference, a three-day gathering of judges and legal scholars from across the state focused on continuing legal education and professional development.

Professor Allen-Bell delivered a powerful presentation titled "Achieving the Sixth Amendment's Ideals in the Jury Box: What the Deliberative Process Reveals." Her session examined how the jury system embodies the pursuit of fairness, justice, and civic responsibility in today's courts, inspiring thoughtful discussion among attendees.

Student Highlights

Terri Adams



Terri Adams landed a law clerk position with Southern University - Baton Rouge Office of Compliance.

Alyssa Petetant



Alyssa Petetant secured an internship with the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal under Judge Katherine Tess Stromberg.

Elijah McGhee



Elijah McGhee secured a summer clerkship with Quinn Johnston in Peoria, Illinois.

Camille Cox



Camille Cox was awarded the Judge Brian A. Jackson Scholarship.

Alumni Highlights

Alexa Isaac



Alexa Isaac has joined Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP as an associate in the Tampa office practicing in the Extra-Contractual and First-Party Property Coverage section.

Lannette Richardson



Lannette Richardson was selected as a Centennial Scholarship Recipient for the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division's 100 for 100 Scholarship Program.

Jimmie Herring Jr.



Jimmie Herring Jr. was named American Bar Association's 2026 Elizabeth Clark Young Lawyers Fellowship recipient.

Yodel Tewolde



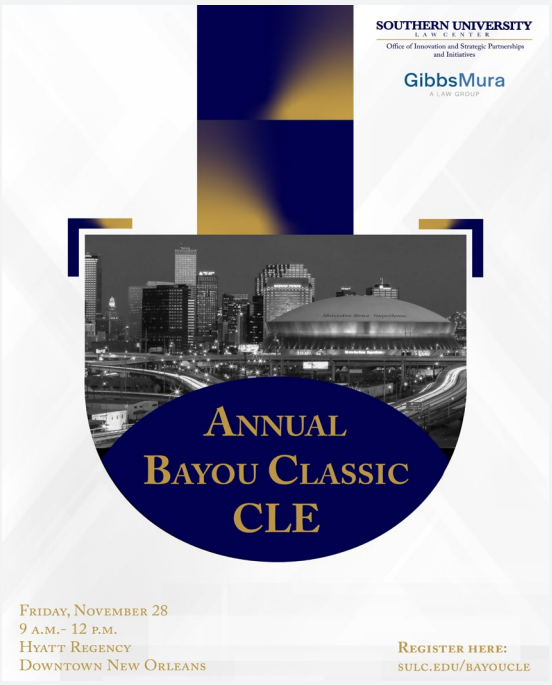
Yodel Tewolde won a Daytime Emmy Award for her show Hot Bench.

Current & Future Events

November 12th



November 28th



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Apr 8th -11th, 2026



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