

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

AUGUST 2021



“PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS”

NEWS



LAMAR GOVERNOR'S FELLOWS CIVIL RIGHTS PANEL

On July 14, the Law Center hosted the Lamar Governor's Fellows for its annual Civil Rights Panel. The panel included Judge Janice Clark, Atty. Ernest Johnson, Atty. Raymond Wilkes, and Ada Goodly, director of the Louis A. Berry Institute of Civil Rights and Justice.

Our panelists recounted controversial encounters from the bench and within cases they worked. It was a great conversation on civil rights, voting rights, and the generational divide.

FACULTY AND STAFF RETREAT

On August 3, SULC hosted its annual Faculty and Staff Retreat virtually. Campus leadership discussed several topics include COVID safety, equity and inclusion, recruitment trends, and more. The State of the Law Center, which included yearly unit plans and goals, was presented to inform the campus of the impending updates and changes that would be brought within the next fiscal year.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

LEON LOCKETT



Leon Lockett, recently, penned an opinion piece entitled “Is a Vote No for LA House Bill 196 a Vote Yes for Slavery?” which was published in the Big Easy Magazine.

TORRENCE BURNETT

Rising 3L, Torrence Burnett, was recently announced as the chief operating officer of Scrybe Streaming. Scrybe Streaming is a mobile streaming application assisting creators in making more revenue from the music and podcast content they develop.



EBONY CORMIER



Cormier has been named a HBCU Scholar through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

GABRIELLA A. MCCARTHY

McCarthy penned an opinion piece titled “How responsible will Louisiana’s law enforcement be with their new responsibilities?” for The Louisiana Weekly.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

JACQUELINE GRANT



Grant was appointed to the Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund Board. The Board provides funds for non-profit and public agencies throughout the state for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

ANGELA ALLEN-BELL

Allen-Bell published an article titled “Bankrupt Justice & Subprime Juries in Louisiana” with Black Source Media.



REAZALIA ALLEN



Allen was named an honoree within the On The Rise- Top 40 Young Lawyers with the American Bar Association (ABA). The On The Rise Award program provides national recognition for ABA young lawyer members who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service.

Currently, Allen is a senior staff attorney at the 19th Judicial District Court and an adjunct professor at the Law Center.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

JOHN W. WILLIAMS JR.



Williams has been tapped to serve as the new chief administrative officer within the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome.

LISA M. PARKER

Parker has been named as the East Baton Rouge's new chief public defender.



JOHNNIE A. JONES SR.



Jones has been chosen to be the 2021 inductees into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame.

ALEJANDRO R. PERKINS

Perkins was named partner at Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins LLP, which provides legal services to Louisiana public school boards and numerous insurance companies operating in Louisiana.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

CEDRIC UPSHAW



Upshaw has been appointed to the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission.

RONEEKA ALLYCE BAILEY

Bailey was named as one of the National Bar Association's 2021 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates.



ASHLEIGH CLARE-KEARNEY THIGPEN



Recently, Thigpen was inducted to the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Currently, Thigpen works at LSU as Associate Athletics Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

EDRIUS STAGG

This summer, Stagg was selected to join The Hershey Company legal team as a Dinisa H. Folmar Fellow. In addition, he has been named a HBCU Scholar through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Louisiana Legislative Overview

Southern University Law Center and Louisiana Progress present

2021 LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH

NOON - 1:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

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