


# ASPIRING LAWYER





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DEAN'S MESSAGE

**LEONARD M. BAYNES**





## DEAN LEONARD M. BAYNES

I am delighted that we have established the Aspiring Lawyer magazine which will provide helpful hints and advice to students who aspire to be lawyers.

I first must share with you my own personal journey to the legal profession. I am a first-generation college student whose parents were immigrants to the U.S. from the small Caribbean island chain of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. My parents were very smart, hardworking, and entrepreneurial, but were not college educated. In fact, my father never completed high school and instead apprenticed as a tailor before coming to the U.S. My parents believed in education which made all the difference in my life. But for the power of legal education, I would not be dean of one of the leading law schools in the United States today. However, during my journey, there were many things that I did not know that I did not know. But I always knew that I was talented and recognized that there were many talented young people like me who did not have the good fortune to have been guided to make the right choices on their career journey.

During my career, I've seen too many young people give up on their dream to become a lawyer because they think that the LSAT is too hard, or they prioritize working full time while in college and don't focus on keeping the GPA high or don't develop relationships with faculty

who can write important letters of recommendation or don't line anyone up who can critically review their very important personal statement, all of which are parts of the application process. They sometimes make uninformed choices that disadvantage their law school application.

**The recognition of these issues heightened my sense of responsibility to give back to the community for the many young people who were like me but are uninformed about the career trajectory necessary to become a practicing lawyer. That's why we started the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program.**

Now its seventh year, the Pipeline Program has five tracks and a track record of excellence. Eighty-two scholars have been accepted to law school and have received \$5,434,229 in scholarship funds. A total of 69 undergraduate schools have also been represented throughout the lifespan of the program. College students who participate in the program see their LSAT scores increase by an average of 11–14

points significantly enhancing their opportunities in being accepted to law schools of their choice.

**UH Law Center has always  
provided a pathway to the profession  
for ambitious law school students  
of all backgrounds.**

The Law Center has now decided to regularize this process with many dynamic programs that enhance Pre-Law and current students' success in the profession.

Our commitment to first generation students and those from underrepresented backgrounds has been regularly recognized. In September 2021, the University of Houston Law Center has received the distinction of being named a Diversity Champion by INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine. The Law Center is the only law school in the country to

receive this recognition. Additionally, UH Law Center has received the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award for the sixth straight year. The HEED Award is a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. In 2020, the American Bar Association recognized UHLC's program as the recipient of the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity.

It is only rational for us to produce this magazine for aspiring lawyers so that as many people as possible know that a legal education is within their reach and to help them achieve their dreams.

*Leonard M. Baynes  
Dean and Professor of Law  
University of Houston Law Center*

PRE-LAW PIPELINE  
SCHOLAR

**AIMARA FLORES**



## AIMARA FLORES

- **How was your Pre-Law Pipeline experience?**

My experience in the Pre-Law Pipeline program was great. I had an opportunity to learn from professors in simulated law school courses, prepared for the LSAT, and completed an externship at Lone Star Legal Aid. I made lasting friendships as well, many of whom I still speak with today. In fact, the Program's Teacher Assistant has been my friend and mentor throughout my law school career. I highly recommend that anyone interested in law school attend a pipeline program. Even if you are a "non-traditional" student, like I was (married and had a 6-year-old daughter at the time) I still believe attending a pipeline program is 100% worth the time and investment.

- **What was a major benefit?**

The biggest benefit of attending the Pre-Law Pipeline Program is getting a glimpse as to how law school will be. Being a first-generation Latinx, I did not know any attorneys nor did I have any idea how law school would be like besides what I saw on TV. During the program, we read and briefed cases, listened to professors talk about case law and how law school is structured. The program took away some of the nervousness I felt about going into this unknown environment. In essence, it took the "veil," the mystery of law school away and gave me a boost in confidence to believe this goal was achievable.

- **What advice would you offer someone interested in law school?**

Out of all the advice I can give including taking writing courses, meeting with attorneys in different career paths, joining a debate club, the best advice is attending a pre-law pipeline program because it is a one-in-all bundle where you practice the skills you need to succeed in law school and beyond.

- **Do you have any law school tips?**

Law school, especially the first year will be stressful and nerve-racking. One thing I did to keep me sane is going for runs in the afternoons. That helped clear my mind and helped me focus my attention on something other than school. I implemented this all through law school, the bar, and now as an attorney. Whether it's running or any other hobby I recommend doing something that you enjoy outside of law school.

- **What are you doing now?**

I am currently working at a firm called Moore & Associates which specializes in Labor & Employment law. We handle an array of employment matters including Title VII discrimination, wage & hour, and wrongful termination claims. Each case brings a unique set of facts and allegations, so no two days are the same. Because it is a smaller firm, I am able to get hands on training by the senior attorneys. But what I love the most is that I get to help people with their employment issues.

PRE-LAW PIPELINE  
SCHOLAR + DONOR  
**ANTHONY COLLIER**





## ANTHONY COLLIER

As chair of the National Black Law Students Association and former chair of the Southwest Black Law Student Association, Anthony Collier has partnered with the University of Houston Law Center's Pre-Law Pipeline Program to diversify the legal profession.

Collier is a 3L at the University of Texas School of Law, and participated in two tracks offered by the Pre-Law Pipeline Program. Through Collier's work, the NBLSA will provide three scholarships to aspiring law students.

"The National Black Law Students Association's mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black and minority attorneys who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community," Collier said. "To increase the number of Black attorneys, we must first increase the number of Black law students. We're proud to partner with the

UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program because we know that this program will equip pre-law students with the necessary tools to gain admittance into law school, excel while there, and graduate and become successful attorneys.

**"What the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program is doing supports our mission. I know that because I experienced it. It helped me get into law school."**

Collier completed his undergraduate education from Texas Southern University. It was not until attending a panel discussion at the neighboring University of Houston that he seriously considered attending law school. He said he was particularly struck by the remarks of Dr. Elwyn Lee, Vice President for Community

Relations and Institutional Access at UH.

"Growing up I didn't know any lawyers," Collier said. "I'm a first-generation college student. One of the first lawyers I ever met was Dr. Elwyn Lee.

"I really appreciated what he had to say on the panel. After the panel discussion, I walked up and introduced myself. Based off that conversation he told me I should consider going to law school and that the University of Houston had a new Pre-Law Pipeline Program and that I should apply.

"I applied and got accepted into the program and I did well. I did it and that's when I started to think that maybe law school could be a feasible option."

For Collier, participating in the Pipeline Program changed his thought process from attending law school to being successful in law school. As part of the

Scholar II track, he received the top trial advocacy award during a mock trial competition and also recorded the highest LSAT diagnostic score.

“I loved it,” Collier said. “I’m a people person. Having the chance to meet students from across the nation was a unique experience within itself. Even if I didn’t decide to go to law school, I’m still friends with some of the people from both tracks – Scholar I and Scholar II.

“The Scholar I track was particularly impressive because in addition to LSAT prep you get placement with a legal job. When I came back for the second track, it was very rigorous, but I saw my LSAT score jump about 10 points, and I know that’s part of the reason why I have a scholarship at Texas Law now. It was hard work, but it was worth it.”

Collier will complete his legal education in 2022. He recently worked as a policy analyst in the Texas Senate for Sen. Borris Miles



*Pre-Law Pipeline class of 2017*

who represents Senate District 13, the same seat previously held by Barbara Jordan and Rodney Ellis. Collier also gained experience with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, seeking more educational opportunities and health benefits for people who are incarcerated.

“For Senator Miles, I handled his local government bills, his jurisprudence bills and his criminal justice legislation,” Collier said. “I helped draft his policy proposals,

shaped his legislation and helped him decide which bills to vote for or against.

“It’s been an incredible experience meeting tons of people every day and expanding my network. In our profession our network is so important. I’m thankful for that and the opportunity to learn and to be able to help so many people in need. Senator Miles is definitely a people’s champion, so I’m thankful I was able to help people.”

PRE-LAW PIPELINE  
SCHOLAR

**NATALIE DIALA**



## **UH LAW CENTER ALUMNA AND FORMER PIPELINE SCHOLAR DIALA UGWU '20 REFLECTS ON PROGRAM'S IMPACT**

Natalie Diala Ugwu currently works as an associate at Holland & Knight, practicing in the area of corporate and securities transactions. The 2020 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center was introduced to the legal profession through her alma mater's Pre-Law Pipeline Program.

"I was fortunate to go through the Pipeline Program," Diala Ugwu said. "It was absolutely instrumental in jumpstarting my desire to become a lawyer. It not only prepared me to apply for and complete law school, but it also connected me to a variety of attorneys who served as mentors and offered me guidance throughout my legal journey.

After completing her undergraduate education from the University of Miami with a focus in public relations, she determined her communications skills could translate well in a legal career.

"I wanted something a bit more challenging," Diala Ugwu said. "After talking to mentors and friends and doing some research, I saw a lot of the things I liked about PR and communications that I could accomplish through law."

To confirm that attending law school was the right decision, Diala Ugwu participated in the Pre-Law Pipeline Program two summers in a row.

"I was still researching and figuring things out," she said. "I went into the program thinking that it would help me know for sure if law was something that I wanted to pursue. At the end of the program, I knew I definitely wanted to be an attorney."

During her tenure as a Law Center student, Diala Ugwu was a summer associate at Baker Botts, Susman Godfrey and Holland Knight. She was also a judicial intern for the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court Judge Jeff Bohm.

As a 3L, she went to Washington D.C. to work as a legal intern with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Her time in the nation's capital set the stage for her early career aspirations.

"The SEC experience pushed me in the right direction for my career," Diala Ugwu said. "Working in the corporate finance department was right up my alley. The branch of the SEC I worked in dealt with public filings for public companies and initial public offerings."

Diala Ugwu, a first-generation American, has personified the Law Center's mantra of, "The Power of a Legal Education" much to the delight of her mentors and peers at the Law Center.

"I am immensely proud of all that Natalie has achieved since graduating from the Pipeline Program and the Law Center last year," Program Director Kristen M. Guiseppi said. "Ambitious, driven and armed with a can-do attitude, her abilities and possibilities are endless."



**DIVERSITY  
CHAMPION**



## UH LAW CENTER NAMED DIVERSITY CHAMPION BY INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY MAGAZINE

University of Houston Law Center has received the distinction of Diversity Champion by INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine in September. The Law Center is the only law school in the country to receive the recognition.

According to the publication, “Diversity Champions exemplify an unyielding commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout their campus communities, across academic programs, and at the highest administrative levels.”

Additionally, the Law Center has received the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award for the sixth straight year. As a recipient of the annual HEED Award — a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion — the Law Center will be featured in the October 2021 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

“It is an honor to receive the very prestigious HEED Award for the sixth year in a row and now for the first time being named a Diversity Champion, the only law school in the nation with that designation,” said Dean Leonard M. Baynes. “Many thanks to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and alumni who helped us achieve this recognition. The Law Center’s mission has always been clear. We have historically provided opportunities for many first-generation college students. Our faculty teach students to be successful lawyers and instill confidence in the students despite societal barriers that they may face.

“The Law Center’s mission remains the same irrespective of the complexion or background of our students. The only difference is that we have adapted our programming to meet the needs of these diverse students to ensure that they continue to be successful.”

HEED Award recipients are selected on the basis of an extensive application, detailing demographics of the faculty and student body, recruitment practices, mentoring and resource programs, community outreach and other efforts designed to increase diversity.

“We continue to use the HEED award application as a way to assess the Law Center’s DEI practices and take stock of our accomplishments,” said Pipeline Program Director Kristen M. Guiseppe. “We remain steadfast in our efforts to promote and support diversity, equity, and inclusion. Many, many thanks to INSIGHT Into Diversity for continuously recognizing our efforts and initiatives.”



“It is an honor for Insight Into Diversity to acknowledge the Law Center’s diversity efforts for the sixth time,” added Professor Meredith J. Duncan, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Metropolitan Programs, who oversees the program. “We are delighted to be recognized, not only for what we are doing here at the Law Center, but also for our deliberate efforts toward diversifying the legal profession as a whole through our Pre-Law Pipeline Programs.”

# PIPELINE SUCCESS





## **UHLC CELEBRATES SEVEN YEARS OF PRE-LAW PIPELINE PROGRAM**

The University of Houston Law Center's Pre-Law Pipeline Program has now completed seven years of its multi-faceted approach to diversifying the legal profession. Because of ongoing concerns related to COVID-19, the Summer 2021 class marked the second online-only instruction in the program's history.

Since it began in 2015, the pipeline program has established a strong track record of success. Eighty-two scholars have been accepted to law school and have received \$5,434,229 in scholarship funds. A total of 69 undergraduate schools have also been represented throughout the lifespan of the program.

The program was started by Dean Leonard M. Baynes, the Law Center's first dean of African-American descent, and



Program Director Kristen M. Guiseppi. Professor Meredith J. Duncan, the first assistant dean of diversity, inclusion and metropolitan programs in the school's history, oversees the program. It welcomes students who are first-generation, low-income, or members of groups underrepresented in the legal profession with a genuine interest in attending law school and pursuing a legal career.

## Students who participate in the program see their LSAT score increase by an average of 11–14 points.

“For the past few years, the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline program has nurtured and developed the talent of aspiring lawyers from underserved and underrepresented populations in an effort to create a new generation of diverse legal professionals representative of our communities,” Guiseppi said. “It has been an honor and privilege to provide a space where pre-law students can learn more about the law, develop lifelong connections, and grow as young professionals. We are proud of our scholars’ accomplishments and very thankful for the continued support of our partners and sponsors.”

The program has expanded over the years to include [four tracks](#) that include freshmen and sophomore

undergraduate students, upperclassmen undergraduate students, UH students and working professionals.

Numerous organizations and publications have honored the Law Center’s Pre-Law Pipeline program including the American Bar Association, the Law School Admission Council and the AccessLex Institute.

“Our Pre-Law Pipeline Program helps students who would otherwise not have the understanding or know-how to achieve their dreams of entering the legal profession,” Duncan said. “UHLC’s pipeline program has been very successful in increasing the number of qualified diverse law school applicants. We are changing lives while at the same time diversifying the legal profession, and doing so is very satisfying.”

The program has also played a pivotal role in the Law Center being recognized with Insight Into Diversity Magazine’s Higher Education and Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award for six years in a row from 2016–2021. HEED Award recipients are selected through an extensive application, detailing demographics of the faculty and student body, recruitment practices, mentoring and resource programs, community outreach and other efforts designed to increase diversity.

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**JAMILA BRINSON &  
JACKSON WALKER**



## **JAMILA BRINSON & JACKSON WALKER SPONSORSHIP**

- **Why was it important for Jackson Walker to become involved with the Law Center's Pre-Law Pipeline Program?**

Jackson Walker really believes in the vision and mission of the Pre-Law Pipeline Program, which aligns with the firm's own commitment of supporting the growth and advancement of diverse attorneys. And as UHLC alum, myself and Luke Gilman, my co-coordinator of JW's participation in the Pipeline Program, feel connected to the Law Center and enjoy being able to give back to the law school through the coordination of the firm's support in the Pipeline Program.

- **What does it mean to you to be able to make an impact on the life of an aspiring attorney?**

It is a privilege to be in a position to be able to make any impact on the life of an aspiring attorney, particularly one who may have not had access to law school opportunities. The process of preparing for, applying to, and thriving in law school is not easy for most people who go through the experience, but it is definitely harder for some more than others. It is imperative that those in a position to reach back, do so, as it will only improve the character and the makeup of our legal profession.

- **In your opinion, why does the legal profession need to be more diverse?**

The legal profession needs to reflect the communities it serves. No one should feel that a profession is off-limits or unattainable to that person but one can feel that way if you have never known or seen anyone who looks like you in that profession. Further, it is imperative to the quality of the development of the law that legal practitioners reflect a diversity of racial and ethnic background, religion, culture, thought, sexual orientation and identity, etc. because of the far-reaching impact the law has on all of our lives.

- **How has a legal education from the Law Center made an impact on your life?**

I began my career at Jackson Walker after graduating from the Law Center. I know the Law Center and the wealth of experiences I gained while a student have greatly contributed to the type of legal career I have been able to develop at Jackson Walker.

- **Are there any other diversity initiatives at Jackson Walker?**

Jackson Walker has really stepped up its DEI focus in the last few years. In 2020, we began to concentrate our DEI efforts on listening, learning and engaging with one another to build greater understanding among all persons in our firm while establishing pillars of success aimed to support the growth and advance of diverse attorneys.

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## UHLC'S PRE-LAW PIPELINE PROGRAM EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH BECK REDDEN

Two participants in the University of Houston Law Center's Pre-Law Pipeline Program were recent recipients of scholarships from Houston-based appellate and trial firm Beck Redden LLP.

"I am delighted about this partnership between the Law Center and the prestigious Beck Redden Law Firm to support two of the talented UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program scholars," said Dean Leonard M. Baynes. "Beck Redden's support helps to make the journey to law school more affordable for these pre-law students and serves as a model for law firms, corporations, and others who are committed to expanding diversity in the legal profession."

**Alexis Austin-Gant** is a University of Houston student who will receive a Bachelor of Education in 2022. **Avyan Medjeen** is political science major at



*Alexis Austin-Gant*

Concordia College in Minnesota, and will graduate in 2022.

"Beck Redden has been a continued supporter of the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program," said Program Director Kristen M. Guiseppi. "We are very excited about this new development in our partnership and the impact that scholarships like these can and will have on our students. We look forward to celebrating Alexis' and Avyan's achievements in the near future."

"Beck Redden LLP is proud to expand its support of the University of Houston Law Center Pre-Law Pipeline Program by awarding two

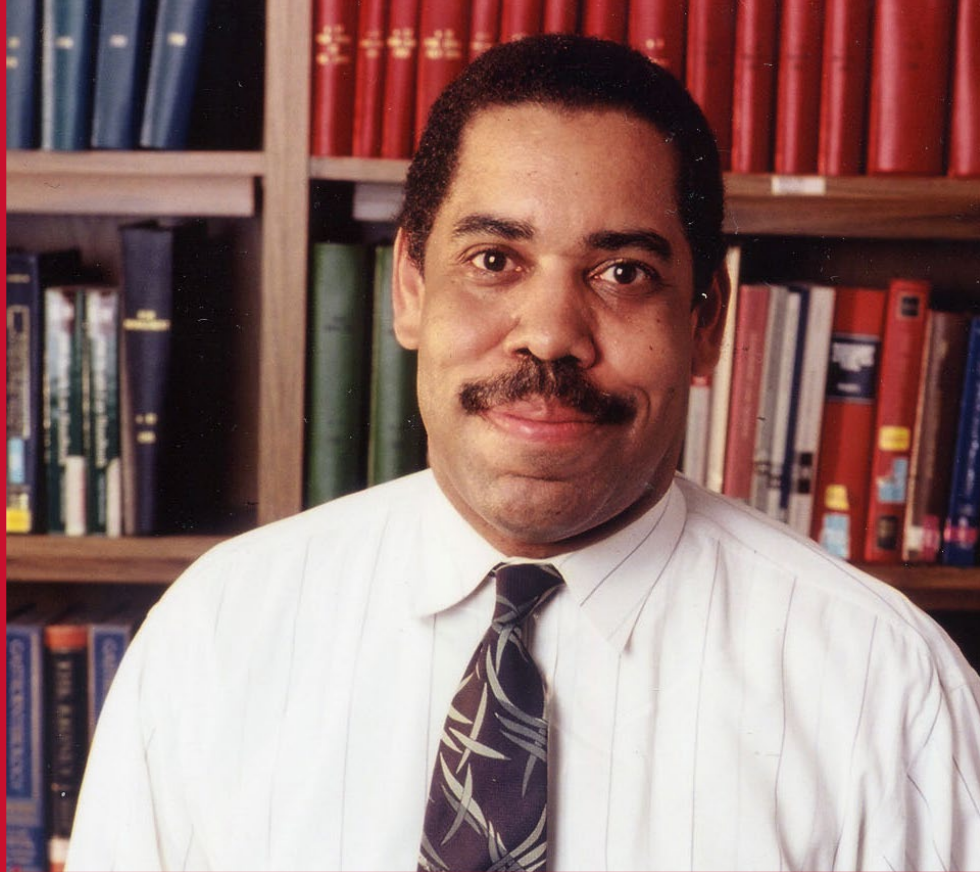


*Avyan Medjeen*

scholarships to Avyan Mejdeen and Alexis Austin-Gant," the firm said in a statement.

"These newly appointed UHLC Pipeline Program Beck Redden Scholars are remarkable women. Avyan aspires to become an attorney who specializes in international human rights and civil rights law while Alexis seeks to become an advocate for children in the adoption system. They will receive The Princeton Review's LSAT Ultimate preparation course, study materials customized for the scholars, and LSAT/CAS fee registration for the law school admissions test."

IN MEMORIAM  
**PROFESSOR  
RONALD TURNER**



“When I joined the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program, I had just switched out of a STEM major into Business, and had been exploring the idea of becoming a lawyer. **Learning under Professor Turner helped me solidify my choice to pursue law.** His knowledge extended beyond jurisprudence, allowing him to tie in judicial interpretation and precedent to other pressing issues in the social sciences. I will never forget skipping lunch and spending my break in his office, pouring through various facets of judicial interpretation and exploring the different implications of constitutional language. His mastery of the liberal arts, paired with his humility, made him my favorite professor during the Pipeline Program.”

– Former Pre-Law Pipeline Scholar Sakethram Desabhotla

## REMEMBERING PROFESSOR RONALD TURNER

**1955–2021**

University of Houston Law Center Professor Ronald Turner's career as a legal academic was largely spent recognizing the inequities in society. Turner passed away on June 3, 2021 at the age of 66 years old, but he will be remembered by law students across the country for his ability to challenge their perspectives.

"Professor Turner was cherished by our students," said Dean Leonard M. Baynes. "He was a noted scholar often publishing in top 30 law reviews and the author of several casebooks. He was also an excellent teacher who was able to get students to discuss complex and sensitive issues in a productive manner in his classes."

Turner specialized in labor law, employment law, constitutional law, and taught employment discrimination, labor law, torts, constitutional law, and a course on HIV/AIDS and the law. He had a special connection with the Pre-Law Pipeline Program, serving as an instructor for introductory courses to undergraduate students considering a legal education.

"As Associate Dean many years ago, I recall reading some of his student evaluations and marveling at how many students decided to practice Employment Law or Labor Law because Ron had inspired in them a passion for the subject," said Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson, the

Newell H. Blakely Chair.

"I will really miss his mischievous smile as he recalled classroom exchanges and how he put students on the spot in a way that really challenged them to consider an issue from a different perspective. He could make students squirm as he challenged them to broaden their thinking, and they loved him for it. That was part of the genius of his teaching."

Turner joined the Law Center faculty in 1998 and was the A.A. White Professor of Law. He was the first African-American full professor in the Law Center's history. Before joining the Law Center, he served as a labor-management relations examiner with the National Labor Relations Board, practiced law in Chicago, and taught at the University of Alabama School of Law.

A former research associate at the Industrial Research Unit at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Turner also served as a contributing editor for the AIDS & Public Policy Journal. His numerous publications included books and articles on labor and employment law issues, AIDS, and hate speech. He was also a Visiting Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law and was a Visiting Professor of History at Rice University.

Turner graduated magna cum laude from Wilberforce University in 1980 and received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1984.

TORTS 101

**PROFESSOR**

**MEREDITH J. DUNCAN**





## **TORTS 101 – WITH PROFESSOR MEREDITH J. DUNCAN**

- **What is a tort?**

A tort is a civil wrong other than a breach of contract for which the law provides a remedy. Torts are typically brought by individuals who are seeking monetary compensation for injuries they received because of a defendant's wrongful action committed against them. Some common examples of torts with which we all might be familiar are medical malpractice actions, products liability actions, defamation lawsuits, or even employment litigation.

- **Why is it important to understand torts?**

Most first-year law students are required to take a Torts course their first semester of law school because many civil lawsuits pursued in this country are based in tort law. All practicing attorneys, regardless of their area of legal practice, need to have a basic understanding of tort law, as tort law pervades most aspects of society and the principles that govern us in our day-to-day activities.

- **What makes tort law an interesting area of law to you?**

I began my legal practice at a large civil defense firm working in their general litigation section, and my practice was almost entirely comprised of tort law cases

and issues. After transitioning into legal academia, I have had the privilege to teach Torts to first year law students almost every year since becoming a law professor. I enjoy teaching tort law because I love introducing new law students to the law in general and helping to mold new law students into successful law students and future lawyers.

- **What are some of the career options for students who excel in torts?**

Being able to understand and excel at tort law is useful for any area of legal practice. Tort law helps law students think logically and analytically, take policy into consideration, and organize their thoughts and legal arguments in an effective way. More specifically, students excelling in tort law can look forward to a successful civil practice, whether representing plaintiffs bringing actions based on wrongs committed against them or injured loved ones, as well as defendants accused of committing wrongs, whether those defendants are individuals, companies, or large corporations. There are a wide variety of employment opportunities for lawyers who excelled as students in tort law.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**KRISTEN M. GUISEPPI**



## KRISTEN M. GUISEPPI

### PRE-LAW PIPELINE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The national conversation regarding the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion has increased over the last few years, and there have been matching efforts toward increasing diversity across the legal profession. However, there is still a critical need for lawyers who are representative of diverse populations and communities.

The University of Houston Law Center has responded to this demand by developing dynamic pre-law preparatory programs imbued with the necessary resources to develop the next generation of aspiring lawyers. The UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (“Pipeline Program”) was designed

with higher education best practices in mind and seeks to provide an inclusive, educational pre-law experience.

Our programs have been developed to guide diverse talent into the law school pipeline by providing underrepresented, diverse, and first-generation students access to educational and exam preparatory opportunities, professional development, experiential learning, resources, and mentors.

As the director of this dynamic, national, award-winning program, I am proud of our scholars’ achievements. Since the launch of our first pipeline program in 2015, 82 scholars have been accepted to law school and have been awarded over \$5.4M in scholarships. Students who participate in our LSAT prep curriculum have seen an average LSAT score increase of 11-14 points with our highest individual LSAT score increase of 27 points. These results are proof that our formula works and that students, regardless of their unique circumstances and when equipped with the right tools and guidance, can be successful.

Due to the limited number of seats available in our program, many eager applicants are simply not able to be part of our summer cohort. However, through this innovative magazine, I am thrilled that the University of Houston Law Center has stepped up again to provide foundational law school preparatory information to those who need it most.



# TIPS FOR LAW SCHOOL

**Build relationships with  
your professors.  
It will help you network  
and secure meaningful  
letters of recommendation.**

**Apply early in the  
admissions cycle to increase  
the likelihood of receiving  
scholarships.**

**Try to get all applications  
submitted by the end of  
your senior fall semester  
but don't sacrifice quality  
to submit early.**

**When studying for the  
LSAT, take as many timed  
practice tests as possible.  
Try to imitate real testing  
conditions.**



# **PRE-LAW EVENT**

# **2021 DIVERSITY PRE-LAW SYMPOSIUM & LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FAIR**

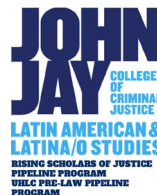
The UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program, HMARIA, Inc., and John Jay College College of Criminal Justice/CUNY cordially invite all students from minority, low socio-economic, or underrepresented backgrounds and who are interested in pursuing a legal career to attend the two-day 2021 Diversity Pre-Law Symposium and Law School Admissions Fair.

**October 16 and October 23, 2021**

Zoom Virtual Event

**Registration  
Agenda and More Details**

The Diversity Pre-Law Symposium and Law School Admissions Fair is free to attend and is designed to educate and introduce diverse students to law schools across the country. We will have panel speakers discuss the law school application process, financial aid, joint degree programs, and professionalism in the legal industry.



# PIPELINE TRACKS

## **Scholar I**

The Scholar I online program's goals include introducing students to the law school experience, developing their personal and professional skills, and exposing them to networking opportunities.

## **Scholar II Track** (Rising Seniors)

The Scholar II track's goals focus on building a strong law school application by concentrating on LSAT test preparation, creating, and finalizing the student's resume, personal statement, and diversity statement for submission to law school.

## **UH Cougar Law Program**

The UH Cougar Law Program's goals focus on preparing UH students for success at the UH Law Center by introducing students to the law school experience, developing their personal and professional skills, exposing them to networking opportunities, and building a strong law school application.

## **Working Professional Scholar**

The Working Professional Scholar Program prepares college graduates and working professionals for law school success by introducing scholars to the LSAT and law school classroom experience, developing their personal and professional skills, and exposing them to networking opportunities.

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The University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One institution and an EEO/AA institution.