

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



*Producing Lawyer Leaders*

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# INSIDE STORY

## USAID AND NON-USAID DELEGATION VISIT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



Southern University Law Center (SULC) hosted a day-long convening between the University community and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and non-USAID Delegation. The agency partners with governments, organizations, and communities to implement programs and projects that aim to

improve the lives of individuals in need around the world. During the visit, University personnel and guests presented on grants, research, and current curriculum. The day was filled with rich conversation and a steady exchange of ideas that supported student enrichment, health, small businesses, and more.

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## SULC RECEIVES GOLD STANDARD ACCREDITATION FROM CEO ROUNDTABLE ON CANCER



The CEO Roundtable on Cancer has recognized Southern University Law (SULC) center as one of two institutions of higher education with its CEO Cancer Gold Standard® accreditation.

SULC joins more than 200 private, non-profit, and governmental organizations across the country that have received Gold Standard accreditation.

The CEO Roundtable on Cancer, a nonprofit organization of CEOs and their companies founded by former President George H.W. Bush, created the CEO Cancer Gold Standard to provide an evidence-based framework for employers to build a healthier workplace by focusing on cancer risk reduction, early detection, access to clinical trials, and high-quality care.

To earn Gold Standard accreditation, an employer must establish programs to reduce cancer risk by taking concrete actions in five key areas: emphasize prevention by prohibiting tobacco use and supporting tobacco cessation efforts; promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activity, healthy nutrition and weight management; providing health insurance options that encourage detection of cancer at its earliest stages, ensure access to quality care, and allow participation in cancer clinical trials; promoting employee awareness of these initiatives; and supporting the needs of cancer survivors in the workplace.

In 2022, the Roundtable launched Going for Gold, a partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Predominantly Black Institutions, Hispanic Serving Institutions, global health care companies Amgen and Merck (known as MSD outside the United States and Canada), along with analytics leader SAS. SULC and WSSU were among the original eight schools to join Going for Gold.



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## CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT THE NOVEMBER SUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

During the Southern University System Board of Supervisors' November meeting, Gail Etienne and Tessie Prevost were recognized for their role in civil rights and educational equality. Leona Tate, Gail Etienne, and Tessie Prevost, and Ruby Bridges, known as the New Orleans Four, created a national impact when they desegregated McDonogh 19 and William Frantz Elementary Schools in New Orleans.



## LEGAL PROFESSIONALS CONVENE FOR ANNUAL BAYOU CLASSIC CLE



Southern University Law Center's Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives hosted its annual Bayou Classic CLE. Levin, Papantonio, and Rafferty's LaRuby May, Troy Rafferty, and Chelsie Green discussed mass torts, legal marketing, and an in-depth look at the chemical hair relaxer case. Conversations surrounding heirs' property were led by LaToya Burrell, general counsel at ZinPro Corporation, Alycia Grace-O'Bear, professor and heirs' property initiative staff, and Ebony Woodruff, director of the Agricultural Law Institute.

# JOINT VENTURES

## LOUIS A. BERRY INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE AT SULC PARTNER WITH MEASURES FOR JUSTICE TO LAUNCH NEW COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DATA TOOL



Measures for Justice (MOJ) hosted a community unveiling of Commons, a community-driven data tool shaping criminal justice policy in East Baton Rouge Parish. In partnership with the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice, MOJ gave attendees, including the EBR District Attorney's Office, community organizations and stakeholders, a deep dive into the platform, including hearing testimonials from other city officials currently using the dashboard and remarks from MOJ's chief executive officer, Amy Bach, on how the tool will increase parish criminal justice transparency.

# STAFF FEATURES

## PAULA MATTHEWS



Paula Matthews, business affairs manager at Southern University Law Center, was awarded the Above and Beyond Award at the Southern University System Board of Supervisors' November meeting. Chancellor Pierre noted that Matthews is a joy to work with and appreciates her "above and beyond" work ethic.



# CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

JAN | 20<sup>TH</sup>



*Save the Date*

**FALL COMMENCEMENT**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> | 10 A.M.  
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