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# COMMENCEMENT 2022





## LSU PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER HISTORY

For more than 115 years, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center has been a cornerstone of legal excellence in the state, staying faithful to its core mission and values of teaching, scholarship, public service, and curatorship of the Louisiana Civil Law heritage.

The LSU Law School opened Sept. 24, 1906, with 26 full-time law students and one faculty member, Dr. Joseph Kelly, who also served as dean. Classes were held in Hill Memorial Library on the old downtown campus of LSU, which was at the present site of the State Capitol grounds. In 1925, the law school followed the University to the present campus and was housed in Thomas Boyd Hall before moving to its current site on Highland Road in 1937. Leon Weiss designed the building in the style of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the 1970s, the school became an autonomous campus within the University system and the position of dean became one of full chancellor. In 1977, the Law Center was officially named after former dean Paul M. Hebert.

October 2003 marked the completion of major renovations to the Law Center campus, which resulted in an expanded, thoroughly modern complex that includes state-of-the-art technology and a Law Library that holds one of the richest comparative law collections in the nation.

The LSU Law Center realigned with the LSU main campus in 2015, and on July 1, 2016, Thomas C. Galligan Jr. became the 11th dean of the Law Center. Interim Dean Lee Ann Wheelis Lockridge assumed the leadership of the Law Center in January 2020 following Dean Galligan's appointment as Interim President of LSU.

Throughout its long history of academic excellence reflecting Louisiana's rich legal heritage, the LSU Law Center has maintained a strong reputation for legal education that is both demanding and rewarding.



## CLASS GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Traditionally, the 3L Class President presents the Ceremonial Mace, which was donated by the Class of 2014 as its legacy gift to the LSU Law Center. The Class of 2018 donated the mace stand as its legacy gift. Made of sinker cypress, the mace and stand were crafted by a Louisiana craftsman and artist.

For its legacy gift, the Class of 2022 has selected popular Baton Rouge muralist Ellen Ogden to create an uplifting work of art to be mounted in the Paul M. Hebert Law Center that is representative of the relationship between LSU Law, the local community, and the state of Louisiana.



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*Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilbite*

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Allison Jones, a 1985 graduate of LSU Law, is a prominent civil rights and employment law attorney at Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite in Shreveport, Louisiana. Throughout her distinguished career, Jones has settled, mediated, and litigated hundreds of employment law and civil rights cases, several of which garnered national attention. In particular, she is known for her expertise in the field of gender discrimination and gender equality.

Among her notable successes, Jones represented the plaintiff in a gender discrimination action jury trial that resulted in the largest jury verdict awarded in the State of Louisiana for gender discrimination (\$3,279,000), which was affirmed on appeal. She represented a parent plaintiff group in a Title IX gender equity lawsuit against Caddo Parish School Board that resulted in the allocation of several million dollars to bring the public school system into compliance.

Jones also represented female members seeking access to public restaurant facilities at Southern Trace Country Club in Shreveport, resulting in the Louisiana Supreme Court's first ruling that gender-segregated dining facilities in public accommodations are unconstitutional. She has also tried many jury trials in both state and federal courts dealing with commercial business transactions and oil and gas lease issues.

Since 2015, Jones has served as an instructor for the LSU Law Trial Advocacy Program, and she also currently serves as Chair of the LSU Law Dean's Council. She is a frequent speaker at seminars and has numerous publications in local and state bar journals.

Jones has been invited to join the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and she is currently a Senior Fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation only trial lawyer honorary society representing less than one half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellows are selected and invited into the Fellowship after being evaluated for effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and trial work, along with ethical reputation.

Jones and her husband, Philip Downer, met on their very first day of law school. They married one week after graduating from LSU Law in 1985, and they practice at the same law firm. Her brother, Matt Jones, and sister, Pam Jones, are both 1989 LSU Law graduates, and Pam also practices at Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite. Her son, Joshua Philip Downer, is a 2012 LSU Law graduate and he currently practices at Holland & Knight in Houston. Her son, Stephen Downer, earned his law degree from LSU Law in 2019 and he is currently an Assistant District Attorney in Jefferson Parish. He and 2019 LSU Law graduate Marianna Knister are to be wed in June.

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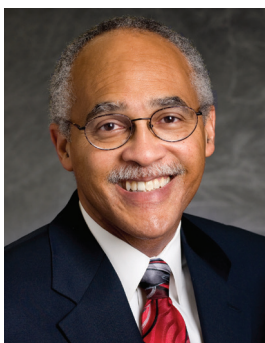


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Before joining the LSU Law faculty in 1984, Professor Diamond spent three years with the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition, where he litigated a landmark price signaling case. He also previously worked for a year on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant to Rep. Bob Livingston in the 95th Congress, and practiced law privately in New Orleans. Between 1990 and 2009, Professor Diamond taught at Tulane University School of Law, where he held the *John Koerner Professorship in Law*. He was previously the *C.J. Morrow Research Professor of Law* and was an Adjunct Professor of African Diaspora Studies.

Professor Diamond rejoined the LSU Law faculty in 2009. In 2012, he was named Vice Chancellor for Faculty Development & Institutional Advancement and served in the role for five years. He has written widely in the areas of constitutional law, race relations, and legal history, and his scholarship on the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms has been cited multiple times in U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence.

Professor Diamond is a former member of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Southern Legal History* and of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society, and he is also a former chair of the Section on Legal History of the Association of American Law Schools. He earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1973 and his law degree from Yale Law School in 1977.

In electing Professor Diamond as the 2022 Professor of the Year, the LSU Law Student Bar Association said: “From the compelling lectures, thought-provoking speeches, and the best life stories, students leave each class feeling more than just a law student. Professor Diamond empowers, pours into, and leads others to be better than who they were yesterday. There are few classroom atmospheres that are challenging, yet welcoming, and his is one of them. As one of the most accessible professors inside and outside of the classroom, there’s never a time when you don’t feel seen or heard. He has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, in his academic and personal life, seamlessly. Professor Diamond, thank you for being here for us, making us laugh in class, and supporting us in the intense journey that law school is. You make the toughest subjects understandable. But more importantly, you make us into better student-lawyers.”

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