



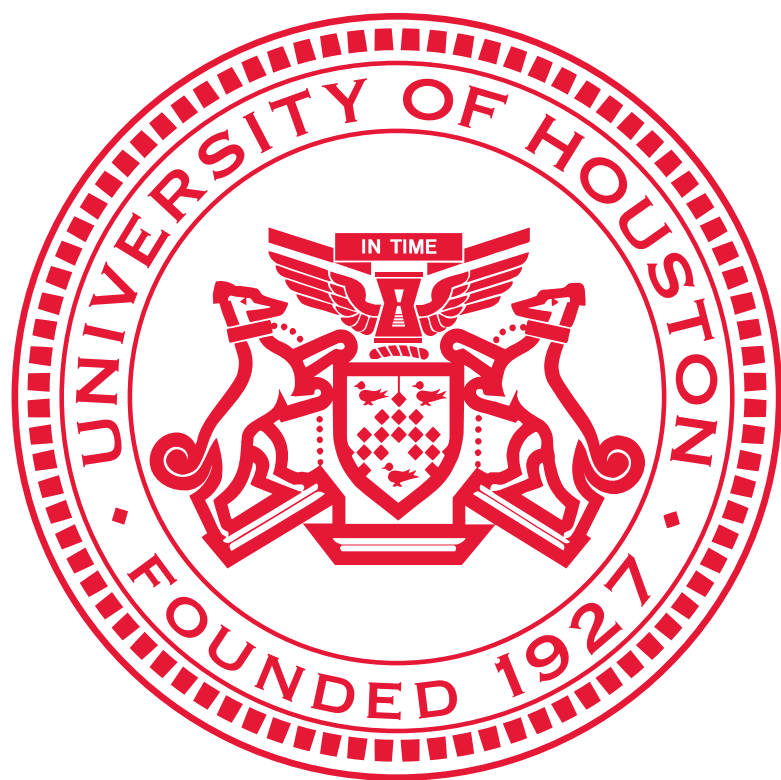
UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON

*Spring 2026 Commencement*

UH LAW CENTER

*Saturday, May 16, 2026  
Fertitta Center*







Commencement Ceremony  
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### Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

It is my joy to congratulate you on reaching this remarkable milestone. Receiving your college degree is an incredible achievement, and today we all celebrate you.

This accomplishment not only reflects your intellect and knowledge, but also signifies your determination, drive and ingenuity. The character you've developed and invaluable life skills you've gained will propel you throughout your career and lifetime. Be confident knowing you are now equipped to reach your full potential.

As you leave this University and embark on a new path, thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you throughout this journey. Moreover, stay connected to your University as a volunteer or student mentor. I know you'll continue to grow and have much to share.

You've earned your degree from a Tier One institution, world-renowned for its academic excellence, cutting-edge research and dynamic athleticism. Today, you join the ranks of thousands of alumni who have achieved incredible success — and I know you will too.

Once again, congratulations, Coogs. The world awaits you!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Renu Khator  
*President, University of Houston*





### Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

Congratulations! You have traveled a long and demanding road to arrive at this moment, and yet, here you are! It is an honor to congratulate you on earning your degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you are the very first in your family to cross this stage or are continuing a proud tradition as a multi-generational Cougar, today's ceremony marks a major milestone in your life. This day is equally significant for the University of Houston, as your growth and success have been our primary mission from the very first day you stepped onto our campus.

Look back at those who supported you. Reach out to the peers, professors, and staff who guided your path. Most importantly, share your gratitude with the family and friends here today—the spouses, parents, and siblings who provided the daily inspiration you needed to keep going.

While many contributed to your success, please take a moment to truly celebrate the person most responsible for this achievement: you. You balanced the heavy weight of classes, careers, and family obligations. It was a rigorous challenge, but you persevered. You are now ready to reap the lifelong rewards that come with being a UH graduate.

Though you may be leaving this campus, you will always be a vital part of the University of Houston family. You now carry forward the legacy of all the graduates who came before you. As you represent this institution in your future endeavors, carry your “Cougar Pride” with you and let the world know where you started.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible accomplishment!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase

*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston*

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## University of Houston System

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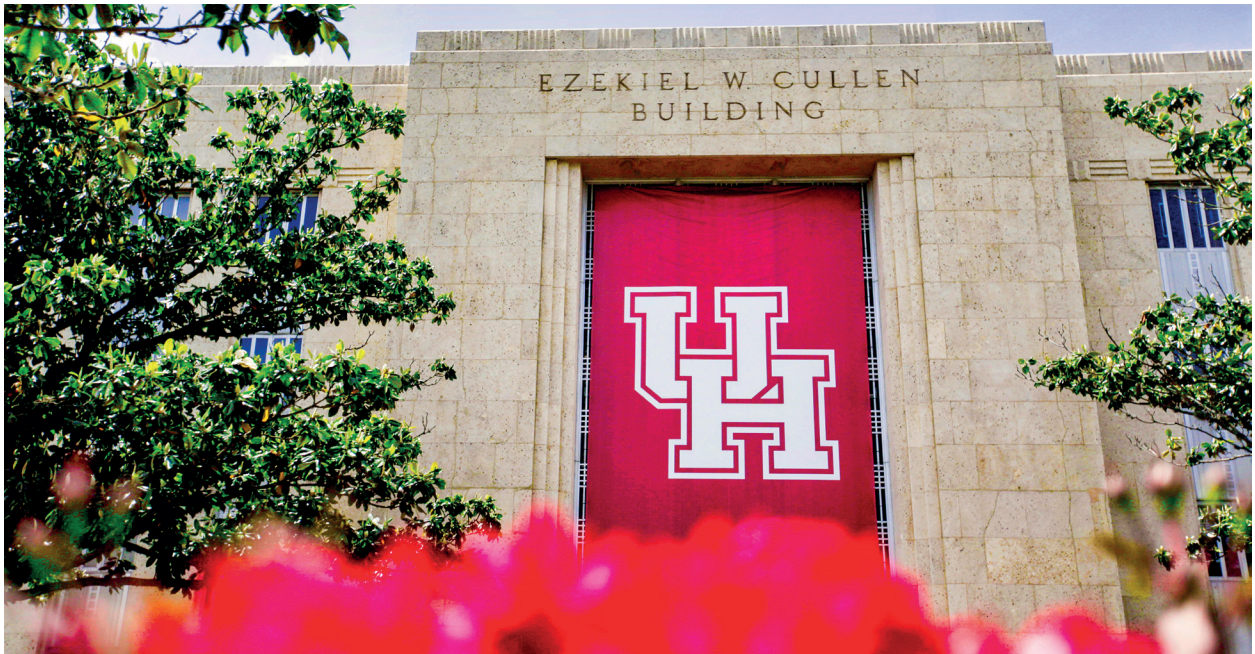
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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry  
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## University of Houston

### Commencement Ceremony

## University of Houston History

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The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 14 academic colleges, one school and a multidisciplinary Honors College, collectively teaching a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering over 285 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 48,000 students annually.

The Cougars consistently compete at the highest levels, earning conference championships, bowl game invitations and NCAA Final Four appearances. In 2023, UH joined the Big 12 Conference — a hard-fought mission to join a Power Four conference.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and

community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. This unprecedented success has been followed by a string of similar achievements, being awarded a Phi Beta Kappa honor society chapter, the opening of Houston's first medical school in nearly 50 years, more than tripling the number of National Academy members on the faculty and dramatically improving the graduation rates.

The University consistently earns accolades for its students' achievements, such as the top 50 of Forbes' list of America's Top Colleges and Princeton Review's "50 Best Value Public Colleges." It also ranks 36th in the nation on U.S. News & World Report's 2025 social mobility index ranking and among the top 100 universities in the world for utility patents. Moreover, President Renu Khator is boldly leading UH to become a U.S. News & World Report top 50 public university.

## Commencement Traditions

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and doctoral (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

### GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Violet
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Violet <i>Tassel:</i> Black

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Brown
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Brown <i>Hood (Music):</i> Pink <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Pink <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Dark Blue
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Drab <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Light Blue
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Light Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood (Ed.D.):</i> Light Blue <i>Hood (Ph.D.):</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Orange
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Orange <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Navy
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Navy, Red and White <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

**UH LAW CENTER**

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Purple*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Purple*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Citron*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

**Doctor of Medicine Degree**  
                                  *Hood: Kelly Green*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES  
AND MATHEMATICS**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Golden Yellow*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER  
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Apricot*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Apricot*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Apricot*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Gold*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                  *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Optometry Degree**  
                                  *Hood: Seafoam Green*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Olive*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Olive*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                  *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Pharmacy Degree**  
                                  *Hood: Olive*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**GRADUATE COLLEGE  
OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

**HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Peacock Blue*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Peacock Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: White*

## Ceremonial Symbols



### THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore,” meaning “In Time.” The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



### UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president’s symbol of authority.

### THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,  
 Our Houston University.  
 Our hearts fill with gladness  
 When we think of thee.  
 We'll always adore thee  
 Dear old varsity.  
 And to thy memory cherished,  
 True we'll ever be.

*Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942*



## Honorary Degree

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### JERICHO BROWN, PH.D.

A Pulitzer-Prize-winning poet, Jericho Brown is one of the most celebrated authors of our time. An acclaimed writer, scholar and professor, Brown has received some of the most coveted honors in American literature.

Growing up in Shreveport, Louisiana, Brown found solace at his local library and in writing. As soon as he learned of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize, he dreamed of becoming a writer. In a full-circle moment in 2020, he won the high honor for his third poetry book, “The Tradition.” The work — described by the Pulitzer board as a collection of masterful lyrics that combine delicacy with historical urgency — was also a finalist for the National Book Award.

“The Tradition” is preceded by his first book, “Please,” which won the American Book Award. His second book, “The New Testament,” won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. A prolific writer, Brown’s poems have appeared in *The New York Times*, BuzzFeed, *Fence*, *jubilat*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *TIME* and several volumes of *The Best American Poetry*. He is also the editor of “How We Do It: Black Writers on Craft, Practice and Skill” and of “The Selected Shepherd.”

In 2024, Brown received the MacArthur Foundation’s “genius grant” and was described as a “poet reflecting on contemporary culture and identity in works that combine formal experimentation and intense self-examination.” He has also received distinguished fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, he has won the Whiting Award.

An avid scholar, Brown earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University, his Master of Fine Arts from the University of New Orleans and his Ph.D. in creative writing and literature from the University of Houston. He is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing and director of the Creative Writing Program at Emory University in Atlanta.

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The Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, honoris causa, given for exemplary service to the University of Houston or society at large, is the highest honor UH can bestow.



## Honorary Degree

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### DONALD J. KESSLER

A pioneering leader in astrophysics, Donald J. Kessler is a former NASA scientist whose breakthrough research brought attention to an unrecognized risk to space safety. He is best known for the Kessler Syndrome, which describes how orbital debris could threaten space operations, while proposing strategies to manage and mitigate those risks.

Kessler joined NASA as a University of Houston cooperative education student and, after developing an interest in the risks to spacecraft from meteoroids, recognized the greater risk created by man-made orbital debris from spacecrafts. His 1978 paper, titled “The Collision Frequency of Artificial Satellites: The Creation of a Debris Belt,” predicted an exponential

increase in orbiting fragments and increasing risk to spacecraft. In addition, he pioneered mathematical models of collision probabilities.

Following his vital research and calculations, NASA established an orbital debris program with Kessler as lead scientist and a principal in the operation and its outreach. A prolific research scientist, Kessler built the analytical capabilities that remain central to NASA’s approach to debris monitoring, mitigation practices and disposal guidelines. Moreover, he and his colleagues met with leaders from European, Russian and Asian space communities to encourage an international focus on mitigating the increasing amount of debris in Earth’s orbits. This global outreach led to the creation of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee, a coalition of 13 national and international space agencies that develop consensus guidelines used worldwide.

A Texas native, Kessler spent three years in the U.S. Army’s Air Defense Command before enrolling at UH, where he graduated cum laude and with honors in physics in 1965. He retired from NASA in 1996 as chief scientist of the orbital debris program.

Kessler has received numerous awards for his transformational work, including NASA’s Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Losey Atmospheric Sciences Award, the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety Jerome Lederer Space Safety Pioneer Award, and he has had an asteroid named in his honor. More than four decades after his transformative discovery, Kessler’s research continues to shape global policy and safeguard the long-term sustainability of space operations for the benefit of humanity.

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### Message from the Dean

May 16, 2026

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on earning your law degree from the University of Houston Law Center! As Dean, I am proud of your hard work, dedication, and commitment that has culminated in this significant milestone in your lives.

As graduates, you can now use your legal education to make a positive impact on society and to uphold the rule of law, which is essential for the maintenance of a just and democratic society. As you embark on the next phase of your professional and personal lives, remember the power of your legal education extends beyond the courtroom and boardroom.

Your degree has given you the ability to think critically, analyze complex issues, and develop persuasive arguments. With your J.D. or LL.M. degree, you also join the ranks of more than 18,000 alumni in Houston and around the globe. Our alumni network is here to serve you; they will be your biggest supporters and mentors. I encourage you to get involved with the UH Law Alumni Association and want to remind you of these resources available to you.

- Visit the Law Alumni page: Stay on top of all the latest happenings, events and classmate updates at <https://www.law.uh.edu/alumni/>.
- Follow us on social media: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X, Pinterest, and YouTube.
- Update your contact information: Submit your current email and mailing address to [lawalumni@uh.edu](mailto:lawalumni@uh.edu).
- Stay in touch with UHLC: Subscribe to our newsletters to receive regular updates through the Dean's Notes, e-Briefcase and e-mail notices of upcoming events at UH Law Center. Sign up here: <https://law.uh.edu/email/>.
- Take advantage of free CLE courses: As graduates, you have access to our free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses. Visit the CLE webpage for more information: <https://www.law.uh.edu/cle/>.

On behalf of the entire UH Law Center community, best wishes for a successful career. I am honored that you are now part of our vast alumni network. I look forward to greeting you at future alumni events. Please feel free to call on me if I may ever be of assistance.

Warmest regards,

Leonard M. Baynes  
*Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair  
and Professor of Law*

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Commencement Ceremony

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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME</b>	Leonard M. Baynes <i>Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Chair, and Professor of Law</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Lynden B. Rose, Sr. <i>Member</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	The Honorable Rebeca A. Huddle <i>Texas Supreme Court Justice</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Peter N. Salib <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>  Gina S. Warren <i>A.L. O'Quinn Chair in Environmental Studies Co-director of EENR</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	President Khator
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Baynes
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Happy by Pharrell Williams



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**Commencement Speaker**

**THE HONORABLE REBECA A. HUDDLE**

**Texas Supreme Court Justice**

JUSTICE REBECA AIZPURU HUDDLE was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas by Governor Greg Abbott in October 2020 and elected to a full term in 2022. She is a native of El Paso, where she grew up and attended Stephen F. Austin High School. Justice Huddle earned her undergraduate degree in political science at Stanford University and taught Spanish for a year before returning to Texas to attend the University of Texas School of Law, where she graduated with honors.

Before entering public service, Justice Huddle practiced law at Baker Botts L.L.P. and was admitted to the firm’s partnership. In 2011, then Governor Rick Perry appointed her to serve as a justice on the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas in Houston. She was then elected to that office in 2012.

During her tenure at the First Court of Appeals, Justice Huddle authored over 400 reasoned majority opinions. In 2017, Justice Huddle returned to Baker Botts, resuming her practice in commercial litigation and appeals and serving as the Partner-in-Charge of the firm’s Houston office beginning in 2018.

Justice Huddle is a member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation. In 2018, she received the Houston Bar Association Appellate Section’s award for Outstanding Judicial Service and Leadership. In 2019, she was named a Woman on the Move by Texas Executive Women. She has served as a member of the board of directors of the Greater Houston Partnership, the Houston Area Women’s Center, and the Kinkaid School Investments Foundation.

Justice Huddle is the proud mom of two teenage daughters.

## Master of Laws

### FALL 2025 GRADUATES

Jose Leonardo Chirinos Lagardera  
Sayed Jawid Hossainy  
Nara Hudson  
Julie Maciel Rozani  
Jose Pablo Martinez  
Jaime Mauricio Martinez Lara  
Somanshu Sharma

### SPRING AND SUMMER 2026 GRADUATION CANDIDATES

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Muzaffar Ali  
Alondra Alvarado Galvan  
Mehmet Arican

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Ana Sofia Baez Hernandez  
Andreina Del Mar Camacaro Castillo  
Oscar Davalos  
Adriana Jesus Delgado Angulo  
Jose Francisco Diaz Amador  
Deborah Ann Gedeon  
Anna Mariya Lyubomirova Geleva  
Carlos Eduardo Gonzalez Flota  
Garrett L. Gray  
Lucy M. Jayala  
Benjamin Michael Jester  
Benjamin D. Kapilivsky  
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Nitesh Kumar  
Luisana Leon Sims

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Onnaedo Nwankwo  
Obiora Chukwuemeka Ijoma Nwapa  
Julio Perez Moreno  
Josiah Plumley  
Danielle Neiva De Sousa Ralcewicz  
Ricardo Javier Ramones Noriega  
Karina Rodriguez Rojas  
Maram Samhoury  
Jose Maria Saravia Orrante  
Noman Ali Sikander  
Ana Carolina Suarez Escobedo  
Laura Marcela Vega Barrero  
Busra Yuce Sakinan  
Cristian Zarco

## Doctor of Jurisprudence

### FALL 2025 GRADUATES

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Joseph E. Chou  
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Lan N. Dao  
Jalen E. Edwards  
David Colin Goozey  
Aprill Harmon  
Shayna Ashley Henrikson  
Joseph B. Jaworski  
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Justin P. Smook<sup>2</sup>  
Ariana Nicole Taboada  
Ashley Elizabeth Toca

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Amy M. Abbott

Jonathan M. Abileah  
Alexandra R. Abu-Speitan<sup>2</sup>  
Landon Adams<sup>3</sup>  
Gianna Rose Airola<sup>1</sup>  
Carola J. Aisenberg<sup>1</sup>  
Onochie Louis Akazie  
Anees A. Alameldin  
Justin Luke Alderete  
Joshua R. Aldrich<sup>3</sup>  
Soufia Z. Ali  
Josue Nahum Alvarenga  
Odinakachukwu Brian Amaonye  
Juana I. Anaya  
Destiny Anguiano  
Mariela Rose Arreola  
Aaron M. Astudillo  
Ebunoluwa Ayannusi  
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