

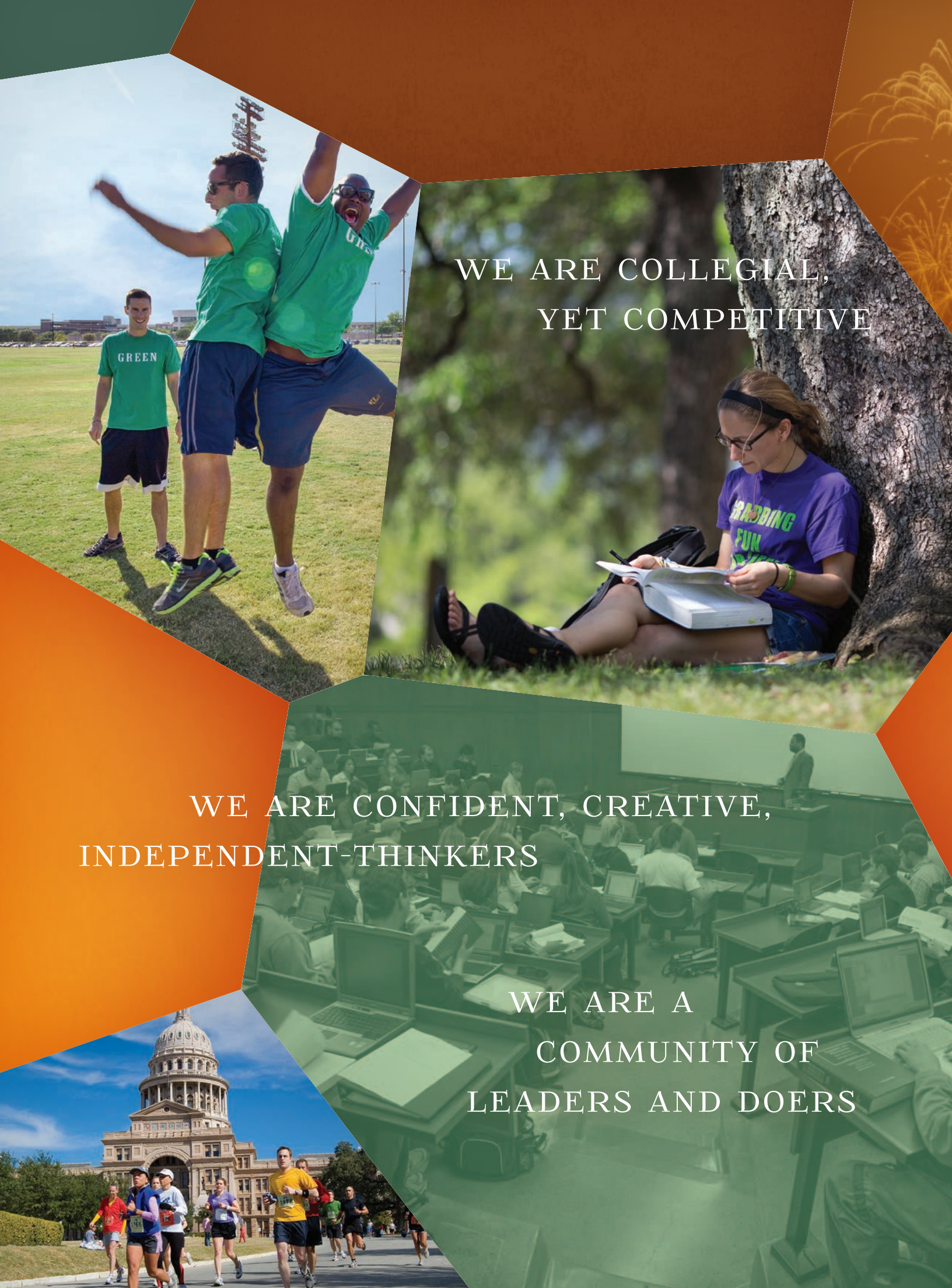


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# TEXAS LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

ADMISSIONS BULLETIN 2015 – 2016



WE ARE COLLEGIAL,  
YET COMPETITIVE

WE ARE CONFIDENT, CREATIVE,  
INDEPENDENT-THINKERS

WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY OF  
LEADERS AND DOERS



WE ARE THE  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
SCHOOL OF LAW

WHAT STARTS HERE  
CHANGES THE  
WORLD

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

# Welcome



Ward Farnsworth  
DEAN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE country to be a law student. We provide a top-tier academic program, great career options, and a commitment to a high quality of life. Here are some specifics:

**POWERFUL DEGREE** A degree from Texas Law is a powerful credential in job markets all over the country. And we are the #1 supplier of talent to the best employers in a large and growing region of the United States. We have alumni everywhere in the world who want to help their own. We also have an outstanding clerkship program that gives many of our students a chance to start their careers in the chambers of a distinguished federal or state judge. In short, our graduates have great options.

**UNBEATABLE CLINICS** We have an unbeatable set of clinics — 16 of them — that allow our students to learn by working with real clients on real problems under the supervision of great clinical professors.

**PRESTIGIOUS FACULTY** Our faculty members are nationally recognized thought leaders in every important legal field, including such expanding areas as energy law, intellectual property, and international law. Above all, our faculty members love to teach.

**COLLEGIAL ATMOSPHERE** We offer a famously collegial atmosphere in which students support each other and form relationships that last throughout their careers.

**WE'RE IN AUSTIN** It's the fastest-growing city in the country, the Live Music Capital of the World, and one of the most popular destinations in America for creative people of every kind.

The combination of these elements is distinctive, and it makes Texas Law the place to be. It was no surprise to our alumni when *U.S. News & World Report* said we provide a better return on investment than any other law school in America. We are passionate about legal education and we want students who are passionate about making a difference. I invite you to pay us a visit and see for yourself.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ward Farnsworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Why Texas Law?

BEING A LAW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY of Texas School of Law is about much more than taking three years of classes and finding a job. At Texas Law you become part of a community that is bigger than any one student's experience. You will take all that you learn, the relationships you develop and the contacts you make to form a future with limitless possibilities. A broad network of faculty and alumni will support you as you transition from being a student to a professional.

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## CURRICULUM & FACULTY

# Start Learning

WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO GET A LEGAL EDUCATION? AT THE UNIVERSITY OF Texas School of Law, it means a mastery of many arts: rigorous analytical thinking; rich and resourceful research skills; precision and style in written and oral communication; an integrated understanding of the economic, social, historical and political forces that interact with law; and much more. Our students learn to “think like lawyers,” but not just any lawyers. They learn to think like future leaders of the bench and bar, in keeping with a tradition that dates back to our founding in 1883.



Our students are not simply trained to be prepared for a career, but for all the opportunities their degree will afford across a lifetime.

## FACULTY

THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AT TEXAS Law begins with our world-class faculty. With more than 105 full-time faculty members and 141 adjuncts, the depth and breadth of our highly decorated team of teachers includes a rich mix of renowned scholars and masters of the practice, who provide coverage across an unusually broad set of topics.

Our faculty members are known for their accessibility and helpfulness to students, and this has practical significance. Knowing the professor’s door is always open for office-hour consultations can make all the difference for a student trying to grasp a difficult concept. Simply put, our students not only have great classroom experiences, they also build relationships with faculty members that play a critical role in career development.

Our faculty members are deeply engaged in scholarship and public service, and are among leading national figures in an array of academic fields. They advocate for justice, testify before Congress and provide advice to a broad array of public and private entities. They speak out in national and regional media, they blog and they tweet. They embody the dynamism of law, and both reflect and take part in the central role law plays in our society.



### FIRST-YEAR COURSES

TEXAS LAW OFFERS THE BENEFITS OF AN EXPANSIVE school with rich curriculum and breadth of faculty, and a first-year experience that is characterized by a more intimate experience than most large schools can aspire to provide. We achieve this by dividing the first-year class into four sections, then further divide each section into a much smaller group, and then subdivide each of the smaller groups for purposes of legal research and writing classes.

### SECOND- AND THIRD-YEAR COURSES

AT THE UPPER LEVELS, THE RICHNESS OF Texas Law's curriculum provides an astonishing array of options. Students can specialize in particular areas if they wish, or diversify broadly across subjects and methods. Opportunities include 16 clinics, a robust trial advocacy training program and a range of internships.

## MEET A FEW 1L FACULTY MEMBERS



**LYNN BLAIS**  
**Administrative Law and Property**

- Clerked for Hon. Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court; and Hon. William Wayne Justice, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- Co-director, Supreme Court Clinic



**ROBERT CHESNEY**  
**National Security Law, International Law**

- Director, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, The University of Texas at Austin
- Founding editor, lawfareblog.com
- Speaker, SXSW 2014 and 2015



**MECHELE DICKERSON**  
**Bankruptcy, Civil Procedure**

- Nationally recognized consumer law and bankruptcy scholar
- Clerked for Hon. Nathaniel R. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit



**SANFORD LEVINSON**  
**Constitutional Law**

- Prolific and colorful constitutional law expert
- Has solely authored five books, edited six books and published countless articles over career



**JORDAN STEIKER**  
**Capital Punishment, Constitutional Law**

- Clerked for Hon. Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court
- Writes extensively on constitutional law, federal habeas corpus and the death penalty
- Co-director, Capital Punishment Center



Dean Ward Farnsworth speaks with law students at the 2014 Beck Awards, which honors outstanding achievement in legal writing and advocacy.

### MASTERING THE ART OF LEGAL WRITING

AT TEXAS LAW, THE CRITICAL SKILLS OF LEGAL writing, research, oral argument and advocacy are not farmed out to professors-in-training — they are taught by a dedicated faculty team organized under the David J. Beck Center for Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy. The center offers

a variety of advanced classes and experiential training at the upper levels and sponsors the law school's interscholastic moot court teams, which travel to national and international competitions.

### EXPAND YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

TEXAS LAW HAS NUMEROUS CENTERS THAT give students opportunities to explore their special interests through coursework, research, advocacy, events and casework.

**“MY WORK IN CAMBODIA — MADE POSSIBLE BY THE RAPOPORT CENTER — IS THE BEST THING I’VE EVER DONE.”**

CATHERINE WAGNER, RAPOPORT CENTER SUMMER FELLOW IN THE OFFICE OF THE CO-PROSECUTORS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE TO THE KHMER ROUGE TRIALS

### Go Global with the Rapoport Center

THE BERNARD AND AUDRE RAPOPORT CENTER for Human Rights and Justice offers students unique opportunities to engage with some of the world's leading human rights thinkers, collaborate in an interdisciplinary human rights community and pursue life-changing human rights internships.



## SPECIALIZE IN ENERGY

THE KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON CENTER FOR ENERGY, Law and Business is an innovative interdisciplinary joint venture of the School of Law and the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. The mission of the center is to provide the finest educational opportunities in the U.S. to students who wish to pursue careers in energy and to serve as a nexus for incisive and unbiased research and analyses for policy makers, with an emphasis on Latin America.



- J.D./Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning
- J.D./Master of Science in Information Studies

## ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### J.D./LL.M. Joint Degree Programs

TEXAS LAW STUDENTS CAN EARN THEIR J.D. IN conjunction with a foreign law degree from three approved law schools in just four years. The partner schools:

- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico
- The University of Nottingham, England
- University of Edinburgh, Scotland

## INTERSECTING DISCIPLINES

TEXAS LAW STUDENTS CAN INTEGRATE THEIR legal studies with other areas of interest through colloquia and dual degrees.

Colloquia courses provide students the opportunity to study with scholars from around the world on topics and problems at the intersection of two or more disciplines. In this way, students participate in the evolution of scholarship in emerging areas of law.

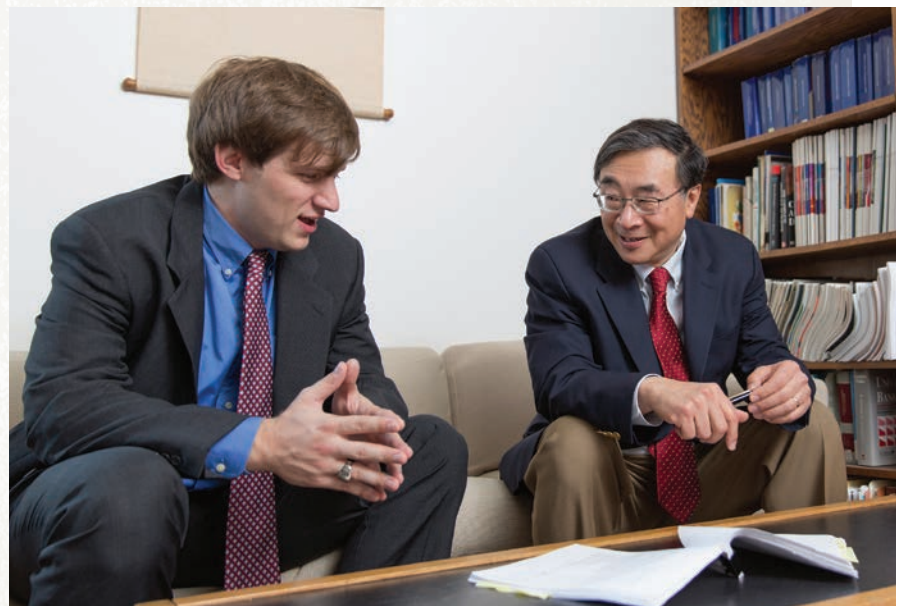
The law school encourages the pursuit of dual degrees, and because we are part of a large research university, there are numerous highly ranked programs to take advantage of:

- J.D./Master of Public Affairs
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Science in Social Work
- J.D./Master of Global Policy Studies
- J.D./Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
- J.D./Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies
- J.D./Master of Arts in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

## Semester Abroad Programs

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO SPEND THE FALL semester of their 3L year abroad can receive credit toward their J.D. at one of multiple pre-approved schools located in Europe, Australia and Central and South America. Upon successful completion, students submit their foreign credit for conversion toward their Texas Law degree.

*Professor Henry Hu discusses an upcoming paper with his research assistant, Adam Perkins (B.A., University of Chicago, 2010, and an articles editor at the *Texas Law Review*, 2013–14).*





## EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

# Start Exploring

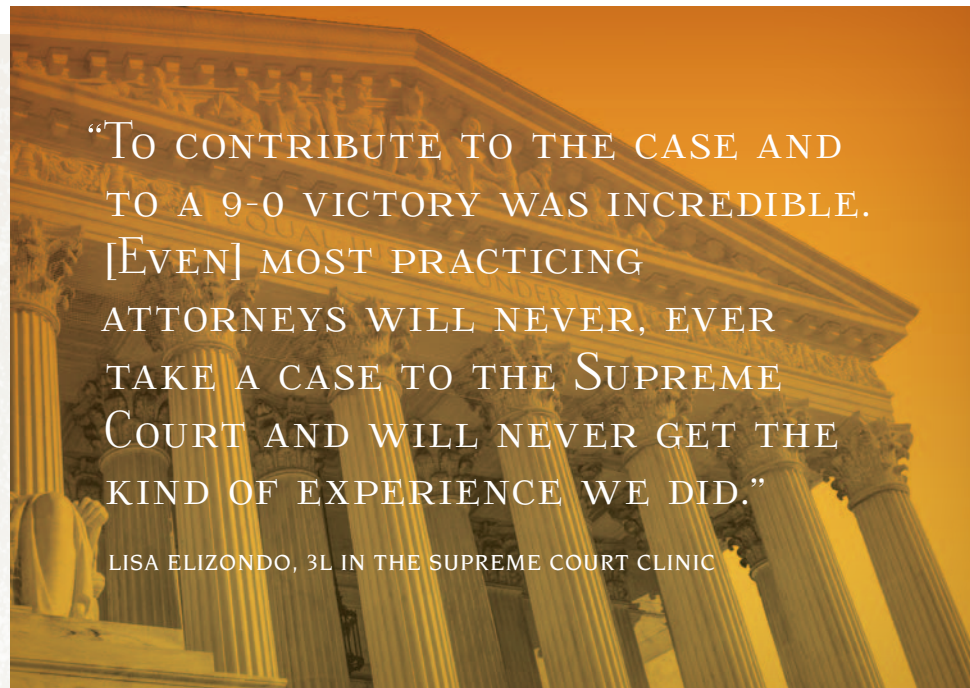
EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW IS THE bridge between the classroom and the practice of law. With one of the largest programs of its kind in the nation, second- and third-year students dive deep into a variety of internships and clinics that integrate law, theory, strategy and skills. Find opportunities to lead and learn by working alongside attorneys and faculty members on real cases and projects that affect the community, country and world. Thirty-five faculty members teach and supervise more than 350 students who enroll annually in clinical courses.

## CLINICS

STUDENTS IN OUR CLINICS WORK CLOSELY WITH faculty members and supervising attorneys on complex cases and legal issues in real-world settings. Students represent clients as diverse as prisoners facing the death penalty, children in abuse and neglect proceedings, and clients seeking review of their cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. We offer 16 clinics including the Criminal Defense Clinic, the oldest and largest clinic at Texas Law; and the Human Rights Clinic, which has an ongoing project in Argentina advocating for the health needs of residents of Abra Pampa, where a former lead smelting plant is poisoning adults and children.

## INTERNSHIPS

TEXAS LAW'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS students a range of opportunities to develop important legal skills; to explore career possibilities; to gain insight into legal institutions, the role of lawyers and their professional ethics; and to serve the public. Students shape law in the Legislative



“TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CASE AND TO A 9-0 VICTORY WAS INCREDIBLE. [EVEN] MOST PRACTICING ATTORNEYS WILL NEVER, EVER TAKE A CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND WILL NEVER GET THE KIND OF EXPERIENCE WE DID.”

LISA ELIZONDO, 3L IN THE SUPREME COURT CLINIC

internship program by working with experienced attorneys in offices connected to the Texas Legislature. They also work in Europe, Africa and Latin America in the International Internship program. Students have interned recently at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Office of the Attorney General, the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Consumer Credit Commission and other judicial, nonprofit, government and legislative offices.

Twenty-one students from the Supreme Court Clinic worked on, and attended oral arguments for, a United States Supreme Court case that proved victorious in a unanimous 9-0 decision.

## LEGAL CLINICS & INTERNSHIPS

### Criminal Justice

- Actual Innocence Clinic
- Capital Punishment Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Prosecution Internship
- U.S. Attorney Internship

### Community Representation

- Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic
- Environmental Clinic

### Immigration/International

- Human Rights Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- International Internship
- Transnational Worker Rights Clinic

### Individual Rights

- Children's Rights Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Housing Clinic
- Mental Health Clinic

### Legal Process

- D.C. Internship
- Government Internship
- Judicial Internship
- Legislative Internship
- Legislative Lawyering Clinic
- Nonprofit Internship
- Semester in Practice Internship
- Supreme Court Clinic

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## Pro Bono Hours Volunteered by the Class of 2015

During the most recent Pro Bono in January trip to Texas' Rio Grande Valley, students, faculty, staff, alumni and partner organizations provided legal assistance at no cost to more than 200 clients in underserved communities.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

STUDENTS AT TEXAS LAW WORK TO IMPROVE access to justice in our communities by making a commitment that begins in law school to provide pro bono legal services to those in need. The Richard and Ginni Mithoff Pro Bono Program organizes projects that provide legal services for low-income individuals and create opportunities for students to build their lawyering skills.

Texas Law has three academic centers that deal directly with access to justice issues including the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law. The school supports public service by awarding numerous public interest scholarships, summer stipends, postgraduate fellowships and loan repayment assistance to graduates embarking on public interest careers.



Volunteer Danny Williams, '15, works with students through the Texas Law Youth Court at Webb Middle School. Youth Court supports children who may be at risk of entering the school-to-prison pipeline by engaging them in a positive disciplinary program.



Pro Bono students assist the South Texas Civil Rights Project with a variety of projects, including helping assemble immigration petitions for victims of domestic violence and drafting wills in communities where multiple informal land transfers have created thorny title issues.

## ADVOCACY

THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM COMBINES THEORY and techniques with client and case management skills and practical interdisciplinary experience to mold interested students into persuasive advocates. As a result of these efforts, Texas Law teams are frequent national championship winners, including taking first place at the 2014 Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Competition. The school's facilities for teaching trial and appellate advocacy include a state-of-the-art courtroom complete with judicial chambers and jury rooms.

More than 40 3Ls participated in 17 different interscholastic moot court competitions over the course of their 2L and 3L year.



## LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

# Start Living

STUDENTS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL of Law enjoy a lifestyle that promotes collegiality and community unmatched by any other law school in the country. We benefit from a convenient location on a beautiful campus at the heart of a very desirable city. Austin has a vibrant live music scene, mild and sunny climate, acclaimed cuisine and a range of outdoor attractions. Your intense studies will be balanced with a variety of unique extracurricular activities.

### SOCIETY PROGRAM


THE TEXAS LAW SOCIETY PROGRAM — THE only program of its kind in the country — provides students with a small community during law school. Each first-year student is assigned to one of eight societies and

remains a member of that society throughout law school. The groups meet with faculty advisers and alumni mentors and participate in service and social activities.

### MENTOR PROGRAM

EACH FIRST-YEAR STUDENT is also assigned to a mentor group. Mentor groups are led by upper-class law students who serve as advisers and counselors throughout the year. The mentors welcome incoming first-year law students and host get-togethers prior to orientation. They plan social activities and academic skills sessions throughout the year.

Each fall Texas Law's eight societies compete in the Society Games, a field day where the students engage in friendly rivalry.

 Go to [youtube.com/utexaslaw](https://youtube.com/utexaslaw) to watch a Society Games video.





### CLASS OF 2017 FACTS

301

Number of students in class

24

Average age of student

33%

Percentage of minority students

33

Total number of states represented



2.5  
MILES

Distance  
between campus  
and downtown



3 ACRES

Size of Barton Springs  
swimming pool



407

Number of live  
music venues



208

Miles of urban hike  
and bike trails



106+

Number of barbecue  
restaurants



65°F

Average high  
temperature  
in February

## LIFE IN AUSTIN

AUSTIN IS ALL ABOUT GREAT CHOICES WHEN IT COMES TO QUALITY OF LIFE. NATIONAL RANKINGS for both its legendary barbecue and vegan cuisine are testament to what makes Austin distinct. For business, Austin ranks high on the opportunity scale. Forbes cites Austin as the top city for job growth, and Slate ranks Austin No. 1 for driving the future.

### STUDENT JOURNALS

THE LAW SCHOOL IS HOME TO THE *TEXAS Law Review* and 11 specialty journals that vary greatly in legal, political and social perspectives.

As an example of impact, the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law* has an impressive readership that reaches far beyond academia, circulating among attorneys and energy industry professionals.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT TEXAS LAW RUN the gamut of interests, from the Chicano/

Hispanic Law Students Association and the Entertainment and Sports Law Society to Assault and Flattery (a theater group) and Women's Law Caucus. There are more than 45 organizations to choose from.

### FACILITIES

TEXAS LAW IS SITUATED ON THE NORTHEAST quadrant of main campus, a short walk to museums, two recreation centers with pools and the football stadium. Law school facilities include two courtrooms; study lounges; state-of-the-art classrooms; a cafe; and the Tarlton Law





The Texas Law campus is surrounded by a canopy of large oak trees that offer pleasant settings for studying outdoors.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE, LED BY ELIZABETH BANGS, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT Affairs, helps Texas Law students achieve their academic and extracurricular goals. Throughout the year, the office organizes study breaks, works closely with student organizations to plan events and holds academic support and advising sessions. The experienced staff is always available for counseling on academic or personal matters.

Library, one of the largest academic law libraries in the world.

## HOUSING

ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF LAW STUDENTS LIVE OFF campus with access to a myriad of housing options including single-family bungalows in Hyde Park within walking distance of campus, condos downtown close to public transportation, duplexes in trendy neighborhoods such as Crestview and Travis Heights and more. For on-campus graduate student housing, contact the university's Division of Housing and Food Services.



The Tarlton Law Library includes in its collections core domestic and foreign legal resources, papers of several Supreme Court justices and an extensive array of rare books and other artifacts.



## CAREERS, CLERKSHIPS & NETWORKING

# Start Earning

A DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

kick-starts career opportunities in every legal sector, throughout the country. In fact, “one degree, many paths” is the mantra of our Career Services Office. Our alumni hold judicial clerkships; work at large, midsize and small law firms; serve in policy, government and advocacy positions; and work in the courts and corporations, among other options.



During the past several years, graduates have secured employment in 36 states.

## CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

YOUR ROAD MAP TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS starts at our Career Services Office (CSO). Experienced counselors (each a licensed attorney) provide students — beginning with guided support your 1L year — and alumni with individualized career planning assistance to prepare for today's competitive job market. Each year, more than 600 legal employer offices worldwide interview students through on- and off-campus interview programs. Students can participate in more than 30 job fairs held nationwide in cities such as Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. A proven slate of professional development programs, skills-building workshops, networking opportunities and tailored career counseling ensure our students gain an edge while job-hunting.

CSO offers a range of services, including:

- Fall and Spring On-Campus Interviews
- Public Service Career Fair
- Professional Development Institute
- Texas Law Mentor Directory



- One-on-one career counseling
- Resumé and cover letter workshops
- Career exploration panels with industry experts
- Mock interview programs
- Networking opportunities
- An online job bank exclusive to Texas Law students

More online at [www.law.utexas.edu/career](http://www.law.utexas.edu/career).

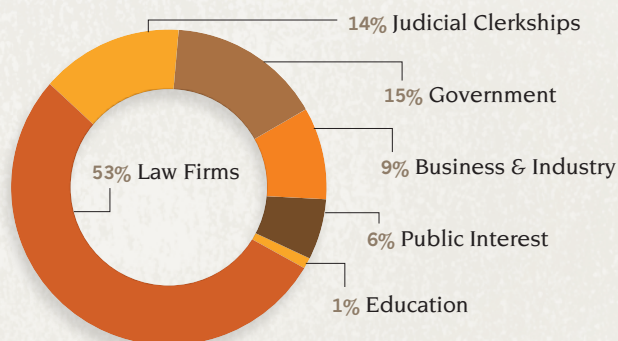
Every spring, the CSO organizes the largest public service job fair for law students in Texas.

## CLASS OF 2014 EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME

# 87%

of the Class of 2014 had a full-time, bar passage required/J.D. advantage job within 10 months of graduation.

Our grads went to the following sectors:



# \$105,000

Median full-time employed salary for Class of 2014.

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

TEXAS LAW HAS ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS Judicial Clerkship Programs in the nation. We begin coaching students within the first year of law school to become competitive candidates for coveted positions.



The Center for Women in Law provides leadership programs and career support to law students and working professionals. Author and editor Arianna Huffington spoke at the center's fifth anniversary event and signed copies of her latest book.

On average, 50 graduates obtain judicial clerkships each year in federal and state courts across the country. The Judicial Clerkship Program, led by faculty members and a staff with decades of experience,

includes opportunities to learn writing and analytical skills, and perfect application materials through advising and courses. During the past few years, four alumni have clerked on the U.S. Supreme Court.

## JOBS FOR J.D.s

CONSISTENTLY, TEXAS LAW IS ONE OF THE TOP law schools that send first-year associates to the largest 250 law firms in the nation. We're at the top of *U.S. News & World Report's* list of law schools where salaries for grads outweigh student debt. And public service-minded graduates have received prestigious fellowships from the Skadden Foundation and Equal Justice Works to make a living while serving in public interest positions. Our graduates land jobs in every region of the country.

“TEXAS LAW HAS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE CLERKSHIP PROGRAM THAT I’VE SEEN.”

CHIEF JUDGE ED CARNES, THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

## ALUMNI NETWORK

LEVERAGE A TOP-TIER EDUCATION THAT COMES with a 23,500-member strong alumni network to start your career. The CSO, in partnership with our Alumni Association, facilitates networking opportunities and a mentorship program that engages and connects students with alumni. We have proud, successful alumni in all the major legal markets across the U.S. and beyond, who represent diverse practice areas. Texas Law counts among its alumni state and federal judges, nationally recognized litigators and leaders in business, sports, journalism, academia and more.



“I FULLY CREDIT TEXAS LAW WITH HELPING ME FIND MY DREAM JOB. THE JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM HELPED ME OBTAIN A TEXAS SUPREME COURT CLERKSHIP, AND THE ENERGY LAW CURRICULUM AND HANDS-ON TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM PREPARED ME TO SUCCEED ONCE I STARTED PRACTICING LAW.”

OLGA KOBZAR, '10, ATTORNEY  
SCOTT, DOUGLASS & McCONNICO LLP



# Start Applying

IF YOU CAN IMAGINE YOURSELF ON A CAMPUS AT THE HEART OF A VIBRANT CITY with opportunities to expand your mind and catapult your career, then apply to The University of Texas School of Law. Are you ready to get started? Learn the steps you need to take as soon as possible to apply and ensure you receive all loan and scholarship funds for which you are eligible.

## WHERE TO START

- Check out our website
- Visit us at a recruiting event
- Create an LSAC.org account
- Take the LSAT
- Send documentation to LSAC
- Complete the FAFSA

## DEADLINES

### Binding Early Decision Admission

LSAT: October

Submitted by: November 1

### Regular Decision Admission

LSAT: February

Submitted by: March 1

## Admissions

ADMISSION TO THE J.D. PROGRAM IS COMPETITIVE. For fall 2015, approximately 4,300 applicants competed for 300 seats in the entering class. The first-year class is admitted only in the fall semester, which begins in late August.

### Application, Transcripts and Scores

THE LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL (LSAC) administers the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and the LSAT. Texas Law is a member of LSAC, whose membership consists of all the American Bar Association-accredited law schools in the United States. Applicants must register with LSAC's CAS and have a report sent to Texas Law.

- **CAS** Once an applicant registers with LSAC, its CAS will assemble the transcripts the applicant has forwarded from the college or colleges attended, compute the grade-point average and transmit this information directly to Texas Law.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2015-2016\*

	Texas Resident 1L	Nonresident 1L
Tuition & Fees	\$33,162	\$49,244
Books	\$1,294	\$1,294
Room & Board	\$12,620	\$12,620
Travel	\$1,490	\$1,490
Personal/Misc.	\$3,950	\$3,950
Loan Fees	\$1,090	\$1,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,606</b>	<b>\$69,958</b>

\*Tuition, fees and charges are subject to change by administrative, legislative or regent action, and changes become effective on the date enacted. Texas Law charges a flat rate fee for tuition and fees. The fee includes tuition, mandatory university and law school fees, and is based on a first-year, 15-credit-hour semester schedule. Please note that the second- and third-year fees are based on a flat rate, 14-credit-hour semester schedule, so the tuition cost is therefore typically lower than in the first year. Students may elect to receive additional services, i.e., The Big Ticket sports package, a parking permit, etc., which will be charged in addition to the flat rate tuition amount.

- **LSAT** The LSAT is administered at designated testing centers throughout the world in February, June, October and December. For a 2016 application, the law school will consider an LSAT score that is not more than five years old. Applicants must take the LSAT on or before February of the year of the desired enrollment to be eligible for consideration for the next entering class. It normally takes four to six weeks for the LSAT score to be reported and for the CAS report to be compiled.

### Eligibility

EACH APPLICANT MUST TAKE THE LSAT AND must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.2 as calculated by the LSAC, or must have completed the equivalent of six semesters and expect to graduate during the current

academic year. Each candidate must also complete the application form and submit all mandatory attachments as described in the application. Information and materials will not be retrieved from previous applications to be considered as part of a current year's application.

### Candidate Assessment

WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE, THE Admissions Committee will review it on an individual basis. LSAT scores and GPAs help the committee evaluate a student's ability to succeed. However, these quantitative factors, while important, are not determinative. Every complete application is reviewed holistically. Our admissions system is careful, respectful and reflective. We have a 94 percent graduation rate, and our students are motivated, engaged, energetic and successful.



#### SOME OF THE FACTORS THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERS:

- Rigor of the undergraduate course of study as reflected by the applicant's college transcripts
- Professional background and personal strengths
- Demonstrated commitment to public service and leadership
- Honors and awards
- Geographic, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity
- Foreign language proficiency

## Application Procedures

#### Binding Early Decision Admission

TO BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FOR EARLY Decision admission, an applicant must take the LSAT no later than the October administration, register with CAS and

submit a completed application for admission postmarked no later than **NOV. 1**, or if submitted electronically, no later than midnight Central Daylight Time (CDT). Any application

postmarked after Nov. 1 will be considered along with the Regular Decision admission applications submitted by March 1. The Admissions Committee will attempt to provide a response on all completed Early Decision applications by the end of January. Some applications will be held for further consideration. Applicants will be notified in writing if their applications are held. If an applicant is denied admission for the Early Decision process, he/she cannot reapply for the March 1 Regular Decision process.

#### Regular Decision Admission

TO BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FOR REGULAR DECISION admission, an applicant must take the LSAT no later than the February administration, register with CAS and submit a completed application for admission postmarked no later than **MARCH 1**, or if submitted electronically, no later than midnight Central Standard Time (CST). Any application postmarked after March 1 is untimely and will be considered only after all timely applications. Final decisions for completed applications filed in a timely manner under the Regular Decision process, and those held under the Early Decision process, will be made by the end of April.

#### Applicants with Foreign Academic Records

APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR UNDERGRADUATE work at foreign institutions must submit their foreign undergraduate transcripts for evaluation, in addition to complying with all general admissions requirements. There are three options for submitting foreign undergraduate transcripts:

1. Register with LSAC's CAS to submit foreign transcripts.
2. Complete the Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials,

## CONTACT

Admissions Office

512-232-1200

[admissions@law.utexas.edu](mailto:admissions@law.utexas.edu)

[law.utexas.edu/admissions](http://law.utexas.edu/admissions)



which can be accessed online at [law.utexas.edu/admissions/application](http://law.utexas.edu/admissions/application). This form can also be obtained by contacting our Admissions Office directly. With this option, the applicant must submit an additional nonrefundable \$75 evaluation fee, the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials form and the official transcripts from the foreign institutions directly to the Admissions Office. The University of Texas at Austin Graduate and International Admissions Center will produce an evaluation of those transcripts.

3. If the applicant is applying to a number of law schools and some of those schools require the applicant to register with World Education Services (WES), we will accept the WES evaluation. Please note that we must receive a full Course-by-Course Evaluation from WES.

*Applicants who register for LSAC's CAS or submit the WES evaluation do not need to pay the additional \$75 evaluation fee or complete the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials form.*

*Please note that applicants who choose to complete the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials or submit a WES evaluation should register for the LSAT only and submit their letters of recommendation directly to the Admissions Office.*

## Financial Aid

THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE PROVIDES APPLICANTS and continuing law students with financial resources and one-on-one counseling. Texas Law does not have fixed deadlines for financial aid applications, but many of the financial aid programs award funds on a first-come, first-served basis until funds have been exhausted. Financial aid awards cannot be made until after admission.

### FAFSA

TEXAS LAW DOES not offer a financial aid application for entering first-year students. Applicants should make every effort to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Applicants can apply for financial aid starting **JAN. 1** at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), even if they have not yet applied or been admitted to the law school. The priority processing deadline is **MARCH 1**. Application processing time may take up to four weeks. Once the FAFSA has been submitted, applicants will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U.S. Department of Education, either by email or postal mail.

### Notifying You of Your Aid

AN ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATION will be sent to you listing the aid programs and award amounts for which you are eligible. If you are the recipient of a law school endowment scholarship, a separate award letter will be emailed to you with instructions for receiving your scholarship.

## CONTACT

### Financial Aid Office

512-232-1130

[lawfinaid@law.utexas.edu](mailto:lawfinaid@law.utexas.edu)

[law.utexas.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://law.utexas.edu/admissions/financial-aid)

Texas Law student Jacy Selco was selected as a Townes-Rice Scholar. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees for the duration of law school, along with a stipend.



## Loans and Scholarships

### Merit- and Need-Based Scholarships

ALL ADMITTED STUDENTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY considered for merit scholarships. Scholarship awards range from \$2,500 per year to full tuition and fee awards for all three years of enrollment.

- **MERIT-ONLY SCHOLARSHIPS:** Criteria for selection include standardized test scores and cumulative undergraduate GPA. Continuing law students may also receive merit scholarships based on additional performance criteria, including leadership in select student organizations, law school journals, etc.
- **NEED SCHOLARSHIPS:** The predominant criteria for need scholarships is demonstrated financial need based on information received from the FAFSA. Additional factors may be considered including child care expenses, select military service and total educational debt.
- **MERIT-NEED SCHOLARSHIPS:** Criteria for these scholarships include both a merit component and demonstrated financial aid need. Students must complete the FAFSA application to be considered for these awards.

### The Townes-Rice Scholarship

THE ANN (TOWNES) AND BROWNE B. RICE JR. Scholarship Program is designed to subsidize outstanding law students with full tuition and fees plus a stipend for all three years at Texas Law. Scholarships are offered solely on the basis of merit and a demonstrated commitment to public service, without regard to financial need. Townes-Rice Scholars are assured of continuing support for all three years of law school. Eight entering first-year law students will be offered this scholarship annually. All applicants (both resident and nonresident) are automatically considered, and no separate application for the scholarship is necessary.

### Veteran Scholarships

TEXAS VETERANS WHO MEET CERTAIN criteria may be eligible for a waiver of tuition and fees. Contact the Office of the Registrar, Veteran Certification Services, at 512-475-7540 for information, or email: [gibill@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:gibill@austin.utexas.edu) or [hazlewood@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:hazlewood@austin.utexas.edu).





### Loan Repayment Assistance Program

THE LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM was created to allow our graduates the greatest possible flexibility as they pursue their careers. Texas Law alumni should be able to accept public interest employment if they wish, without having to worry about loan repayment. The program provides stipends to defray monthly loan repayment obligations for all new graduates working for a salary of \$50,000 or less at nonprofit organizations, government and legislative offices and in the military.

## Helpful Contacts

### The University of Texas School of Law

727 E. Dean Keeton St.  
Austin, Texas 78705  
512-232-1101

 [law.utexas.edu](http://law.utexas.edu)  
 [facebook.com/utexaslaw](https://facebook.com/utexaslaw)  
 [twitter.com/utexaslaw](https://twitter.com/utexaslaw)  
 [instagram.com/utexaslaw](https://instagram.com/utexaslaw)

### Admissions Office

[admissions@law.utexas.edu](mailto:admissions@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1200

### Loans and Scholarships

[lawfinaid@law.utexas.edu](mailto:lawfinaid@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1130

### Career Services Office

[cso@law.utexas.edu](mailto:cso@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1150

 [twitter.com/UTLawCSO](https://twitter.com/UTLawCSO)  
 [UTLawMentor on LinkedIn](#)

### Schedule a Visit

[admissions@law.utexas.edu](mailto:admissions@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1200


### Student Affairs Office

[studentaffairs@law.utexas.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1140

### Master of Laws Program

[llm@law.utexas.edu](mailto:llm@law.utexas.edu)  
512-232-1262

### Tarlton Law Library

512-471-7726  
 [twitter.com/TarltonLawLib](https://twitter.com/TarltonLawLib)  
 [facebook.com/TarltonLawLibrary](https://facebook.com/TarltonLawLibrary)

### General UT Austin Information

[hello@utexas.edu](mailto:hello@utexas.edu)  
512-471-3434

### Fee billing questions

512-471-4838

### Residency Office

[residency@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:residency@austin.utexas.edu)  
512-475-7391

### Services For Students With Disabilities

[ssd@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:ssd@austin.utexas.edu)  
512-471-6259  
Video Phone: 512-410-6644

### Student Veteran Services

[utveterans@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:utveterans@austin.utexas.edu)  
512-471-5017

### Student Health Insurance

512-475-8394

### University Health Services

512-471-4955

### Graduate and International Admissions

512-475-7391

### Housing

[housing@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:housing@austin.utexas.edu)  
512-471-3136

### Council on Legal Education Opportunity

240-582-8600

### Law School Admission Council

215-968-1001

### World Education Services

212-966-6311



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