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Gbemisola Akala: I will be continuing my education at Texas Law School. Texas Law School Class of 2026

Esha Ali: As of today, I am planning to take a gap year to work and help support my family before I begin my legal studies.

Dariel Arostegui: Undecided Law School Class of 2026/2027; Mergers & Acquisitions Projects Assistant - Austin, TX

Precious Azagba: My Fall 2023 plans include taking the LSAT and applying to law schools for the Fall 2024 school year.

Yuri Barragan: This Fall, I will begin my first semester of law school at Texas Law. I will resume my role as Senior Policy Advisor for Austin City Council Member José Velásquez until the start of the Fall semester.

Sandy Estefania Romero Capetillo: For Fall 2023, I plan to focus on applying to law schools but specifically Texas Law, as well as applying for the MSW program at UT. If accepted to both places, I plan to focus on a dual degree!

Rebecca Gutierrez: Policy and Special Projects Aide for Bexar County Commissioner PCT 3

Daisy Hernandez: I will be working as a paralegal at the Dallas District Attorney’s Office while studying for the LSAT. I plan on submitting applications for the law school entering class of Fall 2024.

Phoebe James: Joining a law school Class of 2026

Daisy Lopez: University of Houston Law Center Class of 2026.

Viviana Luna: I plan to obtain my paralegal certificate while working as a legal assistant at a firm. I will also be working on my law school application materials to apply for the next cycle.

Leslie Medina: This fall, I’ll be working as a Legal Assistant at Sysco and applying for law school.

Ximena Mondragon: My plan is to continue to excel as a senior policy analyst for the Houston Independent School District and focus on applying to law school next cycle.

Sondos Moursy: I am excited to start law school in the fall and take advantage of all the public interest offerings. Texas Law Class of 2026
Juan Negrete: I’ll continue working in the Texas Senate and apply for law school during the fall 2023 admissions cycle.

Cheyenne Perez-Bailey: I will continue employment as a Veterans Law Paralegal at Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick LTD until starting law school at the University of Oklahoma College of Law (Class of 2026) in the fall. At OU Law, I am excited to get involved in the Native American Law Student Association and the Military Law Society.

Angelina Ramirez: University of Texas at Austin School of Law Class of 2026; Public Interest Law

Daniela Ramos: I plan to attend Quinnipiac University School of Law and graduate in 2026.

Juana Anaya Rico: University of Houston Law Class of 2026

Salahudeen Robinson: Enroll in UT Law class of 2026

Sumaya Siddiqui: University of Texas School of Law, Class of 2026

Kolby Tate: I plan to attend TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Marianna Tejada: I will continue my role as a Teach For America alum in Ft. Worth, TX, and reapply for law school.

Laura Tenorio: I am currently planning to attend South Texas College of Law.

Ashley Thompson: I will be attending law school at Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston.

Sabrina Tsegai: I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin School of Law in Fall 2023.

Jacquelyne Valladares: In the Fall of 2023, I will be clerking for a Justice of the Peace in Houston and reapplying to law school.

Talina Vasquez: My academic plan for Fall 2023 is to retake the LSAT and apply to law school before the end of the year.

Jennifer Velazquez: St. Mary’s School of Law Class of 2026

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