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The  
**Tennessee**  
Advantage



Applicant Guide



## From the Dean

The University of Tennessee College of Law is exceptional. We are grateful to have a talented faculty committed to an innovative curriculum that masterfully bridges the gap between theory and practice to promote professional excellence. We are able to attract a diverse group of exceptionally bright students committed to learning in a supportive, collaborative environment. I

am very pleased you are considering joining us.

Many of our faculty bring to the classroom years of professional experience in a variety of settings—national and international law firms, state and federal courts, government agencies, legal service programs, and public interest groups. The faculty have a lot to share, and they do so eagerly, both in and out of the classroom. Our clinical program, which earned a top twelve national ranking in the 2012 *U.S. News & World Report*, provides students with the opportunity to interview, counsel,

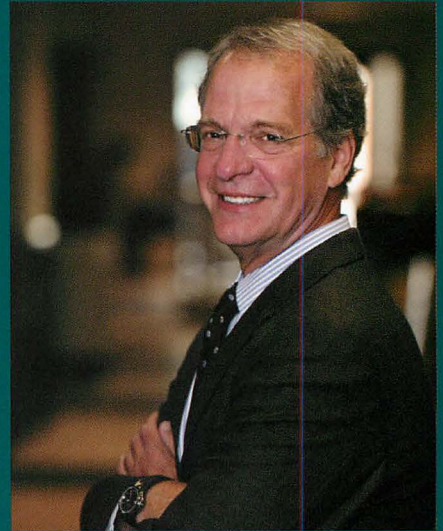
mediate, negotiate, and even try cases on behalf of actual clients that include children, small businesses, victims of domestic violence, citizens accused of crime, and families facing eviction. We have created two innovative centers, one for advocacy and one for business, designed to better prepare our graduates for the specific legal challenges they will face in practice.

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constantly exploring better ways to help our students graduate as competent and ethical attorneys. Our goal is to produce lawyers who possess the skills and knowledge to become leaders in the profession and in their communities. And we take that responsibility very seriously.

To that end, we have created a law school environment where students, faculty, and staff can engage with mutual respect in lively intellectual exchange and growth. We have consciously fostered a diverse community committed to the fair and just treatment of everyone. This is indeed a special place and special learning environment devoted to our students’ professional success.

If you have questions, call the Law Admissions Office. Better yet, come and visit. Talk with our students, faculty, and staff. We have Student Ambassadors who will help you experience firsthand the day-to-day life at the College of Law. Look at us closely. You will like what you see.



*Douglas A. Blaze*  
Douglas A. Blaze

Doug Blaze, the Art Stolnitz and Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professor of Law, was named dean of the College of Law in August 2008. After graduating summa cum laude from the Georgetown University Law Center, Professor Blaze practiced with the firm of Fennemore Craig in Phoenix, Arizona. He joined the faculty of the Arizona State College of Law in 1986 before coming to the UT College of Law in 1993 as director of clinical programs. He has also served as director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and interim associate dean for academic affairs.

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## The Tennessee Advantage

The college continues to make a national name for itself, having been ranked in the top 35 public law schools in the country by *U.S. News and World Report* since 1996. Other measures of success:

- The longest continually operating for-credit legal clinic and one of the most successful programs of its kind, ranked eleventh nationally among more than 180 clinical programs for 2013 by *U.S. News*
- A faculty whose scholarly productivity is recognized among the best in American law schools on the Social Science Research Network



- Tennessee bar-exam passage rates that are consistently above the state average for all law graduates
- UT's graduates consistently accept full-time legal positions within nine months of graduation at a rate that surpasses national employment rates
- Acceptance by students and graduates of summer or permanent positions with more than 250 legal employers in recent years

## The Law School Community

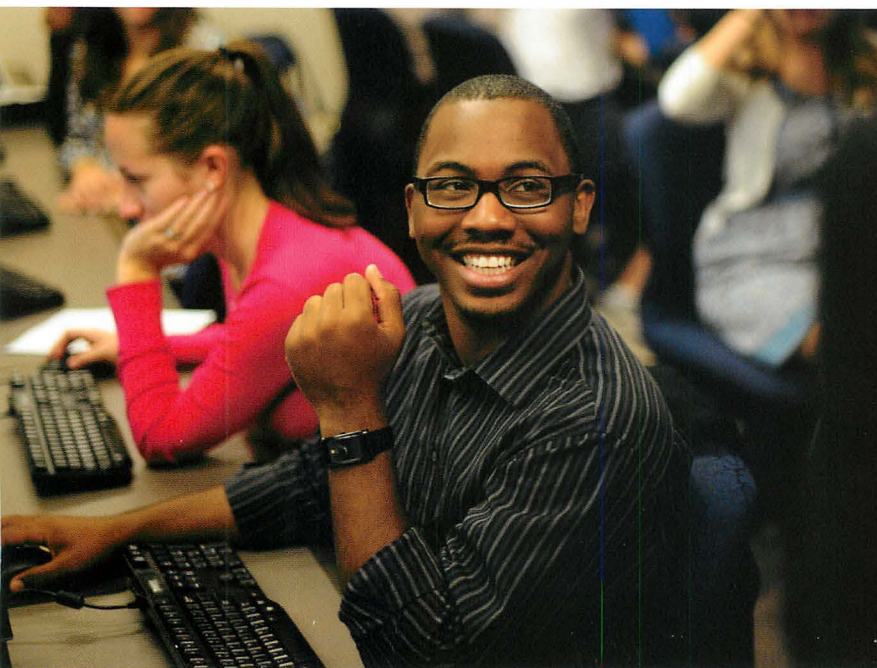
The UT College of Law will provide you with a unique environment in which to live and learn. Tennessee has a relatively small law school; entering classes in the 120- to 150-student range allow for a favorable student-to-faculty ratio. The entire student body has fewer than 500 students.

First-year sections of forty to fifty students are comparatively small, and students at Tennessee are even better positioned for personal attention in their second- and third-year classes. Upper-division classes average twenty-five students per class, and several special interest seminars are conducted with one faculty member and fewer than ten students.

The phrase “law school community” refers to a way of thinking, planning, and communicating that emphasizes partnerships among students, faculty, and staff. It is as simple as doing things together. Students work with professors as research assistants. Faculty members work with students individually to assist them in projects and activities that spotlight individual interests. The Moot Court Program draws in virtually every faculty member in some way. Faculty members help students hone their skills so teams may represent the College of Law in interschool competition. Students, faculty, and staff serve together on major committees. Law students choose from a variety of student programs, activities, publications, and organizations to enhance their classroom experience. As in any type of community, involvement is the key to success, and plenty of room for involvement exists in the UT College of Law community.

And it's not all serious. Members of the law school community also have fun together with such activities as town meetings, open forums, the long-standing tradition of Chilla at Halloween, committee meetings over pizza, banquets to honor student achievements, and parties to celebrate the beginning and the end of the year. Each year ends with an auction to raise money for the Student Bar Association's student emergency loan fund, and each year's graduating class appoints a development council that plans a class project to leave a lasting gift to the college.

The mission of the UT College of Law is to be a preeminent state-supported law school where faculty, staff, and students devoted to teaching, scholarship, and service thrive.



The College of Law could be considered a well-kept secret. Upper-division classes average twenty-five students per class, and several special interest seminars are conducted with one faculty member and fewer than ten students.

# The Academic Program

## Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree

The curriculum leading to the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree prepares students for the practice of law. The College of Law curriculum combines training in substantive law, procedure, ethics, and professionalism, with particular emphasis on analysis and reasoning, research, problem solving, writing, planning and drafting, business transactions, advocacy, and dispute resolution.

### A Typical Entering Class

120–150 students

1,100–1,400 applicants

25%–35% admitted

LSAT profile: 50% between 155 and 161

UGPA profile: 50% between 3.3 and 3.7

15 to 20 states and 75 to 80 under-graduate schools represented

### Orientation and the Introductory Period

Each August, new law students (1Ls) meet their classmates, second- and third-year law students, student advisors, and the faculty in several social settings and events sponsored by the law school. 1Ls attend orientation, followed by mini-courses on the Civil Litigation Process and Case Analysis and Briefing. They complete their first week by attending their first law school classes in Contracts, Criminal Law, and Torts. Participation in Orientation and Introductory Period activities is mandatory for all entering students.

### The First Year

The first-year course of study is designed to provide students with a solid theoretical and analytical foundation for upper-division elective courses. Since the first-year course work is fundamental to a solid legal education, the first-year curriculum is mandatory. Course descriptions are in the Graduate Catalog on the College of Law website.

Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure I	3	Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts I	3	Contracts II	3
Criminal Law	3	Legal Process II	3
Legal Process I	3	Property	4
Torts I	3	Torts II	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

### The Second Year

Required courses in the second year:

Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
Legal Profession	3	Constitutional Law	4



## Elective Courses

Second- and third-year students choose from more than ninety upper-division elective courses. Each of the courses listed on pages eight and nine is scheduled for at least one of the next two academic years. However, not all elective courses may be offered during the two years in which electives may be taken. Full course descriptions are available in the Graduate Catalog and at [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu).

## Other Requirements

Students must satisfy the following requirements at some time prior to graduation:

- Perspective Course
- Expository Writing
- Planning and Drafting
- Professional Skills

These requirements may be met through successful completion of any number of elective courses. The requirements reflect the faculty's conviction that each student should develop essential lawyering skills and the ability to view law and the legal system in broad perspective.

## Core Strengths of the UT College of Law

The University of Tennessee College of Law has a productive, collegial, and engaged faculty and student body; low student-faculty ratios; a modern, technologically advanced facility; and an integration of substantive legal theory, practical law, and strong teaching skills across its curriculum. It is an intellectually stimulating environment where people can learn to be excellent lawyers.



# Course Offerings

## Administrative and Legislative Process

- Administrative Law
- Legislation
- Non-Profit Corporations

## Business Organizations

- Antitrust
- Business Associations
- Corporate Finance
- Introduction to Business Transactions
- Representing Enterprises
- Securities Regulation

## Commercial Law

- Commercial Leasing
- Contract Drafting
- Debtor-Creditor Law
- Negotiable Instruments
- Secured Transactions
- Workouts and Reorganizations

## Constitutional Law and Individual Rights

- Advanced Constitutional Law
- Civil Rights Actions
- Constitutional Law
- Discrimination and the Law
- Supreme Court Decision Making

## Criminal Law and Procedure

- Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Criminal Law
- Criminal Law Seminar
- Investigatory Criminal Procedure
- Post-Conviction Relief

## Domestic Relations Law

- Children and the Law
- Family Law

## Environmental and Resource Law

- Environmental Law and Policy
- Environmental Law Seminar
- Natural Resources Law

## History, Theory, and Interdisciplinary Study of Law

- American Legal History
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Economics
- Law and Literature

## International and Comparative Law

- European Union Law
- International Human Rights
- International Intellectual Property Law
- International Religious Freedom
- Global Constitutionalism
- Public International Law

## Labor and Employment Law

- Employment Discrimination
- Labor Relations Law
- Law of the Workplace

## Legal Clinic

- Advocacy Clinic
- Business Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Environmental Practicum
- Immigration Clinic
- Judicial Externship
- Mediation Clinic
- Prosecutorial Externship
- Public Defender Externship
- Wills Clinic
- Innocence and Wrongful Convictions Clinic

## Practice and Procedure

- Advanced Evidence
- Advanced Trial Practice
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Complex Litigation
- Conflict of Laws
- E-Discovery
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Pretrial Litigation  
Remedies  
Trial Practice

### **Property**

Estate Planning  
Gratuitous Transfers  
Land Acquisition and Development  
Land Finance Law  
Land Use Law  
Ownership and Justice

### **Specialty Courses**

Advanced Ethics  
Copyright Law  
Disability Law  
Entertainment Law  
Health Care Law  
Health Care Policy  
Intellectual Property  
Internet Law  
Jury System  
Law and Medicine  
Law, Science and Technology  
National Security Law  
Not-For-Profit Corporations  
Ownership and Justice  
Patent Law  
Patent Prosecution  
Public Defender Externship  
Public Interest Law  
Space Law  
Sports Law  
Women and the Law

### **Taxation**

Fundamental Concepts of Income Tax  
Income Taxation of Business Organizations  
State and Local Tax  
Tax Theory  
Tax Procedure and Practice  
Taxation of Real Property Interests  
Transactional Tax Planning  
Wealth Transfer Taxation

### **Torts and Compensation Systems**

Business Torts  
Insurance Law  
Legal Malpractice

### **Topics Courses**

Issues in the Law

### **Independent Work**

Directed Research  
Field Placement  
Independent Study  
Law Review  
Moot Court

### **Course Offerings Subject to Change**

The necessity of adjustments to accommodate changing conditions may dictate modifications in the course offerings and other features of the program described above. Accordingly, the College of Law reserves the right to make such variation in its program as circumstances may require. Prospective students who are interested in the precise course offerings at a given time or who desire other special information should make inquiry in advance.

Course descriptions are available at [www.law.utk.edu](http://www.law.utk.edu).

## Legal Writing Program

Lawyers are professional writers. Whether they act as advisors, advocates, or drafters of statutes and contracts, lawyers serve their clients by analyzing real-life problems in terms of legal principles and communicating that analysis effectively. A strong foundation in legal writing and research skills is essential to professional success.

The legal writing program in the college, which is ranked twenty-first nationally and eighth among public law schools for 2013, is one of the cornerstones of the college's academic program and demonstrates its commitment to teaching and training students to be excellent lawyers.

The writing program includes both required and elective courses. In required courses, students create documents that give advice, present arguments on behalf of clients, specify the terms of contracts or other instruments, and present scholarly analysis of legal issues. In elective courses throughout the curriculum, students prepare professional documents of all types. By writing, students learn how to use legal authorities to answer clients' questions; they learn to recognize, present, and respond to various kinds of legal arguments in the precise language that law demands; and they learn to produce professional-quality documents.

Legal Process I and Legal Process II are gateway first-year courses taught by full-time law professors and practicing attorneys. Working closely with classroom teachers, a writing specialist helps each student identify strengths and weaknesses. Individual tutoring and workshops are offered to all students who wish to improve their writing skills. In the first semester, Legal Process I introduces students to the structure of legal analysis and the lawyerly use of legal authorities. Students learn how to find, choose, and use legal authorities to solve legal problems and to write legal memoranda like those used in law offices. In Legal Process II, students acquire more advanced research techniques and learn how to make persuasive legal arguments in trial and appellate briefs and in oral arguments.

After the first year of law school, students continue to develop their writing and research skills through two upper-level writing requirements. In the Planning and Drafting requirement, students learn to plan and draft documents, such as contracts, governing the future conduct of clients and others. The Expository Writing requirement focuses on developing analytical skills through researching and writing a scholarly paper on a subject chosen by the student. Students may satisfy the upper-level writing requirements through a variety of courses and independent projects. Many students elect to take more than one course to satisfy each of these requirements.



### MARY LAUREN WALDEN

*Class of 2012*

*BBA, Belmont University*

Employment:

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Changing her Tune:** Mary Lauren Walden had dreams of becoming a superstar in Nashville. She moved there in 2005 to pursue a career as a recording artist. Walden also began attending Belmont University—just in case her singing career didn't pan out. As a sophomore music business major, Walden's career path veered toward law when she became inspired by her classmates who were pursuing record deals.

**A New Song:** "I was still very interested in the entertainment industry, but living on a bus wasn't the lifestyle I wanted," Walden says. "I grew up interested in law because my grandfather was a judge, and I wanted to choose a career field where I could combine my love of music and the law."

Her interest in law grew deeper during her first internship at SESAC, Inc. (a performing rights organization), where she worked in business development and witnessed copyright laws being broken and enforced.

Since that time, Walden has interned and worked at a number of intriguing places, including Warner Bros. Records, Curb Records, the Tennessee Supreme Court, and Zumwalt, Almon & Hayes, and Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP. At Warner Bros., Walden tracked album sales and chart success of country music artists, including Faith Hill and Blake Shelton. At Curb Records, she learned about "good" and "bad" deals in the music industry while assisting the legal and business affairs department.

**On Track:** "Choosing to attend law school at Tennessee College of Law was definitely the best choice for me," Walden says. "I feel like I am prepared to succeed and ready to practice."



## TODD SKELTON

*Class of 2013*

*BA, University of Tennessee*

Summer 2012 Employment:  
Ruby Tuesday, General Counsel  
Maryville, Tennessee

**Torchbearer:** Todd Skelton's passion for international travel began as a competitive distance runner in high school when he was selected to represent the United States Junior Team at the World Mountain Running Trophy in Italy.

His passion grew deeper still while he studied abroad in France and England and taught English in China while completing his undergraduate work at UT with the College Scholars Program. Skelton was active in the Chancellor's Honors Program as president of the Honors Council and founder and chair of the Honors Ambassadors Program.

He also found time to serve on many advisory boards and university search committees, participate in the Student Government Association, and serve as editor-in-chief of *Pursuit*—UT's undergraduate research journal. As a result, Skelton was named a Torchbearer, the Chancellor's highest student honor award at UT.

**Leading the Way:** His loyalty to his alma mater led him to choose UT Law for his legal education, and Skelton says it has been a perfect fit. During his first semester, he was elected 1L Representative to the Student Bar Association. He also is president of the Graduate Student Senate. Skelton has continued to serve as the student representative on several university committees and works for the Knox County Audit Committee.

"UT's resources have allowed me to challenge myself academically and also have helped me to develop as a student leader," he says. "The law school's staff and faculty are excellent, and the curriculum allows students with diverse interests to thrive."

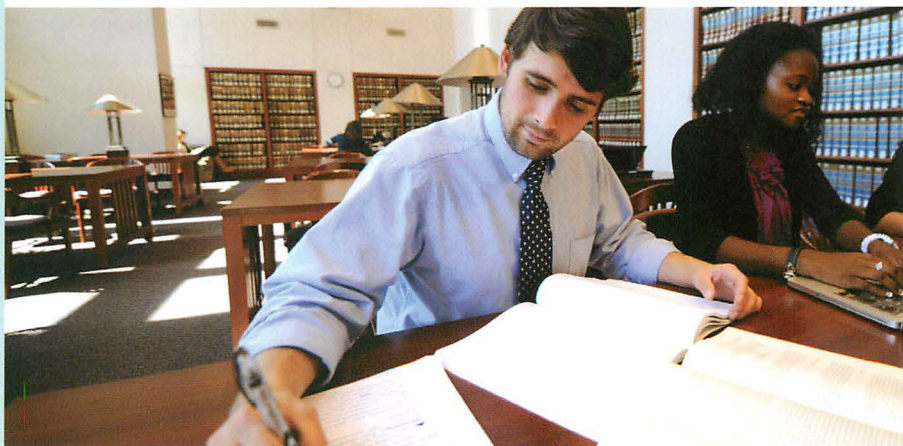
## Focusing Your Studies: Concentrations

### Concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

The College of Law provides an opportunity for students who wish to pursue a course of academic study geared toward a career in advocacy and dispute resolution. The concentration complements the College's strong curriculum in lawyering skills and its nationally acclaimed clinical programs. Students who choose this concentration begin the curriculum in the fall semester of their second year by taking integrated courses in advocacy, evidence and trial practice.

After this introduction, students in the concentration then choose from a wide variety of courses that emphasize various aspects of advocacy and dispute resolution, including pretrial litigation, negotiation and dispute resolution, interviewing and counseling, advanced trial practice, and advanced appellate advocacy. Students may also select traditional courses that expose them to particular legal areas, such as federal courts, complex litigation, remedies, and investigatory or adjudicatory criminal procedure. As a final requirement, students in the concentration participate in one of several legal clinics or externships, which give them the opportunity to represent clients in various tribunals. Students who complete the concentration requirements are acknowledged as having completed the J.D. degree with a concentration in advocacy and dispute resolution.

Concentration students benefit from a highly respected and experienced faculty, which includes full-time professors with diverse professional backgrounds and adjunct faculty consisting of members of the state and federal bench and bar. In addition, the concentration takes advantage of the college's exceptional facilities, which include several trial and appellate courtrooms and advanced classroom technology. The students'



classroom experiences are enhanced by the work of the University of Tennessee Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, which seeks to improve the quality of justice through interdisciplinary and professional programs and faculty and student scholarship.

### Concentration in Business Transactions

Since a high proportion of legal work, both in Tennessee and across the nation, involves the representation of businesses, the concentration in business transactions allows second- and third-year students to focus on the legal aspects of business and finance, emphasizing the needs of business concerns both large and small. This concentration provides a strong base from which to begin a career in business law, whether as a commercial litigator or as a transactional lawyer.

Many of our faculty members have practiced with business law groups in prestigious law firms, and they are uniquely qualified to mold a curriculum that will give students practical experience in the field. In part, this concentration was created to take advantage of these real-world experiences. The concentration is part of the college's Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law.

Following this course of study helps students develop competence in the kinds of transactional matters lawyers handle or litigate daily, such as planning and carrying out business transactions, drafting and negotiating deal documentation, counseling clients about compliance with laws and regulations, and pursuing commercial litigation. The curriculum provides a rich educational opportunity for students who choose to prepare for practice in this field. Skills and simulation courses in business transactions, contract drafting, and representing enterprises complement courses like fundamental concepts of income taxation, taxation of business organizations, land finance law, business associations, and secured transactions. The concentration's curriculum is a gateway to additional upper-division courses in areas such as corporate finance, tax, restructuring, and intellectual property. Students who meet the requirements of this concentration and the other requirements of the college will be acknowledged as having completed the J.D. degree with a concentration in business transactions.

The Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law is a leading center for teaching, scholarship, and service.



### ANGELICA FORTNEY

*Class of 2013*

*BA, Vanderbilt University*

Summer 2012 Employment:  
City of Memphis Attorney's Office  
and Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC  
Memphis, Tennessee

**Getting Involved:** Community involvement and leadership have been recurring themes in Angelica Fortney's life. As she pursued a bachelor of arts in political science at Vanderbilt, she found time to serve as president of the Vanderbilt Black Student Alliance, hold office in her sorority, and participate in the Vanderbilt Voices of Praise choir and step team. She also served the Nashville community as a tutor and mentor to young people through a tutoring program at a local high school, the YMCA, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Outside the Comfort Zone:** "Coming to UT was a personal choice for me, and the rewards have been just as personal," says Fortney. "I decided to attend UT to challenge myself to step outside my comfort zone."

Fortney's location change hasn't stopped her from using her time to benefit others and acquiring the skills she needs to be an advocate. Her dedication to public service is evident in her activities. She is volunteering with Street Law, Inc., UT Pro Bono, and serving on the community service committee for Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

**Getting Motivated:** "Since coming to UT I have been motivated by faculty, staff, and other students alike to actively pursue the wealth of resources and opportunities available here to reach my full potential," says Fortney. "In the next few years I look forward to continuing to develop my legal skills and expanding my professional network."



## **SYE HICKEY**

*Class of 2013*

*BS, University of Kentucky, Gatton  
College of Business and Economics*

Summer 2012 Employment:  
Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
London & Amburn, PC  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**Life Experiences:** Sports, writing, traveling, and politics are all interests Sye Hickey lists on his résumé—and he has managed to incorporate all of them into his life experiences. At the University of Kentucky, he covered men's basketball and football games for *Sports Illustrated on Campus* and conducted interviews with ESPN College Game Day personalities.

Academically, he served as deputy chief of staff for the Student Government Association, in which he worked with various media outlets as a spokesperson and oversaw the promotions and public relations departments.

After graduation, Hickey's passion for politics led him to Washington, D.C., where he served as a Congressional Intern. Helping legislative assistants with research and conducting letter-writing campaigns strengthened his resolve to attend law school.

**Into the Orange:** Although Hickey doesn't bleed orange yet, his commitment to the UT Law community is evident in his involvement with student organizations and his outreach to others who are considering UT Law.

"As an out-of-state student, I was concerned about meeting people and fitting in, but after the first day of orientation, I knew I was right at home. UT has a talented and diverse student body and many student organizations, making it easy to get involved and meet people."

## **Dual Degree Programs**

The University of Tennessee has approved dual degree programs in

- law and business administration
- law and public administration

### **JD/MBA Program**

The College of Business Administration and the College of Law offer a credit-sharing program leading to the conferral of both the Doctor of Jurisprudence and the Master of Business Administration degrees. Applicants for the dual degree program must make separate application to and must be competitively and independently accepted by the College of Law for the JD degree and by the Graduate School and the College of Business Administration for the MBA program.

The UT MBA degree focuses on essential skills for the business manager of the future, regardless of the functional area of emphasis, by integrating the management of information, relationships, supply chains, and resources. The MBA program has received numerous accolades, including a ranking of forty-second in the 2010 *Forbes Magazine* listing that includes both public and private institutions. The supply chain management and logistics program is tenth in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2012 rankings.

For more information about the UT MBA program, go to [mba.utk.edu](http://mba.utk.edu).

### **JD/MPA Program**

The College of Law and the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences offer a coordinated program that enables students to earn the Master of Public Administration and the JD degrees in about four years rather than the five years that would otherwise be required. Students in the dual degree program should plan to be enrolled in course work or an internship for one summer term in addition to taking normal course loads for four academic years.

The MPA is a professional degree program designed to prepare men and women to assume responsible positions in public service through a program of study that integrates the theory and practice of public administration. The MPA curriculum at UT aspires to produce graduates who are literate in the field of public administration, have the skills to be effective managers of organizational resources, and possess the analytical abilities to be creative problem solvers.

For more information about the MPA program, visit <http://web.utk.edu/~polisci/mpa.html>.

## The Clinical Programs

The College of Law's legal clinics provide law students with opportunities to learn by doing—representing clients and helping resolve legal disputes. UT's Advocacy Clinic is the longest continuously operating for-credit clinic in the country and remains one of the most successful programs of its kind. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UT's clinical program fifth among public institutions and eleventh nationally.

**Advocacy Clinic.** The Advocacy Clinic functions much as a real law firm does. Third-year students work with faculty on different types of cases, including criminal, housing and juvenile matters. The entire “firm” meets weekly to discuss cases, tactics, and strategy. Students develop skills in fact investigation, negotiation, case development, interviewing witnesses, use of expert witnesses, drafting and arguing motions, and presentation of evidence. All cases handled by students are real cases with real consequences.

**Business Clinic.** In the Business Clinic, students and faculty represent for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the Knoxville area. Students provide a valuable service to the community and, at the same time, develop skills in interviewing, client counseling, document drafting, business planning, and the intricacies of a business practice.

**Domestic Violence Clinic.** Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic represent victims of domestic violence in gaining orders of protection and related matters. Students have actual clients and contested hearings and trials in Knox County's Fourth Circuit Court, where Judge Swann has started calling the DV Clinic students the “dream team” because of their exceptional preparation and results.

**Environmental Law Clinic.** The Environmental Law Clinic offers students a unique opportunity to affect environmental law and policy by helping local governments, state agencies, landowners, and nonprofit organizations develop quality land use and growth management policies and practices. The clinic coordinates its efforts with graduate students from ecology, environmental design, wildlife ecology, and other disciplines.

**Immigration Clinic.** Students in the Immigration Clinic represent asylum applicants and appear before immigration judges. Students also handle cases of immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.

## Learning by Doing

Students provide legal assistance to  
UT healthcare start up

The University of Tennessee College of Law reaches many clients through its business clinic, from not-for-profits such as Habitat for Humanity, to for-profit companies needing assistance with contracts and other legal documents.

During the last few years, students in the clinic were able to assist fellow Volunteers from the colleges of Nursing and Engineering in their quest to better prepare students for the healthcare profession.

“We saw a need and worked together to address it, but the College of Law proved essential in helping us through the steps involved to realize our dream,” says Tami Wyatt, an associate professor of nursing and partner in an idea that would eventually lead to new educational software.

When Wyatt noted the increasing demand for

students to familiarize themselves with the ins and outs of electronic healthcare records before graduation, she partnered with Matt Bell, a nursing graduate student at the time, and Xueping Li and Yo Indranoi from the College of Engineering to create a computer system called iCare.

### PAVING THE WAY FOR SUCCESS

The program, which allows nursing students to practice entering and working from realistic electronic health records, has been implemented in the nursing curriculum at UT, tested at other universities, and developed for the national market with help from the UT Research Foundation and the UT Center for Entrepreneurial Growth. Recently, Wyatt, Bell, Li, and Indranoi sold iCare to the publisher Lipincott Williams and Wilkins, which renamed the program DocuCare.

Brian Krumm, then visiting professor at the Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law and now an associate professor in the Business Clinic, handled the interdisciplinary group's request for help in setting up a limited liability corporation for iCare. Krumm and students from the business clinic at UT Law



**Innocence/Wrongful Convictions Clinic.** This clinic represents convicted, but potentially innocent, prisoners in Tennessee and provides pro bono legal and investigative assistance. Students have the unique opportunity to investigate cases, talk to witnesses, gather new evidence and challenge old evidence, and consider DNA and other scientific evidence.

**Mediation Clinic.** The Mediation Clinic provides law students opportunities to learn by serving—mediating actual disputes instead of acting as advocates. Students work in pairs to mediate civil and criminal cases in Knox County General Sessions Court and in such agencies as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**Wills Clinic.** In 2008, the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel funded one of the very first wills clinics in the country at UT. Students in the clinic represent indigent clients in different types of trusts and estates matters. Students interview clients, draft wills, living wills, trusts, and other documents, and may even handle cases in probate court.

**Externships.** Students can also take advantage of three externships—judicial, prosecutorial, and public defender. In the **judicial externship**, law students work as clerks for state and federal judges, assisting in all aspects of the judge’s work and learning invaluable lessons.

In the **prosecutorial externship**, students are placed in the office of the US Attorney and the Knox County District Attorney General. Working under the supervision of experienced assistant US attorneys, students prosecute real cases on behalf of the federal government, handling all phases of the criminal process including case development and investigation, preliminary hearings, plea negotiations, and trial.

In the **public defender externship**, students are placed in the Knox County public defender’s office or the federal public defender’s office and work under experienced public defenders. They regularly appear in court to represent clients in all aspects of their cases, including trials. Each of the externships also includes a classroom component with supervising law faculty.

provided legal assistance to the iCare team on the journey from startup company, to beta testing, to the final sale to Lippincott.

“We came to Brian and the business clinic after visiting a private lawyer and realizing we did not have the funds to handle our due diligence on the legal side of things,” Bell says. “The services the students provided meant that we could focus on the product and implementation without the major financial burden of trying to attain counsel.”

#### A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

Krumm said the partnership with groups like the iCare team helps businesses that otherwise could not afford legal representation and provides invaluable real-world experience to students. Once the companies grow large enough, they obtain outside legal representation.

“It takes what the students learn in contracts and tax courses and puts it in a real life problem-solving situation,” Krumm says. “The students do all the work. I was just there to review and comment.”

Krumm says in the long run, the clinical experience



helped the students who worked on the multiple-semester project to become better lawyers.

“You cannot simulate the pressure to close on a certain date or how hard you need to work to resolve the language issues in a contract,” Krumm says. “The students at UT Law are learning by doing.”

*Pictured above, front row, from left: Xueping Li, Yo Indranoi, Matt Bell, and Tami Wyatt, gather at UT Law with (back row, from left) Brian Krumm and Dean Doug Blaze.*

# Clerks at Court

UT Law students pursue clerkship opportunities

Continuing a long-standing UT College of Law tradition, sixteen members of the Class of 2011 embarked upon judicial clerkships.

A judicial law clerk assists a judge with many tasks, including researching and drafting judicial opinions. Through a clerkship, a law graduate can gain a unique

perspective on the work of the courts, including administration of the judicial process, the role of lawyers at all stages of a proceeding, and the importance of ethics in the advocacy process.

According to UT alumnus J. Scott Griswold of Paine, Tarwater, and Bickers LLC, who clerked for Justice William M. Barker of the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2007-2008, his clerkship provided many benefits.

"I gained an intimate understanding of how the Supreme Court operates and what the justices and staff attorneys looked for when deciding to accept review and decide the merits of an appeal," Griswold says. "I learned a great deal from Justice Barker about the subtleties of the law." This knowledge has helped him become an effective advocate in the two oral arguments he has made before the Tennessee Supreme Court.



Judicial clerks from the Class of 2011 include: (front row, from left) Michelle Consigjilo, Heather Graves Parker, and Paige Bernick; (back row, from left) Justin Fajin, Danielle Greer, Alan Jackson, and Audrey Calkins.

New judicial clerk Danielle Greer clerks for Judge D. Kelly Thomas of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. She works closely with her judge, and says she takes great pride in her work.

Alan Jackson, now clerking for Magistrate Judge Walter E. Johnson, points out the need for dedication and diligence in addressing legal issues raised in court proceedings. "I'm lucky to have the opportunity to sit at the feet of an accomplished jurist and learn from the beginning of my career how to do things the right way," Jackson says.

**Apply for Admission** Questions? Call 865-974-4131 to speak to admissions staff.

- UT's electronic application is available at **lsac.org** or you can link to the Flex-app from **law.utk.edu**.
- The application fee is waived for electronic applications.
- Subscribe to the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service.
- For detailed information about the application process, go to **law.utk.edu/prospective**.



## Roll Call. The Class of 2011 judicial clerks and their judges:

**Paige Bernick:** Hon. Arnold B. Goldin, Chancellor, 30th Judicial District, Memphis, Tennessee

**Audrey Calkins:** Hon. S. Thomas Anderson, US District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee

**Michelle Consiglio:** Hon. Robert W. Wedemeyer, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Nashville, Tennessee

**Sara Ellis:** Hon. John F. Weaver, Hon. Daryl R. Fansler, and Hon. Michael W. Moyers, Chancellors, 6th Judicial District, Knoxville, Tennessee

**Justin Faith:** Hon. Jeffrey M. Atherton and Hon. W. Frank Brown, Chancellors, 11th Judicial District, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Danielle Greer:** Hon. D. Kelly Thomas, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Knoxville, Tennessee

**Alan Jackson:** Hon. Walter E. Johnson, US Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Rome, Georgia

**Paige Kimbro:** Hon. Don R. Ash, Circuit Court Judge, 16th Judicial District, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**Heather Graves Parker:** Hon. Robert Ewing Corlew, Chancellor, 16th Judicial District, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**Lilas Taslimi:** Hon. Andy D. Bennett, Tennessee Court of Appeals, Nashville, Tennessee

**Wells Trompeter:** Hon. H. Bruce Guyton and Hon. C. Clifford Shirley, US Magistrate Judges, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

**Kristin Wagers:** Hon. Joseph Tipton, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Knoxville, Tennessee

**Joe Watson:** Hon. Gary R. Wade, Tennessee Supreme Court, Knoxville, Tennessee

**Daniel White:** Hon. Jacqueline E. Bolton, Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial District, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Ryan Wilson:** Hon. Elisabeth French, Alabama Circuit Court, Birmingham, Alabama

**Katie Zipper:** Hon. Barbara N. Haynes, Circuit Court Judge, 20th Judicial District, Nashville, Tennessee

## Student Publications

***Tennessee Law Review.*** This journal is published quarterly by the students of the College of Law. Members are selected from the rising second-year class on the basis of writing ability and scholarship. Third-year students may be chosen to serve on the editorial board or may participate as staff members.

The law review offers an excellent opportunity for law students with an aptitude for legal research and writing at a professional level. It publishes articles on important legal topics written by legal scholars and practitioners throughout the country. Members of the law review also write notes and comments for publication. Members of the *Tennessee Law Review* receive one hour of ungraded academic credit for each semester in which they satisfactorily perform their duties.

***Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law.*** A semiannual publication of the Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law, this journal, carried by law libraries nationwide, is run by students with assistance from the college faculty. *Transactions* covers legal developments of interest to the business bar as well as the center's activities and faculty achievements.

***Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy.*** This is a student-produced journal that began quarterly publication in the fall of 2004.

***Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender & Social Justice.*** This is a student-produced journal published twice a year and provides an interdisciplinary academic platform that focuses on legal issues affecting people of different races, genders, and other societal forces.



## UT College of Law Named 'Best Value' school by *The National Jurist*

The College of Law ranked fourteenth on the 2011 list of "Best Value Schools" in *The National Jurist* magazine.

The magazine annually ranks schools by weighing bar passage rates and job placement figures with tuition and average indebtedness upon graduation.

"Our focus at UT Law has always been on graduating students who not only pass the bar exam, but are well prepared for the real world and are able to find good jobs in which they immediately excel," said Douglas A. Blaze, dean of the College of Law. "Our ability to do this, while remaining accessible and affordable, is a point of great pride for us.

The college's legal writing program ranked eighth among public universities in the 2013 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings.

The clinical training program ranked eleventh among all universities.

## National Moot Court Team Triumphs at Competition

Back to back successes in national moot court competition shine a bright glow on UT's trial preparation program

The UT College of Law National Moot Court team won the Region VII moot court competition in November 2011, allowing them to make an appearance in the national competition in New York.

Team members Amy Mohan, Valeria Gomez, and Carlos Yunsan turned in an excellent performance at nationals. The competition ended in a tie, but UC Berkeley advanced by having a better oral score in the round. Berkeley eventually finished second nationally, losing to Texas Tech in the finals. UT had bested Seton Hall and Case Western in the first two rounds.

"I am proud of our team's performance this year," said 3L Amy Mohan, who was a member of last year's team that finished as the national runner up.

The 2011-12 team had three solid arguments and seemed to improve in each round. The judges praised the UT team for its use of language, rebuttal, and extensive knowledge of the record in its round against UC Berkeley.

"We lost by just a hair, which was disappointing after our strong performance, but I feel like we went out on top of our game," Mohan said.

Tennessee swept through the regional competition undefeated against teams from Loyola of New Orleans, Memphis, Faulkner, Mississippi College, and Loyola a second time in the finals to win the regional crown for the second year in a row.

"It was definitely a team effort this year," said Mohan. "Each one of us had a hand in writing every sentence of the brief and preparing both sides of the argument. Professors (Joseph) Cook and (John) Sobieski said we would be the best prepared team at the regional, and I think we were."

Winning is nice, Cook said, but of even more value is the educational experience for the students. "That is always the top priority," he said, "and the key is that we get broad-based faculty support. The faculty started working with the team very early, and the students got the perspective from a variety of viewpoints. By the time we got to the regionals there weren't yet any questions they hadn't already heard. We were as well prepared as anyone there."

*UT Law's National Moot Court team of Amy Mohan, Valeria Gomez, and Carlos Yunsan advanced to the 16th round at the national finals in New York City in February 2012. The team, which won regionals last November to advance to New York, was coached by Professors John Sobieski and Joseph Cook.*



## Student Programs

### Study Abroad: Cambridge

The UT College of Law, in conjunction with several other law programs, offers a study abroad program that allows students to earn class credit during the summer while studying and traveling for a month. The Cambridge program features courses on various topics in international and comparative law and is ABA accredited.

For more information about the Cambridge Summer Session at Downing College, please visit [www.law.olemiss.edu/lsp\\_cambridge.html](http://www.law.olemiss.edu/lsp_cambridge.html).

### Student Bar Association

The UT Student Bar Association is the representative voice of College of Law students. Elected officers serve on the Dean's Advisory Council, and members organize activities for the benefit of the law school community. All students may join the SBA and participate in its activities.

The SBA supervises the locker rental program and operates the SBA Book Exchange through which law students may buy and sell used law books at discounted prices. The SBA also administers the Alan Novak Memorial Emergency Loan Fund, which provides short-term interest-free loans to law students in need.

### Moot Court Program

The Moot Court Board plays a vital role in the College of Law's appellate and trial advocacy programs. It is composed of second- and third-year students who have demonstrated excellence in advocacy through various inter- and intra-school competitions. The Board develops legal problems for the two intraschool competitions held each year—the Advocates' Prize and the Jenkins Competition—and is involved in the selection of students who will represent the university in interschool competitions. The Board is committed to increasing the level of interest, participation, and excellence in advocacy in the College of Law.

### Student Organizations

Student organizations in the college provide opportunities to develop common interests and explore law-related topics. Check the Student Affairs website at [law.utk.edu/current/organizations.shtml](http://law.utk.edu/current/organizations.shtml) for the most current list of student organizations. An Organizations Fair is held each fall semester to acquaint students with the choices in activities.

## Pro Bono and Public Interest Law

Through a student-driven Pro Bono program, as well as funding opportunities for students who engage in public interest work, the College of Law is committed to expanding opportunities in public service. This dedication is manifested in the UT Pro Bono Pledge, active student involvement, faculty support, and a staff position dedicated to enhancing access to justice issues at the College of Law. Students can work on projects including:

Animal Law Project

Homeless Project

Immigrant Assistance Project

Saturday Bar Project

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/  
International VITA

Street Law Program

Vols for Vets Program

Alternative Spring Break

Tuesday Bar Project

Legal Legacy Project

### The College of Law sponsors teams in most major national competitions, including

National Moot Court  
two-time national champion  
2011 national runner-up

National Trial

Ray H. Jenkins Trial  
Competition

Advocates' Prize Moot  
Court Competition

Jerome Prince Evidence  
Moot Court  
three-time national  
champion

Constitutional Law Moot  
Court

Trademark Moot Court

Environmental Moot Court

Frederick Douglass Moot  
Court

Black Law Student  
Association Trial

# Vols for Vets

## UT Pro Bono assists military

On a balmy afternoon in late March 2012, a group of University of Tennessee law students crowded around a table full of laptops in what was once a military hospital. Trading stacks of print outs and french fries, the group spent several days neck-deep in paperwork, foregoing the beachside views and air conditioning that many of their classmates were enjoying in other parts of the world.

The trip to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, gave College of Law students the chance to observe military law firsthand while helping out the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Major Leah Linger, who heads up the legal services office on post at Fort Campbell, says the students prepared for the trip by reading up on military law regulations and examples of rebuttals so they could hit the ground running on base.

"They even had homework, which they must have done because they've done a great job since arriving here," she says. "We're two attorneys down right now, so we really appreciate what they've been able to do."

### ON A MISSION WITH THE MILITARY

As law students, the UT group members worked under the supervision of Major Linger, as well as Captain Mark Robinson, who works in the office. Students helped with client intake at the legal clinic and tax clinics, reviewed financial liability investigations of property loss (FLIPLs), wrote recommendations for the JAG officers to review, and contributed to a stepparent adoption packet for a soldier, in addition to other assignments.

The JAG corps at Fort Campbell serves a community of 230,000, including soldiers, family members, retirees, and retiree family members. From the FLIPLs—with which active duty soldiers often are served to seek payment for damage to military property during their many relocations—to advice about divorces, adoptions, and other civilian matters, judge advocates rarely take a break.

"We see about 200 people a day on average in our legal clinic," Major Linger said. "Any time we can get help, at least with the information gathering portion of our work, it makes a huge difference."

For David Priest, a UT Law 2L who worked with Major Linger to organize the trip, with the sponsorship of Lewis, King, Krieg and Waldrop, PC, the difference it made was in the overall picture of how he looks at his role as a lawyer.

"Helping out our military is a huge mission of mine," Priest said. "This trip, being able to spend



a few days learning from and helping out these folks, is by far the most meaningful moment of law school for me. I'm so honored to have been given the opportunity."

For 2L Kitty Ganier, the trip helped to satisfy a patriotic itch she's been trying to scratch for most of her life.

"My sister worked at the Pentagon, and I grew up with my granddad, who is a veteran," Ganier said. "My brother-in-law is in the military and I was a US athlete before law school. In college, I was on the short list for the World Cup pentathlon, which includes running, shooting, and swimming. I've always kicked around the idea of doing something related to military work. This really makes me think about it."

## Mentoring

The Mentoring Program at the UT College of Law provides a unique opportunity for law students to participate in conversations with both practicing and nonpracticing attorneys on topics related to professionalism, available career paths, and what it means to be a lawyer. The program is completely voluntary and the relationships established through this program may help a student define their specific legal interests while gaining a better understanding of what is necessary to achieve and maintain a successful career.

Attorney mentors and student participants typically engage two to three times per semester, whether in person, over the telephone, or through video conferencing. Mentors in the program are located throughout the country and in a variety of practice areas and industries, thus bringing diverse and robust views to the student participants. Students are eligible to participate in the program beginning in the second semester of their first year of law school.

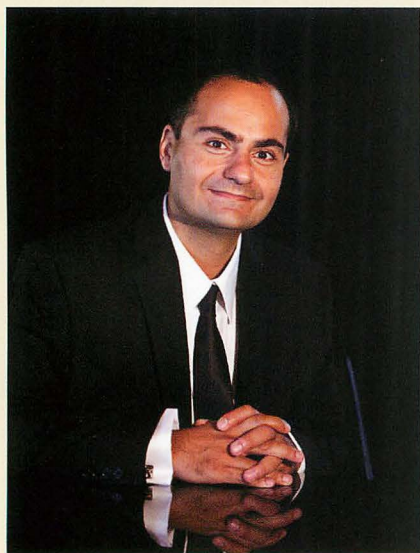


Ali Safavi, Class of 2001, had a plan when he enrolled as a joint JD/MBA student at the University of Tennessee—to eventually become the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. By all indications, he is well on the way to reaching his goal.

## Building Dreams at Disney

Currently, Safavi serves as executive director of international in-home distribution for The Walt Disney Studios. He supports Disney's international licensees in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

"I travel internationally quite extensively, usually quarterly," said Safavi, who was in Buenos Aires, Argentina, when UT Law tracked him down for a career update.



Safavi has held numerous jobs with Disney. Previously, he was executive director of global account management for The Walt Disney Company and provided strategic oversight to Disney's global accounts such as Costco and Amazon worldwide. Before that he held multiple positions at Disney, as the global director of sales strategy; global director of Latin America and Asia-Pacific sales; and global director of brand management for Disney's worldwide home entertainment division. In these various roles, he helped shape commercial plans for Disney's global home entertainment markets.

"What I was seeking from law school were the analytical skills that would give me an advantage over my peers in business," he says. "In business you always have imperfect information. You have to take the data you receive, convert it into the information you need to form a plan, and then use the information to execute a plan. That is what I picked up in law school—the thinking skills I needed to compete in business."



# Financing Your Legal Education

## Tuition and Fees

The value of your legal education at the University of Tennessee College of Law compares very favorably with that available at other state-supported and private institutions.

University tuition and fees are determined by the Board of Trustees and are subject to change each year. The costs for the 2012–2013 academic year (fall and spring semesters) are as follows:

*For Tennessee Resident Students. . . . . \$17,678*

*For Out-of-State Students. . . . . \$36,422*

## Total Expenses

The estimated Financial Aid budgets for the 2012–2013 academic year for a student living on or off campus are outlined here to give you an idea of the total cost of attending the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Candidates for admission can estimate the cost of attendance for the three-year period by anticipating an 8 to 10 percent increase for the second and third years of law school.

**Please refer to the College of Law website for current information on tuition, fees, and expenses.**

### Estimated Expenses: 2012–2013 Academic Year

(Independent law student living on or off campus)

	<i>In-State</i>	<i>Out-of-State</i>
Tuition and Fees	17,678	36,422
Room and Board	11,522	11,522
Books	1,902	1,902
Transportation	1,638	1,638
Miscellaneous	4,256	4,256
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,996</b>	<b>\$55,740</b>

## Seat Deposits and Intent to Enroll

All applicants admitted to the College of Law who plan to enroll in the fall must pay two nonrefundable seat deposits to reserve a place in the entering class. The total amount of the deposits will be credited to semester fees. Payment of the second seat deposit signals your intent to enroll as a first-year student.

## Return on Investment

The historic recession of the late 2000s has prompted many to re-examine the “return on investment” of law school. While this can really only be accomplished with a lifetime of earnings to evaluate and in the context of career satisfaction, there are signals you can consider to evaluate the proposition of law school attendance. Law schools should provide information about the average amount borrowed by recent law graduates, as reported to the American Bar Association, so you can consider this information in the context of typical salaries of the legal positions that interest you and the cost of law school attendance at that school.

### Return on Investment of Law School

Average Borrowed for Legal Education

	<b>CLASS OF 2010-11</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2009-10</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2008-09</b>
<b>UT</b>	\$71,919	\$65,082	\$53,751
<b>Public Law Schools</b>	\$75,728	\$69,687	\$58,591

## Financial Aid

Candidates for admission to the College of Law may be eligible for financial assistance. In-depth information about the types of financial aid available, the processes for applying, important deadlines, a list of scholarships, and other information is available at [law.utk.edu/prospective/financial-services.shtml](http://law.utk.edu/prospective/financial-services.shtml).

## Scholarships

The college awards a number of scholarships as part of the admissions process. Selection may be based on a number of factors: academic credentials (LSAT score and UGPA), records of leadership and community service, and other factors as established by the scholarship donor. Several scholarships may be awarded for which financial need, as established by the university after the FAFSA process is complete, is a primary criteria. Candidates for admission should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after the first of the year in order to be considered for scholarships in which financial need is a factor.

Admitted candidates will automatically be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. Scholarship awards are made on a rolling basis, so admitted candidates who applied early may have an advantage.

Descriptions of scholarships and the selection criteria are included in the “Prospective Student” section of [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu).

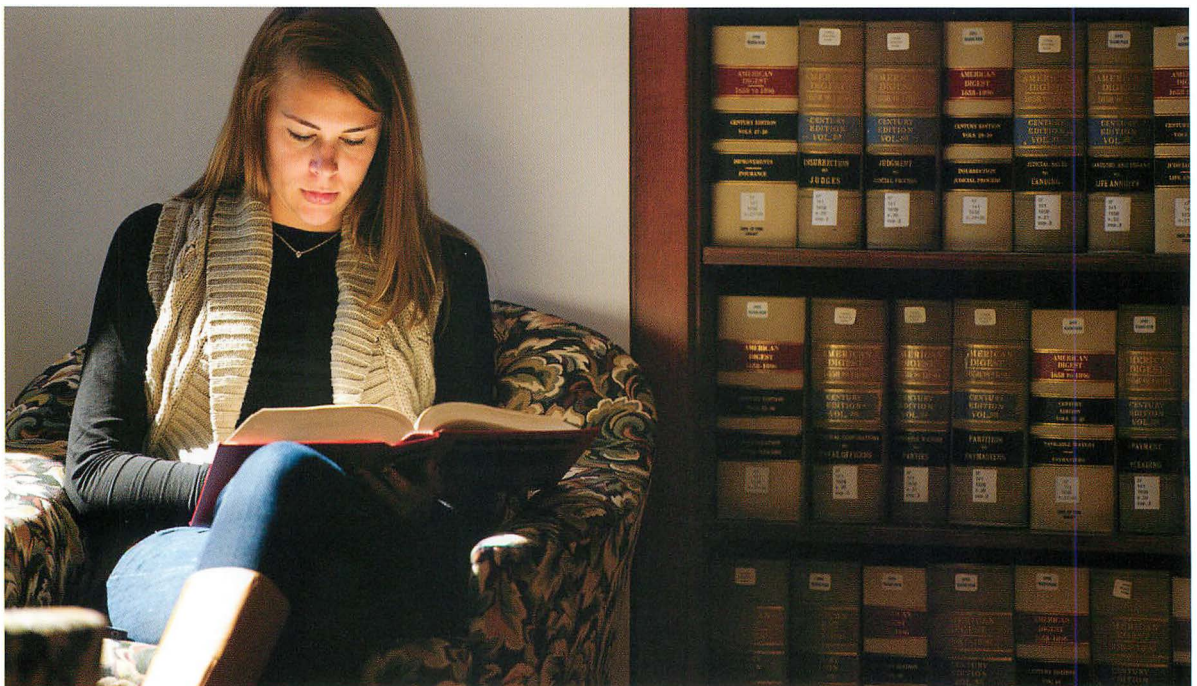
## TENNESSEE LAW SCHOLAR GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Several law students are selected to serve as graduate research assistants for faculty members during their three years of study. Candidates offered positions as Tennessee Law Scholars and Research Associates will work under the supervision of law professors for an average of 10 hours each week during fall and spring semesters for three years.

Compensation includes a full tuition waiver (in-state or out-of-state) and a monthly stipend. Additional

information is available on the College of Law website and on the electronic application.

Tennessee Law Scholars will be chosen from admitted candidates who express an interest in this position during the admissions process. Academic qualifications, research and writing experience, and other factors considered in the admissions process will also be considered in this selection process.



# Students Receive Debt Management Counseling

Jeff Hanson, a national authority on financial education and debt management, visited the University of Tennessee College of Law to help students get a handle on managing their financial commitments during and after law school.

Hanson addressed students at several college-wide presentations on debt management, as well as in one-on-one debt counseling sessions.

3L Crystal Lucas said Hanson's talk helped her create a plan for how to manage debt that went back to her time in graduate school.

"Student debt is something people tend to shy away from," Lucas said. Having Hanson on campus was a way of "opening up the conversation, and really was helpful to me and my classmates," she said. "I'm very concerned about repayment options. I want to jump into it with a plan."

Hanson detailed a four-step plan of attack for students looking to understand the ramifications of debt repayment.

First, students need to understand what their loan portfolio looks like.

"The Department of Education does not service its own loans, so you need to find out who does," Hanson said. "Those are the people you will have to deal with. Find out your rate, who is servicing it, and what you owe. This will help you try to borrow less in subsequent years."

Second, students should understand what type of loans they have taken out and determine when repayment begins.

"The repayment period is going to occur whether you do anything or not, so the third step is very important," Hanson said. "You must understand your repayment

options and pick your plan. If you don't choose a repayment plan, it will result in one being selected for you—and the default option is almost always the one where you will be paying the most per month. Don't let that happen."

Lastly, Hanson encouraged students to prepare for contingencies by knowing the options available to them for payment relief and refinancing.

He offered detailed information about how to follow through with each step of the plan and met with students for several hours on an individual basis.

Karen Britton, director of admissions and financial aid and director of the Bettye B. Lewis Career Center at UT Law, said the school will continue to address the issue of debt with students.

"Law school debt is an issue for law schools nationwide, and while UT remains a good value, we are concerned to see the average amount borrowed increasing while the frequency of higher paying post-graduate jobs is declining," Britton said. "Our students were intensely interested in his action plans for loan repayment, and we will invite him back to help our entering students understand the long-term financial implications of debt so they can make good decisions as they go along."

## Loans

Applicants must complete the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) in order to be considered for federal loans and need-based scholarships.

Several different loan programs are available to help students finance their legal educations:

- Federal Perkins Student Loan Program
- Stafford Loans
- Grad Plus Loans

Detailed information about each loan option can be found at [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu) in the section for prospective students.

## The Bettye B. Lewis Career Center

Recruiting and hiring practices across the legal job market require law students to approach career decisions through an ongoing, developmental process that begins in the first year of law school and continues after graduation. A hallmark of the UT College of Law Career Center is our **Career Integration Program** for all students. Through team consultation and coaching, programs and services are delivered sequentially to support students' evolving needs for information and assistance as they engage in the career development process.

Before their first year even begins, admitted candidates complete an online career assessment in the summer to help our staff learn more about their preferences for practice areas and geographic locations. This is followed by a Career Kick-Off workshop soon after classes begin to familiarize first-years with our staff members, programs, and services, as well as those of UT's campus-wide Career Services Office. Additional programs that are held in the first year include: What Can I Do with a Law Degree; Professionalism: Your Role as a Law Student and Beyond; Your Job Search Tool Kit; Best Resources for Your Job Search; Prepare to Interview; and Mock Interview Week, co-sponsored by the Knoxville Bar Association.

### Individualized Attention

In late fall or early spring, each first-year student attends a Get To Know You advising session. During this meeting, they share with Career Center staff the types of

#### Type of Employment Accepted, Classes of 2009-2011 (average)

Private Practice	54%
Business & Industry	13%
Judicial Clerk	12%
Government	11%
Public Interest	4%
Military	3%
Academic	3%

job settings they want to explore in the short- and long-term, as well as preferences for where they want to live and work. Specific timetables and procedures for recruitment are discussed, and the student leaves with a better understanding of the next steps they need to take in order to develop a job search strategy and put it into motion. We continue the get-to-know-you process during the second and third years, as students begin to focus on specific careers and make decisions about summer and permanent jobs.

Additional Career Integration programs offered to all students include: the annual Job Market Update, with information about current employment trends and patterns in employment and compensation; The Business of Practicing Law, a four-part series co-sponsored by the Knoxville Association of Legal Administrators with details about practicing in a law firm setting; Socializing with Ease, co-sponsored by LexisNexis with advice on business and professional etiquette; and What Do Lawyers Do information sessions with alumni, who share their insights on a variety of legal and law-related jobs.

### Tennessee Graduates Succeed in Job Market

Before you decide which law school to attend, it only makes sense to look at the cost of attendance at that school in relation to the average salaries that graduates from that school have accepted. Our Career Center meets or exceeds standards for reporting graduate employment outcomes promulgated by the American Bar Association. Current and detailed employment and salary information for the past five graduating classes can be found at [law.utk.edu/administration/careers/salary-survey](http://law.utk.edu/administration/careers/salary-survey).

All prospective and admitted students are encouraged to read this information and consult with our staff if you have any questions about how to interpret this data or other information you might see from other sources.

While the majority of the college's graduates practice law in Tennessee, alumni are found in forty-nine states and ten foreign countries. In addition to traditional legal careers as attorneys, prosecutors, and judges, UT alumni work in a wide range of nonlegal and law-related jobs. Our graduates have forged successful careers in such areas as corporate management, medicine, entrepreneurial enterprises, public service and government, teaching, and educational administration.

## Employment Opportunities

Students meet legal recruiters who hire summer and year-round law clerks and entry-level attorneys through the Career Center’s formal recruitment programs, and they apply for short-term and permanent jobs posted through the Symlicity database. Each year, the Career Center hosts approximately 100 employers from throughout the Southeast in its fall and spring on-campus interview programs. Employers from across the United States also solicit résumés from UT students interested in their practices and geographic locations. UT law students participate in off-campus job conferences co-sponsored by the Career Center. These include:

- Spring Southeast Legal Hiring Conference (Atlanta)*
- Equal Justice Works Career Fair (Washington, D.C.)*
- Judicial Clerkship Program (sponsored by the ABA, Chicago)*
- Mid-Atlantic Legal Recruiting Conference (Washington, D.C.)*
- Nashville Bar Association 1L Hiring Conference (Nashville)*
- Patent Law Interview Program (Chicago)*
- Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (Atlanta)*
- Southeastern Minority Job Fair (Atlanta)*
- Southeastern Law Placement Consortium (Atlanta)*
- Tennessee Bar Association Diversity Job Fair (Nashville)*

Many students serve as volunteer interns with public interest organizations, government agencies, and judges during the school year or summer months. Volunteering can pay rich dividends, such as practical work experience, the chance to be of service to legal offices not usually funded for clerkships, and the opportunity to develop contacts and mentors who can assist you throughout your career.

## Law Graduates Employed Nine Months After Graduation

	All ABA Accredited Law Schools	The University of Tennessee
Class of 2011	85.6%	95%
Class of 2010	87.6%	90%
Class of 2009	88%	96%
Class of 2008	90%	96%
Class of 2007	92%	99%



## Salary Profile, Classes of 2010 and 2011

UT’s five-year graduate employment and salary profile is available at [law.utk.edu/administration/careers/salary-survey](http://law.utk.edu/administration/careers/salary-survey).

### Average Starting Salaries (average)

All Job Types, All Locations	\$62,230
All Job Types in Tennessee	\$59,660
All Job Types, Other States	\$72,390
All Law Firms, All Locations	\$73,690
Law Firms in Tennessee	\$70,700
Law Firms, Other States	\$84,810
All Locations	
Government	\$51,800
Business & Industry	\$57,420
Public Interest	\$57,650

# Sampling of Employers of Current Students and Recent Graduates

Adams and Reese (Nashville, TN; Birmingham, AL)	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (nationwide)	Kennerly Montgomery & Finley (Knoxville, TN)
Alston & Bird (Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC)	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Washington, D.C.)	Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy (statewide)
American Civil Liberties Union (nationwide)	Florida State Attorney's Office (Jacksonville, FL)	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton (Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC)
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune (Tokyo, Japan)	Flaherty Sensabaugh & Bonasso (Charleston, WV)	King & Ballow (Nashville, TN)
Apple, Inc. (Arlington, VA)	Ford & Harrison (Atlanta, GA; Washington, D.C.)	King & Spalding (Atlanta, GA; Houston, TX)
Arent Fox (Washington, D.C.)	Frequentis, U.S.A. (Columbia, MD)	Kinnard Clayton & Beveridge (Nashville, TN)
Arnett, Draper & Hagood (Knoxville, TN)	Frost Brown Todd (Nashville, TN; Lexington & Louisville, KY; Cincinnati & Columbus, OH)	K&L Gates (Charlotte, NC)
Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz (Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville & Chattanooga, TN; Birmingham, AL; Jackson, MS; New Orleans, LA; Washington, D.C.)	Gearhiser Peters Lockaby & Tallant (Chattanooga, TN)	Kramer Rayson (Knoxville, TN)
Balch & Bingham (Birmingham, AL)	Georgia Justice Project (Atlanta, GA)	Legal Aid of East Tennessee (Knoxville, Johnson City, Morristown & Chattanooga, TN)
Bass Berry & Sims (Nashville, Knoxville & Memphis, TN)	Georgia Legal Services (Atlanta, GA)	Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland (Nashville, Clarksville, Cookeville, Columbia, Tullahoma & Oak Ridge, TN)
BBC Chartering (Leer, Germany; Houston, TX)	Gess Mattingly & Atchison (Lexington, KY)	Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis & Nashville, TN)
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (Washington, DC)	Gideon, Cooper & Essary (Nashville, TN)	Lewis Glasser Casey & Rollins (Charleston, WV)
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Nashville, TN; Huntsville, AL)	Glinker Brown (Memphis, TN)	Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles (New York & Long Island, NY)
Bronx Community Solutions (Bronx, NY)	Glassman Edwards Wade & Wyatt (Memphis, TN)	Lewis King Krieg & Waldrop (Knoxville & Nashville, TN; Atlanta, GA)
Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard (Greensboro, NC)	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (Atlanta, GA)	Littler Mendelson (Atlanta, GA)
Burch Porter & Johnson (Memphis, TN)	Grant Konvalinka & Harrison (Chattanooga, TN)	London & Amburn (Knoxville, TN)
Butler Snow O'Mara Stevens & Cannada (Memphis, TN; Jackson, MS)	Gray Layton Kersh Solomon Sigmon Furr & Smith (Gastonia, NC)	Luedeka, Neely & Graham (Knoxville, TN)
Butler Vines & Babb (Knoxville, TN)	Gullett Sanford Robinson & Martin (Nashville, TN)	Manier & Herod (Nashville, TN)
Burr & Forman (Nashville, TN; Birmingham, AL)	Hagood Tarpy & Cox (Knoxville, TN)	Martin Tate Morrow & Marston (Memphis, TN)
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Clayton Bank & Trust (Knoxville, TN)	Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manner (Nashville, TN)	McGugin Leader & Carlson (Nashville, TN)
Community South Bank (Knoxville, TN)	Hays & Porter (Atlanta, GA)	McGuire, Wood & Bissette (Asheville, NC)
Conservation Law Foundation (Boston, MA)	Hedrick Eatman Gardner & Kincheloe (Charlotte, NC)	Memphis Area Legal Services (Memphis, TN)
Cornelius & Collins (Nashville, TN)	Henry, McCord, Bean, Miller, Gabriel & LaBar (Tulahoma, TN)	Metro Legal Department (Nashville, TN)
Davis Agnor Rapaport & Skalyn (Columbia, MD)	Hodges Doughty & Carson (Knoxville, TN)	Miller & Martin (Chattanooga & Nashville, TN; Atlanta, GA)
Defender Association of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)	Holbrook Peterson & Smith (Knoxville, TN)	Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele (Knoxville, TN; Marietta, GA)
Deloitte (Atlanta, GA)	Holland & Knight (Atlanta, GA)	Moore & Van Allen (Charlotte, NC)
Dick, Riggs, Miller & Stern (Huntsville, AL)	Holrob Investments (Knoxville, TN)	Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett (New Orleans, LA)
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Dinsmore & Shohl (Lexington & Louisville, KY; Cincinnati, Columbus & Dayton OH)	Hughes & Luce (Dallas, TX)	Myers Bigel (Raleigh, NC)
Dorsey & Whitney (Minneapolis, MN)	Hunter Smith & Davis (Kingsport, TN)	Neal & Harwell (Nashville, TN)
Downey & Cleveland (Marietta, GA)	Hunton & Williams (Richmond, VA; Atlanta, GA; New York, NY)	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough (Charlotte, NC; Atlanta, GA)
Drew Eckl & Farnham (Atlanta, GA)	Husch Blackwell Sanders (Chattanooga, TN; St. Louis and Kansas City, MO)	New Mexico Court of Appeals (Santa Fe, NM)
Duncan Hatcher & Hixson (Chattanooga, TN) Egerton McAfee Armistead & Davis (Knoxville, TN)	IdleAire Technologies Corp (Knoxville, TN)	Nexsen Pruet (Greenville, SC)
Equal Justice Works Fellowships for Equal Justice (Washington, D.C., & nationwide)	Internal Revenue Service (nationwide)	North Carolina Court of Appeals (Raleigh, NC)
Ernst & Young (Nashville, TN)	International Justice Mission (Mumbai, India)	Oak Ridge Associated Universities (Oak Ridge, TN)
Farris Bobango Branan (Memphis & Nashville, TN)	International Paper Company (Memphis, TN)	Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart (Nashville, TN; Columbia, SC)
Federal & Hasson (Atlanta, GA)	James McElroy & Diehl (Charlotte, NC)	O'Neil Parker & Williamson (Knoxville, TN)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (nationwide)	Jenner & Block (Chicago, IL)	Ortale Kelley Herbert & Crawford (Nashville, TN)
Federal Defender Services of Tennessee (statewide)	Johnston Barton Proctor and Rose (Birmingham, AL)	Paine Tarwater Bickers & Tillman (Knoxville, TN)
	Kaye Scholer (New York, NY)	
	Kelley Drye & Warren (Washington, D.C.; Parsippany, NJ)	

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein (Charlotte and Raleigh, NC)  
 Peck Shaffer & Williams (Cincinnati, OH)  
 Penn Stuart & Eskridge (Bristol, TN; Bristol & Abingdon, VA)  
 Pilot Corporation, Flying J Inc. (Knoxville, TN)  
 Pima County Attorney's Office (Tucson, AZ)  
 Pite Duncan (San Diego, CA)  
 Pitts & Lake (Knoxville, TN)  
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 Smith Currie & Hancock (Atlanta, GA)  
 Smith Debnam Narron Wyche Saintsing & Myers (Raleigh, NC)  
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 Temple Mann Briggs & Hill (Greenville, SC)  
 Tennessee Attorney General's Office (Nashville, TN)  
 Tennessee Court of Appeals (statewide)  
 Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals (statewide)  
 Tennessee Department of Children's Services (statewide)  
 Tennessee Department of General Services (Nashville, TN)  
 Tennessee Department of Transportation (Knoxville, TN)  
 Tennessee District Attorneys Offices (statewide)  
 Tennessee Public Defenders Offices (statewide)  
 Tennessee Supreme Court (statewide)

Thomason Hendrix Harvey Johnson & Mitchell (Memphis, TN)  
 Troutman Sanders (Atlanta, GA)  
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 U.S. Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps (worldwide)  
 U.S. Attorneys Offices (nationwide)  
 U.S. Bankruptcy Courts (Tennessee & nationwide)  
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 Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis (Nashville, TN)  
 West Tennessee Legal Services (Jackson, TN)  
 Williams Mullen (Raleigh, NC; Charlottesville, VA)  
 Wilson & Ratledge (Raleigh, NC)  
 Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC)  
 Wood, Herron & Evans (Cincinnati, OH)  
 Woodcock Washburn (Philadelphia, PA)  
 Woolf McClane Bright Allen & Carpenter (Knoxville, TN)  
 Wyatt Tarrant & Combs (Memphis & Nashville, TN; Louisville, KY)

## Distinguished Alumni

The College of Law is proud of its more than 7,000 alumni living and working across the United States and the world. Several alumni are profiled in this publication and on the College of Law website. Notable names include:

### **The Honorable Howard H. Baker Jr.**

Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and former U.S. Senator, Tennessee

### **The Honorable Saxby Chambliss**

U.S. Senator, Georgia

### **James L. Clayton**

Chairman, Clayton Bank and Trust; Founder and Former CEO, Clayton Homes and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance

### **Wendy Goggin**

General Counsel, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency

### **Joel A. Katz**

Founding Shareholder, Chair, Global Media and Entertainment Practice, Greenberg Traurig LLC, Atlanta

### **Lowry F. Kline**

Chairman and CEO (Retired), Coca-Cola Enterprises

### **The Honorable Sharon Lee**

Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court

### **The Honorable Gary Wade**

Chief Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court

### **Robert Alderson**

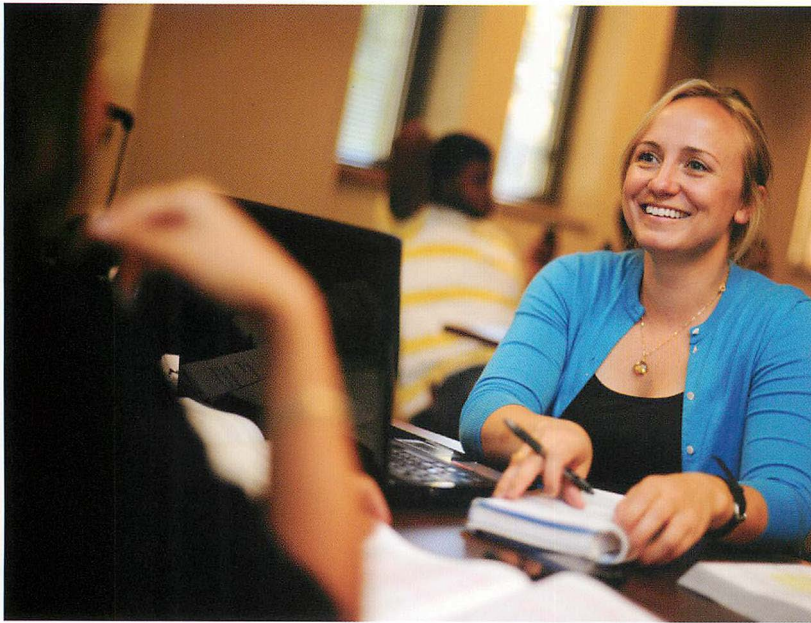
CEO, Kirklands, Inc.

### **James E. Hall**

Former Chairman of National Transportation Safety Board

### **Chuck Fleischmann**

U.S. House of Representatives



## College and University Student Services

Law students can claim the best parts of two worlds. They are part of a small academic unit with strong personal relationships, yet they have all the resources of a comprehensive research university. The total enrollment at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is approaching 27,000 students. Students come from all 50 states and approximately 100 different countries; approximately 25 percent are students of color. The College of Law enrolls fewer than 500 students, all studying in a self-contained building in the heart of campus—compact and separate, yet closely connected to the campus and the community. Law students can interact with the larger campus as much or as little as they choose.

**Privileges.** Law students have the same privileges and responsibilities and are subject to the same regulations as other university students.

**Pre-Enrollment Advising.** We want you to choose the law school that is right for you, considering your geographic preferences, your interests in particular academic programs, your career ambitions, and your financial concerns. Consultations with staff, in person or by phone, can help you evaluate whether Tennessee is a good match for you.

**Orientation and Introductory Period.** You will spend much of your first week as a law student at Tennessee in classes and in co-curricular and social activities designed to help you bridge the gap between college or career and law school.

### Academic Advising.

First-year law students have faculty and student advisors. You should consult early and often with these advisors about the transition to the law school environment, adjusting to law school teaching and learning, balancing your time and your life, choosing classes, finding your way around Knoxville, and other issues of concern. The assistant dean for student affairs can also advise you in these and other areas.

### Academic Success Program.

During fall semester, the college offers a series of lectures on law school survival skills such as time and stress management, synthesis of law materials, note taking, outlining, and examination skills. An intensive tutorial program is available for select students experiencing

academic difficulty in the spring semester.

**Student Counseling Center.** The Student Counseling Center provides psychological and psycho-educational services through consultation and training to help students reach their potential.

**Student Health Service.** The Student Health Service provides quality medical care on an outpatient basis. Most services are covered by the student activity fee. A health insurance plan is available for enrolled students.



**Disability Services.** The College of Law works closely with the university's Office of Disability Services to eliminate barriers individuals may encounter and to work with them to achieve and maintain individual autonomy. Admitted students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the assistant dean for student affairs as soon as possible so that their needs can be evaluated and accommodated.

**Transportation.** The "T" bus system provides free transportation across the campus, and a free trolley system connects the university with downtown Knoxville. In addition, the T:Link is an on demand shuttle service providing safe, nighttime transportation linking UT's Main and Ag Campuses and the Ft. Sanders area. See [ridethet.com](http://ridethet.com).

**Housing.** Law students have a wide variety of private and university-owned housing options near campus and throughout Knoxville. Volunteer Hall, adjacent to the College of Law, offers townhomes for law students.

**Parking Permits.** Permits may be purchased by students living on or off campus who want to park in surface lots and garages near the law school. Parking is also available in private lots surrounding the law school, and metered parking is occasionally available on the street.

**Cultural Programming and Entertainment.** Law students can take advantage of the museums, art galleries, performances, films, exhibits, lectures, plays, and other forms of entertainment continually available on campus.



**Sports and Recreation.** Student tickets to Tennessee Volunteer football games, Lady Volunteer and Volunteer basketball games, and other intercollegiate sports events are available to law students. The student activity fee includes use of the TRECS student recreation center for sports and fitness activities.



### **Carolyn P. Brown University Center.**

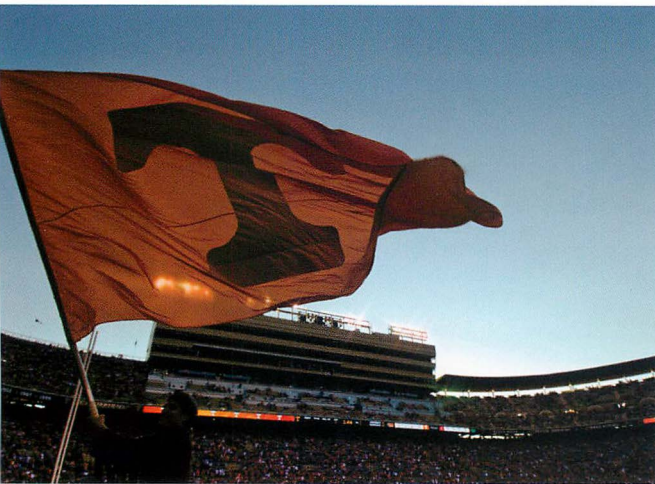
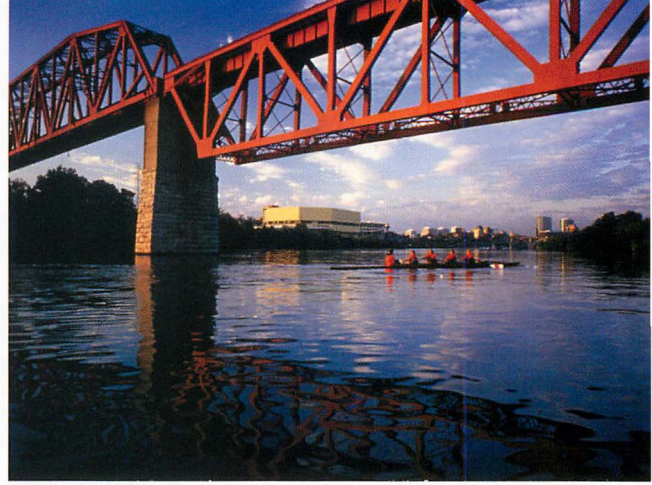
Directly across Cumberland Avenue from the College of Law, the University Center provides a post of office, travel agency, cafeteria and food court, computer store, the university's book and supply store, lounges, conference areas, and a bowling alley and game room. A new \$130 million Student Union will be completed in 2016.

} For more information about the services listed here and many others, go to the UT website at [utk.edu](http://utk.edu) or [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu).



## Location, Location, Location

Knoxville is an excellent place to call home while attending law school. The UT Knoxville campus, located near the heart of the city, is the flagship public research institution of Tennessee and readily draws business and entertainment to the region. Loft living and a vibrant urban environment have made downtown Knoxville a destination of choice. Consistently ranked among the best cities under 1,000,000 population in the United States, Knoxville boasts extensive cultural attractions, quaint shops and coffee houses, superb restaurants, fine nightlife, and proximity to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and major cities like Nashville, Atlanta, Charlotte and Birmingham—all the while retaining the southern charm of a smaller city. Whatever you like to do, you're sure to find it in Knoxville.



### “Go Big Orange!”

This phrase is one you'll repeat many times during your law school experience. For all you sports fans, Knoxville is a “one-stop shop” with several nationally recognized sports teams. Neyland Stadium, the nation's second largest collegiate football stadium and home to nearly 108,000 cheering UT fans, is right down the street from the College of Law. Coach Holly Warlick's eight-time NCAA championship Lady Vols and Coach Cuonzo Martin's men's team play basketball to packed houses at Thompson-Boling Arena.

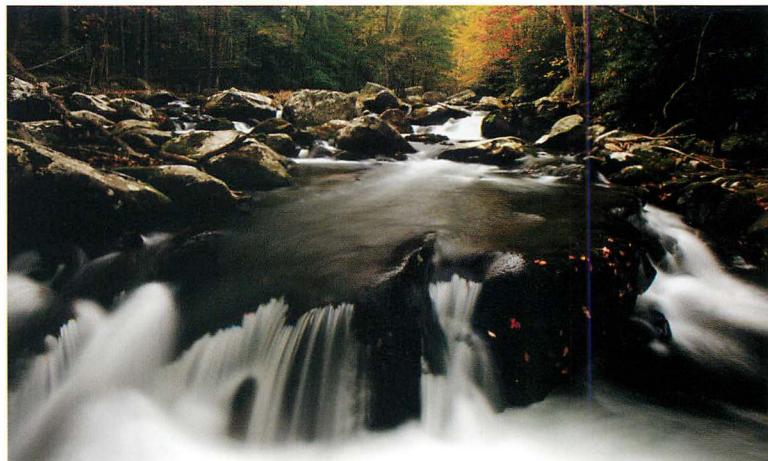
The Icebears professional hockey team and the Smokies minor league baseball team call the Knoxville area home. Don't forget the Women's Basketball

Hall of Fame in downtown Knoxville. For all sports action, there's no place greater than Knoxville.

### The Great Outdoors

If you feel the call of the wild, there are many places in and around Knoxville where you can get your fill. Lace up your boots and head forty-five minutes east or southeast to the Great Smoky Mountains for a day of hiking. The Ocoee River, site of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics canoe and kayak slalom races—rated one of the ten best whitewater rivers in the country by *Canoe* magazine—provides the exciting challenge of raging rapids. For boating and fishing enthusiasts, seven TVA lakes are within a thirty-minute drive of Knoxville.

Volunteer Landing, Knoxville's riverfront development, boasts a marina, visitor center, restaurants, and “dancing” fountains and waterfalls. Animals of all types from around the world reside at the Knoxville Zoo.



## Cultural Life

Knoxville is home to numerous cultural attractions appealing to a variety of tastes. World-class art exhibits are showcased at the Knoxville Museum of Art and the McClung Museum on campus. The restored historic Tennessee Theatre is home to the “Mighty Wurlitzer” organ, popular concerts, and the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Knoxville also boasts the Appalachian Ballet Company, several modern dance companies, Knoxville Opera Company, Beck Cultural Exchange Center, and several historic places of interest, including the James White Fort and Blount Mansion. The redevelopment of the downtown Market Square area provides an eclectic array of cafés, boutiques, and a pavilion. On campus, the Clarence Brown Theatre produces a full season of plays and musicals annually, and the Cultural Attractions Series offers an outstanding line-up of music and dance performances.



## Access

Interstates 40, 75, and 81 converge near Knoxville to offer easy access to surrounding states. McGhee Tyson Airport, located just twenty minutes from campus, provides over 130 arrivals and departures each day on several major airlines, which include Continental, Delta, United, American, US Airways, and several low-cost carriers.

## Weather

Knoxville enjoys four very distinct seasons. Winters tend to be short and mild, and spring usually arrives by mid-March—although February’s sometimes-mild temperatures may fool you into thinking spring has sprung early! By the time summer rolls around, temperatures hover in the 80s, making for lazy summer days. Fall, a brilliant burst of color in east Tennessee, arrives in October and brings welcome, cooler temperatures. Fall melds into winter in late November.

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## Population...

City of Knoxville	178,874
Knox County	432,226
Metro Area	699,247

## Distance to...

Atlanta	214 miles
Nashville	180 miles
Charlotte	243 miles
Birmingham	257 miles

Knoxville’s diversity affords law students the opportunities of a major metropolitan area with convenient access to the beauty of the Appalachian region.

Knoxville blurs the line between small town and big city, and UT law students find that characteristic very appealing. We think you will, too. For links to information about the Knoxville area, go to [utk.edu/knoxville](http://utk.edu/knoxville).

\*2010 Census data



## Knoxville: A City on the Rise

Knox County led the state in population growth, showing the most growth of any metropolitan area in Tennessee, according to 2010 U.S. Census data.

Knoxville ranked number nine among midsize cities in Forbes’ 2011 “Best Cities for Jobs,” list.

CNN Money named Knoxville’s urbanized area eighth in the nation for population growth, with a 33.1 percent increase from 2000 to 2010.

## Visit the College of Law

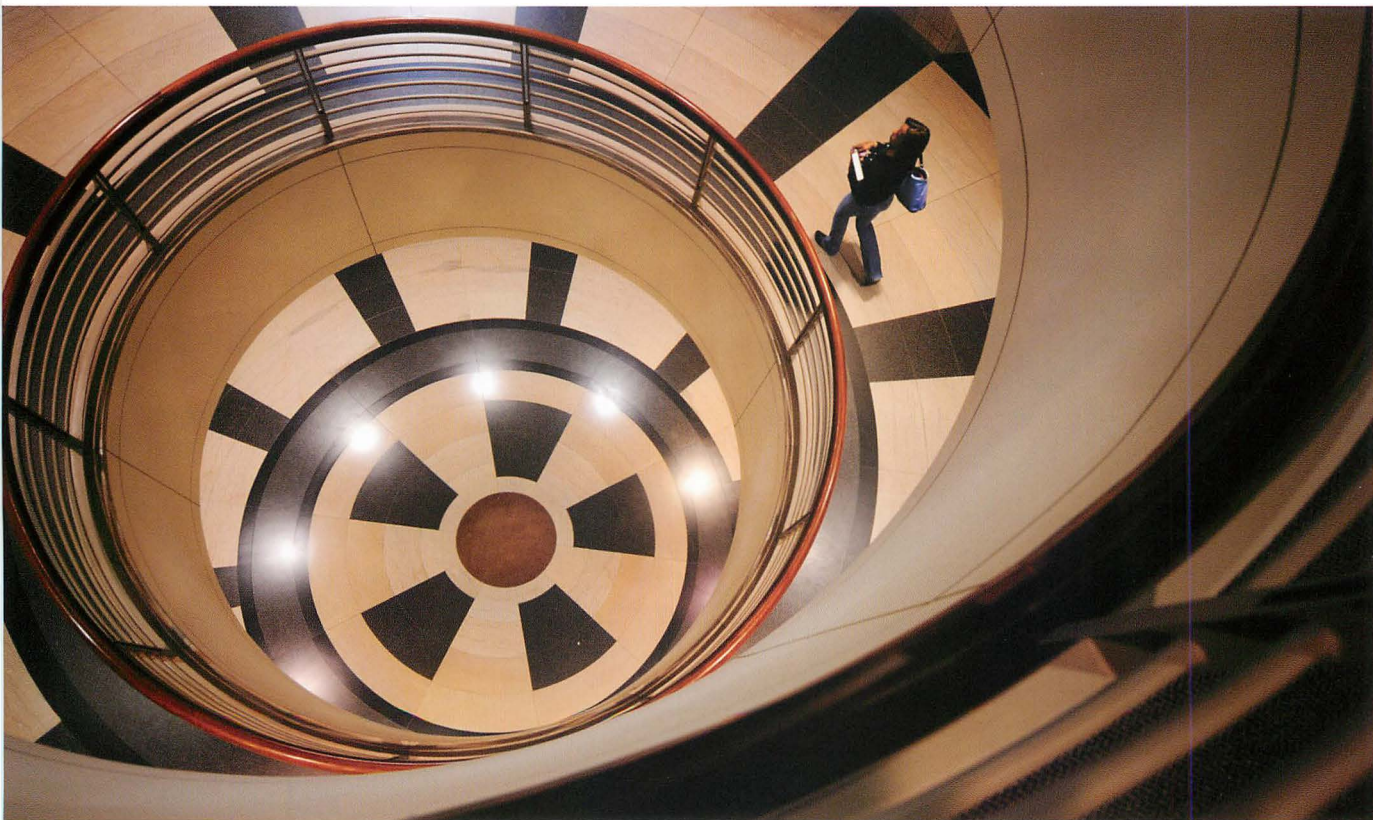
Many schools offer limited visitation days with activities mapped out for you. We recognize that all candidate's interests, concerns, and travel schedules are not the same. The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid works with UT Law Student Ambassadors to customize visits to the College of Law. During your visit, you can tour the College of Law building with a Law Student Ambassador, attend a law school class, speak with a professor in your area of interest, meet with a financial aid advisor and discuss employment with our Career Center staff.

Tours of the University of Tennessee campus can be arranged through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at [admissions.utk.edu/undergraduate/events/CVP.shtml](https://admissions.utk.edu/undergraduate/events/CVP.shtml).

### UT Law Student Ambassadors

The UT Law Student Ambassadors are currently enrolled students who volunteer to serve as resources to help prospective students become better informed about the College of Law and the Knoxville area. Ambassadors give advice on many topics, including academics, diversity, extracurriculars/involvement, housing, law school community, and the Knoxville community. Law Ambassadors give practical advice to prospective students while providing the first introduction to the law school's welcoming, inclusive student body. Visit [law.utk.edu](https://law.utk.edu) to find out more.

Questions about the likelihood of admission, wait list status, scholarships, financial aid, seat deposits, or residency requirements should be directed to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at [lawadmit@utk.edu](mailto:lawadmit@utk.edu).



## Parking for Visits

Parking is most readily available in the Vol Hall garage on White Avenue between 16th Street and James Agee Street. We can validate your garage parking to reduce the cost; just bring the parking receipt with you to the Admissions Office. However, the College of Law cannot be responsible for parking violations issued by the city of Knoxville or by the university.

## How to Find Us

Maps are available at [utk.edu/maps](http://utk.edu/maps) to help you plan your route to campus. You can also request an access map or directions when you arrange your campus visit.

Use this address to locate the College of Law using GPS or Google Maps:

1505 W. Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996

## Hotels

Several hotels are within a few blocks or a short drive from campus. Be sure to ask about discounted rates for UT visitors.

### On Campus

Four Points by Sheraton  
Cumberland House  
1109 White Avenue  
(865) 971-4663  
*(four blocks from the college)*

### Downtown, Near Campus

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
401 Summit Hill Drive  
(865) 522-2600

Hampton Inn Downtown  
618 West Main Street  
(865) 622-6944

Hilton Knoxville  
501 West Church Avenue  
(865) 523-2300

Knoxville Marriott Hotel  
500 Hill Avenue SE  
(865) 637-1234

Many chain hotels in the suburbs of Knoxville also offer reasonable rates. Areas with easy access to campus include Cedar Bluff, West Town, and Turkey Creek to the west; Merchants Drive and Emory Road to the north; and the airport and Strawberry Plains areas to the south.

## Apply for Admission

- UT's electronic application is available at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) or you can link to the Flex-app from the College of Law website [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu).
- The application fee is waived for electronic applications.
- Subscribe to the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service.
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