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*The Applicant Guide*

— THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE —  
**COLLEGE OF LAW**



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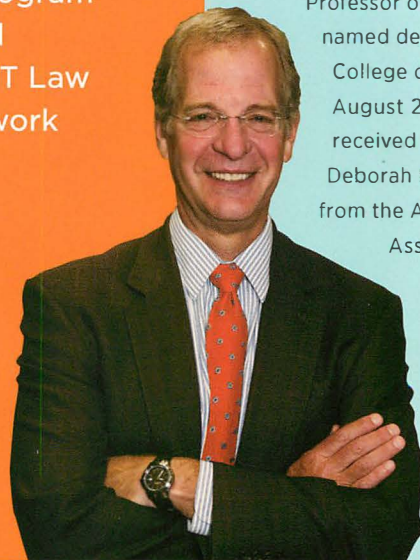
**I** don't think anyone comes into law school knowing what to expect. Your three-year journey will forever change how you look at the world and how you solve problems. While law school can be an intimidating endeavor, at the University of Tennessee College of Law we strive to remove the fear and leave the wonder.

Choosing UT Law means choosing a school that has been doing it right for a long time—more than 100 years. Coming to UT Law means choosing to learn by doing. We really do bridge the gap between theory and practice with a curriculum taught by the brightest faculty and the oldest continuously operating law school clinical program in the entire country. Yet, we continue to explore new ways of helping you graduate as a competent and ethical attorney.

During your first year, our mentoring program pairs you with the best in the field to help you learn and grow. In the 2L and 3L years, our externships and clinics put you into the legal world with a safety net. From day one, our pro bono program ensures that you learn the value of giving back to the communities that have built you.

Three years later, you will leave the program a bit in awe, as I often am, of how it all came together. That's the value of a UT Law degree—the hard work feels less like work and more like a victory.

—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. He received the 2012 Deborah Rhode Award from the American Association of Law Schools for his efforts to increase access to justice.



# YOUR 1L YEAR

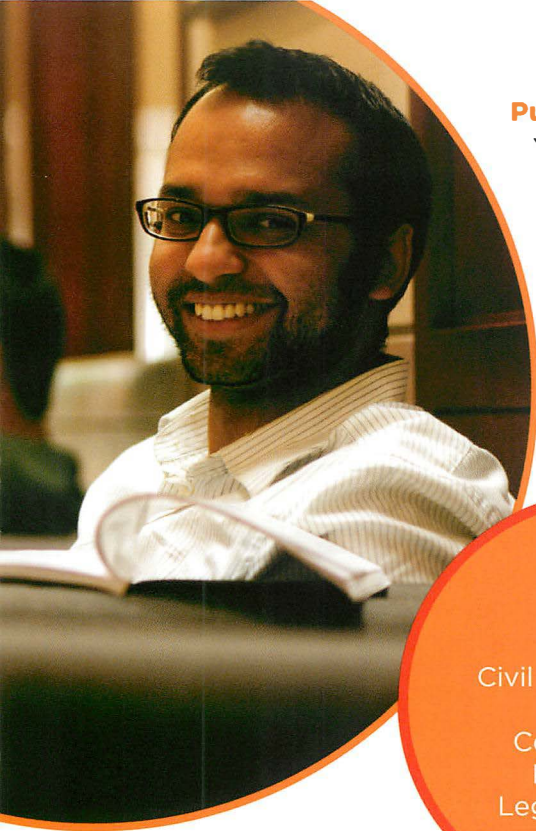
**Learn the ropes.** At UT Law, you take most classes with just one-third of your 1L classmates. These people become more than classmates—they become the friends who know when to bring more coffee and when to pull you out of the building to decompress. They become a second family. We keep that familial vibe going by promoting an atmosphere where it's easy to get to know everyone. At UT Law you'll find:

- an intentionally small entering class (usually less than 160 students),
- smaller sections (about 45 to 60 students per section), and
- even smaller writing courses (15 to 18 students).

## 1L Fall (15 hours)

Civil Procedure I (3)  
Torts I (3)  
Contracts I (3)  
Criminal Law (3)  
Legal Process (3)





### Put your best foot forward.

Your professional reputation begins on your first day of law school. We become smart, ethical lawyers from day one. You will learn how to conduct yourself in every situation, from the classroom to the boardroom to the courtroom, and beyond. You grow into lawyers that stand up for the rule of law and give back to:

- the law school community;
- the university;
- the legal community; and
- the greater community in which they reside.

#### 1L Spring (16 hours)

Civil Procedure II (3)  
Torts II (3)  
Contracts II (3)  
Property (4)  
Legal Process (3)

### Help! S.O.S. Aide!

#### 帮助 Aiuto! Hilfe!

The 1L year is challenging. We get it, and we're here to help. Take advantage of our Success Seminars on timely topics, including:

- Managing Time and Energy in Law School;
- Getting the Most Out of Class;
- Studying and Outlining;
- Writing Strategies for Law School Exams; and
- Final Exam Tips and Strategies.

### Need more? Step it up with:

- a dedicated writing specialist—available for individual consultations;
- office hours for each professor; and
- a dedicated faculty that helps you think, investigate, advise, and communicate as a lawyer.



### *Orientation and Introductory Period*

The first rule of law school is: Be prepared. We take preparation very seriously at UT Law. It's part of the professional code of conduct, and that's why when you arrive in August as a 1L, we ensure you have everything you need to succeed. Use this time as the warm up to the big race—get your passwords, set up your computer, secure a locker, buy books, get your ID card, and conquer parking on campus (or learn the bus schedule).

After orientation, but before the first full week of classes, we take prep to the next level with faculty-led sessions. Learn how to brief a case and get an overview of civil litigation. When it's all over, unwind at the Deans' Reception with good food and new friends.

As long as you follow the first rule of law school, success is within reach.



## YOUR 1L YEAR



*Find your passion with student organizations.*

Passionate about animals? Want to connect with your Latino community? Want to get your practice in now through moot court? We've got a student organization for that.

With more than twenty active student organizations, you can find your passion and like-minded people who share it. Be a part of the Black Law Students Association, join Law Men or Law Women, or travel to competitions with the Moot Court Board.

You might get to pie a professor while raising money for a good cause or meet a mentor at a Federalist Society event. Wherever you want to make a difference with the law, the chances are good you can find it here. And if you



don't, talk to Assistant Dean Katrice Morgan about starting it up.

[law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/student-organizations](http://law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/student-organizations)

**Write this down.** Lawyers are professional writers. Whether it's a letter, a motion, a brief, a complaint, or a contract, lawyers spend much of their professional career writing.

The College of Law has a thorough and rigorous legal writing program that begins in the first year. 1Ls complete 6 hours of credit focused exclusively on legal writing and research in small sections, creating many opportunities for one-on-one training. Adjunct professors from the East Tennessee legal community teach several sections.



Beyond the first year, we offer a number of required and elective courses to continue improving your legal writing skills.

[law.utk.edu/legal-writing](http://law.utk.edu/legal-writing)

## Warm up.

### *Start early with the Bettye B. Lewis Career Center*

While you are busy with classes, the Career Center will introduce you to the things you need to know to get noticed by employers—in a good way. The 1L Career Integration Program includes teamwork, small groups, and one-on-one coaching. We come at it from all angles so you know you're covered!

**Career kickoff.** During orientation, you meet Career Center staff and learn about their programs, services, and a timetable for first-year activity. Individual "Getting to Know You" advising sessions give you QT (quality time) with the Career Center staff. You leave with a greater understanding of the next steps needed to explore different career paths and to begin specific job search and career building experiences.

**Job market updates.** Remember the first rule of law school? Be prepared. Find out what the legal scene looks like nationwide at our annual program. Current nationwide employment trends, using the most recent graduating class as a reference point, will help you learn what to expect on the job front.





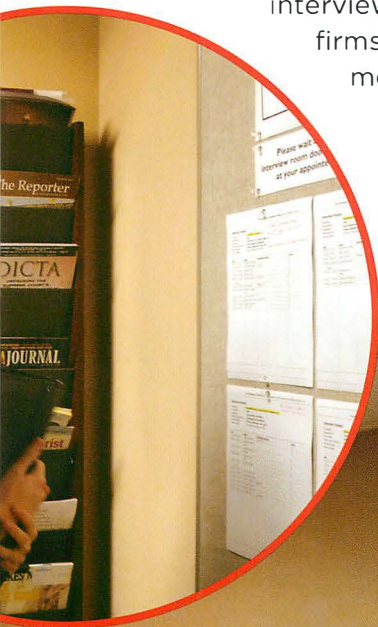
**Mentoring program.** Know you have a particular interest? Wonder what it's like to practice law? Still looking for a specialty? Wonder what options are out there to put your law degree to use? Take advantage of the advice of someone who has been in your shoes. Sign up to be matched with a practitioner that shares common interests with you, and get the straight talk right from the source.

- Career programming.** Learn by doing with programs and experiences that include:
- developing individual job search tools (résumés, cover letters, and job search strategy);
  - identifying resources for job exploration and employer research;
  - honing interview skills, both for employment and informational interviews; and
  - understanding professionalism and ethics in career pursuits.

**Timing is everything.** Spring semester brings the first opportunity to interview for summer jobs, such as paid summer clerkships with law firms or volunteer public sector positions. During the summer months, you can remain in contact with Career Center staff for information and timetables on late summer and fall formal recruitment programs, on campus and across the country.



[law.utk.edu/careers](http://law.utk.edu/careers)





# Welcome home.

*Sun, water, mountains, culture.*

*Knoxville has it all.*

If you're going to spend three years somewhere, you had better like the atmosphere. Come see why East Tennessee and the Knoxville area continue to grow their population and tourism base. The UT campus, located near the heart of the city, is the flagship public research institution of Tennessee and draws business and entertainment to the region. Affordable housing and a vibrant urban environment have made Knoxville a destination of choice.

Consistently ranked among the best US cities under one million in population, Knoxville boasts extensive cultural attractions, quirky boutiques, superb restaurants, and proximity to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It's also just a few hours from major cities like Nashville, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Birmingham—all the while retaining the southern charm of a smaller city.



## Population

City of Knoxville . . . 178,874  
Knox County . . . . . 432,226  
Metro Area (MSA) . . . 848,350

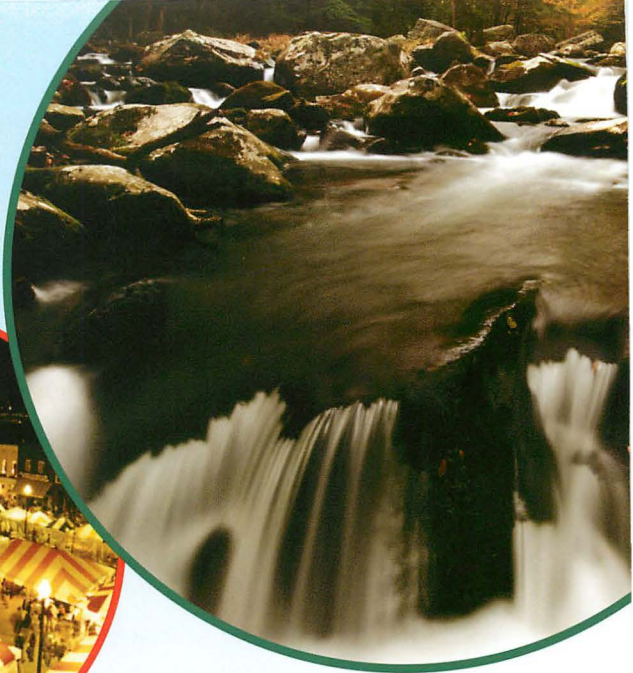
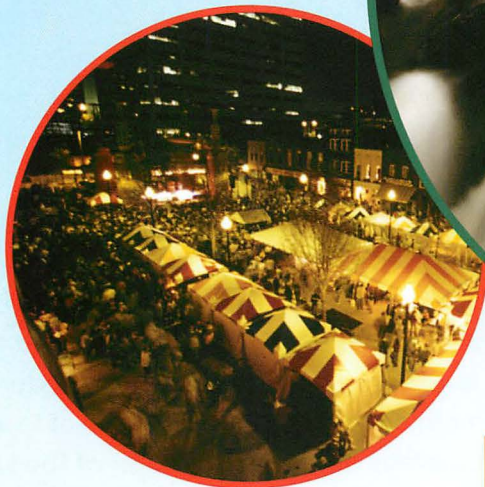
## Distance to...

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



Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranked Knoxville fifth on its 2012 list of "Best Value Cities," based on low living costs, strong economies, and great amenities.

65 miles of greenway, jogging, and biking trails wind through Knoxville itself, making the city an outdoor adventurer's paradise.



There's caffeine in the commons at the Sidebar Cafe, a Starbucks in the University Center across Cumberland Avenue, and a Dunkin' Donuts on White Avenue behind the college for those days when only espresso will help.

Knoxville has been called "Austin without the hype," and has a thriving local music scene to prove it. On any night of the week you can hear rock, blues, jazz, country, folk, or even opera.



Learn more about our incredible city here!  
[law.utk.edu/visit](http://law.utk.edu/visit)





# YOUR 2L YEAR

**Look first. Then take a big leap.** UT Law trusts that you know your own mind.

As a lawyer you take an oath to uphold the US constitution and the rules of professional conduct, which is why two courses are required during the 2L year. Legal Profession explores the ethical and professional role of lawyers during the fall semester. Constitutional Law lays out the foundation of the US legal system in the spring. In addition, there are four upper-level requirements—in the areas of writing, professional skills, and perspectives on law—which students often take in the 2L year. This means you can chart your own course from here. Your 1L year gave you the tools to delve into any area of law you want. **So do it. Go where you're called.**

**Go with what you will enjoy.**

**Go where there is a need.**

**Go wherever you want.**

**We're prepared to lead the way. Faculty and staff advisors will step up to help you chart your professional course. We regularly offer a wide range of courses in the following areas:**

- Administrative & Legal Process
- Business Organizations
- Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law & Individual Rights
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Domestic Relations Law
- Environmental & Resource Law
- History, Theory & Interdisciplinary Study of Law
- International & Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Legal Clinic
- Practice & Procedure
- Property Law
- Taxation
- Torts & Compensation Systems

In addition, we offer specialty courses in a variety of hot topic areas. Want to do independent work? You can take a field placement course, write for *Tennessee Law Review*, or complete directed research with a faculty member.





**Chart your destiny.** Concentrations and dual degree programs allow you to tailor your future.

#### **Concentration in Business Transactions**

The Business Transactions curriculum allows you to concentrate your second- and third- year studies on the legal aspects of business and finance, emphasizing the needs of business concerns both large and small.

Courses in areas such as Business Associations, Fundamental Concepts of Income Taxation, Contract Drafting, and others lead to capstone courses in Representing Enterprises, Transactional Tax Planning, or Estate Planning. Meet the concentration's requirements as part of your legal studies and be acknowledged as having completed the JD degree with a concentration in business transactions.

#### **Concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution**

Hope to pursue a career in advocacy, litigation, or alternative dispute resolution? This concentration begins in the fall of the second year with trial practice and applied evidence courses. Later, choose courses in areas such as Pretrial Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Advanced Trial Practice, and others that lead to a legal clinic or externship during the third-year. The clinical and externship programs give you the opportunity to represent clients in a real-life setting while under the supervision of skilled instructors or practitioners.

#### **JD/MBA Program**

The College of Business Administration and the College of Law offer a nationally ranked credit-sharing program leading to the conferral of both the Doctor of Jurisprudence and the Master of Business Administration degrees in four years.

#### **JD/MPPA Program**

The Department of Political Science and the College of Law offer the chance to earn a Master of Public Policy Administration with a Doctor of Jurisprudence in four years, shaving a year off the normal five-year plan for these two degrees. The MPPA program is designed to prepare you to assume responsible positions in public service through a program of study that integrates the theory and practice of public administration.

#### **JD/MPH Program**

The Department of Public Health, in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, offers a dual-degree program that reflects the interrelationship between the legal system and the protection and promotion of the public's health. In particular, the program emphasizes the role that policy, public and private, plays in creating the conditions in which people can be healthy.



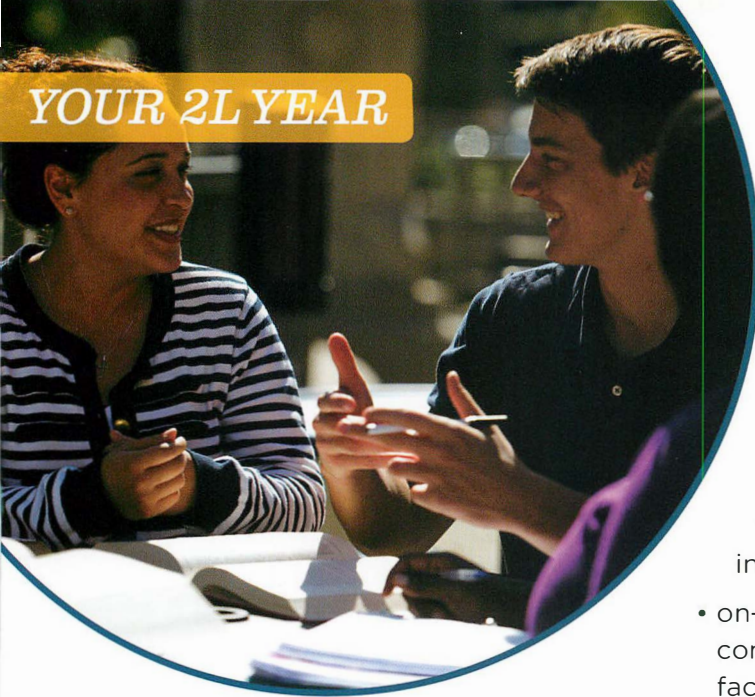
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## YOUR 2L YEAR



**Wind up.** Continue to forge ahead with the The Bettye B. Lewis Career Center.

Use the skills and information you learned in the first year to apply for jobs for the summer or during the academic year. Meet legal recruiters who hire summer and year-round law clerks and entry-level attorneys through the Career Center's formal recruitment programs, which include:

- on-campus interviews with employers coming to campus to meet face-to-face with you;
- virtual interviews, facilitated by Career Center staff and employer contacts using the latest technology;
- direct application for jobs posted in the Symplicity database;
- contact with alumni and national recruiters; and
- national and regional job fairs and recruiting programs.



### *Get strategic.*

Not sure what opportunities are available to you or where you might best fit in the legal world? Get strategic in your planning, and use the Career Center staff as your consultants.

- Take our assessments to explore your personal and professional strengths.
- Use Career Center programs and activities to learn about jobs available to JD graduates.
- Polish your communication and leadership skills to grow the competencies and work ethic employers expect in new hires.





# Get InVOLved.



## Moot Court

### Tennessee Law Review

[law.utk.edu/publications/tennessee-law-review](http://law.utk.edu/publications/tennessee-law-review)

The Tennessee Law Review is the college's flagship journal and is published quarterly and edited by UT Law students. You can participate in a write-on candidacy process at the conclusion of your 1L year.

### Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law

[law.utk.edu/centers-clinics/clayton-center/publications](http://law.utk.edu/centers-clinics/clayton-center/publications)

Transactions is published twice annually and edited by students in association with the University of Tennessee College of Law's Clayton Center. You can try out for the journal at the end of your 1L or 2L year.

### Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy

[law.utk.edu/publications/tennessee-journal-of-law-and-policy](http://law.utk.edu/publications/tennessee-journal-of-law-and-policy)

Tennessee Journal of Law & Policy is a student-produced journal published twice annually with occasional special issues. It focuses on the latest developments in law and public decision making. You can try out at the conclusion of any semester.

### Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender & Social Justice

[law.utk.edu/publications/the-tennessee-journal-of-race-gender-social-justice](http://law.utk.edu/publications/the-tennessee-journal-of-race-gender-social-justice)

The college's newest journal is published twice annually. It focuses on legal issues affecting people of different races, genders, and socioeconomic classes. You may try out for the journal at the conclusion of any semester.

### UT Pro Bono

[law.utk.edu/pro-bono](http://law.utk.edu/pro-bono)

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 addressing access to justice issues at the College of Law.

You may work on these projects and more:

- Animal Law Project
- Alternative Spring Break
- Homeless Project
- Immigration Assistance Project
- Legal Legacy Project
- Saturday Bar Project
- Street Law Program
- Tuesday Bar Project
- Vols for Vets Program
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



The Moot Court Board is comprised of second- and third-year students who have demonstrated excellence in trial and appellate advocacy. The board coordinates several competitive traveling teams that compete in more than ten intercollegiate competitions annually. The board also sponsors two annual intramural competitions: The Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition and the Advocates' Prize Moot Court Competition. [law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/moot-court](http://law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/moot-court)







*Mind what you have learned.*

## Our Faculty

*Learning from the best.*

**Every law student needs a great teacher, or in our case, a building full of them.**

The professors of UT Law possess a trio of attributes that set them apart from faculty anywhere else:

- They are highly influential. Again and again, the SSRN (the Social Science Research Network) ranks UT Law faculty No. 1 in new downloads per paper among all US law schools. This means that not only are our faculty prolific, but their research and scholarly work resonates throughout the legal community and beyond. From judges to members of the media, people value the work of our faculty.
- They have relevant practical experience. You would expect, in a school that puts so much emphasis on teaching by doing, that our faculty has actually practiced what they are teaching, right? Well, it's true. The majority of our professors have five or more years of experience in their fields before joining academia, some many more. What does that mean for our law students? It means irreplaceable first-person knowledge of the law. When Associate Professor Paula Schaefer teaches pre-trial litigation, you aren't just getting what's in the textbook. You're getting her background from seven years in commercial litigation law.



**Professor Benjamin Barton** has a knack for answering the questions many people have but aren't

sure how to tackle.

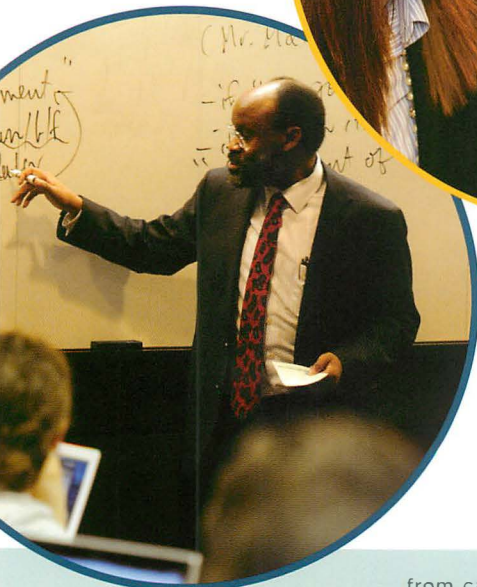
His 2012 paper, "An Empirical Study of Supreme Court Justice Pre-Appointment Experience," broke down the experience levels and backgrounds of our nation's Supreme Court justices, ultimately finding that the current court has spent the least time in private practice. The Washington Post, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal all featured the piece.

These days, Barton is looking into how fewer law school jobs and grads might actually be a good thing for a legal community now graduating lawyers who care more about the law than a huge salary. —>





• They are excellent teachers. A background in the law and a strong ability to write sweeten the deal, but UT Law prides itself on professors who love to teach—teachers who have open office hours, who don't complain when students drop by to ask questions, who will stand in the halls long after class has ended to finish a discussion or explain a point more clearly. Those are the teachers we hire. Those are the professors whose names you will not only remember years from now, but drop by to see whenever you are in town to say thank you, or call on the phone to get their opinion after you're out in practice. Professor Penny White, for example, has been recognized as often for her outstanding teaching as she has for her distinguished scholarship.



He has received the Marilyn V. Yarbrough and Carden Awards for his scholarship and is the winner of the 2010 LSAC Philip D. Shelton Award for outstanding research in legal education.



**Professor Teri D. Baxter** joined the University of Tennessee College of Law in 2013 after eleven

years at Saint Louis University School of Law, where she taught in the business concentration. Prior to that, she was an associate for five years in the litigation section at Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, a Texas-based firm with more than 400 attorneys.

Baxter will be teaching in the area of commercial law at UT, drawing on her litigation experiences in state and federal court.



**Associate Professor Joy Radice** doesn't just teach advocacy in UT Law's advocacy

clinic, she instills it. From 2003 until 2006 she worked with Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem representing clients in administrative hearings, criminal cases, housing and family court proceedings and Article 79 appeals. She also supervised clinical students at NYU and launched the Harlem Reentry Advocacy Program to remedy the collateral consequences of criminal convictions.

Radice's work at the New York University School of Law also focused on advocacy. At UT Law, she draws on her extensive real-world advocacy experience to supervise students representing clients in civil and criminal cases.



# YOUR 3L YEAR

## Step out (with a net).

**Externships.** So you've made it this far. Find out whether you'll make a great district attorney or a hard-working public defender with one of UT Law's externships. Have your eyes on some judge's robes? We can help with that, too.

UT Law offers three externship programs designed to expose students to all aspects of the public legal system. The **Judicial Externship**, the **Prosecutorial Externship** and the **Public Defender Externship** pair students with experienced members of the state and federal court systems.

**Foreign Study.** In a global world, the ability to relate to and understand foreign law is more than a bonus, it's a necessity. Expand your horizons your 2L and 3L years and transfer up to eight credit hours from your study abroad to UT Law. In addition to opportunities you may find, we offer ABA-accredited partnerships with schools in:

- Cambridge, England,
- Beijing, China, and
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



law.utk.edu/  
academics/  
foreign-study



**Clinical Programs.** Get to practice in court during your 3L year. For more than sixty years, the College of Law's legal clinics have provided law students with opportunities to learn by doing—representing clients and helping resolve legal disputes. Our legal clinic is the oldest, continually operating clinical program in the nation. We offer eight clinics in addition to three externship programs, providing a clinic opportunity for every willing student.



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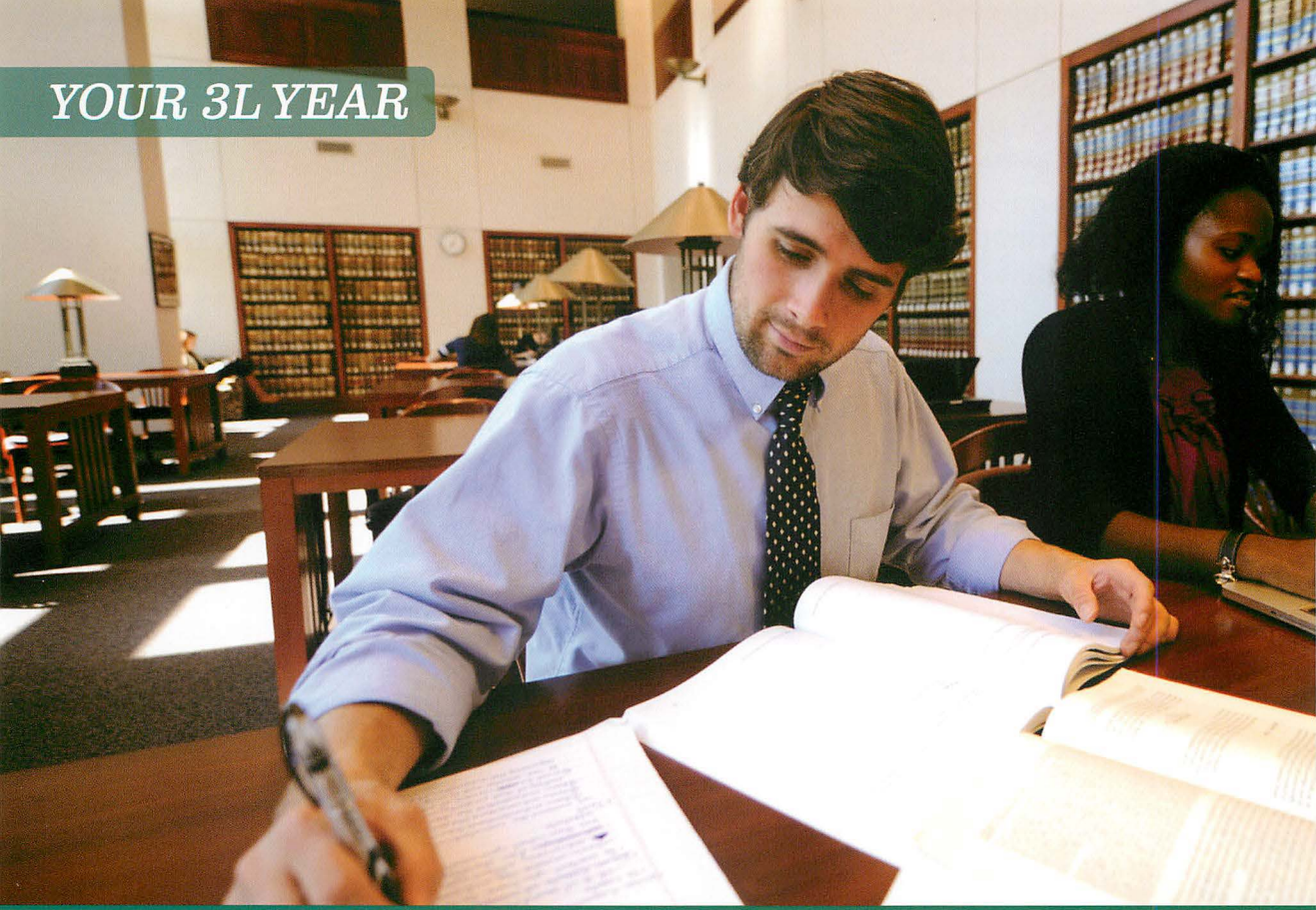


# Clinical Programs

- Advocacy Clinic • Business Law Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic • Environmental Practicum
- Immigration Clinic • Innocence/ Wrongful Convictions Clinic
- Mediation Clinic • Homer A. Jones, Jr. Wills Clinic



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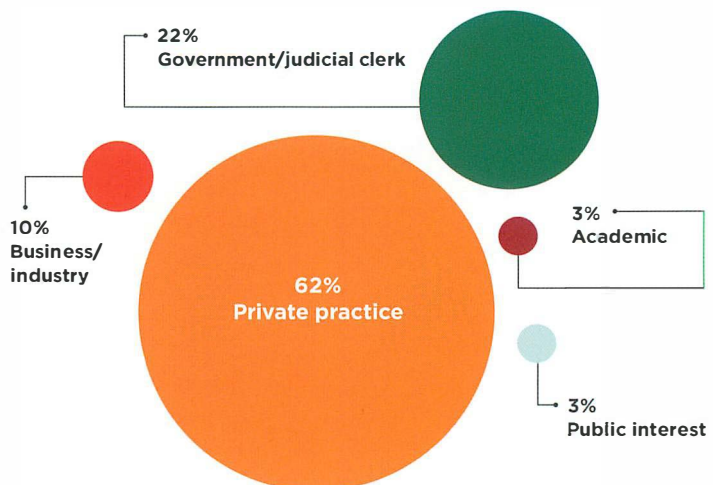
## *Finish strong.*

### **Make the connection with the The Bettie B. Lewis Career Center**

While many of you may come back to campus with post-graduate offers from summer employment, due to the distinct differences in hiring timetables more of you may find post-graduate employment during your third year of law school or after graduation and bar passage. Many students have “found their calling” in the third year and have developed relationships with employers that lead to job offers.

**On the job.** We help our students find the career that will best fit them. If you are still finding the right path for you, the Career Center works with you individually on job search skills and facilitates collaboration with faculty and alumni who can often help you form the final link in the job search process.

### *Class of 2012* Type of Employment Accepted\*





# Three-Year Employment Profile

Employment Status Nine Months After Graduation\*

	CLASS OF 2012	CLASS OF 2011	CLASS OF 2010
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>167</b>
Employed	125	127	135
<i>Bar passage required position</i>	104	98	108
<i>JD advantage position</i>	19	12	16
<i>Professional position</i>	2	5	7
<i>Non-professional position</i>	0	12	4
Pursuing graduate degree	2	6	4
Unemployed (start date deferred)	0	0	3
Unemployed (seeking)	18	6	15
Employment status unknown	3	4	5



UT Law provides easy access to the consumer information mandated by the American Bar Association's Standard 509. Visit [law.utk.edu/consumer-information](http://law.utk.edu/consumer-information) to browse stats on salaries, employment outcomes, credit transfer, scholarship retention, and much more.







### Be a mentor.

The Mentoring Program offers law students the opportunity to establish a mentoring relationship with a professional in the field. Mentors help the students identify and fulfill professional goals while fostering the highest levels of ethics and professionalism.

Through these interactions, attorney participants can serve the profession and the community. Students gain new perspectives and insights into issues related to civility, ethics, and professionalism.

[law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/](http://law.utk.edu/life-ut-law/)



## Vol for Life

Our alumni give back to the UT Law community, and not just with their credit cards (although that's nice as well!). Stay connected to UT Law by serving on advisory committees, attending events at the college, judging moot court competitions, speaking at seminars or symposiums, writing for one of the college journals, mentoring current students, or interviewing students for open positions in your line of practice. Future students are depending on you to pay it forward.



[law.utk.edu/alumni](http://law.utk.edu/alumni)

# PREPARE & APPLY

How can you prepare to join the UT Law family as a student? Each student's journey to UT Law is different. Some of you have known from a very young age that you want a legal education, while others will make the decision late in college or after working a while. Here are some general guidelines to consider:



### Freshman and sophomore year of undergrad.

If you know you want to go to law school, begin by working hard to build a strong grade point average. Understand there is no "right" major for law school, but many students major in traditional subjects such as political science, economics, and history. Students are admitted from almost every academic discipline. We encourage



you to choose a major that interests and challenges you. Take advantage of opportunities to develop your research and writing skills. Get to know your university's prelaw advisor.

**Junior year.** Begin prepping for the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test). Whether you choose to take a course or study on your own, remember the first rule of law school! Think about your list of potential schools. Set up your CAS account with



LSAC (the Law School Admissions Council), an assembly service for law schools nationwide and administrators of the LSAT. LSAC also can help you get information on which schools might fit your goals. Start your research!

**Senior year.** Finalize your list of schools and apply early! Taking the LSAT prior to the fall of your senior year is a great step to get ahead, but the fall tests are not too late. Read all about the application process for UT Law at [law.utk.edu](http://law.utk.edu). UT Law begins taking applications September 1. Decisions are made on a rolling basis throughout the winter, spring, and summer.



Visit your top choices and make a decision about where to obtain your legal education.







### Law Preview Day

LPD (Get used to the acronyms! As a would-be lawyer, they become your friend.) gives admitted candidates the chance to check out the law school in a group during the spring before fall classes start. There's strength in numbers, right? If you're waffling on whether UT Law and Knoxville are right for you, come fall in love with our facilities, faculty, and staff. Meet potential roommates, stake out a study spot in the Joel A. Katz Law Library, and get a crash course on everything you (or your parents or significant other) ever wanted to know about UT Law. Make time to explore Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountains when the day is done. We also recommend a walk through downtown Knoxville.

## Admitted?

**Congratulations!** Before you select your law school, do your homework (yes, there's homework before you get here). Review employment and salary data through detailed employment outcomes of the five most recent graduating classes. As an admitted candidate, you will complete an assessment of your career interests before enrolling, which will help you focus on the job settings, practice areas, and geographic locations that interest you for employment.

**Avoid sticker shock. Plan ahead to minimize debt.** If you know you want to go to law school, begin by working hard to build a strong foundation. A legal education is a significant financial investment. You can finance your legal education through scholarships or loans. Admitted candidates are considered for any available scholarships for which they are eligible. Selection may be based on academic credentials (LSAT and UGPA), leadership and community service, and financial need, among other factors. Scholarships are given on a rolling basis, and amounts range from a few hundred dollars to our Tennessee Law





Scholar and Research Associate positions, which offer full tuition. Several loan programs are available to help you finance your legal education, including the Federal Perkins Student Loan Program, Unsubsidized Loans, and Grad Plus Loans. Remember to complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in order to be considered for federal loans and need-based scholarships.

## *Financial Aid Budget*

2013-2014 Academic Year

	<b>In-State</b>	<b>Out-of State</b>
Tuition and Fees*	\$18,962	\$37,706
Room and Board	\$12,008	\$12,008
Books	\$ 1,960	\$1,960
Transportation	\$1,664	\$1,664
Miscellaneous	\$4,384	\$4,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,978</b>	<b>\$57,722</b>

*\*Determined by the University Board of Trustees and are subject to change each year.*



**Speak to UT Law's  
financial aid advisor:  
865-974-4131**

[law.utk.edu/financial-services](http://law.utk.edu/financial-services)



Each visit is tailored to your interests, needs, and schedule. Take a tour. Talk with a student. Sit in on a class. Meet with a professor. Speak with an admissions, financial aid, or career advisor.



## *Come see us.*

**Schedule a visit! 865-974-4131**

Visits are available year-round, but the most beneficial time to visit is during the semester, when the most students are in the building. *See why the UT Law family is your family!*



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## Apply for Admission

- UT's electronic application is available at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) or you can link to it 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.
- For detailed information about the application process, go to [law.utk.edu/prospective](http://law.utk.edu/prospective).

Call 865-974-4131 or email  
[lawadmit@utk.edu](mailto:lawadmit@utk.edu) to  
speak to admissions staff.

Questions?

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