

Texas Tech University School of Law
Student Bar Association

RESOLUTION – 50.01

*Expressing support for the importance and respect
of diversity at Texas Tech University School of Law*

WHEREAS, Diversity promotes growth and increased social understanding. Diversity challenges stereotyped preconceptions, encourages critical thinking, and helps students and faculty learn to communicate effectively with people of varied backgrounds.

WHEREAS, Diversity enhances the quality of the legal profession. Diversity is crucial to effective and zealous advocacy. The ability to empathize, comprehend, and satisfy the interests of our clients is a task that cannot be sufficiently accomplished without a study of law infused with the lessons of a richly diverse student body.

BECAUSE, Diversity enriches the educational experience, we learn from those whose experiences, beliefs, and perspectives are different from our own, and these lessons can be best taught in a richly diverse intellectual and social environment, particularly in study of law.

WHEREAS, Diversity strengthens communities and the workplace. Education within a diverse setting prepares students to become compassionate and effective citizens in an increasingly complex, pluralistic, and global society; it fosters mutual respect and teamwork; and it helps build communities and a legal profession whose members are judged by the quality of their character and contributions.

WHEREAS, Diversity enhances the experience of every member of the Texas Tech Law community. Diversity is essential to each person's ability to comfortably express themselves and their beliefs without fear of reprisal, persecution, or alienation. Furthermore, diversity fosters an environment in which diverse ideas are shared, rather than solicited.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Tech Student Bar Association values and honors the diversity of the family and of the social and cultural backgrounds of all students; and encourages and supports all students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the law school committed to recognizing and celebrating that diversity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of the Texas Tech University School of Law act with all deliberate speed in building a healthy and diverse learning environment where all students and faculty are not only welcomed, but treated with due respect and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Bar Association work with all necessary departments and administration officials in achieving the aforementioned environment—a culturally diverse atmosphere, where all students are welcomed and encouraged to excel both academically and professionally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be the foundation of the Texas Tech School of Law's commitment to diversity.