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PROVEN.
PROFESSIONAL.**



MARK AND BECKY LANIER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER



“ Texas Tech University School of Law is a very special place. We are a family here at Texas Tech Law, and we offer an outstanding legal education.

We always put our students first, and we focus on the real-world practical skills that every lawyer needs for a fantastic career in the profession. That has been the Texas Tech Law tradition since we first opened our doors in 1967, and we do it today better than ever.

Our “students first” commitment is the secret to our success, and you can see it in everything we do at the Law School. The pages that follow highlight our tremendous successes in advocacy, skills training, legal writing, live-client clinics, externships, law journals, and much, much more.

We have a wonderful faculty for our students. Texas Tech Law professors are known throughout the state and the nation for their teaching, research, and service. More than anything else, our faculty are committed to students. They teach, they mentor, they coach, and they build relationships that last a lifetime.

Our students also join a powerful network of Texas Tech Law alumni committed to helping the next generation of Tech lawyers succeed. Our alumni are 8,000 strong across the state and nation, and they practice law at the highest levels. They look back on their law school experience with gratitude and are eager to give back to today’s students.

I invite you to come see firsthand what makes Texas Tech Law so special, and why so many students choose to call it home.”

- Dean Jack Wade Nowlin, J.D., Ph.D.





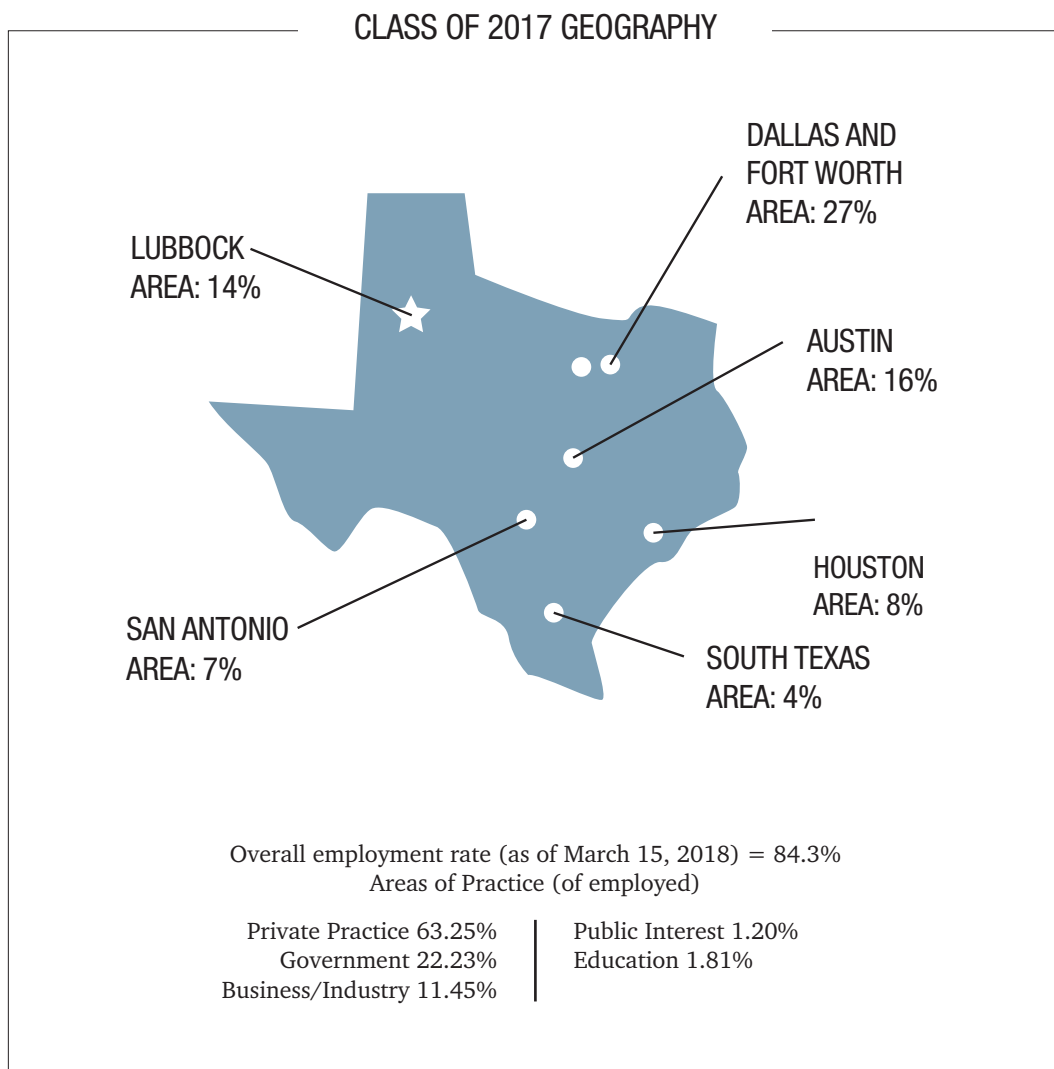
VALUE

Texas Tech Law is committed to providing a premier legal education to the brightest lawyers of tomorrow. Graduates leave Texas Tech Law with the knowledge, experience, and qualifications necessary to compete for the most sought-after employment opportunities. With bar passage rates that rival other Texas law schools, Texas Tech Law prepares its graduates to realize their full potential. Combined with competitive tuition rates and affordable West Texas living, Texas Tech Law is the 25th Best Value law school in the nation according to the *National Jurist* – **the only Texas law school in “Top 25 Best Value” law school ranking.**



THE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career and Professional Development Center gives individualized attention to every student and develops a personalized plan for their success. The Center's staff provides networking opportunities to keep students, alumni, and employers connected. Workshops on topics ranging from career acquisition skills to employment readiness ensure that our graduates are prepared for the job market. Services are free of charge for all alumni throughout their careers, extending the personal, accessible nature of Texas Tech Law beyond a student's years on campus.



The data presented reflects information collected from graduates by Texas Tech University School of Law's Career and Professional Development Center and reported to the American Bar Association and the National Association of Legal Professionals. The information represents composite information for the graduating class (December 2016 through August 2017) and does not predict future performance. Individual success will vary and may be affected by academic success, general economic conditions, legal market conditions, work experience, experiential study participation, career choice, job type, location, and other factors.



**BUILD THE
FUTURE YOU WANT.**



STAND OUT WITH A SPECIALIZED DEGREE.

Texas Tech Law's curriculum prepares students for life after law school with courses proven to provide a strong foundation in law. Texas Tech Law's 10 dual-degree programs, three academic centers, and three concentration programs, give students the added advantage of developing expertise in a particular area of legal practice.

DUAL DEGREES

Texas Tech is the only campus in Texas with a major research university, a law school, and a medical school. This presents students with unmatched opportunities to pursue more than a J.D. in one of 10 dual-degree programs.

- J.D./Doctor of Medicine
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Engineering
- J.D./Master of Public Administration
- J.D./Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics
- J.D./Master of Science in Accounting (Taxation)
- J.D./Master of Science in Biotechnology
- J.D./Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology
- J.D./Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning
- J.D./Master of Science in Sport Management

CONCENTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Texas Tech Law offers concentrations and a certificate program in several areas for students who want to focus on a specific field.

- Business Law Concentration
- Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration
- Law and Science Concentration
 - Biodefense Law and Public Policy
 - Energy Law
 - Environmental Law
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - Water Law
 - Science, Engineering, Technology and Law
- Emerging Technologies Law Certificate

CENTERS

Texas Tech Law currently operates three academic centers dedicated to a particular area of law for the purpose of offering interdisciplinary collaboration and consultation in specific areas.

- Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy
- Center for Military Law and Policy
- Center for Water Law and Policy

LEGAL PRACTICE PROGRAM

The Legal Practice (LP) Program bridges the gap between a law student's theoretical education and the practice of law. LP introduces students to a variety of skills, including research, objective and persuasive writing, client interviewing and counseling, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate advocacy.

Texas Tech Law's legal writing specialty program is ranked #16 in this year's U.S. News & World Report, the highest of any Texas law school.

BAR PREPARATION SUPPORT

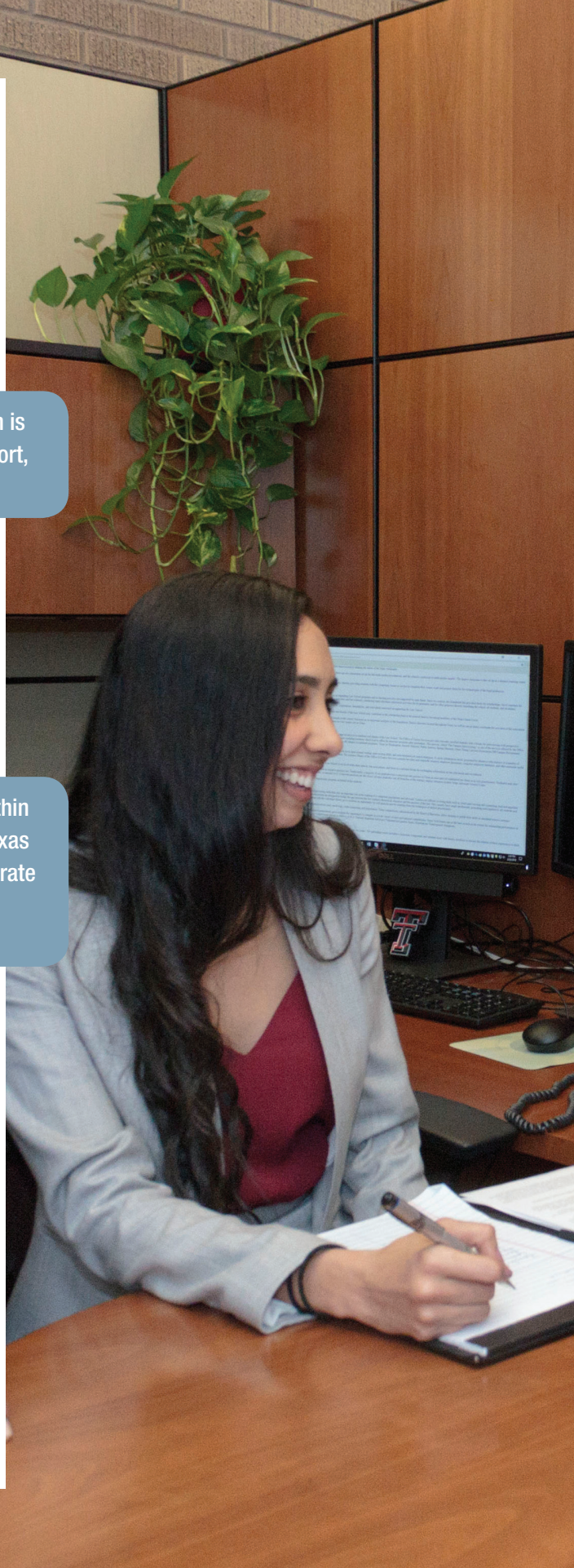
The Bar Prep program prepares students for all aspects of studying for the bar through free, additional programming for upper-level students on bar test-taking strategies, topical reviews, and one-on-one counseling sessions.

More Texas Tech Law graduates pass the bar within two years of graduation than any other public Texas law school. Texas Tech Law's two-year bar pass rate of 93.9% exceeds the national pass rate of 88%, according to the American Bar Association

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Texas Tech Law is home to four student-lead publications that aim to further legal scholarship. Law student members edit articles, provide comments, and assist in the publishing process for their respective publications. Each journal reaches a wide audience of practicing attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and others on critical legal issues.

- Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal
- Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, & Biodefense Law
- Texas Bank Lawyer
- Texas Tech Law Review



DEVELOP THE PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS.

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ADVOCACY

Part of successful legal practice is knowing how to excel in the legal environment. Students receive this experience through Texas Tech Law's extensive, nationally recognized negotiation, arbitration, client counseling, moot court, and mock trial programs. The Advocacy Program offers opportunities for students to compete at both an intraschool and interschool level. The law school's Board of Barristers – a student group consisting of the most accomplished third-year advocates – administers eight in-school competitions a year in negotiation, mock trial, and moot court. Three of those eight competitions are specifically for first-year students.

In addition to competition, Texas Tech Law students put advocacy to practice in clinical and externship programs. Students gain experience by taking on real cases with real clients, under the supervision of experienced practitioners.



CONTINUE THE LEGACY





ADVOCACY TEAMS

Texas Tech Law boasts a championship-caliber environment for outstanding performance in regional and national competitions. Participation in interscholastic competitions gives students the opportunity to develop a wide range of lawyering skills—courtroom advocacy, brief writing, client counseling, arbitration, and negotiation. Students also work closely with faculty, staff, and alumni mentors who set the example for competent, professional practice.

In April of each year, rising second- and third-year students may try out for interschool teams that travel throughout the country and the world to compete against other law schools. Many of the competitions are in particular subject matter areas, like entertainment law, international law, bankruptcy law, space law, and others. Some are sponsored by minority bar associations, such as the Black Law Student Association or the National Latina/o Law Student Association.

42 national and international championships, 101 state and regional championships, and 72 individual Best Advocate and Best Brief awards

Top 10 of the Blakely Advocacy Institute's moot court rankings each of the past nine years

Top 6 of the 2018 Blakely Advocacy Institute's moot court rankings

Top 2 in the ABA Competitions Championship

IMPACT THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

In 1998, Edward Ates was convicted for the murder of Elnora Griffin - a crime the Texas Tech Law Innocence Clinic believes he did not commit. He received a 99-year sentence.

Over the years, Ed has been eligible for and denied parole several times. Ed's refusal to "accept responsibility" for his crime and admit guilt, contributed to the denied parole. When Ed came up for parole for the fourth time in 2017, the Innocence Clinic campaigned for Ed's release without an admission of guilt, a feat virtually unheard of in the parole world. The Clinic enlisted the aid of Roger Nichols ('89), a well-respected Texas parole attorney.

Janet Moreno, a 3L and the student attorney on Ed's case, along with professor and Innocence Clinic director Allison Clayton ('07), visited Ed in prison and met with Mr. Nichols to discuss Ed's case for parole. After the visit, Janet penned a memo to the Parole Board in support of Ed's release. Mr. Nichols and Professor Clayton hand-delivered the memo, along with multiple letters of support, to the Parole Board.

Two days later, the Parole Board granted Ed release on parole. He was released into the waiting arms of his wife and children, who have been by his side for the last 20 years. The Innocence Clinic continues to fight for Ed's exoneration.



CLINICS

Students have the opportunity to give back to the Lubbock community by taking on cases of indigent clients in one of Texas Tech Law's eight clinics. The clinics are led by full-time faculty members who have extensive trial experience at both the state and federal levels. Students handle a variety of cases during the semester and learn practical skills by conducting factual investigations, negotiating, preparing for trial, and trying cases. Upon graduation, students can say they have spent an entire year practicing law!

- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic
- Capital Punishment Clinic
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Family Law and Housing Clinic
- Innocence Clinic
- Low-Income Tax Clinic

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST LEGAL MARKETS.

REGIONAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Students looking for a transformative experience have the opportunity to participate in a full-time externship in one of several major Texas cities. The externship exposes students to sophisticated legal work and creates an unparalleled educational experience.

Examples of Recent Placements

- San Antonio Spurs, General Counsel
- 7-Eleven Corporation, General Counsel
- Whataburger, General Counsel
- Covenant Health System
- Disability Rights Texas
- Federal Public Defender Northern District of Texas
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas
- Texas Courts of Appeals
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- Supreme Court of Texas
- United States Attorney's Office
- United States Bankruptcy Court
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Tarrant County District Attorney's Office
- Office of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives



KRISTYN URBAN SORENSEN

Class of 2017

“My experience at the General Counsel’s Office has been one of the most important aspects of my legal education thus far. Not only the experience itself, including legal research, writing, and communication, but also the mentorship and the application of the tools I learned in the classroom. In a real-world environment, all the cases, statutes, and regulations you read are actually synthesized into a pragmatic approach to solving a problem. The ability to (1) be a part of that process, (2) apply problem solving skills, and (3) think outside of the box will only give me a head start into the legal profession. It has truly been an honor to be able to learn from the professionals in this office and I will forever be grateful for their time, guidance, and advice.”



PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The ultimate role of a lawyer is to serve others, a deeply held value at Texas Tech Law. The law school is dedicated to providing students with opportunities to gain practical legal experience by contributing legal services to underserved communities and causes. Students must complete at least 30 hours of pro bono legal advice and public service work before they graduate as part of the Public-Service Graduation Requirement. This ensures every student is prepared for the professional obligation to engage in pro bono legal services and emphasizes the importance of a life-long commitment to public service.

Many students far surpass the required 30 hours and become part of the Pro Bono Honor Roll, a voluntary program that works with bar groups, legal services providers, law firms, pro bono attorneys, and the law school community to help students:

- Provide much-needed legal services to underserved people;
- Build relationships with practicing attorneys;
- Develop and enhance many practical legal skills such as interviewing, research, drafting pleadings, and trial preparation under the supervision of a licensed attorney;
- Gain exposure to different areas of substantive law; Gain professional experience and enhance their resumes



Total hours of pro bono and public service provided in
2017-2018: **20,009.25 HOURS**



**EMBRACE THE ROLE
OF THE LAWYER AS A
COMMUNITY SERVANT.**



COMMUNITY

The practice of law is about people, and your law school experience should be the same. Created as a smaller law school by design, Texas Tech Law students develop valuable personal relationships with faculty and staff. This sense of community among students, and the dedication of faculty and staff to supporting students, creates a cooperative and collaborative learning environment.

In addition, the University and local community are home to award-winning wineries, championship Big 12 Conference athletics programs, and the friendliest people you will ever meet. Whether you want to play a round of golf at the championship Rawls Course, have a night out on the town in the Depot Entertainment District, or explore real western heritage traditions at the National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock has something for you.



RECOGNIZE YOUR POTENTIAL IN OUR STUDENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT.

FACULTY

Texas Tech Law faculty is comprised of individuals committed to teaching, service, and scholarship. They are more than just exceptional scholars, they are mentors invested in your success. Our faculty places a priority on making themselves available to assist students inside and outside of the classroom. They go above and beyond teaching theory to ensure students are prepared for the practice of law.

Beyond the classroom, Texas Tech Law is at the forefront of emerging scholarship in a number of different disciplines. Faculty members are proven experts in their fields who author highly placed scholarship, present at conferences around the globe, and hold prestigious leadership positions that advance the profession.



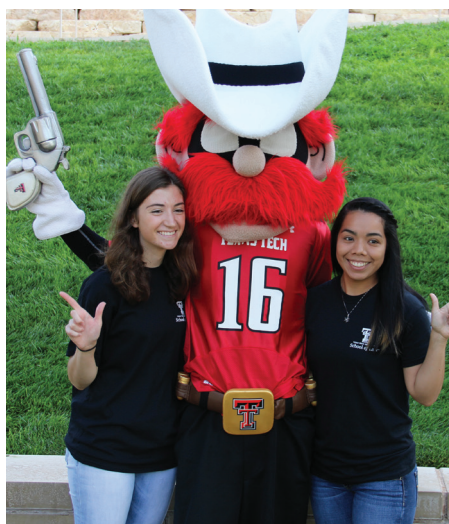
VICKIE SUTTON

*Associate Dean for Digital Learning and Graduate Education
Paul Whitfield Horn Professor*

*Director, Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy
Director, Law and Science Certificate Program and the
JD/MS Program in the Life Sciences Texas Institute of
Environmental and Human Health*

“Public service is one of the most important contributions I can make outside the classroom, and I have served in senior executive appointments in two Presidential administrations. I have been able to combine teaching, public service, law practice, and academics in a way that brings a different perspective to the classroom for students and hopefully opens the door to thinking about public service for them, too.”





CONNECT, EMPOWER, INSPIRE.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Community-oriented, student-driven organizations enrich the legal education and experience for everyone at Texas Tech Law and in the Lubbock community. The student organizations take the initiative to host many symposiums, socials, and guest-speaker events. In particular, the Energy Law Lecture Series and the Diversity Speaker Series are two of the most regularly attended events.

- Agricultural Law Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Board of Barristers
- Business Law Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi
- Energy Law Interest Group
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- Immigration Law Association
- Intellectual Property Student Association
- Jewish Law Student Association
- Longhorn Bar Association
- Organization of Women Law Students
- OUTLaw
- Personal Financial Planning Legal Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Red Raider Bar Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Tech Health Law Association



DEONTAE WHERRY

Class of 2017

'16-17 President of Black Law Student Association

16-17 Treasure of Student Bar Association

“Being involved in student organizations reaffirmed the family-like culture of Texas Tech Law. I always had the opportunity to bond and grow with my classmates and professors, both personally and professionally. Through my participation in these organizations, I was able to gain an additional source of strength to get me through the challenging times of law school. Put simply, student organization activities were the highlights of my law school journey. No matter what your interests may be, there is a student organization perfectly matched for you. Get involved, have fun, and make a difference!”

FROM HERE, IT'S POSSIBLE.



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Texas Tech University, a recognized Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) and designated Carnegie Tier One research university, offers a myriad of activities and facilities outside of the normal classroom setting that enhance the educational experience with a relaxed campus lifestyle. At the Student Recreation Center, you will find not only modern workout and athletic facilities, but you can also float down the Lazy River at the Leisure Pool or join an intermural sports team with fellow classmates. As a Red Raider, you will also enjoy the excitement of cheering for championship Big 12 teams while participating in community events such as the Carol of Lights, Homecoming, and First Friday Art Trail.

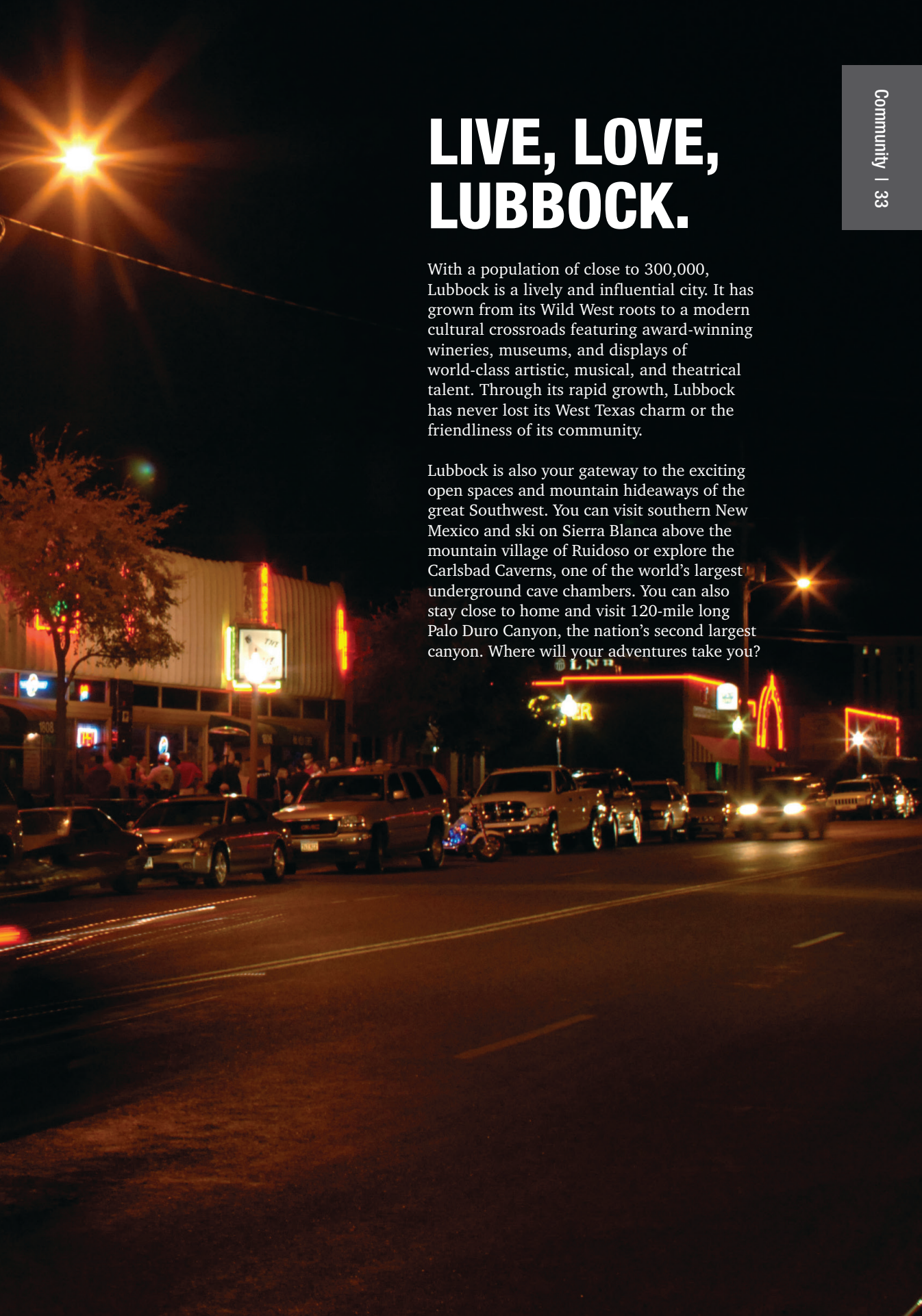




LIVE, LOVE, LUBBOCK.

With a population of close to 300,000, Lubbock is a lively and influential city. It has grown from its Wild West roots to a modern cultural crossroads featuring award-winning wineries, museums, and displays of world-class artistic, musical, and theatrical talent. Through its rapid growth, Lubbock has never lost its West Texas charm or the friendliness of its community.

Lubbock is also your gateway to the exciting open spaces and mountain hideaways of the great Southwest. You can visit southern New Mexico and ski on Sierra Blanca above the mountain village of Ruidoso or explore the Carlsbad Caverns, one of the world's largest underground cave chambers. You can also stay close to home and visit 120-mile long Palo Duro Canyon, the nation's second largest canyon. Where will your adventures take you?



COURSES

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Business Entities

- Commercial Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Income Taxation
- Professional Responsibility
- Wills and Trusts

To satisfy graduation requirements, law students must successfully complete an upper-level writing requirement and an experiential learning course during their second or third year.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Electives are subject to change

- Accounting for Lawyers
- Administrative Law
- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic*
- Advanced Bankruptcy Law
- Advanced Business Entities
- Advanced Immigration Law
- Advanced Legal Analysis
- Advanced Legal Research*
- Advanced Research and Writing Requirement
- Advanced Skills Course Requirement
- Advanced Water Law Seminar
- Agricultural Law
- American Indian Law
- Antitrust Law
- Appellate Advocacy*
- Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the Law
- Banking Law
- Board of Barristers
- Capital Punishment Clinic*
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic I*
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic II*
- Civil Practice Clinic*
- Civil Trial: Practice and Litigation Materials*
- Clinic Support Course
- Commercial Litigation
- Comparative Law: The English Legal System
- Complex Litigation
- Constitutional Law Seminar
- Consumer Law
- Contemporary Legal Development
- Copyright Law
- Corporate Restructuring
- Corporate Taxation
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Criminal Defense Clinic I*
- Criminal Defense Clinic II*
- Current Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Deposition*
- Discrimination in Employment
- E-Discovery
- Elder Law
- Employment Law
- Energy Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning*
- Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal
- European Union: Institutions and Principles
- Externship Program*
- Family Law
- Family Law and Housing Clinic I*
- Family Law and Housing Clinic II*
- Federal Courts
- First Amendment
- Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research*
- Gaming and Racing Law
- Global Biosecurity Law
- Guardianship Law
- Health Care Law
- Human Rights
- Immigration Law
- Innocence Clinic I*
- Innocence Clinic II*

*Indicates a course that satisfies the experiential learning requirement.

- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Humanitarian Law
- Introduction to Emerging Technologies Law and Policy
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Introduction to United States Law LL.M.
- Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law
- Law and Biotechnology*
- Law and Religion
- Law and Science Legal Research
- Law Office Management
- Law Practice Technology
- Law Review
- Leadership for Lawyers
- Legal History Seminar
- Legal Research and Writing for the LL.M. Student
- Legislative Process
- Low Income Tax Clinic I*
- Low Income Tax Clinic II*
- Marital Property
- Mental Disability Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Military Criminal Justice
- NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas
- Nanotechnology Law and Policy
- National Security Law
- Negotiation Workshop Law*
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Oil and Gas Law I
- Oil and Gas Law II
- Partnership Taxation
- Patent Law
- Products Liability
- Public International Law
- Race and Racism
- Real Property Finance and Transactions
- Regional Externship*
- Research
- Securities Regulation Law
- Skills Development
- Space Law
- Sports Law
- State and Local Taxation
- Statutory Interpretation
- Supreme Court Seminar*
- Tax Practice and Procedure
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Taxation of International Transactions
- Technology Transfer Taxation
- Telecommunications Law and Policy
- Texas Administrative Practice
- Texas Bank Lawyer
- Texas Criminal Procedure
- Texas Employment Law Practicum*
- Texas Land Titles
- Texas Legal Research*
- Texas Practice*
- Texas Pretrial Procedure
- Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Transactional Practice*
- Trial Advocacy*
- Water Law
- Wind Energy Law and Policy

**EACH FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ENROLLS IN 29 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure	4	Constitutional Law	4
Contracts	4	Criminal Law	3
Legal Practice I	3	Legal Practice II	3
Torts	4	Property	4
Total	15	Total	14



APPLY

Texas Tech Law seeks to enhance the educational experience of all students by admitting applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Applicants who possess a U.S. bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment are eligible for admission. The admissions committee reviews applications holistically and on a rolling basis. Texas Tech Law reserves the right to deny admission to applicants who, in the judgment of the admissions committee, appear to be unfit in character to engage in the study or practice of law. For more information about our admissions policies, please visit: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/admissions/policy.php>.



APPLICATIONS

Applicants to Texas Tech Law must apply online via the LSAC electronic application. An applicants file is considered complete and ready for review when the following documents have been submitted:

- ☐ Valid LSAT score
- ☐ Official transcript(s)
- ☐ Minimum of two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Resumé
- ☐ Personal statement

Dates and Deadlines

- Early Decision (non-binding) Deadline: November 1, 2018
- Regular Decision Deadline: March 15, 2019*
- Applicants who apply after the Regular Decision date may be awarded scholarship upon availability.
- Late Decision Application Deadline: July 1, 2019

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships and loans are available to help students finance their legal education at Texas Tech Law. Law students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters (four credit hours during the summer) to be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In awarding scholarships to new students, Texas Tech Law uses the same factors considered in evaluating applicants for admission. All admitted students are automatically considered for any scholarship funds for which they are eligible. Scholarships are also available to students in their second or third year of law school and are awarded on the basis of academic performance, financial need, and other criteria.

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver: Texas allows non-resident students who receive a competitive academic scholarship of at least \$1,000 to receive a waiver of non-resident tuition.

Non-resident students who receive such a scholarship will be charged resident tuition, which represents an additional savings of over \$15,000 per year.

LOANS

All students seeking financial aid other than scholarships must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application enables the Law School to determine eligibility for grants and loans available to assist students with a cost of their education. Law students are eligible for several kinds of loans available from the federal government, the most common being Direct Unsubsidized and Direct PLUS loans. For information, visit www.depts.ttu.edu/law/admissions/typesofaid.php.

TUITION AND EXPENSES		
2018-2019	Resident	Non-resident
Tuition & Fees	\$26,840	\$42,140
Room & Board	\$9,722	\$9,722
Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Transportation	\$2,300	\$2,300
Personal & Misc.	\$2,120	\$2,120
Estimated Total	\$42,232	\$57,532
Note: \$1,000 scholarship waives Non-resident tuition.		

For more detailed information regarding fees, veterans' exemptions from fees, payment policies, refund policies, and loans, see the university catalog at <https://catalog.ttu.edu/> or visit the Student Business Services website at www.depts.ttu.edu/studentbusinessservices.



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“ Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths disclosed, and manners and opinions change with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also and keep pace with the times. ”

-Thomas Jefferson



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