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“Texas Tech University School of Law is a very special place. 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.

I invite you to come see for yourself 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.
The National Jurist Magazine consistently recognizes Texas Tech Law as one of the best value schools in the nation. We are committed to providing a premier legal education to the brightest lawyers of tomorrow. Graduates leave our program with the knowledge, experience, and qualifications necessary to compete for the most sought-after employment opportunities. With one of the best bar passage rates among law schools nationally, competitive tuition, and affordable West Texas living, Texas Tech Law defines what it means to be a best value law school.

Best Value Law School
National Jurist PreLaw Magazine 2018
Class of 2018

Areas of Practice
- Private Practice 69.72%
- Government 17.61%
- Business/Industry 11.27%
- Public Interest .70%
- Education .70%

Top 15% in the nation “Gold Standard Employment” for new lawyers by law.com

91.6%
Overall employment rate
(10 months after graduation)

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.
Dual Degrees
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.

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

Stand Out With A Specialized Degree

Texas Tech Law offers three 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
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Science, Engineering, Technology and Law
- Emerging Technologies Law Certificate
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.

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.

Intro. to the Study of Law
Texas Tech Law’s curriculum is designed to help students acquire the practical skills they will need on their journey to a successful law practice. Intro. to the Study of Law teaches students to organize vast amounts of law so they can apply it when called upon—during law school exams, on the bar exam, and in practice.

Top 20
Legal writing specialty program - U.S. News & World Report 2019

94.4%
Ultimate Bar Passage Rate - American Bar Association 2019

Develop Practical Skills for PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

Ultimate Bar Passage Rate - American Bar Association 2019

94.4%
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 these eight competitions are specifically for first-year students.

In addition to competitions, 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.
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.

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Continue the Legacy

American Bar Association Competition Championship

2019 Blakely Advocacy Institutes moot court ranking

National Championships

State/Regional Championships

Individual Best Brief/Best Advocate Awards

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The Lives of Others

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Four months later, Ray Hightower would be accused and convicted of kidnapping and indecent exposure—a crime the Innocence Clinic believes he did not commit. He is currently serving a 99-year sentence.

Though Ray’s orange truck did not match the description and was inoperable at the time, during trial, the officer concluded that Ray’s truck, “matched close enough.” The State turned to hair comparison as the pillar of their case. Since Ray’s hair was dark brown and thinning, the State’s “hair comparison expert” concluded that he must have used a wig. While a wig was never recovered, the expert went to a wig shop, pulled hairs from wigs, and determined hair from the truck was from a wig.

The 2017-2018 students of the Innocence Clinic located and retained modern-day scientists to analyze the trial expert’s conclusions. Building on the work of their predecessors, the 2018-2019 clinic students, alongside professor and Innocence Clinic director Allison Clayton (’07), filed litigation seeking the reversal of Ray’s conviction. A large part of the Clinic’s litigation centers on the hair comparison testimony. In 2009, “hair comparison science” was disavowed by the scientific community as lacking any basis in science. In 2015, the FBI and other law enforcement communities followed suit.

The Clinic’s litigation is pending at the Court of Criminal Appeals.

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 legal research, 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 Office
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Family Law and Housing Clinic
- Innocence Clinic
- Low-Income Tax Clinic

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Students looking for a transformative experience have the opportunity to participate in a full-time externship in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, Lubbock, or Washington, D.C. This program allows students to live in one of these cities for a full semester, taking classes and working with practicing attorneys or judges. The externship exposes students to sophisticated legal work and creates an unparalleled educational experience.

Regional Externship Program

Examples of Recent Placements

- 7-Eleven Corporation General Counsel's Office
- Children's Medical Center General Counsel's Office
- Disability Rights Texas
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
- Human Rights Initiative
- Lambda Legal
- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas
- San Antonio Spurs General Counsel's Office
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- Texas House of Representatives
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Tech University System, General Counsel's Office
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Dallas
- United States Attorney's Office
- United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- Whataburger, General Counsel's Office

Colleen Galleghar
Class of 2019

“My experience in the Regional Externship Program, and more specifically, working for the TTU Office of General Counsel, has been the most valuable component of my curriculum at Tech Law. The program provided me with excellent professional mentorship and allowed me to hone my analytical skills by challenging me with a wide variety of complex legal issues. I am much more well-rounded, confident, and better prepared as I transition into my new career working as in-house counsel for a small energy partnership.”

Washington, DC

Dallas/Fort Worth

Austin

San Antonio
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 some of the best courses in Texas, have a night out on the town in the Depot Entertainment District, or explore oral western heritage traditions at the National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock has something for you.
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.

- Aggie Bar Association
- Agricultural Law Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Board of Barristers
- Business Law Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi, Law Fraternity
- Energy Law Interest Group
- Environmental Law Society
- Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal
- Family Law Society
- Federal Bar Society
- Hispanic Law Student Association
- Immigration Law Association
- Intellectual Property Student Association
- Jewish Law Student Association

- Journal of Biosecurity, Biodefense, and Homeland Security
- Longhorn Bar Association
- Organization of Women Law Students
- OUTlaw
- Personal Financial Planning Law Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Raider Bar Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Tech Health Law Association
- Texas Bank Lawyer
- Texas Tech Law Review
Texas Tech University is a recognized Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) and designated Carnegie Tier One research university. It 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 and participating in community events such as the Carol of Lights, Homecoming, and First Friday Art Trail.

From Here, It’s Possible.
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?

Visit LUBBOCK. 
VISITLUBBOCK.ORG
### Each first-year student enrolls in 30 semester credit hours in the following courses:

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Financial Aid

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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.

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