The LL.M. Journey:

An Insider's Guide for SMU Dedman School of Law's Foreign Students

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

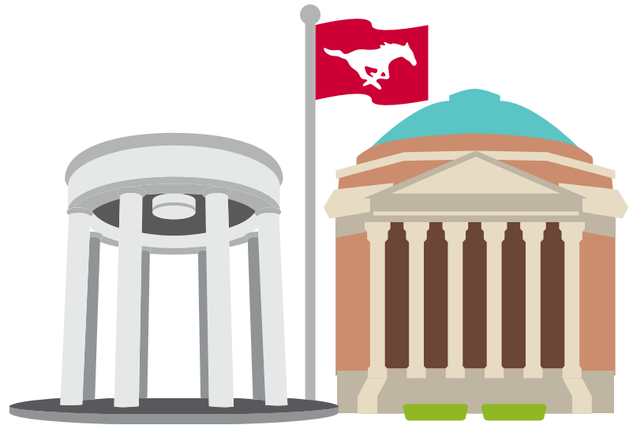
The LL.M. Degree for Foreign Law school Graduates is a one-year, full-time program for students who hold a basic law degree from a recognized international law school. Students enrolled in this degree program must complete 24 credit hours including the required two-credit course in Perspectives of the American Legal System. The remaining courses are elective and offer a wide range of choices. Students have the freedom to choose from a wide array of classes and can design their LL.M. degree to meet their needs and goals in studying in the United States. Students desiring to take the bar examination in Texas, New York, California, or other states can take classes required to qualify to sit for those exams. Other students may want to specialize in international studies or in other areas of the law.

SMU Dedman School of Law, founded in 1925, is located on a magnificent tree-lined campus, ten minutes from downtown Dallas, Texas, and situated in a beautiful residential community. Dallas is an expanding global center, ranking fifth in the country in corporate headquarters of Fortune 500 companies. It is also a great place to study law and live, with a strong legal community and one of the most vibrant cosmopolitan cities in the world.

The program for international students, established in 1949, was among the first in the country. Today the school is a leading international legal center with more than 2,200 international graduates from more than 80 countries. SMU Dedman School of Law graduates now occupy prominent positions in government, legal practice, business, the judiciary, and legal education around the world.

The primary goal of this LL.M. program is to provide the additional legal training to allow international students to work and succeed in the global legal market. There is the ability to concentrate studies in areas of the law that are relevant to student's interest and practice. This LL.M. program seeks to develop:

- an appreciation of the role of law nationally and internationally the ability to identify policy considerations of various legal rules an appreciation of the role of the lawyer in social and economic change legal analysis and problem-solving abilities
- a basic understanding of the U.S. legal system a frame of reference for dealing with business and legal interests in a transnational setting
- International students are eligible to participate in the
- Corporate Counsel Externship Program. The Program combines a corporate counsel class with externships in 100 corporate legal departments.





A MESSAGE FROM *Dean Jason Nance*

Welcome to SMU Dedman School of Law! We are delighted to introduce you to our wonderful community and the many opportunities we provide to help you build a satisfying career. Over the next three years, you will have the support of fellow students, faculty, and staff, as well as our incredible network of alumni and friends in the legal and business community.

As a student at SMU Dedman Law, you will explore the vibrant landscape of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex through our extensive experiential learning opportunities that transform the city into a living laboratory.

For example, SMU Dedman Law's Corporate Counsel Externship Program is a one-of-a-kind signature program that combines a corporate counsel course with an externship in a corporate legal department. Well over 100 upper-level students participate in this innovative program each year, helping students apply what they have learned in their law school courses in a corporate setting under the supervision of in-house counsel. Many students enroll at Dedman Law just to participate in this unique experience.

In addition, our students prepare to excel in the practice of law by enrolling in (1) one of our nine clinics, which are dedicated to serving the public and making a tangible impact on both our students and their clients; (2) our Federal Judicial Externship Program; and (3) our Government and Public Interest Externship Program. All of these programs provide invaluable hands-on experience in the legal field.

When you join us on campus, you will establish connections from the very beginning. Our Haynes Boone Inns of Court program enriches the first-year experience. Your Inn, a close-knit group comprising around 30 students, faculty, upper-level students, and attorney mentors, will play a pivotal role in your first-year experience through networking, career advising, meaningful service projects, and more.

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The results are telling. SMU Dedman Law enjoys one of the highest employment placement rates for its graduates in the country. Indeed, regarding the Class of 2025, 100% of job seekers secured employment within 10 months of graduation.

We are also proud to share that SMU Dedman Law ranked #1 in Texas on the July 2025 Bar Exam, achieving an impressive 98.5% first-time pass rate, the highest in our school's history. Our graduates outperformed the overall exam passage rate by 14.4 percentage points, a testament to the strength of our academic programs, the dedication of our students, and the exceptional support provided by our faculty and staff.

With its booming professional landscape, Dallas is an unparalleled location to pursue your legal education. I encourage you to visit us and immerse yourself in our school — an experience that cannot be conveyed through words and pictures. We cannot wait to meet you in the fall!



Jason P. Nance

Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law

University Park

Love Field

SMU

MARKET CENTER

Design District

OAK LAWN

Lakewood

LOWER GREENVILLE

WHITE ROCK LAKE

KNOX HENDERSON

KATY TRAIL

SWISS AVE

BOWLOUNGE

Uptown

WEST DALLAS

WEST END

Downtown

DEEP ELLUM

Fair Park

Trinity Groves

FARMERS MARKET

Cedars

DALLAS TEXAS

BISHOP ARTS

Gilley's

SOUTH SIDE

South DaLLas



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2027–28

AUGUST

17–21	Orientation
23	Classes begin
27	Last day to add or drop courses without academic record

SEPTEMBER

6	Labor Day *(University closed)*

NOVEMBER

22	Classes End; Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" and permission from instructor
23	Reading Day
24	No Classes *(Student holiday)*
25–26	Thanksgiving Holiday *(University closed)*
29	Reading Day
30	Final exams begin

DECEMBER

10	Final exams end
18	University Commencement for December Graduates and Degree Conferral Date
TBA	Christmas / New Year's Holiday *(University closed)*

JANUARY

10	Classes begin
14	Last day to add or drop courses without academic record
17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday *(University closed)*

MARCH

13–19	Spring Break *(Student holiday)* *(Tenative)*

APRIL

14	Good Friday *(University closed)*
18	Classes End; Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" and permission from instructor
19–20	Reading Day
21	Final exams begin

MAY

3	Final exams end
TBA	Law school hooding ceremony
13	University commencement



LIFE in DALLAS



NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

The Village

The Village is a resort-styled, residential living community nestled in East Dallas.

- A very popular place for students to live
- 18 residential neighborhoods ranging in price
- On-site amenities include restaurants, gyms, pools, intramural sports, dog grooming, and more!

Knox/Henderson

Knox Street to the West, Henderson Avenue to the East – this bustling area is full of some of the city's hottest eateries and cocktail bars.

- A residential option near the iconic Katy Trail

Lower Greenville

This vibrant neighborhood is an any-night hang with events happening regularly. When you're ready to eat, Lower Greenville has something for everyone, from sliders to sushi to frozen treats.

- Apartments, townhomes, duplexes, or single-family homes
- Great area to walk around on a nice day

Uptown

Just north of downtown Dallas and connected by Klyde Warren Park, Uptown is a dynamic district with more than its fair share of shopping, restaurants, and popular nightlife destinations.

- West Village
- State Thomas

Oak Lawn

Home to Dallas' LGBTQ community and one of the most gay-friendly neighborhoods in the country, Oak Lawn gives off a trendy vibe amongst its diverse and quaint homes. Known for shopping, dining, and the Katy Trail for a nice walk.

Park Cities

Here you'll find luxurious shopping, private clubs, upscale restaurants, stunning estates, and family friendly retail centers. Within Park Cities, smaller neighborhoods like Highland Park and University Park are broken up by their distinct characteristics and offerings.

Suburban Neighborhoods

There are great suburban neighborhoods in the DFW Metroplex. Richardson, Plano, Allen, and Frisco are all located north of SMU. All have great restaurants, shopping and outlets — including Legacy West (stylish street lined with designer stores, chic restaurants, and a gourmet food hall) and The Star in Frisco (Dallas Cowboys Headquarters).



RESTAURANTS AND BARS



Bars & Icehouses

- Bar W
- Barcadia Dallas
- Barley House
- Goodbye Horses
- Katy Trail Icehouse
- Milo Butterfingers
- The Old Monk
- Skellig
- Truck Yard



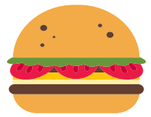
Breweries

- Celestial Beerworks
- Community Beer Co.
- Four Corners Brewing Company
- Lakewood Brewing Company
- Manhattan Project Beer Co.
- Oak Highlands Brewery
- On Rotation Brewery & Kitchen
- Westlake Brewing Company



Cocktail & Wine Bars

- Barcelona Wine Bar
- Bowen House
- Chelsea Corner
- Halcyon
- Honor Bar
- Leela's Wine Bar
- Libertine Bar
- Monkey Bar on 9



American

- DL Mack's
- Del's Burgers
- Goodwins
- HG Sply Co.
- JG's Old Fashioned Hamburgers
- Ozona Grill and Bar
- The Rustic
- Sixty Vines
- Village Burger Bar



Asian-Fusion, Thai, and more

- Asian Mint
- Ka Thai
- Loro Asian Smokehouse & Bar
- Malai Kitchen
- Royal China
- Royal Thai
- Thai Thai
- Wabi House



Barbeque

- Cattleack Barbeque
- Hard Eight BBQ
- Terry Black's Barbecue
- Lockhart Smokehouse
- OAK'D BBQ
- Pecan Lodge
- Smokey John's Bar-B-Que & Home Cooking
- Strouderosa BBQ
- Ten 50



Coffee Shops & Cafes

- Ascension Coffee
- Cafe Brazil
- Cafe Duro
- Eiland Coffee
- La La Land Kind Café
- LDU Coffee To Go
- Merit Coffee Co.
- San Martin Bakery
- Village Baking Co.
- White Rock Coffee



SMU Classics

- JD's Chippery
- Shug's Bagels
- Bubba's Cooks Country
- Bandito's Tex Mex Cantina
- East Hampton Sandwich Co.



Sushi

- The Blue Fish
- Blue Sushi Sake Grill
- Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon
- Hungry Belly
- Oishii
- Sushi House
- Uchi



Pizza & Italian

- Campisi's Restaurant
- Italia Express
- Louie's
- Olivella's Pizza and Wine
- Prego Pasta House
- Taverna
- Terilli's Restaurant
- Zalat Pizza



Tex-Mex

- Eddie's Tex Mex Cocina
- El Fenix
- Las Palmas
- Mariano's
- Mesero
- Meso Maya
- Mexican Sugar
- Mi Cocina

These are just a few of our wonderful culinary options in Dallas!

THINGS TO DO IN DALLAS



Welcome to Dallas! If you're looking for activities with the family, or a fun night out on the town, Dallas has much to offer.

Places to Visit

- Bishop Arts District
- Dallas Zoo
- Dallas Aquarium
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden
- Dallas Farmers Market
- George W. Bush Presidential Center
- Katy Trail
- Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- White Rock Lake

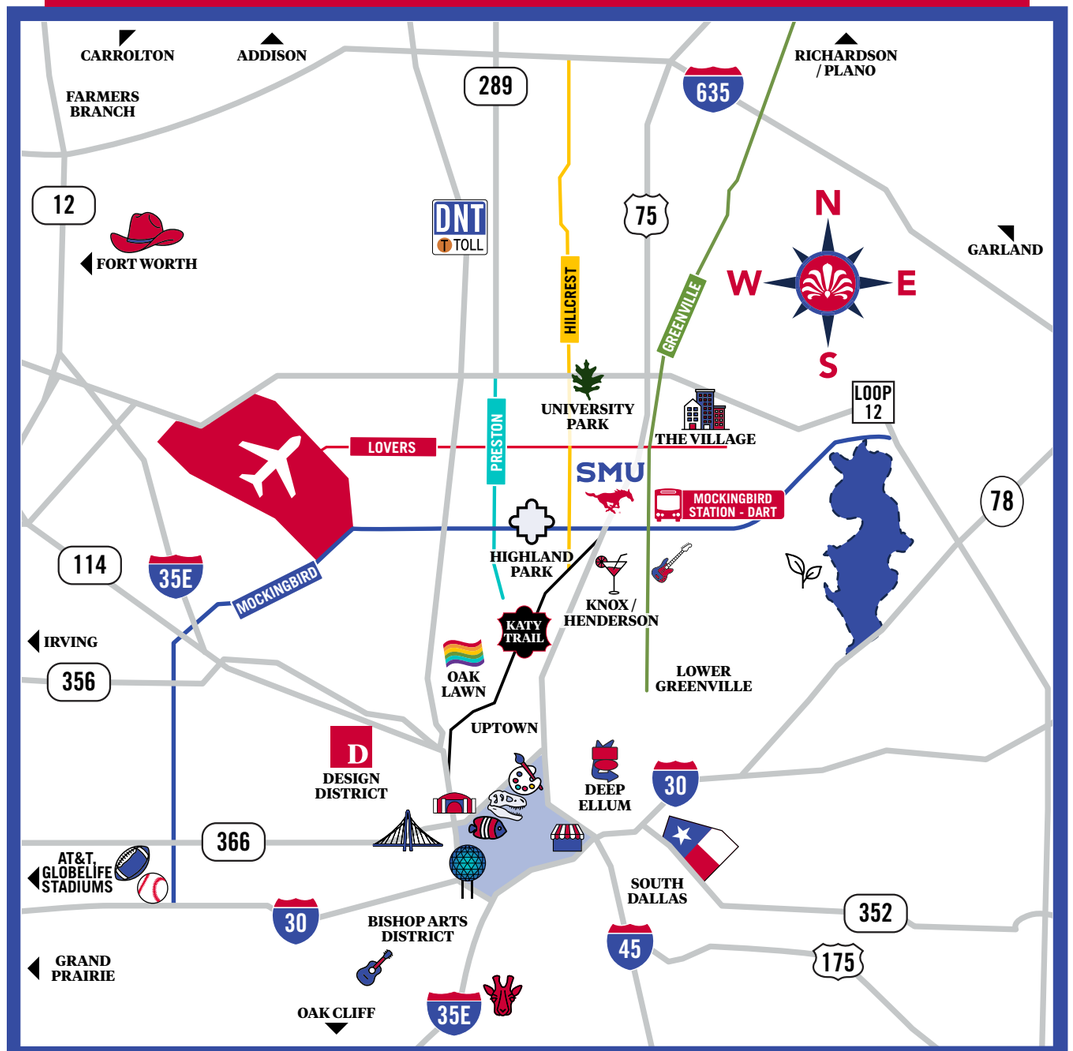
Sports Venues:

- AT&T Stadium – Home to the ***Dallas Cowboys***
- Globe Life Field – Home to the ***Texas Rangers***
- American Airlines Center – Home to the ***Dallas Stars*** and ***Dallas Mavericks***
- Toyota Stadium – Home to ***FC Dallas***



If it's music you crave, Dallas is ready to show you a good time. The American Airlines Center is a stop on practically every major concert tour in the country. In the mood for a cozier vibe? Check out the Granada Theater on Greenville Avenue or the Kessler Theater in the Bishop Arts District. Whatever your musical style, there's a concert for you. Learn more at ***visitdallas.com***.

DALLAS AND BEYOND



LEGEND

- City / Neighborhood
- Downtown Dallas
- Highway
- Roadway
- DART Rail Station
- American Airlines Center
- Dallas Aquarium
- Dallas Arboretum
- Dallas Love Field Airport
- Dallas Mus. of Art
- Dallas Zoo
- Fair Park
- Farmer's Market
- Granada Theater
- Katy Trail
- Kessler Theater
- Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge
- Perot Museum
- Reunion Tower
- White Rock Lake

STUDENT life



The Inns of Court Olympics is a tradition here at SMU Dedman School of Law.

HAYNES BOONE INNS OF COURT PROGRAM

The Inns of Court, sponsored by Haynes and Boone, LLP, is an interdisciplinary approach to the first-year experience at SMU Dedman School of Law.



With over 200 first-year students, the law school recognized a need for smaller, more personalized groups to provide students with a source of relationships and support. Through the Inns, students connect with fellow classmates, faculty, student leaders, career advisors, and alumni for a community experience that extends throughout their time at the law school and beyond graduation.

At SMU Dedman Law, our Inns of Court include six inns made up of approximately 180 students, along with a dedicated inn for international students. The Inns serve as students' core community groups and provide many opportunities for bonding and connection. In some respects, Inns are like law school "homerooms" or law school "families." Each Inn has faculty advisors, a Career Services counselor, alumni Community Fellows, and upper-class students (several Student Bar Association Mentors and three Academic Success Mentors).

Inns typically meet weekly and each meeting has a different topic. Usually, Inns meet as single Inns; but sometimes combine into groups of two, three, or six for larger programs so that students get to know their peers in other sections. Academic Success Mentors conduct wrap-up sessions at the end of each week starting the second week of school.

Inns provide valuable programming specifically designed to help you become a more successful law student and develop as a professional. The core areas of focus include:

- Career and Professional Development
- Academic Advising
- Alumni Connection
- Student Affairs
- Cultural Intelligence
- Public Service

Each Inn is named in honor of a distinguished alumna, alumnus, or professor who has made a measurable impact on SMU Dedman School of Law.

- **Bromberg Inn** – In Honor of Alan R. Bromberg
- **Callejo Inn** – In Honor of Adelfa B. Callejo
- **Jones Inn** – In Honor of Burton V. Jones
- **Noel Inn** – In Honor of Judge James L. Noel, Jr.
- **Potts Inn** – In Honor of Charles S. Potts
- **Raggio Inn** – In Honor of Louise B. Raggio
- **Storey Inn** – In Honor of Robert G. Storey





STUDENT ORGS

Part of your learning experience includes what happens outside the classroom. We encourage you to become involved in our Student Bar Association and 60+ student organizations. Getting involved helps you expand your network, learn about different practice areas, and develop your leadership skills. The following pages provide examples of the types of student organizations you can become involved with during your time at Dedman Law.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Bar Association

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the governing body for the students at SMU Dedman School of Law. The objectives of the SBA are to advance the best interests of legal education; to actively support and institute, when necessary, procedures and practices for the betterment of the law school; and to promote the academic, professional, and social well-being of the membership. The SBA also represents the concerns and interests of the law school student body and sponsors a variety of extracurricular events. All students are urged to serve on one or more of the SBA committees.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Affinity groups build shared community amongst individuals with similar personal or professional interests based upon mutual understanding and/or identity. Below are some examples of the current affinity groups at Dedman School of Law:

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Disability Law Association
- First-Generation Law Students Association
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- Non-Traditional Law Students Association
- OUTLaw (LGBT Student Association)
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Veterans Law Association
- Women in Law

PROFESSIONAL

Federal Bar Association — Law Student Division

Students, legal interns, and recent graduates have the extraordinary opportunity to participate in virtual panel presentations hosted by various Federal Bar Association leaders, federal agencies, and other notable speakers. The panel presentations allow students to learn directly from practitioners about career development, missions and operations, enrichment and employment opportunities, and more.

Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity

The purpose of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) is to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service.

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

Phi Delta Phi (PDP) is SMU Dedman School of Law's only legal honors fraternity. During the spring semester of each school year, PDP invites the top 33% of the class to become initiated. PDP is an international legal fraternity established in 1869, and is now the world's largest legal fraternity. Please note that to become a member of PDP, you may not be a member of any other legal fraternity.

State Bar of Texas Law Student Division

The State Bar of Texas aims to enhance law students' participation in the administration of justice, professional responsibility, and public service.

Texas Trial Lawyers Association

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association was founded in 1949 with a simple mission to bring trial lawyers together in a joint effort to promote justice for Texas families.



Women in Law.

PRACTICE AREA

Some law student organizations focus on professional development in a specific practice area. There may be groups for students interested in common areas of practice such as family law, business law, criminal law, international law, and intellectual property law. They can also be more niche, like an entertainment law group or environmental law society. Alternatively, law student organizations may focus on new or developing legal areas, such as space law. These organizations can help students find internships in their area of interest and connect them to the legal field of their choice. Some examples of SMU Dedman School of Law's practice area groups include the following:

- Association for Public Interest Law
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- Board of Advocates
- Corporate Law Association
- Criminal Law Society
- Disability Law Association
- Energy Law Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Association
- Health Law Association
- Immigration Law Student Association
- Intellectual Property Organization
- International Law Society
- J.D./M.B.A. Society
- Labor and Employment Law Students Association
- Real Estate Law Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Association
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Tax Law Society



SPECIAL INTEREST

Legal practice is inherently political, and many law students aspire to enter politics or public interest law. These organizations may involve general support for a political party, such as the Federalist Society or American Constitution Society, or they may be focused on specific legal issues, such as reproductive justice, civil rights, or human rights. These groups offer excellent networking opportunities and often host guest speakers that share their views. These groups at SMU Dedman School of Law comprise the following:

- American Constitution Society
- Association of Law and Politics
- Federalist Society
- If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
- Law Students for Life
- Second Amendment Foundation

RELIGIOUS

Christian Legal Society

The Christian Legal Society (CLS) seeks to provide students with community and fellowship within the law school by organizing speakers, bible studies, service events, and other programs.

Jewish Law Students Association

The Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) is a cultural, social, and educational organization that reflects the varied interests of the Jewish student community at SMU Dedman School of Law. JLSA opens its group to anyone. It hosts Shabbat dinners and events on holidays, doing its best to unite a strong Jewish community on and off campus.

J. Reuben Clark Society

We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.

Muslim Law Students Association

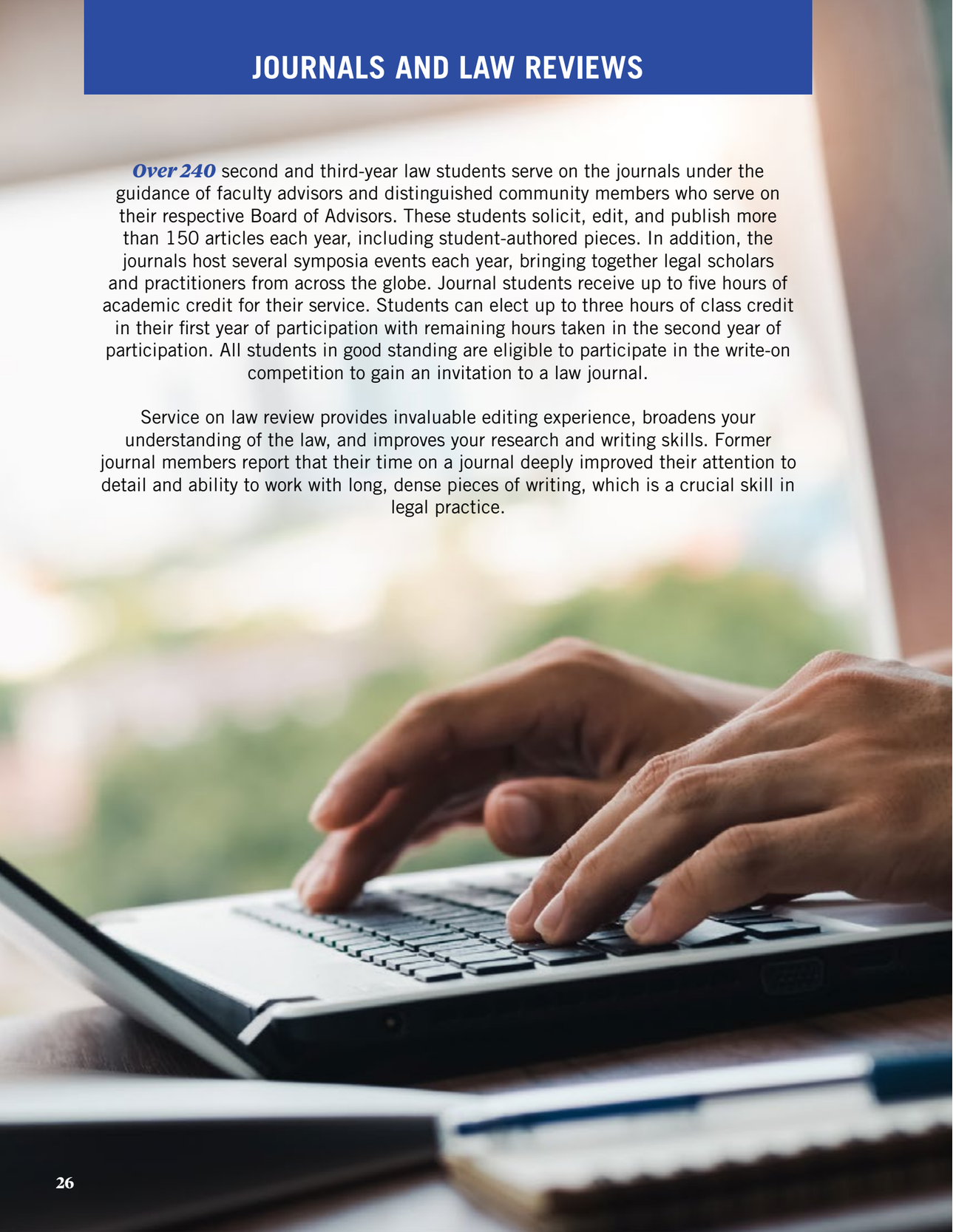
The SMU Muslim Law Students Association is a student-run organization that serves the unique interests and needs of Muslim law students through community-building, increased awareness of particular issues that impact Muslims, and collaborations with other organizations dedicated to meaningful discourse. It hosts educational and social events throughout the semester.



JOURNALS AND LAW REVIEWS

Over 240 second and third-year law students serve on the journals under the guidance of faculty advisors and distinguished community members who serve on their respective Board of Advisors. These students solicit, edit, and publish more than 150 articles each year, including student-authored pieces. In addition, the journals host several symposia events each year, bringing together legal scholars and practitioners from across the globe. Journal students receive up to five hours of academic credit for their service. Students can elect up to three hours of class credit in their first year of participation with remaining hours taken in the second year of participation. All students in good standing are eligible to participate in the write-on competition to gain an invitation to a law journal.

Service on law review provides invaluable editing experience, broadens your understanding of the law, and improves your research and writing skills. Former journal members report that their time on a journal deeply improved their attention to detail and ability to work with long, dense pieces of writing, which is a crucial skill in legal practice.



Journal of Air Law and Commerce

The Journal of Air Law and Commerce is the oldest scholarly periodical in the English language devoted primarily to the legal and economic problems affecting aviation and space. The Journal of Air Law and Commerce publishes articles by distinguished lawyers, economists, government officials, and scholars that deal with domestic and international problems of the airline industry, private aviation, and space. The journal also publishes editorial comments written by students. Readership is worldwide with more than 2,300 subscribers in 54 countries. The journal sponsors SMU's annual Air Law Symposium on selected problems in aviation law. More than 500 aviation lawyers and industry representatives attend the symposium annually.

SMU Annual Texas Survey

Since its establishment in 1967, the SMU Annual Texas Survey has served as a tool for legal practitioners by providing annual developments of Texas jurisprudence. Each issue of the SMU Annual Texas Survey contains articles from law professors, attorneys, and judges providing a thorough, yet concise explanation of the present state of Texas law. Student members of the SMU Law Review Association edit and produce this exclusive publication of legal developments in Texas.

SMU Law Review

*S*MU Law Review, the flagship journal at SMU Dedman School of Law, publishes four issues a year. The publication includes articles by prominent legal scholars and practitioners with international reach. One issue each year is a symposium issue focusing on timely legal topics. Recent symposium issues have highlighted the role of artificial intelligence in a fair and just society, criminal justice reform, the right to die, and free speech under the First Amendment. Additionally, SMU Law Review publishes four to five comments written by SMU Law Review Association's student members. Serving as more than just a publication, the SMU Law Review also sponsors the annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium.

SMU Law Review Forums

The SMU Law Review Forum is an online journal edited by the students of the SMU Law Review Association. The Forum was established in 2019 as an online counterpart to the SMU Law Review and Journal of Air Law and Commerce. The Forum specializes in short-form, timely articles that are reviewed and published on an accelerated schedule and strives to publish contemporary scholarship and elevate the work of diverse individuals whose identities, viewpoints, and ideas have often been underrepresented in the legal field.

SMU Science and Technology Law Review

Published twice a year, the SMU Science and Technology Law Review is a journal produced by the SMU Dedman School of Law's Science and Technology Law Review Association. Each issue includes articles authored by leading scholars and practitioners that address key legal, economic, and political developments and issues within science and technology, including the legal use and limits of hardware and software, and patent, copyright, and intellectual property law. Key topics highlighted in recent publications including the legal use and limits of hardware and software design, COVID-19 vaccine regulation and distribution, and various areas of intellectual property law.

The International Lawyer

As the official triannual publication of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, The International Lawyer provides cutting-edge legal research and analysis of international law with a focus on trade, licensing, direct investment, finance, taxation, litigation, and dispute resolution. Since its inception, The International Lawyer has grown to become the world's most widely distributed U.S. international law review, enjoying subscriptions of approximately 11,000 readers in more than 90 countries.

The Year in Review

The Year in Review is an annual international law survey that provides a comprehensive summary of the germane legal developments, key pieces of legislation, and landmark decisions that helped shape the international legal tapestry of the year. The objective of The Year in Review is to publish high-quality articles on international subjects relevant to each committee of the American Bar Association International Law Section.



HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES

SMU Dedman School of Law students may utilize all facilities and services available on SMU's main campus. This includes using the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center.

Dr. Bob Smith Health Center

The Dr. Bob Smith Health Center is a convenient medical clinic located on the SMU campus for diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury. The clinic is staffed by physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory and x-ray technologists.

Services include medical consultations, minor surgery, care of injuries, treatment of minor illnesses, immunizations, and continuation of treatments such as allergy shots. The Health Center also offers limited special care in dermatology, gynecology, and sports medicine.

Counseling Services for various concerns are provided by psychiatrists and psychologists in the Health Center. Additionally, the Office of Health Promotion serves as a resource for health information on campus.

The Health Center is certified by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) for meeting rigorous nationally recognized standards and committing to delivering the highest quality of care. Counseling Services are also accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) for maintaining professional standards and quality service to SMU students.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services at SMU is dedicated to supporting the mental health needs of SMU students. It's not a one-size-fits-all approach. A variety of options are available, whether it's meeting one of the staff counselors at the Health Center, accessing the network of mental health providers offered online, or utilizing some of the resources Counseling Services make available for self-help. Whatever issues a student may be facing, Counseling Services is here to support them and help get the care they need.

Students utilizing Counseling Services for the first time will first need to make an appointment. All SMU students are eligible to receive free services at the counseling center, regardless of insurance. The initial appointment is 20-25 minutes, where the student will share their concerns and basic information with a counselor. The student and a counselor will then discuss appropriate services and choose next steps.

More Resources:

For more information, visit smu.edu/studentaffairs/health-center.

For emergency medical resources, visit smu.edu/studentaffairs/health-center/medical/emergencies.



(Above) Dally the therapy dog enhances student well-being during Wellness Week.

(Left) Students pedal smoothie bikes during Wellness Week.

MAIN CAMPUS AMENITIES

The Deason Innovation Gym

The Deason Innovation Gym – affectionately called the DIG – is a maker-space on campus in Caruth Hall. Open to students and offering afternoon training sessions, the DIG is equipped with a broad range of tools and equipment to make ideas into reality. Some of the more popular devices available include 3D printers, a laser cutter, a vinyl cutter, power tools, sewing machines, and more.

The Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports



The Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports offers 170,000 square feet of indoor recreational space plus an outdoor social area that includes: a zero-entry pool with 7-foot waterfalls, two sand volleyball courts, reservable rooms and courts, and leisure spaces. As an SMU student taking credit-bearing classes, your tuition grants you membership.

MONDAY–THURSDAY: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
FRIDAY: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
SATURDAY: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
SUNDAY: 1 to 11 p.m.
**Spring and fall semester hours, may vary for university breaks*

Hughes-Trigg Student Center

The Hughes-Trigg Student Center is the main area for student activities on main campus, and its resources are available to you as law students as well. There are a variety of key offices that are based out of Hughes-Trigg, including The Veterans Center, the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life, a mother's room, the Women and LGBT Center, and Parking and ID Services. Hughes-Trigg includes dining options such as Chick-Fil-A and Panera Bread, as well as a convenience store and vending machines. The Student Center is also a hub for reservable rooms to host meetings and events.



Busy studying?

A Starship robot will deliver your food to you anywhere on campus!



Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park

This 15-acre urban park on the grounds of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, featuring a one-mile network of trails, walks visitors through native Texas environments including Blackland Prairie, Post Oak Savannah, and Cross Timbers Forest. The Blackland Prairie used to dominate the Dallas region. The park is free and open to the public every day of the year, from sunrise to sunset.

Podcast Studio at Fondren Library

The SMU Podcast Studio in Fondren Library is a joint venture between the Office of Engaged Learning and SMU Libraries. Students, faculty, and staff can reserve the Studio to create audio and visual content for personal and professional use. Equipment available includes microphones, editing station with iMac and Adobe Suite with Premiere, Audition, and more, and a photo & video station that includes a green screen.

Office of the Chaplain & Religious Life

Canterbury House, located at 3308 Daniel Avenue behind the Law School Quad, is the home of the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life and a welcoming hub for belonging, community, and spiritual life at SMU. It offers spaces to connect with others, find a quiet moment, or worship in St. Alban's Chapel, a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and worship.

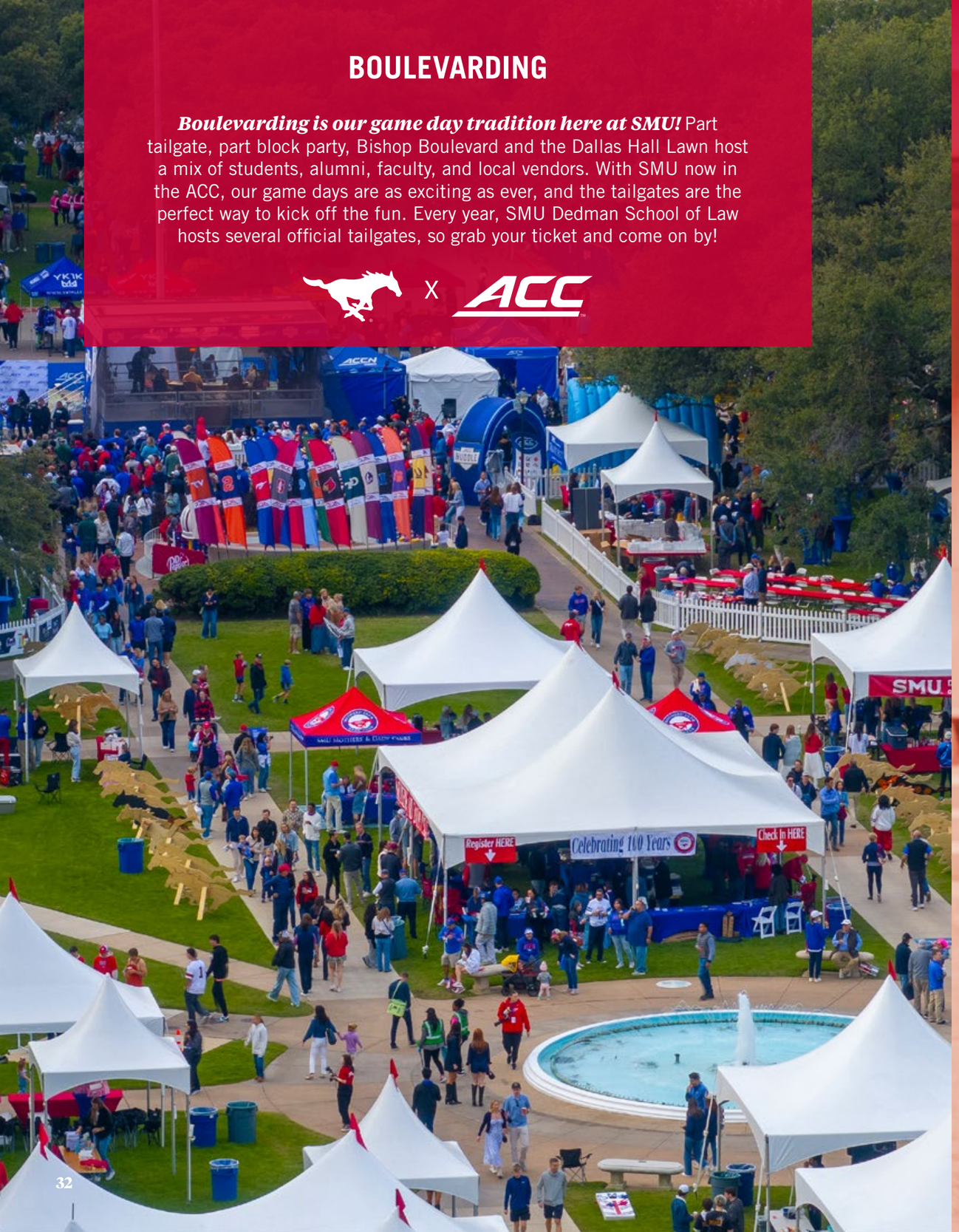
Away from the bustle of campus, Canterbury House welcomes people of all faith traditions and worldviews. Through worship, meaningful conversations, arts and community events, and opportunities for reflection, it nurtures the mind, body, and spirit while fostering connection, hospitality, and a sense of belonging.



BOULEVARDING

Boulevarding is our game day tradition here at SMU! Part tailgate, part block party, Bishop Boulevard and the Dallas Hall Lawn host a mix of students, alumni, faculty, and local vendors. With SMU now in the ACC, our game days are as exciting as ever, and the tailgates are the perfect way to kick off the fun. Every year, SMU Dedman School of Law hosts several official tailgates, so grab your ticket and come on by!

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EXPERIENTIAL *learning*

Mark Howard '90 (Chief Legal Officer, Nationwide) and Nationwide Extern 2023

EXTERNSHIPS

Dedman Law's externship programs provide students with the opportunity to learn by doing. Students work in carefully selected legal settings under the supervision of a mentor-attorney and a member of the law school faculty. During their externship, students observe and participate in lawyering tasks. They gain valuable skills such as: client communication, problem solving, teamwork, and effective project management. In addition, externships foster sensitivity to the social, political, and professional implications of the legal process.

- Corporate Counsel Externship Program
- Federal Judicial Externship Program
- Government and Public Interest Externship Program
- Mid-Size and Small Firm Externship Program



Dallas Stars Extern 2023

• Signature Program •

CORPORATE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Your Gateway to Real-world Experience

Dedman Law is home to the premier corporate counsel externship program in the country. With more than 200 corporate partners, approximately 120 students participate each year in this innovative academic program that combines a corporate counsel course with externships in corporate legal departments. This capstone learning experience supplements our rich business law curriculum with hands-on experience.

Placements are specially tailored to match students with companies that fit their practice area or industry focus. For example, we have placed students interested in fashion law at Neiman Marcus, health law at McKesson, and aviation law with Southwest Airlines.



LL.M. TESTIMONIALS

Testimonials from LL.M.s who took the Corporate Counsel Externship Program.



Giovanna Rabelo

LL.M. Class of 2025

"I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing legal team. From day one, I felt welcomed and supported, which made this experience even more meaningful.

Besides everything I learned about the law, I was able to see how much work goes into keeping NTTA running. Being there and seeing it day to day really made me appreciate the effort everyone puts in."



Yi Yang

LL.M. Class of 2026

"My three-month externship at Denago EV has come to a close — a chapter that has shaped me far beyond what I expected.

From conducting due diligence to legal research across a range of matters, I'm leaving with a deeper understanding of the manufacturing industry and in-house legal practice, sharper skills, and a clearer sense of the lawyer I want to become. Onward to the next chapter."



Abdulmohsen Alkhathlan

LL.M. Class of 2025

"It has been an incredible experience and an honor working with the GreenSky® Legal Team through the Corporate Counsel Externship Program at SMU Dedman School of Law!

During this externship, I worked on projects involving regulatory compliance and legal research, focusing on how companies navigate data protection and consumer-finance laws across multiple jurisdictions. My work involved reviewing statutory frameworks, identifying key legal triggers, and organizing findings into practical tools that support compliance and business decision-making.

This experience strengthened my understanding of how in-house counsel assess and manage legal risk, and how complex laws are transformed into clear, actionable guidance that enables responsible innovation in a fast-moving business environment.

Looking forward to continuing the experience."

CENTERS, INITIATIVES, AND INSTITUTES

SMU Dedman School of Law's academic centers and initiatives provide an interdisciplinary platform for educational programming. They facilitate academic research and provide educational opportunities that engage students with business and legal communities.



Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center

The Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center's independent research and its development of educational opportunities are focused on issues ranging from wrongful convictions to over-incarceration. The overarching goal of the center is to promote the fair, ethical, and compassionate treatment of people involved in every stage of the criminal justice process.

Jennifer M. Collins Women's Leadership Initiative

The Jennifer M. Collins Women's Leadership Initiative aims to enhance the leadership and professional skills of women, SMU Dedman School of Law students, and practicing attorneys. This initiative addresses issues such as retaining women in the legal profession, elevating women in leadership positions, and enhancing rainmaking and networking skills.

Robert B. Rowling Center for Business Law & Leadership

The Robert B. Rowling Center for Business Law & Leadership focuses on developing leaders at the intersection of business and law, and influences national conversations surrounding business and corporate law. The center benefits from faculty expertise at SMU, including the Cox School of Business and the Lyle School of Engineering. The center also builds upon SMU Dedman School of Law's rich tradition in business law, its remarkably successful alumni base, and the entrepreneurial spirit of its students.

Tsai Institute for Law, Science and Innovation

The Tsai Institute for Law, Science and Innovation explores how law and policy affect scientific research and discovery as well as the development and commercialization of new technologies. The center also explores the converse — how scientific discoveries and new technologies affect ethics, society, private industry, and governmental institutions and agencies.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dedman Law has long been a leader among law schools in its genuine and unwavering commitment to public service. In 1947, it was one of the country's first law schools to sponsor a community legal clinic to serve the poor, nearly 20 years before legal clinics became a national movement. This legacy of public service is premised on the understanding that participating in public service plays a valuable role in the development of competent and responsible lawyers and benefits the community by helping to meet the critical need for pro bono legal assistance.

The Office of Public Service at SMU Dedman Law coordinates the school's pro bono efforts. Specifically, the office works to build relationships with the various nonprofit legal programs in the area, develop new public service placement opportunities for students, and maintain a clear understanding of the particular and changing unmet needs in the community. Additionally, the office actively promotes the value of public service to students through efforts such as: soliciting public service scholarships, stipends, and fellowship opportunities; hosting Public Advocate Day, an annual public interest career fair; and advising students interested in seeking a legal career in public service. The Office of Public Service is dedicated to developing and maintaining a diverse list of public service placements in the community so students can find an opportunity to complete their public service hours requirement in an area of law that interests them.

Public Services Graduation Requirement

SMU Dedman Law was the first law school in the state of Texas to implement a mandatory public service graduation requirement. Since 1996, all J.D. students at SMU Dedman Law have been required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of law-related public service to be eligible to graduate. These hours must be uncompensated and not for academic credit.

The goal of the public service graduation requirement is to enhance the legal profession and the law school curriculum by exposing students to the importance of, and need for, a life-long commitment to public service. The program allows students to gain legal experience, learn and develop practical lawyering skills in a hands-on setting, explore different areas of law, cultivate professional contacts in the legal community, and provides early exposure to the need for legal assistance in the community.





NOTABLE Alumni



Andrea Almeida | Brazil

Technology and Data Privacy Attorney
Horzepa Spiegel & Associates PC

Mohammad Alshalfan | Saudi Arabia

Director General of the Judicial Training Center
Ministry of Justice in Saudi Arabia





Carlos de Maria y Campos | Mexico

Attorney
Galicia Mexico

Maria Luisa Canovas | Spain

Lecturer in Law
Columbia Law School





Mauricio Celis | Mexico

Attorney
Celis Law Group

Manuel Galicia | Mexico

Legal Advisor
Galicia Mexico





César Garza | Mexico

Private Equity Professional

Daniel Ishihara | Brazil

Vice President of the Public Procurement Committee
Brasilia, Brazil





Getoar Mjeku | Kosovo

Deputy Minister of Economy
Republic of Kosovo

José Antonio Ocantos | Argentina

Business Lawyer
Candioti Gatto Bicain & Ocantosbia





Isaac Osadolor | Mexico, USA, Nigeria

Medical Doctor, Surgeon General, Clinical Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Biomedical Engineer, and Attorney

Alberto de la Peña | Mexico

Firmwide Chair, Co-chair
Haynes Boone





Antonio Peña | Mexico

Chair, Co-Chair
Greenberg Traurig's Latin America Practice



John Sun | China

Managing Partner
Deshen Law Offices



Taisong (Alex) He | China

Associate Vice President
Morgan Stanley



academics

#1 ***"Top Law Schools"*** for the highest percentage of 2025 graduates placed in long-term, full-time, bar-passage required jobs

- TaxProf Blog, May 2026

#12 ***"Best Law Schools for Law Firm Employment"*** (tied with NYU, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and the University of Chicago)

- National Jurist, Aug. 2025

#17 ***"Law schools whose graduates landed associate jobs at the nation's 200 largest law firms"***

- Law.com, April 2026

#24 ***"Law schools whose graduates landed associate jobs at the nation's 200 largest law firms"***

- Law.com, April 2026

BAR ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students who wish to practice law in this country and qualify for admission to the bar in one of the states or the District of Columbia should familiarize themselves with the bar admission requirements in the particular jurisdiction where they plan to practice. Bar admission requirements vary from state to state. Some states require applicants to have a J.D. degree, and others will require only a certain number of course credits from a law school in this country. Texas allows qualified foreign educated attorneys who have completed an LL.M. degree to sit for the Texas Bar examination.

Click to view rules governing Admission to the State Bar of Texas.

General Bar Exam Information

Click the links for more information.

- SMU Course Recommendations
- Texas Board of Bar Examiners
- National Conference of Bar Examiners

Bar Review Courses

- BarBri
- Kaplan
- Themis

Bar Exam Loans

- SallieMae

Class requirements for the Bar Exam

Pass the following mandatory classes:

- Perspectives of the American Legal System *(2 credits)*
- Legal Research and Writing for LL.M.s *(3 credits)*

Pass two Core Bar Subjects *(at least six credits)*

- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts
- Civil Procedure
- Business Associations
- Family Law
- Trusts and Estates
- Secured Transactions

Pass one PR Class

- Professional Responsibility for LL.M.s *(2 credits)*, or
- Professional Responsibility *(3 credits)*

SMU'S HONOR CODE

What is academic dishonesty?

- **Academic Sabotage:** Intentionally taking any action that negatively affects the academic work of another student.
- **Cheating:** Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication:** Intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information related to an academic exercise.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty:** Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision.
- **Plagiarism:** Intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise. ***Note: This includes ghostwriters.***

What are possible sanctions?

- **Informal Warning:** Not a part of the student's formal conduct record.
- **Formal Conduct Warning:** Part of the student's formal conduct record.
- **Conduct Probation:** A warning before:
  - » Deferred Suspension
  - » Suspension
  - » Expulsion

To learn more about Academic Dishonesty and Conduct Proceedings, view the SMU Student Handbook at smu.edu/StudentAffairs/officeofthedeanofstudents/StudentHandbook



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

On behalf of the International Office team, I would like to welcome you to Southern Methodist University.

You have chosen to attend one of America's premier comprehensive universities, and we are pleased that you are part of the SMU family.

The SMU campus and community provide a variety of resources to ensure that your time here as a student, scholar, or faculty is productive on both a personal and academic level. The International Office team is committed to facilitating and enriching your experience both before you arrive on campus and while you are here in the United States.

All members of the International Office team work diligently to provide the best and most useful resources prior to your arrival through a comprehensive pre-arrival information packet designed to assist with the visa application process. Once you arrive on campus, we welcome you through various immigration orientations to inform you of the visa compliance regulations you must follow in order to maintain your status as an international student and scholar.

Our team is responsible for reporting all compliance-related events concerning our international population to the federal government. For this reason, it is important that you check your SMU email daily, as regulations may change.

Upon arrival, we encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity to participate in our programming and events. Our office coordinates several events throughout the year to celebrate the diverse cultures and contributions of our international community. Our staff consists of dedicated professionals who are prepared to respond to your unique needs through our comprehensive immigration advising system. We are also here to help you navigate the many resources SMU offers to support your academic success and your research goals.

Once again, welcome to SMU. We are happy that you are with us. Please contact any member of the

International Office team if you have questions or concerns. If we do not know the answer to your questions, we will do our best to find someone who does. We are eager to contribute to your success.



Dr. Claudia Sotomayor Hart

Director
Designated School Official (DSO)
Responsible Office (RO)

WELCOME TO SMU!

No matter where you are across the globe, the International Office team is here to support you. Our office provides services to help you maintain your immigration status and promote your success here at SMU.

Stay up to date by visiting smu.edu/enrollment-services/international.

Check out the International Student Handbook for information about the following:

- Information about Dallas and SMU
- Receiving your I-20
- Travel and packing tips
- ISSS Office
- U.S. Laws and safety
- Emergency resources
- Student success and other useful information



Click the image or visit smu.edu/enrollment-services/international/new-student-information.

HAVE *questions?*

Email the International Student and Scholarship Services Office at intloffice@smu.edu

Or call us at 214-768-4475.

OFFICE *hours*

DOCUMENT PICK-UP HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9 A.M.–4 P.M.
WEDNESDAYS:10 A.M.–4 P.M.

ADVISING HOURS:
VIRTUAL ZOOM ADVISING
MONDAY – THURSDAY:
9–11 A.M.
IN-PERSON ADVISING
MONDAY – THURSDAY
2 P.M.–4 P.M.

FOLLOW *us!*

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SMU International Student and Scholar Services

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ONCE YOU'VE ARRIVED

We hope you had safe travels! Once you've arrived in the United States, complete the following steps:

☐ ***Continue checking your SMU email regularly.***
You will receive updates related to expectations upon arrival and other important information.

☐ ***Update your U.S. residence address and phone number in your My.SMU account.***
Department of Homeland Security requires you to update your U.S. local address and phone number within 10 days of any change.

☐ ***Manage holds on your account.***
Complete remaining tasks to clear any enrollment holds so you can register for classes. Review holds by accessing Student Center through My.SMU; active holds will be listed at the top right-hand side of the screen.

☐ ***Completed the International Student Compliance Course.***
Visit smu.instructure.com and login with your SMU ID number and password.

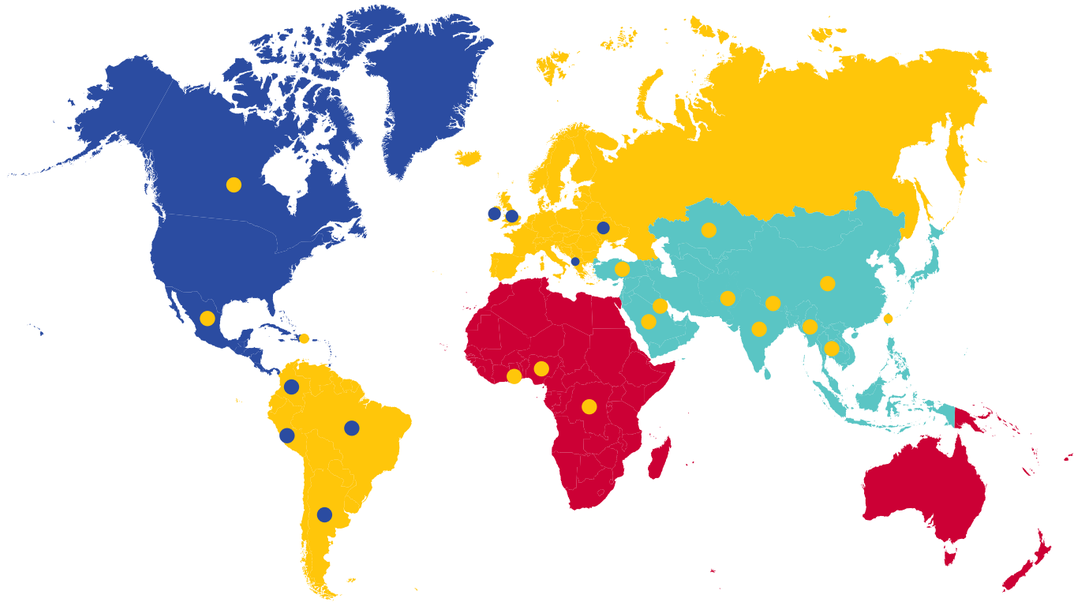
☐ ***Complete mandatory document check-in.***
The link is available on my.SMU under Students Tab > "New Student Information" > Mandatory Government Check-in.

☐ ***Review SMU shuttle, parking services and transportation options.***
Visit smu.edu/parking for more information.

☐ ***Pay tuition and fees through the Bursar's Office.***
To pay, visit smu.edu/enrollment-services/student-financial-services.

SMU International Student and Scholar Services

2025–26 LL.M. POPULATION



- Albania
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- China
- Congo
- Ghana
- India
- Ireland
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Rep. Dominicana
- Saudi Arabia
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

THOMAS S. LEATHERBURY

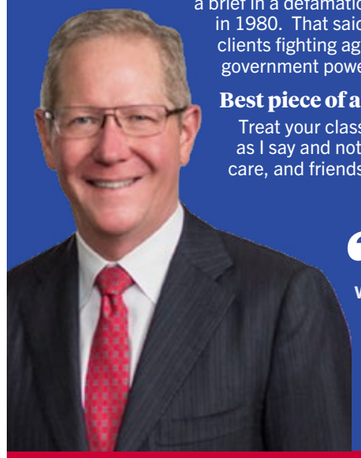
Director of the First Amendment Clinic and Clinical Professor of Law

What does your scholarship focus on?

My work focuses on the First Amendment freedoms of speech, press, assembly, and petition. It covers a wide range of challenges, including litigating federal civil rights cases, defending defamation and anti-SLAPP cases, protecting the right to vote, and increasing state and federal government transparency.

Why did you choose to teach what you teach?

I became an accidental First Amendment lawyer when I was assigned to write a brief in a defamation case after only six weeks in private practice in 1980. That said, I am passionate about representing our clients fighting against Free Speech bullies and against abuses of government power.



Best piece of advice for law school?

Treat your classes like a job and not like college classes (do as I say and not as I did). And schedule time for exercise, self-care, and friends and family.

Education

- B.A., History *summa cum laude*, Yale College
- J.D., Yale Law School

Area of Expertise

- Appellate Practice and Advocacy
- Class Actions
- First Amendment Law

"I returned for my second year in law school because I started working in Yale's legal clinic that represented clients with mental disabilities. Meeting the clients and trying to help them solve their critical, pressing problems showed me the power that lawyers and law students have to create positive change and helped me break out of the self-absorbed mindset that sometimes affects law students."

MONIKA U. EHRMAN

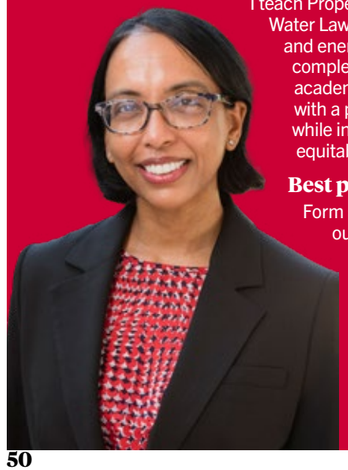
Professor of Law

What does your scholarship focus on?

My scholarship focuses on energy law and natural resource property law and policy, with particular emphasis on the legal frameworks and property entanglements arising in energy & natural resources, including oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, and climate; my grant-sponsored research focuses on energy sovereignty and just transition in Tribal Nations. I also focus on the intersection of energy and natural resources law and technology, such as hydraulic fracturing, outer space mining, and atmospheric modification.

Why did you choose to teach what you teach?

I teach Property; Oil & Gas Law; Natural Resources Law; and Water Law because my experience as a petroleum engineer and energy attorney gave me firsthand insight into the complexities of energy production. Transitioning into legal academia allowed me to combine my technical expertise with a passion for addressing critical legal and policy issues, while inspiring students to become leaders in shaping an equitable energy future.



Best piece of advice for law school?

Form effective study habits in your first year and take time to attend events and lectures outside of the law quad. SMU has an incredible campus life and your graduate school experience will be richer when learning more about other fields and interests, in addition to making friends!

Education

- B.S., University of Alberta
- J.D., SMU Dedman School of Law
- LL.M., Yale Law School

Area of Expertise:

- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Just Energy Transition on Tribal Lands
- Mining Law
- Natural Resources
- Oil and Gas
- Property Law

"I am a proud SMU Dedman Law alumna ('05). My SMU legal education was instrumental to my professional successes. My professors taught me law that would be central to my career and continued to be mentors after I graduated!"

RESOURCES & TIPS

TRANSPORTATION

Concerned about travel options? Don't worry, Dallas has plenty of options!

Walk

Most students walk to class, just make sure you give yourself enough time to make it where you're going! Google Maps works great in the area and on campus.

Bikes

When going to a university, lots of students may bring a bicycle for transportation around campus. SMU provides various areas to keep your bikes, just bring your lock.

Tip: Look into purchasing a bike at popular stores such as Walmart, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, or Academy Outdoors!

Passio GO

If you feel uncomfortable walking alone after a long night in the library, you can request a safe ride through the app Passio GO. An SMU security officer will pick you up in a golf cart and transport you to any location on campus.

Ride Share Services

The most popular options for transportation around Dallas are ride sharing services such as Uber and Lyft. Just download the apps and input your destination!

Tip: Always make sure the license plate of your driver matches what's on the app.

DART

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit service is a railway that travels around the Dallas area including to the airport and NorthPark Mall. Conveniently, across the street from SMU campus is a DART station! SMU students are eligible for a free SMU DART transit pass by enrolling through the Parking and ID Card Services Office with a valid U.S. phone number. DART is typically much cheaper than ride sharing options.

Tip: While the DART is typically safe it is smart to travel with a friend and avoid riding the DART late at night.

SMU Express

The SMU Express is a DART operated bus that goes on campus and makes stops at nearby apartments, shopping centers, and restaurants.

U.S. LAWS AND SAFETY

Emergency Blue Lights

There are over 55 emergency Blue Light phones across SMU's Campus, typically placed outside or in parking garages. If you are in danger, find the nearest blue light phone, press the emergency button, and you will be connected with the police department and an officer will be dispatched.

SMU Alerts

In the case of a campus wide safety threat, SMU will send out alerts through the Emergency Notification System (ENS) to alert everyone on campus that there is a threat. Alerts will also be posted on all official SMU social media sites, emailed, and in buildings alarms will sound.

Seat belts

In the U.S. it is required to wear a seatbelt in a vehicle, regardless of whether you are driving or not.

Drinking and Driving

In the U.S. it is not permitted to operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. If you do, you will jeopardize your student visa status.

Alcohol on Campus

Alcohol is not permitted in any public area on SMU's campus including the residence halls regardless of your age.

Legal Ages in the U.S.

- Drinking age: 21+
- Tobacco age: 21+

Smoking on Campus

Smoking is prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance to buildings on campus.

More information

Click here to visit the Risk Management & Insurance website for more information.

EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

In case of an on-campus emergency, alarms will sound across campus buildings with audio instructions on what to do. Students will also get an emergency alert to their emails and phones with updates on the situation.

Lockdown

When: You will receive this notice if there is an active shooter or other violence on campus.

Actions: Depending on the situation: run away, or hide where you are, under furniture; lock or barricade doors; turn out lights; remain quiet As a last resort fight to defend.

Call 911 if you have information for the police.

Warn other if possible.

Wait for official notice to resume normal activities.

Evacuate

When: You will receive this notice if there is danger inside or near the building.

Actions: Leave the building; do not use elevators.

Assist the disabled.

Take your cell phone, keys, and valuables.

Proceed to assembly area outside.

Wait for official notice before attempting to re-enter the building.

Seek Shelter

When: Outdoor sirens signal severe weather or an environmental danger outside.

Actions: Seek Shelter inside.

Go to the lowest level of the building; stay in the interior hallways away from glass doors and windows.

Monitor news, if possible.

Wait for official notice to resume activities.

ACHIEVING ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT SMU

Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC)

The ALEC offers free peer tutoring, writing center, academic counselors, and academic success workshops to undergraduates.

For more information, visit smu.edu/alec.

Disability Accommodation and Success Strategies (DASS)

The DASS office advocates, assists, and accommodates students with physical or learning disabilities. DASS also provides mentoring, self-advocacy, time management, and other success strategies to aide in the academic success of students with disabilities.

For more information, visit smu.edu/provost/saes/academic-support/disability-accommodations.

English Second Language (ESL)

The Department of Intensive English Program partners with the International Office regarding free classes for students who are having academic difficulties due to the English language.

For more information, visit smu.edu/Dedman/Resources/Students/ESL.

Fondren Library

Online Databases

Fondren offers an extensive online library database to aide students in their research.

Study Spaces

Need a quiet place to study? Reserve a private study room or visit the Centennial Reading Room. Additionally, the Fondren Library offers a variety of spaces for you and your friends to study!

Research Support

Need help navigating research, finding scholarly sources, or creating citations? Fondren library offers support both online and in-person in these areas.

For more information, visit smu.edu/libraries/fondren.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN AND HOW WILL I RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT MY SMU STUDENT ID AND EMAIL ACCOUNT?

Within two weeks of admission, you will be notified via email (to the account listed on your application) of your SMU ID number and with steps to set-up your SMU email account.

WHEN IS MY DEPOSIT DUE AND HOW MUCH IS IT?

There are two non-refundable deposits required. The first deposit of $1,000 is required by April 15. A second deposit of $500 will be due on June 10. Should you wish to only make a one-time deposit, that one-time payment of $1,500 must be paid by April 15. Deposit amounts will be credited to your tuition and fees account upon your enrollment.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY?

Our ASDs are February 12, March 5, and April 2 and the programming typically lasts from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dress code is casual and you are allowed to bring up to two guests.
Family and significant others are appropriate guests. Friends and children are not appropriate guests.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE A VISIT TO THE LAW SCHOOL?

Your best option is to attend an ASD (see above). If you cannot attend any of the ASDs, visit smu.edu/Law/Admissions/Visiting-SMU.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE NOTIFICATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS IF I RECEIVED ONE, AND WHEN WILL IT SHOW UP ON MY MY.SMU.EDU ACCOUNT?

Aside from the Early Decision Admissions Program, all scholarship awards will be sent starting mid-February, and on a rolling basis after that.
Students may be invited to interview for select scholarship via email.
Scholarships will show up on your my.smu.edu account before classes start.

HOW DO I MAKE UPDATES TO MY APPLICATION, LIKE AN ADDRESS CHANGE OR CHARACTER/ FITNESS UPDATE)

Email any updates to lawadmit@smu.edu.

I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID/LOANS (NOT SCHOLARSHIPS). WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

All questions related to financial aid/loans should be directed to gradfinaid@smu.edu.

WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW DO I SUBMIT MY FINAL TRANSCRIPT?

The American Bar Association (ABA) requires that your official transcript from your degree granting undergraduate institution be included in your law school file. This must be an official transcript stating (1) your undergraduate degree was conferred and (2) the date of your graduation. You will not be registered for classes if we do not receive your transcript by June 15. Official transcripts may be mailed directly to SMU Dedman School of Law, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 750110, Dallas, Texas 75275 or sent via email to lawadmit@smu.edu.

WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

All first-year law school classes will be selected for you. You will be registered for classes in mid/late-July.

I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Contact the Admissions Office for:

- Deposit
- Updated Documentation
- Scholarship Questions
- Admitted Students Event Questions
- Final Undergraduate Transcript Questions

Carr Collins Jr. Hall, Suite 331
214.768.2550
lawadmit@smu.edu

Contact Graduate Financial Aid for:

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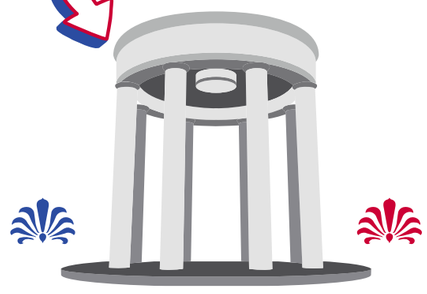


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