A unique opportunity, an innovative public law school, right in downtown Dallas.
Why should you choose UNT Dallas College of Law?

- **OUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH**, with its fresh emphasis on learning law by doing law.

- **OUR FOCUS ON PREPARING YOU** with the skills you will need to practice law in the real world.

- **OUR DYNAMIC DOWNTOWN DALLAS LOCATION**, which gives you easy access to an array of professional and cultural resources.

- **OUR COMMITMENT TO VALUE**, so you will be able to start your career unencumbered by unreasonable debt.

- **OUR BELIEF THAT LAWYERS SHOULD BE AS DIVERSE** as the communities they serve.

We’re looking for motivated students with the potential to be great lawyers. If that sounds like you, join us.
Greetings:

So you want to go to law school. Why should you consider UNT Dallas College of Law? Without making any extravagant promises, I can think of a few reasons, and not simply because I am the Dean.

Our goal is to be a teaching law school, concentrating on student learning, but with a different vision of what that means. For one thing, in the first year and beyond, your courses will include periodic feedback and assessments during the course, not the usual single test at the end of each semester. This will help you know how well you are learning the material, and how to improve. It also will help us monitor how effectively we are teaching. We don’t want anyone to fall behind if we can prevent it. So we will be challenging you, but we will also be supportive.

Another goal is for you to spend as much time as possible “doing” law, and not just studying law. Most of our upper level courses have a “lab” component in which you will apply the subject matter of the course through activities that law practice involves. We also will have opportunities for you to work with and be mentored by practicing lawyers. And because we have a terrific location right in downtown Dallas, we are in proximity to many of the most outstanding lawyers in our region. While you may not leave our law school or any law school with all the skills of an experienced lawyer, we will do our best to get you as close to that objective as we can.

We also understand that the law and the legal profession are in the midst of transformational change, which means that the practice of tomorrow will be substantially different from the practice of today. We will do our utmost to understand the change that is coming and to alert our students to the opportunities that the change presents for them.

Finally, to address the issue of ballooning tuition costs, our plan is to set our tuition at a reasonable level to do our part to reduce the debt burden facing so many law school graduates today. We believe it is possible to charge an affordable tuition rate and, at the same time, to equip you with the core competencies necessary to become an effective lawyer.

Law school is not easy. We will require you to work hard. Law practice is not easy. Representing people in their most important affairs is hard work. But, being a lawyer is a unique and rewarding opportunity to help others structure their lives in accordance with the law. It is a high calling.

If you are ready to strive and to learn, we are ready to teach you and to prepare you, to the best of our ability, to be a lawyer.

Respectfully yours,

ROYAL FURGESON, FOUNDING DEAN
UNT Dallas College of Law
OUR BEGINNINGS

UNT Dallas College of Law received legislative authorization in 2009, when the Texas legislature approved the College of Law and earmarked $5 million of the State’s 2011-2012 budget for the new law school. By educating a new generation of lawyers, and as the only public law school in Dallas, it is expected that the College of Law will deliver significant benefits to the citizens of Dallas, to the larger DFW region and to the state of Texas.

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EARNING YOUR J.D. DEGREE
At UNT Dallas College of Law, you will earn your Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. If you attend full-time, you should earn your J.D. in three years. If you attend part-time through the evening-division program, it will typically take four years to earn your degree.

BEST PRACTICES AND A FRESH ACADEMIC APPROACH
In preparing you to become a practicing lawyer, we combine instructional best practices with an emphasis on learning by doing. We believe a legal education should develop the full range of skills, aptitudes, and values necessary to be an effective legal professional.
MENTORSHIP
Our Louis A. Bedford, Jr. Mentorship Program, named for Dallas County’s first African American judge, gives you professional guidance from the outset of your legal education. You will gain insights from multiple mentors in the local legal community. You will work on real issues with real attorneys, and your mentorship sessions will be dedicated time in your weekly schedule.

FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM
Knowledge of law is at the core of any legal education, and your first year will give you a grounding in several key areas, such as Torts and Contracts. The first year curriculum also includes Legal Methods, a course that serves as an introduction to and understanding of what it means to be a practicing lawyer, and Legal Writing and Research, a course that helps develop some of the key competencies of being a professional lawyer.

FIRST YEAR COURSES INCLUDE:
- Fundamentals of Being a Lawyer
- Civil Procedure
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Writing and Research
- Practice Foundation I: Interviewing and Counseling
- Legal Methods
- Property
- Torts

HOW WE ASSESS YOU
Traditionally, grades in law school courses are based on a single end-of-term exam. At UNT Dallas College of Law, in addition to “summative” assessments like final exams, we also have numerous “formative” assessments like quizzes and written assignments that provide you feedback throughout the semester, when you can still learn and improve on the skill or knowledge assessed.

We combine instructional best practices with a unique emphasis on learning by doing.
DEVELOPING PRACTICE-RELATED COMPETENCIES

At UNT Dallas College of Law, the required and elective courses include traditional law school subjects – but the overall curriculum design is based on our core goal: providing an education aimed at developing practice-related competencies. It is this commitment to preparing you for real-world practice, for every student from the first day through graduation day, that distinguishes UNT Dallas College of Law.

LABS

As part of our innovative “learn-by-doing” approach, most of your upper level courses will include a one-hour lab component in addition to two hours of substantive instruction. Labs focus on applications of the law, such as drafting documents, negotiation problems, advanced research, or client communications exercises.
EXTENSIVE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

The experiential educational programs are designed to provide our students with meaningful opportunities to engage with lawyers, clients, and members of the community. In addition to teaching skills used by lawyers, the programs assist the transformation to a legal professional.

Community Engagement Program – Beginning in your first year, students are matched with non-profit organizations or governmental agencies for five hours of volunteer work a month.

Simulation Courses – Courses such as Practice Foundation I and II utilize simulation exercises that put you in the role of an attorney interacting with your client and opposing parties.

Externships – We take advantage of our downtown Dallas location and connections to local law professionals to give you the chance to work shoulder-to-shoulder with practicing attorneys in externships during your second and third years.

Live Client Clinics – In your third year, if you are eligible for a student bar card, you can participate in clinics where you will represent clients who would otherwise not have access to legal representation.

Practicums – To help you delve more deeply into specialized areas or enhance your advocacy skills, semester-long practicums engage you in a simulated representation drawn from real-life cases and scenarios.

REAL-WORLD SKILLS

At UNT Dallas College of Law, our curriculum is designed to promote key practice-related competencies, including:

- Substantive Knowledge of Law
- Legal Analysis and Reasoning
- Conflict Management and Problem Solving
- Written and Oral Communication
- Management and Working with Others
- Understanding and Using Information
- Values and Ethics
- Understanding the Practice of Law

Our program is designed to prepare you with the real-world skills you’ll need to practice law.
UPPER LEVEL CURRICULUM

As an Upper Level student, you will complete many required courses, as well as elective courses that help you define the area of law you would like to pursue professionally. You will also complete 9-15 semester credit hours of experiential programming.

Required Upper Level Courses include:
- Constitutional Law
- Practice Foundation II: Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- Administrative Law
- Effective Oral Communication
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Practice Foundation III: Business of Law
- Principles of Accounting and Finance for Lawyers
- Professional Responsibility
- Commercial Law
- Business Associations
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Texas Civil Procedure
- Texas Criminal Procedure
- Capstone: Legal Analysis and Bar Readiness I
- Capstone: Legal Analysis and Bar Readiness II

ELECTIVE COURSES INCLUDE:
- Immigration Law
- Bankruptcy
- Oil and Gas
- Employment Law
- Health Care Law
- Tax Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Environmental Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Secured Transactions
- Income Tax
WRITING REQUIREMENT, RESEARCH REQUIREMENT, SKILLS REQUIREMENT

The required first year and second year courses provide a solid foundation in legal writing, research, interviewing, counseling, and negotiation. To build on this foundation, students also are required to complete the writing requirement (6 writing segments and a Major Writing experience), the research requirement (8 research segments), and the skills requirement (6 skills segments).

THE EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

- At least 2 courses from the following categories: Practicum, Externship, and Clinic. Subject to approval, two courses can be from the same category.
- Satisfactory completion of the Community Engagement Program.
- Satisfactory completion of the Louis A. Bedford, Jr. Mentorship Program.

THE PRACTICE-RELATED TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENT

Demonstration of basic proficiency as to practice-related technologies, including case management and time-keeping software; trial and litigation software; word processing; and databases.
BAR READINESS ASSESSMENTS
All students entering College of Law as of fall 2015 – both full-time and part-time – will take five assessments at different intervals during their law school career to provide information about individual and aggregate student progress in relation to bar-related knowledge and skills. Each student can receive their assessment information through meetings with an academic success advisor. The five bar readiness assessments are a pre-1L diagnostic assessment, a post-1L diagnostic assessment, a post-2L diagnostic assessment, and two mini-bar exams.

SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS
UNT Dallas College of Law is committed to supporting our students. From the first semester, our Academic Success Program helps students sharpen the skills that lead to success in academics, bar readiness, and career planning.

THE LAW LIBRARY
The Law Library and its staff are here to help you build your legal information literacy – your ability to locate, read, understand, and apply the law. The library provides a core collection in print of Texas primary and secondary sources, Federal materials, and learning aids. Online, we give you access to Westlaw, Lexis, Bloomberg Law, Bloomberg BNA and Heinonline, as well as alternative sources such as Fastcase and LoisLaw.
ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic Advising provides information and resources related to courses, course sequences, degree requirements, course selection, and tracking progress towards degree completion and planning.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career and Professional Development partners with students to facilitate the identification of professional interests and support the development of an individualized professional roadmap. Individualized personal and professional career counseling services are available year-round.

Programs offered throughout the school year are designed to expose students to a variety of career options and help you understand the importance of strategically navigating your professional path. We offer programs and resources that will help you effectively utilize your law degree as you navigate a changing job market. Programs can include panel discussions, skills development workshops, guest speakers, and networking events.

LAW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION

All law students are encouraged to join the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) and take advantage of its significant offering of networking opportunities to meet attorneys, professional development programs, no-cost continuing legal education courses, mentoring programs, and more. Founded in 1873, the DBA has more than 11,000 voluntary memberships.

Our law school is within walking distance of the DBA, and our student and faculty are frequent participants in the DBA’s outstanding programs, including the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). DVAP provides volunteer opportunities for legal professionals to help the poor in our community obtain legal services.
A HISTORIC BUILDING AND LOCATION

The College of Law is located in downtown Dallas at 1901 Main Street, in the UNT System Building, the former Titche-Goettinger department store. At the corner of Main and Harwood, the building is part of the larger Downtown Dallas Historic District.

OUR FACILITIES

Our historic building has been renovated to serve a 21st-century law school, with spaces including student organization rooms and gathering areas, classrooms, the courtroom, and Law Library. The renovations reflect a priority on collaborative learning spaces, best teaching and learning technologies, and modern yet welcoming design and furnishings.
AT HOME IN THE HEART OF A GREAT CITY

Facing the Main Street Garden park, we are close to thriving Dallas neighborhoods, great restaurants, museums, performing arts spaces, and stores, including City Hall, the Dallas Arts District, and the Farmers Market. Nearby are Uptown, Victory Park, Deep Ellum, and the West End.

THE CONVENIENCE AND CONNECTIONS OF DALLAS

Our presence in downtown Dallas places us close to the courts, to the Dallas Bar Association, and to outstanding lawyers. Our students gain by proximity to experienced members of the profession, and from externships and other opportunities that will enrich the classroom experience.

OUR PLANS TO EXPAND

Future plans include expansion to the historic Municipal Building, which sits catty-corner to the UNT System Building, making UNT Dallas College of Law a two-building campus. The Municipal Building is a granite and limestone Beaux Arts structure built in 1914. After serving as Dallas’ City Hall until 1978, the building then housed the Dallas Police headquarters. The entire world became aware of this building in 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot in the building’s basement, two days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

UNT Dallas College of Law is at home in the heart of a great city.
COMMUNICATION TO KEEPING TUITION LOW

Many law school graduates find themselves burdened with significant debt upon finishing their studies. As a public institution, UNT Dallas College of Law is committed to keeping our tuition as low as we can while maintaining our high instructional standards. We offer a quality professional education at a competitive cost. By controlling costs, we will keep tuition at a level that increases options for our graduates, who will then be able to follow their individual career paths unencumbered by unreasonable debt. For complete tuition costs for Texas residents and non-residents visit our website.

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

To find out about available resources for financial aid to help support your legal education, consult our website, visit our Financial Aid Office on campus, or contact us by phone or email.

We offer a top-quality education at a competitive cost, so you can follow your career path, unencumbered by unreasonable debt.
COST OF ATTENDANCE

When you’re figuring out the financing of your legal education, it’s important to be aware of the total Cost of Attendance, which goes beyond tuition and fees to include costs such as supplies, room, board, transportation, and personal expenses. For the latest calculation of UNT Dallas College of Law’s Cost of Attendance, check our website.

FEDERAL LOANS

Consistent with the legislation that authorized the College of Law, on September 1, 2015 the College of Law moved from being a unit within the UNT System to become a professional school of UNT Dallas. College of Law students are able to access federal loans and aid effective with this merger. Federal loans for law school consist mainly of two loans: Stafford loans, and Grad PLUS loans (these are available if the student has exhausted Stafford fund). These federal loans have certain parameters and features set by federal law, which are the same for all law students. These include: qualifying criteria for the borrower, interest rate, loan fee, the fact that the rate is fixed for the loan period, timing for cancellation, and the possibility of income-based repayment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are creating and funding need-plus-merit-based scholarships tied to factors in addition to GPA and LSAT scores, such as leadership, service, and professional experience.

WAYS TO PAY

For your convenience, UNT Dallas College of Law offers two alternatives for the payment of tuition and fees during fall and spring semesters.

- Full payment upon registration or by the early registration deadline.
- Installment payments of:
  1. 10% initial down payment due by the payment deadline each semester.
  2. 2 monthly payments of 30% each semester.
  3. A final payment of 30% each semester.

NOTE: A $20 fee is added when the installment plan is processed and is due with the initial payment.
One of our goals is to widen access to legal education. We believe a community’s lawyers should be as diverse as the people they serve. We are committed to educating a wide range of students who have the potential to be successful lawyers – not just those who do best on standard admission tests.

A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY
We promote diversity in areas including:
- Race and Ethnicity
- Age
- Socio-economic Background
- Educational Background
- Professional Background
- Military Service
- Law Enforcement Experience

Our holistic approach to admission decisions assesses your overall application credentials.
ADMISSION CRITERIA

We seek students with the desire and ability to become excellent legal professionals. We also want to enroll a student body with a variety of perspectives, experiences, and viewpoints that will enhance the education of all of our students.

To evaluate these qualities, we consider factors including:
- Academic Record
- LSAT Score
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Optional Interview

We also take into account elements such as your:
- Background
- Honors and Achievements
- Service to Others
- Communication Skills
- Talents Relevant to the Practice of Law
- Hardships Overcome
- Advanced Degrees
- Work Experience
- Leadership
- Diversity

We do not have a minimum LSAT score requirement. We are looking for students who are ready to learn, willing to work, and able to serve their communities as practicing lawyers. Does that sound like you?

Apply online at lawschool.untsystem.edu.

Please weigh your LSAT score with care. UNT Dallas College of Law does not have a minimum LSAT score requirement. We agree with the Law School Admission Council’s Statement of Good Admission and Financial Aid Practices: “LSAT scores provide at best a partial measure of an applicant’s ability and should be considered in relation to the total range of information available about a prospective law student. Thus, the LSAT score should be used as only one of several criteria for evaluation and should not be given undue weight.”
Meet the Faculty

Our academic program is led by accomplished faculty who are committed to the College of Law’s core beliefs about legal education and the legal profession. With years of practicing law in their backgrounds, the faculty bring real-life practice skills and experience into the classroom.

FACULTY FACTS  The faculty represents deep and rich experience in the legal profession. Here are a few facts – for the full story, please visit our website.

Royal Furgeson served as President of the Federal Judges Association and as chair of the Judicial Resources Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He is especially proud of his five children, four stepchildren and 14 grandchildren.

Ellen S. Pryor served as Co-Reporter for the American Law Institute’s Restatement (Third) of Torts: Intentional Harm to Persons, and was named an Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at SMU.


Edward Hart is past president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and coordinator of the State Documents Bibliography Series for Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Eric Porterfield’s practice ranged from defending Fortune Global 100 companies to trying complex product liability suits against manufacturers from all over the world in courts across the country.

In his position as Dallas City Attorney, Tom Perkins was the chief legal officer for the City, and supervised approximately 100 attorneys in the Litigation Division and the General Counsel Division.

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Johnathan Bridges has tried cases as lead or co-lead counsel in Texas, Missouri, Indiana, and Washington D.C. and handled appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth Circuits, and appellate courts in Texas, Indiana, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Mike Maslanka is a highly-rated Texas Bar CLE speaker and host of the State Bar of Texas’ YouTube series, Mike Maslanka @ Your Desk.

Brian Owsley worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. before serving as a federal magistrate judge for eight years in the Southern District of Texas.

Rey Valencia was appointed by President Clinton as one of 16 White House Fellows for 1999-2000, and worked in the White House Office of Chief of Staff, focusing primarily on race, civil rights, immigration, and Hispanic education issues. He is the lead author of Mexican Americans and the Law: ¡El Pueblo Unido Jamas Sera Vencido!

Diana Howard taught writing for 9 years at SMU.

Melissa Shultz defended multi-national corporations and their executives in criminal and civil antitrust disputes before she left private practice to co-found and operate a freelance legal business created to allow high-performing attorneys an opportunity to re-enter the legal profession after taking a sabbatical.

Christine Tamer has helped represent numerous clients in Courts of Appeal and trial courts across the country; she represented a family in a jury trial that was included in the National Law Journal Top 100 Verdicts for 2012. She was honored by the Texas Supreme Court for receiving one of the top three scores on the Texas Bar exam.

Angela Downes has provided training, policy expertise and technical assistance to non-profit agencies on the interpersonal violence issues of child abuse, child protection, domestic violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse. She is a recognized subject matter expert on interpersonal violence issues.

Jennifer Wondracek was awarded the 2015 Online Education Excellence Award by the University of Florida for her role as one of the professors of the Global Students Introduction to U.S. Law MOOC conducted by UF Law through Coursera, which she co-taught twice.

Jessica Haseltine is a registered patent agent and worked in software development before attending law school.
We invite you and encourage you to see our newly renovated campus. To find out about tours, call 214-752-5981 or email lawadmissions@untdallas.edu.

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION

The UNT Dallas College of Law will be seeking American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation, which begins when a law school applies for provisional accreditation during its second year of operation. Provisional accreditation may be granted during a school’s third year of operation. A student who graduates from a provisionally approved law school is entitled to the same recognition given to students and graduates of fully approved law schools.

The College of Law—including the Dean and its administration—is fully informed as to the ABA’s Standards and Rules of Procedure for the approval of Law Schools. We are determined to devote all necessary resources and to take all necessary steps to provide a program of legal education that will qualify for approval by the American Bar Association. The College of Law does not make any representation to any applicant that it will be approved by the ABA before the graduation of any matriculating student.

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The University of North Texas at Dallas is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of North Texas at Dallas.