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ONE with the law is a majority.

— Calvin Coolidge · New York Times · July 28, 1920





Donald J. Guter, President and Dean

Our Mission

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW provides a diverse

body of students with the opportunity to obtain an exceptional legal education, preparing graduates to serve their community and the profession with distinction.

SOUTH TEXAS College of Law in Houston can be YOUR law school. Our mission is to take promising students like you on a journey from learning legal theory to practicing law. This mission requires that we focus on each student by providing the best environment, service, and education available.

As a student at South Texas, you will build a solid legal foundation of knowledge while layering on practice skills that allow you to become an immediate contributor to your profession. Our academic support programs provide you with guidance and tutoring by upper classmen through the Langdell Scholar program starting the very first weeks of class. We offer students the chance to start classes in both the fall and spring, and to take classes during the day or evening, as best suits your schedule.

South Texas encourages you to take advantage of our many co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities. You may study abroad, in a number of countries, for a month or a semester. You can work with clients, handling cases for those in our community most in need, through the newly expanded and renovated South Texas legal clinics. You can challenge yourself to participate in the best advocacy program in the country, or direct your educational focus through the Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution or the Transactional Practice Center.

Students at South Texas receive the best legal education available, and you will have the best experience while learning. Whether you plan to practice law, enhance your performance at your current job, manage a business, or enter government service, the goal of the faculty and staff of South Texas is to make certain you are prepared and confident to enter the workforce after graduation.

A law degree opens many fulfilling, professional avenues. South Texas is strategically located in the heart of one of the largest legal and international business communities in the country and is surrounded by law firms, courthouses, corporations, and legal service providers in downtown Houston, giving you many opportunities to transition from your legal education to a successful career. Houston, the fourth largest and one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, offers you opportunities to learn in the classroom – attending full- or part-time – and in the workplace while interning, clerking, or volunteering, all within blocks of the college.

Deciding where to attend law school is a life-changing decision. I encourage you to look for an educational institution that matches your needs and goals. Our professional staff possesses the expertise required to insure you are carefully guided through your legal education. Our faculty is focused on and accessible to students every step of the way. For almost 90 years, and for more than 13,000 living alumni, South Texas College of Law has set graduates on their professional path. I invite you to come and see if our law school is right for you.

Congratulations on your decision to seek a legal education, and best wishes in your search.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Guter
President and Dean
South Texas College of Law

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● FALL 2011 STUDENT PROFILE

Total enrollment	1,267
Full-time students	996
Median age	28
Female enrollment	46%
Minority enrollment	31.3%
Student/faculty ratio	23 to 1

Fall 2011

● FALL 2011 ENROLLED CLASS

Female students	45%
Minority students	30%
25 th -75 th percentile LSAT	151/157
25 th -75 th percentile GPA	2.95/3.48
Applications received	2,028
Matriculants	342

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Kyra C. Coffey, Class of 2014 »



OVERVIEW



You have complete control over the quality of education you receive in law school. The teaching, programs, and opportunities available to you as a student at South Texas College of Law are geared to help you create the foundation for the career you seek. Each student's path is different, but your goals determine our focus. We work to create the best service, best facility, and most training and educational opportunities for you.

At South Texas College of Law, you'll have the advantage of an excellent, well-rounded legal education with unrivaled opportunities for gaining hands-on, practical experience. After graduation you can hit the ground running. Your plan for your future is our plan for your future.

Whether you seek to build a solo practice or a career with a large legal firm, believe you would thrive in a courthouse atmosphere or in a corporate boardroom, or want to contribute to the community through social service or government work, South Texas is uniquely positioned to help prepare you for success.

THE SOUTH TEXAS ENVIRONMENT

As a student at South Texas, you will be challenged, guided and inspired by a faculty of nationally and internationally recognized attorneys – and you'll be part of a diverse, welcoming, and highly engaged student body focused solely on the study of law. We take pride in the accessibility of the faculty and administration to our students—you are why we are here.

You'll also benefit from access to The Fred Parks Law Library, the T. Gerald Treece Courtroom and Advocacy Center, the Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution, and the South Texas General Clinics – all contained within the South Texas College of Law facility.

The school's downtown Houston location is ideal for building other connections for your future, as well. Some of the country's most prestigious law firms, boutique practices, and global corporations, as well as the region's major courthouses, are within a few blocks. When you need a break, there's also great entertainment nearby at Discovery Green, Minute Maid Park, Toyota Center, and Houston Pavilions.

THE PATH TO YOUR J.D.

Houston's oldest law school, founded in 1923, South Texas remains private, nonprofit, and independent. The college is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Full-time students are admitted in the fall and spring. They typically complete the 90 hours of course work required for the degree in three years. Spring enrollees typically graduate in December, while fall enrollees graduate in May.

Part-time students are admitted in the fall. They typically take eight to eleven hours of classes three or more days a week, completing the degree in 4.5 years.

All applicants are evaluated by the same criteria, including academic achievement, life experience and work history; and they compete for many of the same scholarship opportunities.

South Texas does not grant deferrals; students who postpone after acceptance must reapply.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Writing and research skills provide the foundation of a legal education. South Texas touts a full-time faculty of Legal Research and Writing professors and then extends that education through several opportunities to publish while a student. The following legal periodicals and the college newspaper allow students to hone this vital skill set.

SOUTH TEXAS LAW REVIEW

The *South Texas Law Review* is a quarterly journal, edited and published by second- and third-year students who are selected through their successful participation in a writing competition and technical editing exercise. The *Review* staff is assisted by the scholarly publications coordinator and supervised by three faculty advisors.

CORPORATE COUNSEL REVIEW

South Texas students edit and publish the *Corporate Counsel Review* on behalf of the Corporate Counsel Section of the State Bar of Texas. The *Review* provides practical information on issues that concern in-house legal staff and other corporate counsel. Students are selected by the faculty advisor who also serves as liaison to the State Bar.

CURRENTS

CURRENTS: *International Trade Law Journal* is edited and



published by South Texas students, supervised by faculty advisors, and serves as a research tool and reference guide for enterprises with global markets. The publication focuses on the latest legislation, treaties, cases and trends affecting international trade and contains articles by noted attorneys and members of the international business community.

CONSTRUCTION LAW JOURNAL

Construction Law Journal is a State Bar of Texas publication filled with articles written by practitioners in the area of construction law. South Texas students collect and edit the articles, refining valuable research and writing skills, while networking with practicing attorneys. The publication is printed and distributed twice a year.

TEXAS JOURNAL OF BUSINESS LAW

The *Texas Journal of Business Law* is a publication of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. South Texas students participate in the recruitment and selection of articles from the state's business law attorneys and professors. Under the supervision of the faculty advisors, students also edit the articles and write summaries of significant developments in business law for inclusion in the journal, which is published three times a year.

ANNOTATIONS

Annotations is the online college newspaper published by students for the South Texas community. This publication includes news of the college, features, and commentaries on topics of legal and general interest.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

You are welcome and encouraged to participate in any of the more than 35 student organizations and law fraternities at South Texas College of Law. Many of these groups address specific areas of the law, enrich the learning experience, and help build a network of peers and mentors. Participation can mean hands-on experience planning events, participating in programs, and competing on behalf of South Texas across the U.S. and abroad.

ACLU@STCL

Advocates for Life

Aggie Law Students Association

Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates

AMICUS

Animal Law Society

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Black Law Students Association

Board of Advocates

Christian Legal Society

Democratic Students Association

Environmental Law Society
Federalist Society
Florida Law Students Association
Health Law Society
Hispanic Law Students Association
Hunting and Rifle Association
Intellectual Property and Technology Law Society
International Law Society
Islamic Student Association
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
Middle Eastern Students Association
National Security Law Society
Oil and Gas Law Society
Public Interest Law Society
Real Estate and Construction Law Society
Republican Law Students of South Texas College of Law
South Asian Law Students Association
South Texas University of Texas Exes
Sports and Entertainment Law Society
STCL Coogs
Student Bar Association
Students Supporting Troops

LAW FRATERNITIES

Delta Theta Phi
Phi Alpha Delta
Phi Delta Phi
Order of the Lytae



Helane (Lulu) Sawsan Seikaly, Class of 2013 »



CURRICULUM

Your Beginning

The South Texas College of Law curriculum provides a strong foundation in constitutional fundamentals, litigation and contracts but also offers the flexibility to customize your education with courses in new and evolving fields such as technology, alternative dispute resolution, and intellectual property law. Evaluated regularly, the curriculum stays relevant to the needs of students and the community.

During your first 30 hours of course work, you'll be encouraged to collaborate with more advanced students, our Langdell Scholars, in weekly, small-group reviews to hone your skills in note taking, outlining, briefing cases, and preparing for exams. South Texas' unique, voluntary academic assistance program enhances your learning experience and helps you build a network of peers quickly.

STUDY ABROAD

While at South Texas, you can take advantage of several opportunities to spend time abroad studying comparative and international law. Challenging law courses coupled with weeks or months of exposure to another culture combine to provide students with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The international summer study programs run from four to six weeks, allowing time for a student to take an unforgettable trip while earning academic credit, then return home to a clerkship or enjoy time off before fall classes resume.

South Texas co-sponsors summer study abroad programs in Prague, Czech Republic; Valletta, Malta; Galway, Ireland; Istanbul, Turkey; London and Cambridge in the United Kingdom; and Santiago, Chile. By combining programs, students can earn up to 10 academic credit hours in a summer and financial aid can be used. Full semester abroad opportunities are available at Leiden University in The Netherlands, while an exchange program with the University of Aarhus School of Law in Denmark allows immersion into European law.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Valuable real-world legal experience comes through the college's three Centers of Excellence, which include the Advocacy Program, the Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution, and the Transactional Practice Center.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The South Texas Advocacy Program is indisputably the best in the nation. With 111 national advocacy competition titles, no other school in the country can claim advocacy success even close to that of South Texas. Always included in the top 10 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the advocacy program teaches students to vigorously and professionally assert their case through mock trial and moot court preparation and competition. Students can get involved with the Board of Advocates during their first year and then compete in the intramural competition the summer after their first year of law school. This competition is key to being selected to compete in the many regional and national tournaments South Texas attends each year.

FRANK EVANS CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution serves as the focal point for dispute resolution education within South Texas College of Law. The center offers students training in various forms of dispute resolution through classes, clinical opportunities, and competitions. Under the supervision and coaching of faculty within the center, students from South Texas College of Law compete in numerous dispute resolution competitions, both at home and abroad. In 2012, South Texas students won the International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, France and the regional competition of the American Bar Association Law Student National Representation in Mediation Competition. In addition, the center provides students with diverse educational opportunities, including monthly seminars with local practitioners, symposia, research projects, and membership in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates student organization.

TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE CENTER

The Transactional Practice Center, through specially designed courses, teaches students the fundamental elements of structuring and documenting a business transaction. The focus is on the core knowledge and skills needed to execute transactions such as a real estate purchase, a corporate merger or acquisition, a major energy financing transaction, or an international joint venture involving intellectual property and product manufacturing. The center coordinates the coursework and skills development of students seeking to graduate with a certificate of specialization in transactional skills.



CLINICAL STUDIES

Developing the skills needed to become an attorney does not happen exclusively in a classroom. After the first year of required courses, the South Texas clinics allow you to apply the knowledge gained in class to real-life clients and situations. Working with clinic attorneys and staff, students prepare and handle cases involving family law with divorce and domestic problems, guardianship, estate planning, and probate issues. A grant from the Rockwell Fund, Inc., expands the services offered by the clinic to include counseling and assistance to targeted populations such as victims of abuse, the homeless, and children with special needs. Additionally, South Texas offers clinical experiences in immigration/human trafficking, family law, domestic violence, actual innocence cases, and estate planning.

Students may also participate in a number of judicial and governmental internships. South Texas' downtown location provides convenient opportunities for students to work for academic credit in a variety of challenging, off-campus positions in the nearby federal, state, and county courts, the prosecutor's offices, and a host of other governmental and charitable organizations. Students spend their time experiencing the practice of law, making professional connections, and learning skills to be used throughout their careers.



PRO BONO HONORS PROGRAM

The Pro Bono Honors program at South Texas begins after students complete the first 30 hours required for graduation. Students are asked to commit to a minimum of 50 hours of service to the community over two years of law school. They perform their pro bono work at a wide variety of local placements. Upon completion of service, students are awarded a Pro Bono Honors program certificate, and a notation is made on the student's official South Texas College of Law transcript.

JD/MBA PROGRAM

Working cooperatively with the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University, South Texas students have the opportunity to earn their MBA after two years of legal studies, returning to complete their JD in the fourth year. The MBA program is a full-time, intensified curriculum at TAMU that requires 12 consecutive months of study. The Mays Business School is one of the top MBA schools in the U.S. and among the least expensive public school MBA programs.

STUDENT STATUS

Students must elect either full-time or part-time status for both semesters of each academic year. The assistant dean and registrar may approve a change in status during an academic year for exceptional changes in circumstances.

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

The following requirements for full-time students must be met to be eligible for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree:

- Must take a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work each fall and spring semester
- Must not be employed more than 20 hours per week
- Are discouraged from accepting any employment during the first year
- Must successfully complete the following required courses in the following basic sequence, although the order of courses will be slightly different for spring admittees, those attending summer sessions, and those with approved waivers for extraordinary need:



FIRST SEMESTER, FULL-TIME

Legal Research and Writing I . . .	2
Contracts I	3
Torts I	3
Civil Procedure	4
Criminal Law	3
Total hours	15

SECOND SEMESTER, FULL-TIME

Legal Research and Writing II . . .	2
Contracts II	3
Torts II	3
Constitutional Law	4
Property I	3
Total hours	15

THIRD SEMESTER, FULL-TIME

Property II	3
Evidence	3
Federal Income Taxation	3
Total hours (plus electives) . . .	15

- Must take the Professional Responsibility course before completion of the 60th credit hour
- Must complete a substantial research paper as a condition of graduation
- Must complete at least a two-hour professional skills course

PART-TIME STUDENTS

The following requirements for part-time students must be met to be eligible for the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree:

- Must take a minimum of eight to a maximum of 11 semester hours of course work each fall and spring semester
- Must successfully complete the following required courses in the following sequence, unless a waiver for extraordinary need is approved:

FIRST FALL SEMESTER, PART-TIME

Legal Research and Writing I . . .	2
Contracts I	3
Torts I	3
Total hours	8

FIRST SPRING SEMESTER, PART-TIME

Civil Procedure	4
Criminal Law	3
Property I	3
Total hours	10

FIRST SUMMER, PART-TIME

Contracts II	3
Torts II	3
Total hours	6

SECOND FALL SEMESTER, PART-TIME

Constitutional Law . . .	4
Evidence	3
Property II	3
Total hours	10

SECOND SPRING SEMESTER, PART-TIME

Federal Income Taxation	3
Legal Research and Writing II . . .	2
Total hours (plus electives) . . .	8

- Must take the Professional Responsibility course before completion of the 60th credit hour
- Must complete a substantial research paper as a condition of graduation
- Must complete at least a two-hour professional skills course

Part-time students attend classes in the evening for the first 30 hours of study when, on a space-available basis, they will be able to register for daytime classes.

CHOOSING YOUR DIRECTION

In addition to foundation courses relevant to specific areas of the law, South Texas' extensive curriculum offers related courses in each area to help students gain more profound understanding. The following lists suggest the multitude of options available.

CIVIL LITIGATION, BUSINESS

FOUNDATION

Agency & Partnership
 Antitrust Law
 Civil Pretrial Advocacy
 Civil Trial Advocacy
 Conflict of Laws
 Corporations
 Insurance
 Payment Systems
 Remedies
 Sale & Leasing of Goods
 Secured Transactions
 Securities Regulation
 Texas Pretrial Procedure
 Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure
 Trademarks & Unfair Competition

RELATED

Accounting for Lawyers
 Appellate Advocacy
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Business Bankruptcy
 Class Actions and Other Advanced Litigation
 Consumer Transactions
 Corporate Finance Law
 Damages
 Environmental Law
 Federal Courts
 Intellectual Property Survey
 Interviewing & Counseling
 Judicial Process Clinic I
 Judicial Process Clinic II
 Mediation
 Oil, Gas & Mineral Law
 Real Estate Finance Law
 Trends in Litigation & ADR Seminar

CIVIL LITIGATION, PERSONAL INJURY

FOUNDATION

Civil Pretrial Advocacy
 Civil Trial Advocacy
 Conflict of Laws
 Insurance
 Medical Liability
 Texas Pretrial Procedure
 Texas Trial & Appellate Procedure

RELATED

Admiralty
 Advanced Civil Litigation
 Appellate Advocacy
 Class Actions & other Advanced Litigation
 Damages
 Federal Courts
 Interviewing & Counseling
 Judicial Process Clinic I
 Judicial Process Clinic II
 Mediation
 Remedies
 Trends in Litigation & ADR Seminar
 Voir Dire/Jury Communications



CORPORATE AND BUSINESS

FOUNDATION

Accounting for Lawyers
Administrative Law
Agency & Partnership
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Antitrust Law
Business Bankruptcy
Corporate Finance Law
Corporate Taxation
Corporations
International Business Transactions
Partnership & Subchapter S Taxation
Payment Systems
Real Estate Finance Law
Sale & Leasing of Goods
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Transactional Skills - Corporate
Transactional Skills - Real Estate
Transactional Skills - International Business Transactions

RELATED

Banking Law
Business Law & Diplomacy in the Middle East – Seminar
Collective Bargaining Law
Contract Building Blocks
Contract Negotiations & Drafting
Corporate & White Collar Crime
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Hospital Law Internship
Insurance
Intellectual Property Survey
U.S. Taxation of International Transactions



CRIMINAL LAW

FOUNDATION

Criminal Procedure
Criminal Trial Advocacy
Texas Criminal Procedure

RELATED

Capital Punishment – Seminar
Corporate and White Collar Crime
Criminal Corrections – Seminar
Criminal Process Clinic
Federal Courts
International Criminal Law & Procedure
International Process Clinic
Juvenile Law
Texas Capital Punishment – Seminar

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Environmental Law
Natural Resource Management Law
Land Use Management & Control
Oil, Gas & Mineral Law

RELATED

Corporate & White Collar Crime
Criminal Process Clinic – Environmental Crimes
Environmental Law – Seminar
International Environmental Law
Legislation
Public Interest Clinic
Real Estate Finance
Toxic Torts
Water Law

ESTATE PLANNING AND PROBATE

FOUNDATION

Administration of Estates & Guardianships
Estate & Gift Taxation
Estate Planning
Estate Planning Clinic
Marital Property & Homestead
Probate Clinic
Wills, Trusts & Estates

RELATED

Accounting for Lawyers
Advanced Marital Property – Seminar
Counseling the Estate Planning Client – Seminar
Guardianship Clinic
Judicial Process Clinic – Probate Court
Taxation – Advanced Income

FAMILY LAW

FOUNDATION

Family Law
Family Law Clinic: Basic
Family Law Trial Advocacy
Juvenile Law
Marital Property & Homestead

RELATED

Advanced Marital Property – Seminar
Civil Pretrial Advocacy
Civil Trial Advocacy
Consumer Bankruptcy & Debt Collection
Family Law Clinic: Advanced
Family Law Internship Program
Judicial Process Clinic – Family Court
Public Interest Clinic



GENERAL PRACTICE

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Agency & Partnership
Conflict of Laws
Consumer Bankruptcy & Debt Collection
Criminal Procedure
Family Law
Internet Legal Research
Interviewing & Counseling
Juvenile Law
Law Office Management
Payment Systems
Secured Transactions
Texas Pretrial Procedure
Wills, Trusts & Estates

RELATED

Academic Internships
Accounting for Lawyers
Administration of Estates & Guardianships
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Advocacy
Business Bankruptcy
Civil Pretrial Advocacy
Civil Trial Advocacy
Computers and Law/Introduction
Consumer Transactions
Corporations
Estate Planning
Estate Planning Clinic
Family Law Clinic: Basic
Family Law Clinic: Advanced
Family Law Trial Advocacy
Federal Courts
Government Process Clinic
Insurance
Intellectual Property Survey
Law Office Management
Mediation
Mock Trial Litigation
Probate Clinic
Remedies
Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure
Trends in Litigation & ADR – Seminar
Voir Dire/Jury Communications

HEALTH LAW

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Health Law
HIV & the Law
Hospital Law Internship
Medical Liability

RELATED

Antitrust Law
Contract Negotiation & Drafting
Corporations
Counseling the Estate Planning Client – Seminar
Employment Law
Insurance
Privacy Law

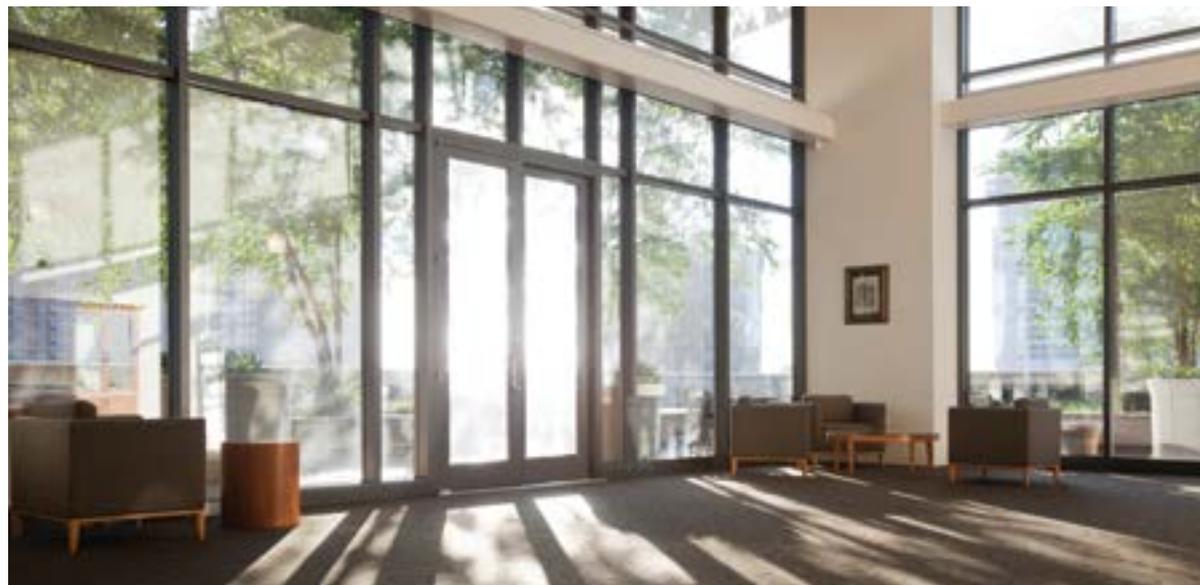
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Antitrust Law
Copyright Law
Intellectual Property Litigation
Patent Law
Patent Licensing & Technology Transfer
Patent Office Procedure
Trademarks & Unfair Competition

RELATED

Advanced Patent Law – Seminar
Environmental Law
Judicial Process Clinic - Federal Court
Intellectual Property Survey
Internet Law
Medical Liability



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LAW

FOUNDATION

Comparative Law
Conflict of Laws
International Business Transactions
International Civil Litigation
International Law
Transactional Skills - International
Business Transactions

RELATED

Agency & Partnership
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Antitrust Law
Business Bankruptcy
Copyright Law
Corporations
Intellectual Property Survey
International Criminal Law & Procedure
International Environmental Law
International Process Clinic
NAFTA: Trade and Transactions
Patent Law
Payment Systems
Secured Transactions
U.S. Taxation of International Transactions
World Trading Systems

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Collective Bargaining Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law

RELATED

Admiralty
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Civil Rights Actions
Government Process Clinic
Mediation
Trademarks & Unfair Competition

PUBLIC INTEREST

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Civil Rights Actions
Consumer Transactions
Environmental Law
Federal Courts
First Amendment Law
Jurisprudence
Legislation
Public Interest Clinic

RELATED

Access to Justice Clinic: Community Education
American Legal History
Animal Law
Asian Americans and the Law
Constitutional Law – Seminar
Education Law – Seminar
Environmental Law – Seminar
Family Law Clinic: Basic
Family Law Clinic: Advanced
Guardianship Clinic
HIV & the Law – Seminar
Immigration and Naturalization Law – Seminar
Privacy Law – Seminar
Race, Racism & the Law – Seminar
Sexual Orientation and the Law – Seminar
State & Local Government
State Constitutional Law – Seminar
Urban & Poverty Law – Seminar

REAL ESTATE LAW

FOUNDATION

Administrative Law
Business Bankruptcy
Consumer Bankruptcy & Debt Collection
Environmental Law
Land Use Management & Control
Oil, Gas, & Mineral Law
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance Law
Secured Transactions
Transactional Skills: Real Estate

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Government Process Clinic
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Securities Regulation
Water Law

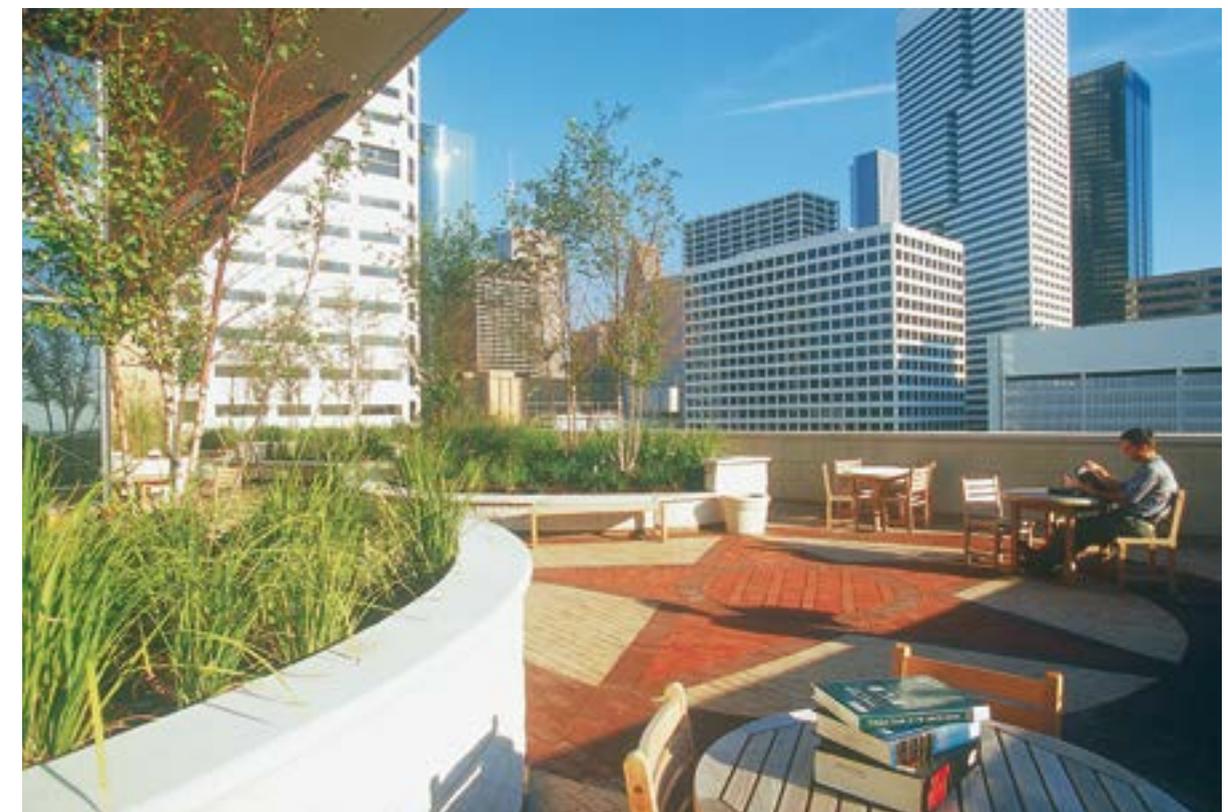
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Estate Planning
Partnership & Subchapter S Taxation
Taxation – Advanced Income
Taxation – Federal Procedure
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Government Process Clinic
Marital Property & Homestead
Securities Regulation
Wills, Trusts and Estates





Andrew Hon-chi Leung, Class of 2013 »



FACULTY

Accessible is the best word to describe those here to teach you. Our faculty maintains an open-door policy so you work face to face with your professors during and outside of class time. The distinguished faculty includes 55 full-time professors from more than 40 American law schools. Another 62 adjunct professors from Houston's legal community support their efforts. When attending summer programs in England, Turkey, Ireland, Malta, Chile and the Czech Republic as well as full-semester exchange programs in Denmark and The Netherlands, students learn from a faculty drawn from law schools around the globe who provide a diverse and complete understanding of law.

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SERVICES

At Your Service

Your legal education may start at South Texas, but the passionate, well-connected faculty and staff enthusiastically open doors across the city and the world for you. Your career plans may benefit from broadening your education with overseas study or internships through the school's many longstanding relationships with government agencies, law firms, and international corporations. Our faculty and staff are here to help make these decisions each year of your legal education.

The Fred Parks Law Library provides Houston's best tools and facilities for legal research and study. With more than a half-million volumes, the library features 750 seats with Internet access plus numerous study, seminar, and conference rooms. The facilities, including a rooftop terrace used for professional and social gatherings, are available to alumni as well as students.

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Finding the right job for you is crucial during law school. The South Texas Career Resource Center (CRC) believes when students start the process early, you have ample time to self-assess, explore career opportunities, and create a personalized job search plan. The CRC wants to ease students' transition from their law school studies to their short-term and long-term career plans. While each student is ultimately responsible for his or her own career planning, the CRC can assist students to get ready for the marketplace. Whether it's a legal or non-legal career, the CRC can help set the path for students to go anywhere they want from South Texas.

To assist with this process, the CRC conducts a comprehensive first-year development program that will orient and educate students about the services of the CRC. In addition, it introduces students to the intricacies of the legal profession and presents educational sessions and programs. Topics such as resume and cover letter preparation, interviewing skills, networking skills, and panels addressing specific practice areas are included. There are many opportunities for students to gain practical experience through internships, clerkships, and research assistant positions. To help in this regard, the location of the college in downtown Houston provides unparalleled access to a vibrant employment market including law firms, corporations, non-profits, government agencies, and the courts.

The CRC also provides career counseling on a one-on-one basis. Through individual counseling, the CRC will assist students in developing their unique career path and explore opportunities available

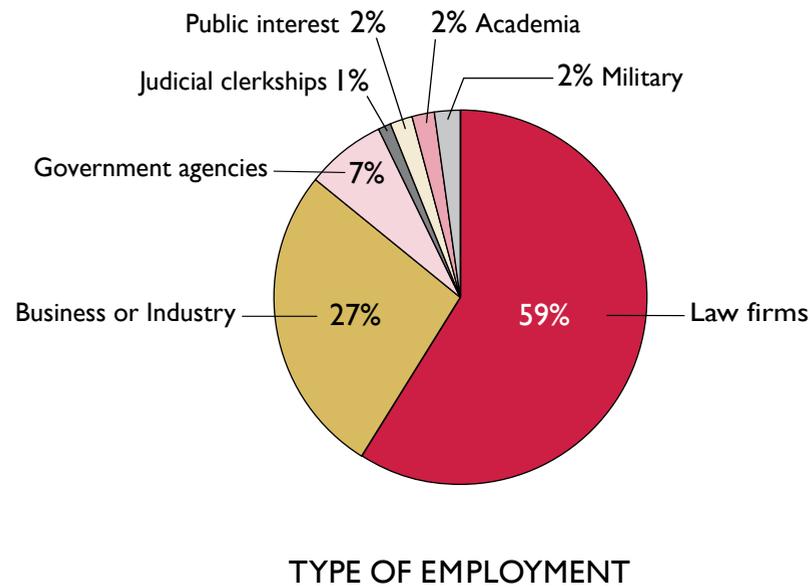
to them. The creation and refinement of marketing materials, implementing job search strategies, and honing interviewing skills are other areas in which the CRC can be of assistance to help students improve their overall marketability.

Throughout the year, the CRC posts available positions and coordinates with local, regional and national law firms, corporations, government agencies and courts. During the fall and spring semesters, a number of employers come to our campus and conduct on-campus interviews with students. Students will also have the opportunity to participate and interview through a number of off-campus programs that includes the Sunbelt Minority Recruiting Program, Public Service Career Day, Texas in Washington Recruitment Program, and the Patent Law Job Fair.

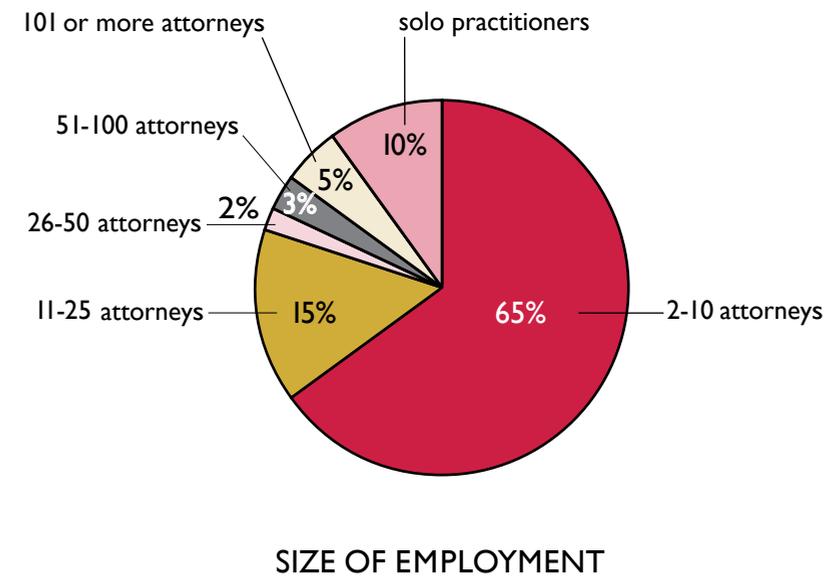
To better prepare students facing the ever-shifting nature of the job search process, the CRC offers resources students may access in the office or online. The CRC library provides access to local, national, and specialized directories relevant to jobs in the legal market, career-related publications, and comprehensive firm information. With finding the right job a top concern for law students, South Texas' CRC is ready to assist in this vital search. Students are welcome to contact the CRC at cso@stcl.edu.

CLASS OF 2011

Median salary..... \$55,000
 Placement percentage 90.26



CLASS OF 2011



THE FRED PARKS LAW LIBRARY

South Texas' law library, named for 1937 graduate Fred Parks who generously supported the college during his life and now through his estate, provides students, the practicing bar, and the public nearly unlimited resources. The library is equipped with more than 750 study spaces, all with power and internet access, and exceeds 500,000 volumes for legal study. A large, full-time staff of librarians provides expertise and assistance as requested during the 100-plus hours of operation each week.

Using the college's portal to utilize the library, students have full access to all electronic databases, the contents of 6,000 other libraries, e-books, and all legal journals both while on and off campus. All told, students may conduct research with access to more than 46 million publications from anywhere they have a computer.

TECHNOLOGY

South Texas provides both wireless internet access and more than 1,000 high-speed access ports in the library, auditoriums, and classrooms. The college's portal, STANLEY (which stands for South Texas Access Network Linking Everything to You), grants unified access for students to all the college's resources including e-mail, registration, financial aid, course content, and library searches.

SECURITY

South Texas strives to provide an excellent security program that includes law enforcement officers and contract security officers. Law enforcement officers are available to escort students to parking lots or assist with flat tires or dead car batteries during the hours the college is open.

The college publishes an annual *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Report*. This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by South Texas College of Law; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault, and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the office of Security & Office Services (Room 818) or by accessing the website: http://www.stcl.edu/stanley/Annual_Security_Report.pdf.

OTHER SERVICES

Barnes & Noble operates a bookstore on campus. A small fast-food cafeteria and vending machines are also available on campus. South Texas is ideally situated in an area of downtown surrounded by varied and inexpensive restaurants located within walking distance.

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TUITION

Although South Texas College of Law is a private institution, the college strives to keep tuition affordable. Our financial aid staff works diligently to help students secure the scholarships, awards and loans they need to keep their career goals within financial reach. More than \$3 million in scholarships and grants are typically available each year. Part-time jobs at competitive wages are also available through the Federal Work Study Program.

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of a legal education at South Texas ranks among the best values in the country for private law schools.

Tuition for the fall and spring semesters of academic year 2012-2013 totals \$13,500 per semester for full-time students and \$9,000 per semester for part-time students. Each student also pays a registration and general services fee of \$300 per semester.

Tuition for the 2013 summer session is \$900 per credit hour. Each student also pays a registration and general services fee of \$300 per semester. South Texas offers comprehensive deferred tuition payment and financial aid programs.

DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM

In the academic year 2011-2012, educational loans were the largest source of financial aid to South Texas students. The loan most commonly processed at South Texas is the Federal Stafford Loan, which has a fixed interest rate of 6.8 percent. Graduate Plus loans are also available to students for educational expenses. These are federal credit-based loans that are offered at a fixed interest rate of 7.9 percent after July 1, 2010.

STUDENT EMERGENCY LOANS

South Texas provides emergency short-term loans to students through the Spurgeon E. Bell Scholarship and Student Aid Fund, created by external donations and vending machine proceeds. Loans up to \$1,000, depending on the availability of funds, are made for a 60-day term interest free.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM

The Federal Work Student Program provides part-time jobs at the college and a few outside public agencies for qualified students at competitive wage rates (currently \$10.00 per hour).

GENERAL FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Applicants who intend to apply for financial aid for either the full- or part-time program may utilize the college's website to obtain the required documents and/or forms. Submitting an application for admission to the Admissions Office does NOT constitute an application for financial aid, but does constitute an application for new student merit scholarships administered by the Admissions Office. Applicants should begin the financial aid application process early enough to ensure that the deadlines set forth below are met. This will require applicants to begin the financial aid application process even before they are accepted for admission to South Texas.

For more detailed information regarding financial assistance, applicants should refer to the Financial Aid Handbook available through the college's website under Admissions, or contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 713.646.1820.

DEADLINES for financial aid application

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	MAY 1	OCTOBER 1

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

South Texas is projected to provide \$3.8 million in scholarships, grants, and awards to deserving students during the 2012-2013 academic year. Currently, 84 percent of all students receive at least one scholarship or grant. A variety of scholarships and grants come from a number of different sources. Generally, they fall into four categories: (1) admissions scholarships, (2) scholarships awarded to continuing students by the Faculty Financial Aid Committee, (3) scholarships funded and awarded by donors outside the law school, and (4) Tuition Equalization Grant funds from the State of Texas.

ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

All entering students are considered for merit scholarships based on their undergraduate performance and LSAT score. To receive full consideration for these scholarships, applicants should ensure that their applications are complete as early as possible (*see Application Evaluation on page 49 regarding when an application is complete*). Scholarships offered to entering students are typically renewable for each year the student is enrolled at South Texas, provided that the student maintains a minimum grade point average. Please contact the Admissions Office at 713.646.1810 for more information on these scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO CONTINUING STUDENTS

For continuing students, the Faculty Financial Aid Committee awards internally funded scholarships each year based on financial need and law school grade point average. The amount and distribution of these scholarships depend on the funds available for scholarships and the number of students who apply for them. If a continuing student has a renewable scholarship that he/she received as an entering student, he/she receives the greater of the amount of the renewable scholarship or the amount of the award to continuing students, but not both.

In addition, the Faculty Financial Aid Committee awards scholarships to continuing students according to criteria set by outside donors, such as academic merit, financial need, or interest in a particular area of law.

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED AND AWARDED BY OUTSIDE DONORS

Some scholarships and grants are awarded by private donors, including both individuals and organizations. The amounts, criteria, and selection process for these scholarships and grants are determined by the donors.

TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT FUNDS

The State of Texas provides eligible students with Tuition Equalization Grants (TEG). The purpose of the grant is to promote the maximum use of existing educational resources and facilities within the state of Texas, both public and private, by providing need-based tuition equalization grants to Texas residents enrolled in any private Texas college or university approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). To be eligible for the TEG funds, a student attending South Texas College of Law must, at a minimum, meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident of Texas
- Show financial need based on the FAFSA
- Be registered for at least six credit hours per semester
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the THECB
- Be registered with the Selective Service System or be exempt from registration
- Not have received TEG funds for another doctoral degree





Bradford Abrams, Class of 2012 »



APPLICATION

There's no such thing as a typical law student; each one of you is unique. Those accepted at South Texas College of Law have excelled at undergraduate work, and many already have valuable experience in other career fields. South Texas is focused on you and our role in your future.

You may enroll in either the fall or spring as a full-time student, and in the fall as a part-time student. Applications must be received by February 15 (for fall entry) and October 1 (for spring entry). While GPA and LSAT scores are important, we also assess each applicant's life experience, work history, community service, and graduate work.

All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), administered nationwide by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) each October, December, February, and June. South Texas will not consider an LSAT score from a test administered more than five years prior to the beginning of the semester for which application for admission is made. Applicants must also register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Each applicant is responsible for making his or her own arrangements to take the LSAT and for submitting official transcripts of all undergraduate work to CAS for evaluation, as well as any post baccalaureate or graduate work. Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a college or university listed in the Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education published by the American Council on Education.

Registration information for the LSAT and CAS may be obtained by writing LSAC at Box 2000, 662 Penn Street, Newtown, PA 18940-0998; by calling LSAC at 215.968.1001; or at www.lsac.org.

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The admissions process requires that each applicant: (1) take the LSAT and register with CAS (as described above); (2) fully complete and submit an application for admission, paying special attention to instructions about disclosures and updates; and (3) pay the \$55 non-refundable application fee. In addition, each applicant must submit a resume of employment and a detailed personal statement setting forth the applicant's unique individual qualifications, interests, and aspirations for the study of law. Two letters of recommendation are also required; a third will be accepted. The letters must be submitted through the Letter of Recommendation Service offered by LSAC. All other items will be discarded. The application, personal statement, and resume should be postmarked no later than February 15 for fall consideration and October 1 for spring consideration. Deadlines are the same for full-time and part-time applicants.

PLEASE NOTE: Once an application has been submitted, it must become complete six weeks following the deadline. Applications that remain incomplete by this deadline will be ineligible for committee review.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please feel free to contact the Admissions Office at 713.646.1810 or admissions@stcl.edu.

SUBMITTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

South Texas requires that letters of recommendation be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service that serves all member law schools.

This service is included in your CAS Registration subscription. Your letters will be copied and sent to us along with your CAS Report. To use the service, follow the directions for submitting letters outlined on the LSAC website at www.lsac.org. Be sure to fill out and give each person preparing a letter for you a letter of recommendation form, also found online.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

ONLINE

South Texas College of Law strongly prefers candidates complete and submit an online application. The online application is available either at the Law School Admissions Counsel (LSAC) website at www.lsac.org or at www.stcl.edu. Please visit either of these sites as they both contain the South Texas online application as well as instructions and procedures.

When using the online application, the \$55 non-refundable application fee can be paid only with a credit or debit card.

Applications submitted online will be considered postmarked on the day they were electronically submitted.

PAPER

Candidates preferring to submit a paper application can find a pdf of the application at www.stcl.edu by clicking on “Prospective Students” and then “Admissions.”

A candidate must fully complete and sign the application for admission and submit it with the \$55 non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to South Texas College of Law. All other supporting documentation (*see pages 47 and 49*) should be included and mailed to 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002.

PLEASE NOTE: Whether applying online or on paper, you must provide a resume and personal statement. If you answered “yes” to any of the Character and Fitness questions, please include your detailed letter of explanation. Once an application has been received and processed, all further communication will be conducted via e-mail. Please provide a current e-mail address on your application and notify the Admissions Office of any changes during the review process. If you do not have an e-mail account, please contact the Office of Admissions for specific instructions.

FOREIGN DEGREE APPLICANTS

Applicants with degrees from foreign institutions are required to take the LSAT and register with CAS. Applicants are urged to utilize the J.D. Credential Service (JDCAS). This is a service available as part of CAS at no additional expense to the applicant beyond the standard CAS fees. This service is for all applicants who have completed work at any foreign institution outside the U.S. and in Canada.

Applicants may also choose to use a recognized foreign credential evaluation service. This must include a course-by-course description, state that the applicant possesses the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree, and provide a cumulative GPA for that degree. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is not required of foreign applicants. The TOEFL cannot be substituted for the required foreign credential evaluation. Any student who is not a U.S. citizen and holds a temporary visa (FI-JI) is classified as an international student. In addition to meeting standard admission requirements, these applicants must submit:

- A copy of immigration documentation when submitting application
- Letter of Financial Backing (U.S. citizens and permanent residents are exempt), as foreign students are not eligible for scholarships, grants or financial aid. This letter is required only after an applicant has been granted admission.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

An admission decision cannot be made until an applicant’s file is complete. A complete application file (received by February 15 for fall and October 1 for spring) consists of the following items:

- Completed application for admission (sent directly to us or through LSAC on the web)
- \$55 application fee
- Official LSAT score (received electronically from the Credential Assembly Service)
- Official CAS report (received electronically from the Credential Assembly Service or foreign credential evaluation received from a recognized service)
- Resume of employment
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation (received electronically through CAS)
- Immigration document (if not a U.S. citizen)



Applicants are encouraged to complete their files before the applicable deadline date to avoid any unforeseen problems. However, the majority of decisions are made following the application deadline. Although many students are admitted on the basis of their LSAT score and their cumulative undergraduate grade point average, a significant percentage of each class is chosen on the basis of other factors, such as exceptional personal or academic achievement (not necessarily demonstrated in academic testing assessments); letters of recommendation; work, community service, or life experiences; leadership potential; a history of overcoming adversity and hardship; and a talent for communicating effectively. Every attempt is made to evaluate the applicant as an individual, a prospective student, and a future professional.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

To be admitted with advanced standing, a transfer applicant must have earned credit for at least 24 semester hours at an ABA-accredited law school. The college will not award credit for more than 30 semester hours earned at another law school. Transfer applicants are required to submit the following: a completed and signed application for admission; the application fee; an official letter of good standing from the law school from which the applicant is attempting to transfer; personal statement; resume; two letters of recommendation; and, an official transcript reflecting all law grades earned. If you are waiting for your final grades, we ask that you send your application and supporting documentation before the deadline of June 15, and the official transcript as soon as it is available. Decisions on transfer files cannot be made, however, until all the above items are received.

VISITING APPLICANTS

A student from another ABA-accredited law school may apply to South Texas as a visiting student, subject to availability of space. Visiting students must submit an application for admission, an application fee, and a letter of good standing from their law school indicating that transfer credit will be accepted towards the student's degree program. Visiting students will be required to pay registration fees and tuition in full at the time of registration. Visiting students are prohibited from applying as a transfer student once they have visited at South Texas.



NOTICES OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE

South Texas College of Law admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, age, or disability in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other school-administered rights, privileges, programs or activities generally accorded or made available to students at the college.

South Texas College of Law does not represent, warrant, or claim that by attending or graduating from the law school an accepted applicant will pass the bar exam or be accepted to the bar in any state. In addition, South Texas College of Law does not represent, warrant, or claim that by attending or graduating from the law school or by subsequently being admitted to the bar of any state, an accepted applicant to the law school will become employed in a legal position or will receive a higher average starting salary than such applicant might otherwise be in a position to receive.

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It is also the applicant's responsibility to research the character, fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar in the state(s) in which the applicant intends to practice.



THANK YOU

Thank you for considering South Texas College of Law.
We are dedicated to making sure that your individual experience here gives you
the best foundation possible to begin or enhance your professional career.

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