



SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

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2011-2012 Admission Statistics

	FULL-TIME DAY PROGRAM	PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAM
Number Enrolled	158	73
Median GPA	3.72	3.57
Median LSAT	165	160
Average Age	23	29

SMU Law

SMU Dedman School of Law, founded in 1925, is the only law school in Dallas, Texas. The law school is located on a magnificent tree lined campus, ten minutes from downtown, and situated in a beautiful residential community.

Application Deadlines

Early Decision

Applications must be **postmarked by NOVEMBER 1**.
Decisions will be mailed by January 31.

Regular Decision

Applications must be **postmarked by FEBRUARY 15**.
Decisions will be mailed in late spring.

Late Decision

Late decision applications will be reviewed upon completion and decisions will be mailed shortly thereafter.

Degree Programs

J.D. (full-time day program): 3 years
J.D. (part-time evening program): 4 years
J.D./M.B.A. or J.D./M.A. (Economics): 4 years

Career Services

Class of 2010:

Average Overall Starting Salary: \$92,775
Average Private Practice Starting Salary: \$103,423

Approximately 95.06% of the class of 2010 was employed 6-9 months after graduation.

Tuition & Fees

2011-2012:

Full-time day program: \$42,057
Part-time evening program: \$31,543

Scholarships

Applications completed by the regular decision deadline will automatically be considered for academic scholarships. Scholarships for full-time day students are typically awarded on the basis of an outstanding undergraduate record and a strong performance on the LSAT. Scholarships are available to part-time evening students on the basis of an outstanding record of academic, career, or other achievements.

In addition, there are two private scholarship applications for entering law students:

Hatton W. Sumners Scholarships
Due date: **FEBRUARY 15**

Sarah T. Hughes Scholarships
Due date: **FEBRUARY 15**

Diversity of Perspective

The law school is committed to having a diverse student body. The 2011 incoming class is approximately 21% minorities and over 40% female. Our Black Law Students Association was recently named national Chapter of the Year, and the current National Chair is one of our students. We also boast large, active Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander Law Students Associations.

Colleges and Universities Represented

American, BYU, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, George Washington, Notre Dame, NYU, Princeton, UNC, USC, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, William and Mary, all of the major Texas schools, and many more

Examples of Work Experience

Banking & Finance, Consulting, Education, Engineering, Information Technology, Insurance, Law Enforcement, Marketing & Sales, Medicine, Real Estate, Social Work

Curricular Strengths

Bankruptcy Law
Business/Corporate Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Dispute Resolution
Employment/Labor Law
Environmental Law
Estate Planning
Family Law
Health Care Law
Intellectual Property Law
Internet and E-Commerce Law
International Law
Litigation/Trial Advocacy
Oil & Gas Law
Real Estate Law
Tax Law

Clinics

Child Advocacy Clinic
Civil Litigation Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Criminal Prosecution Clinic
Federal Tax Clinic
Consumer Law Project
Small Business Project

Publications

SMU Law Review
Journal of Air Law & Commerce
International Lawyer
Law & Business Review of the Americas
SMU Science & Technology Law Review

Alumni

Graduates are located in every state in the United States and in more than 80 countries around the world.

Recent CEOs, COOs, CFOs, Chairmen & Presidents

7-Eleven, Allegiance Title Company, American Airlines, Austin Industries, Building Materials Holding Corporation, Cathay Life Insurance, ClubCorp, Communities Foundation, Dallas Cowboys, DuPont Chile, Fogo de Chao, The Hart Group, Hexter-Fair Title

Company, Kroger, Lincoln Property Company, Magnolia Pictures, Omni Hotels, Potter's House of Dallas, Six Holding, State Farm Insurance Companies, Stewart Title Company, Texas Oil and Gas, TXU, Tupperware, Wal-Mart, WellPoint, Worldwide Shipping

Recent General Counsel

7-Eleven, Affiliated Computer Services, Archon Group, Atmos Energy, AT&T, Belo Corporation, BJ Services Group, Blockbuster, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas, Brinker International, Commercial Metals, CompUSA, Cuban Enterprises, Dallas Mavericks, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, EDS, Fossil, FedEx Kinko's, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Frito-Lay, Fujitsu, Hicks Muse, Hunt Oil, Interstate Battery, La Madeleine, MADD, Michaels Stores, National Dairy Holdings, Neiman Marcus, Papa Johns, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, Sammons Corporation, Triad Hospitals, TXU

Judiciary

Over the years, the Dedman School of Law has counted among its alumni six Justices of the Supreme Court of Texas, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, three Justices of the Supreme Court of Japan, as well as justices on the highest courts of the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand. Alumni currently serve as judges on Courts of Appeal and as trial judges in Texas, throughout the United States and around the world.

Government

Our graduates also include the current chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, the Governor of Florida, and, in the last few years, the former White House Counsel, Ambassador to Mexico and members of Congress.

Why SMU?

Satisfied Students

SMU Dedman School of Law ranks #1 out of all Texas law schools in student satisfaction in *Texas Lawyer's* most recent survey.

Distinguished Visitors and Events

In Fall 2011, to kick-off the law school's Louise B. Raggio Endowed Lecture Series, Dean John B. Attanasio interviewed Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg regarding her time on the Supreme Court.

SMU recently organized a summit between the Supreme Court of the United States and the European Court of Justice – arguably the two most powerful courts in the world.

Further, SMU is headquarters to the Appellate Judges Education Institute. Annually, over 75 judges attend this conference.