



SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

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2009-2010 Admission Statistics

	FULL-TIME DAY PROGRAM	PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAM
Number Enrolled	178	76
Median GPA	3.76	3.62
Median LSAT	164	159
Average Age	23	28

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 DECEMBER 1**.
Decisions will be mailed by January 31.

Regular Decision

Applications must be **postmarked by FEBRUARY 15**.
Decisions will be mailed by April 30.

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 2008:

Average Overall Starting Salary - \$101,373
Average Private Practice Starting Salary - \$115,909

Approximately 99% of the class of 2008 was employed 6-9 months after graduation.

Tuition & Fees

Full-Time Day program, tuition & fees for 2009-2010: \$38,406
Part-Time Evening program, tuition & fees for 2009-2010: \$28,805

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**

Bar Exam

SMU ranked #1 among all Texas law schools on the July 2008 Bar Exam. Approximately 94% of SMU first-time test takers passed. The statewide pass rate was approximately 80%.

Diversity of Perspective

The law school is committed to having a diverse student body. The 2009 incoming class is approximately 24% minorities and over 48% female. Our Black Law Students Association was recently named national Chapter of the Year. We also boast large, active Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander Law Students Associations.

Colleges and Universities Represented

American, Boston University, BYU, Colgate, Duke, Harvard, Georgetown, George Washington, NYU, Princeton, USC, Stanford, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Wake Forest, Washington University, Yale, 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 75 countries around the world.

Recent CEOs, Chairmen & Presidents

7-Eleven; Allegiance Title Company; 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; Omni Hotels; Potter's House of Dallas; Six Holding; State Farm Insurance Companies; Stewart Title Company; Texas Oil and Gas; TXU; Tupperware; WellPoint; Worldwide Shipping

Recent General Counsel

7-Eleven; Affiliated Computer Services; Archon Group; 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/7-Up; EDS; Fossil; FedEx Kinko's; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Frito-Lay; Fujitsu; Hicks Muse; Hunt Oil; La Madeleine; MADD; Neiman Marcus; Papa Johns; Rosewood Hotels & Resorts; 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 and Taiwan. In addition, alumni currently serve as Judges on Courts of Appeal and as trial judges in Texas, throughout the United States and around the world.

Why SMU?

Satisfied Students

SMU Dedman School of Law ranks #1 in a student survey of Texas law schools in *Texas Lawyer's* 2008 survey.

Distinguished Visitors and Events

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.

Additionally, Justice Breyer and retired Justice O'Connor as well as government, academic and business leaders from across the country attended SMU's unique conference addressing the independence of the nation's courts.

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