



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TENNESSEE  
KNOXVILLE

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COLLEGE OF LAW

# Welcome.

A photograph of two law students, a woman on the left and a man on the right, both wearing dark suits. They are in a courtroom, looking at a computer monitor in the background. The woman is smiling and gesturing with her hand. The man is looking intently at the screen. The background shows wooden paneling and a blurred monitor.

# Welcome to Tennessee Law.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. This picture of two Tennessee Law students in the courtroom? **It's worth an entire career.**

That's because Tennessee Law students begin their careers while they're in law school. Before graduating, you'll have the opportunity to learn while practicing the law and solving real-world problems. You'll help others in need, fight for justice, and negotiate disputes or business transactions, all with the support of expert faculty with significant legal experience.

**Welcome to the University of Tennessee College of Law.** Your life as a lawyer starts here, from day one.





U.S. News ranks UT Law **7th** among all public law schools (10th among all law schools) for graduating students with the **least debt** (2017).

**TUITION & FEES**

2016–2017 Academic Year

	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition	\$16,078	\$34,522
Fees	\$3,230	\$3,460
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,308</b>	<b>\$37,982</b>

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

	All Students
Room and board	\$12,780
Books	\$2,038
Transportation	\$1,664
Miscellaneous	\$4,516

Welcome to your future.

Going to law school is an investment, but it's one well within reach. U.S. News ranks UT Law **7th** among all public law schools for graduating students with the **least debt**, which means you can reach your financial and personal goals more quickly after graduation.

Your investment in law school will afford you **countless career opportunities**. Our staff in the Bettie B. Lewis Career Center will help you market your unique skills, prepare for your career, and network with employers nationwide—including the immense family of UT alumni **eager to work with fellow VoIs** in the legal profession. Even if you decide to pursue a career outside the law, you can be sure the skills you gain at UT Law will be in high demand **everywhere**, from Wall Street to the White House.

▶ [law.utk.edu/career](http://law.utk.edu/career)



# Welcome to the law.

Whether your passion lies in **advocacy and dispute resolution**, **business law**, or a specialty field like environmental law or intellectual property, you'll find your perfect path among our variety of academic programs and offerings.

You'll learn from our **expert faculty**, which includes a former Tennessee Supreme Court justice, a *USA Today* columnist, and an Oxford-published author. **Five professors are Fulbright Scholars**, and nearly all of our faculty have law firm or government experience.

And you'll work in the field—and even the courtroom—with professional attorneys while changing lives through **the nation's longest-running legal clinic**.

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## OUR U.S. NEWS RANKINGS\*



**36<sup>TH</sup>**  
Public law schools  
*65th, all law schools*



**9<sup>TH</sup>**  
Public legal clinical programs  
*19th, all legal clinics*



**10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Public legal writing programs  
*23rd, all legal writing programs*

\*U.S. News and World Report, 2017



# Welcome to the experience.

We give you multiple opportunities to **practice** the law with faculty help. That means you'll have plenty of actual experience by the time you graduate, which will allow you to **jumpstart your legal career**. You'll gain professional skills in legal writing, leadership, trial practice, moot court competitions, externships, and more. Plus, you'll have the chance to **learn while living the Volunteer spirit** by helping others through our Legal Clinic and pro bono program.

- ▶ [law.utk.edu/clinics](http://law.utk.edu/clinics)
- ▶ [law.utk.edu/experience](http://law.utk.edu/experience)

## THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Tennessee is known as the "Volunteer State," a nickname earned in the Mexican-American War, when Governor Aaron Brown issued a call for 2,800 soldiers—and 30,000 Tennesseans volunteered.

As Tennessee's flagship institution of higher education, UT not only claims the state's Volunteer nickname for its athletic teams, but also makes the concept of volunteerism—initiative, selfishness, compassion, collaboration, civic responsibility, and leadership—a central part of the university's identity. A true Vol follows the Volunteer Creed: **"One that beareth a torch shadoweth oneself to give light to others."**

That's the Volunteer spirit, and it's something we take seriously at UT Law. The best lawyers, the best leaders—the best *people*—possess this Volunteer spirit deep down, whether or not they realize it. **Vols stand up for what's right, help others, and improve the world in big, small, and meaningful ways.**

## EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### CLINICS

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Appellate Litigation
- ▶ Business/Trademark Law
- ▶ Domestic Violence
- ▶ Education Practicum
- ▶ Environmental Practicum
- ▶ Expungement
- ▶ Federal Clemency
- ▶ Immigration
- ▶ Innocence/Wrongful Convictions
- ▶ Mediation/Family Mediation
- ▶ Non-Profits
- ▶ Wills

### EXTERNSHIPS

- ▶ Judicial
- ▶ Prosecutorial
- ▶ Public Defender

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Field placements
- ▶ Journal editing
- ▶ Legal writing
- ▶ Moot court
- ▶ Professional leadership classes
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Study abroad
- ▶ UT Pro Bono



# Welcome to the family.

The legal profession is highly competitive, so it's nice to know UT Law offers a **true family atmosphere** with a diverse group of supportive classmates, faculty, and staff. Our **small, close-knit community** allows you to meet lifelong friends and future colleagues and gives you the chance to work closely with faculty who become involved in your professional development. And when our students graduate, they're still family. You'll have access to UT's **vast alumni network** for mentoring opportunities and career connections.

We're also proud of our **historical commitment to diversity**, which has allowed generations of students from different backgrounds to foster positive connections and broaden their horizons in preparation for an increasingly global legal market.

► [law.utk.edu/community](http://law.utk.edu/community)

## A HISTORICAL COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



**Maude Riseden Hughett** in 1909 was the first woman to earn a law degree at UT and the first woman to earn a law degree in the South. Women nationwide would not be granted the right to vote until a decade later.



**Marilyn Virginia Yarbrough** was UT Law's first female dean and the first person of color to lead the college. She was one of the first female law deans and was the first black woman to serve as dean of a Southern law school.



**Lincoln Anderson Blakeney** was UT Law's first black law student, following a successful 1951 suit to open graduate admission at UT to persons of color—just a few years before the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling ended racial segregation in public schools nationwide.



# Welcome home.

The University of Tennessee College of Law calls **Knoxville** its home. **And oh, what a great home it is.**

Knoxville boasts plenty of Southern charm, with live music, eclectic restaurants, cultural attractions, and a low cost of living. In fact, *Forbes* ranks Knoxville 2nd on its list of the **Most Affordable Cities in America**.

You can also **lose yourself outdoors** in our urban wilderness, with eighty-six miles of greenways and nature trails. And in our backyard, you'll find the **Great Smoky Mountains**, the country's most visited national park, perfect for a weekend hike or scenic drive.

No wonder, then, that *The Huffington Post* says **Knoxville is one of the 10 best cities to relocate to** in the nation and is **ranked in the top 10 of Travel + Leisure's list of America's favorite cities**.

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## KNOXVILLE WEATHER

Average High

69.3°F

Average Low

49.7°F

Warmest Month



JULY  
(88°F avg high)

Coldest Month



JANUARY  
(47°F avg high)

## THINGS TO DO

### FESTIVALS

- Big Ears Music Festival
- Jazz in the Square
- Mardi Growl Dog Parade
- Rhythm N' Blooms Fest
- Rossini Festival and Italian Street Fair

### THEATERS/CONCERT VENUES

- Bijou Theatre
- Clarence Brown Theatre
- Knoxville Civic Auditorium/Coliseum
- Tennessee Theatre

### ATTRACTIONS/MUSEUMS

- Dollywood
- Knoxville Museum of Art
- Knoxville Zoo
- McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture
- Ober Gatlinburg

### OUTDOORS

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Ijams Nature Center
- World's Fair Park and the Sunsphere

### SPORTS/FITNESS

- Baseball @ Smokies Stadium
- Basketball @ Thompson-Boling Arena
- Football @ Neyland Stadium
- Hockey @ Knoxville Coliseum
- UT RecSports Field
- UT TRECS Fitness Center

### NIGHTLIFE

- Bars and live shows on Gay Street
- Dining and shopping in Market Square
- Pubs and dancing in the Old City





# Visit and apply!

Ready to join the UT Law family? Take these steps to get started:

► **Visit UT Law and Knoxville.** We would love to welcome you to the College of Law. Your visit will be tailored to your interests, needs, and schedule. Take a tour of the college. Talk with a student. Sit in on a class. Meet the dean or a professor. Speak with an admissions, financial aid, or career advisor.

And while you're in town, make sure you take a look around Knoxville. Savor a unique meal at a downtown restaurant. Enjoy a play or concert at one of our historic theaters. Cheer on the Vols at Neyland Stadium or the Lady Vols at Thompson-Boling Arena. We're glad to recommend activities and help you make the most of your visit.

Visits are available year-round, but the most beneficial time to visit is during the fall or spring semesters, when the most students and faculty are on campus.

► [law.utk.edu/visit](http://law.utk.edu/visit)  
or call 865-974-4131

► **Apply online.** Visit our website to complete your application. There is no application fee. You can also visit [Isac.org](http://Isac.org) to complete UT's application and to subscribe to the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service.

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► **Talk to us.** If you have questions about UT Law or the application process, contact us and we'll be glad to help.

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