THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW | 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR

ENDOWMENT REPORT

TEXAS Law

GREETINGS FROM TEXAS LAW!

Remarkable things are happening at the school as we continue to barrel towards the extraordinary milestone of our 150th anniversary! As you know, we have a big goal as we look ahead to our sesquicentennial in 2033: to be the nation's very best public law school, epitomizing the ideal of a flagship institution dedicated to creating unsurpassed opportunity for students.

That work is already evident in so much going on in our building. We have newly renovated classrooms on the main floor of Townes Hall, and these formerly worn-out, workhorse spaces are now beautiful showcases worthy of our amazing students and faculty. We have a major new initiative providing incredible support for business and transactional careers. We're offering a remarkable array of timely new courses on emerging topics, such as the law of artificial intelligence. What's more, we've boosted our loan-repayment program for graduates in public service careers of all sorts, making it arguably the best such program of any law school, anywhere.

All of this, and so much more, are thanks to your support of our school through endowments. I cannot imagine—nor would I wish to!—where we'd be without your extraordinary investment in our people, programs, and campus. These funds produce our scholarships. They support the excellence of our world-class faculty. They enhance our buildings and grounds. They make Texas Law the powerhouse that it is, and I am immensely grateful for this.

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If you have questions about your enclosed endowment report, please contact Susan Hartenstein, Executive Director of The University of Texas Law School Foundation, at 512-232-1493 or susan@UTLSF.org.

Hook 'em,

Bobby Chesney, Dean
The University of Texas School of Law

INVESTMENT RETURNS

Fiscal year 2024 marked the second year in a row of double-digit gains for a diversified portfolio. U.S. technology sector drove a strong rebound in global equity markets, with growth stocks leading gains. The Fed's shift to an easing bias led to rate cut expectations, resulting in a steepening yield curve. Private equity deal activity also stabilized in the second half of the year, with an increase in deals, despite remaining below peak levels. Furthermore, hedge funds posted strong results amid the risk-on market environment.

Amid this backdrop, the University of Texas Law School Foundation portfolio generated a 16.9% fiscal year return, and all asset classes posted positive results. Public equities were the best-performing asset category, returning 21.8% during the period. The portfolio's hedge fund allocation participated in the equity market upside, returning 15.4%. The portfolio's fixed income and real assets exposure also produced positive results, appreciating by 10.8% and 5.8%, respectively. Private investments added 11.3% over the year (marks lagged by one quarter) and longer-term results remained positive. Lastly, the portfolio's cash investments returned 5.3% amid the backdrop of elevated short-term interest rates.

Annualized Returns

CLASS OF 2027 PROFILE

5,476
Applications Received

282
First-Year Enrollment

3.89
Median GPA

171
Media LSAT

47%
Women

53%
Men

BAR PASSAGE RATES

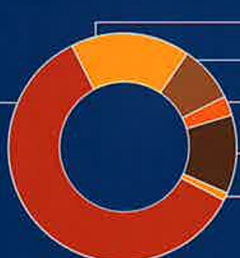
96%
Texas Bar (2024)

100%
California Bar (2023)

100%
New York Bar (2023)

EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT

97%
of the Class of 2023 had full-time, long-term, bar passage required/J.D. advantage employment or were enrolled in graduate studies within 10 months of graduation.



RANKED
TOP 7
FOR FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS

Ranked with Chicago, Yale, Stanford, Michigan, Virginia, and Notre Dame
Ahead of Harvard, Duke and Penn

FOR ELIGIBLE GRADUATES EARNING UNDER
$85K
LRAP
WILL PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT,
MAXING OUT AT $125,000

92%
STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT: THE MIKE A. MYERS FELLOWSHIP

Postgraduate fellowships are an essential part of Texas Law's commitment to public service. They enable new lawyers to step into critical public service roles that directly support those most in need.

Mike Myers '63 understands the transformative potential of public service, which is why he established the Mike A. Myers Fellowship in Public Interest Law to support graduates in delivering essential legal services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with a one-year, fully paid position with a non-profit organization working in the field.

Fellows assist clients with protective orders, custody arrangements, and divorce proceedings, while also addressing housing and employment issues that affect clients' safety and stability. The fellowship provides Texas Law graduates with hands-on experience in addressing complex legal challenges, making a statewide impact on survivors.

"This fellowship is vital for Texas Law and our students," explains Nicole Simmons, director of the William Wayne Justice Center. "It aligns with Texas Law's mission to expand access to justice and strengthens the field by training more attorneys in complex issues affecting survivors of domestic violence."

The selection process is rigorous, as Simmons and others closely evaluate applicants' proposed projects and their dedication to public interest law. Each fellow collaborates with a nonprofit host to develop a project aligned with the nonprofit's mission and designed to ensure comprehensive training and supervision for the fellow. Recent recipients include Emily Gustafson '24 and Sadie McLaughlin '22, both of whom went on to work at the Texas Advocacy Project.

Gustafson and McLaughlin, like their previous fellows, have become strong, skilled advocates serving vulnerable clients, making an immediate impact and carving a professional path.

Thanks to the vision and generosity of Mike Myers and The Myers Fellowship, Texas Law advances its commitment to public service, empowering graduates to advocate for vulnerable Texans and expanding access to justice across the state through a career-launching opportunity and a lifeline for those who need legal support the most.

> **"I look forward to dedicating this fellowship to fighting for children, and the career of advocacy that will follow."**
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> —**ROYA ATASHI '20,** *Mike A. Myers Graduate Fellow*

ENDOWMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who manages Texas Law's endowment?

The majority of endowment assets are held and managed by the University of Texas Law School Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) established in 1952 by Dean Page Keeton along with alumni and friends. Fiduciary oversight for the endowment is vested in the Foundation's Board of Trustees' Investment Committee. In 2019, the Foundation hired an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO), Prime Buchholz LLC, to manage the endowment funds.

A smaller portion of endowment assets, those that were created with the main campus of The University of Texas at Austin, are held and managed by UTIMCO, a separate 501(c)(3) that oversees investments for The University of Texas System and the Texas A&M System.

Are endowments subject to any fees?

The Foundation charged a fee this year of 0.35% to cover the administrative costs of the Foundation. The amount of the fee is analyzed each year and the Foundation strives to keep it at the lowest level possible, instead relying on the earnings of non-endowed funds and reserves from prior years to provide the needed funds to manage the Foundation.

What is the Foundation's approach to managing its endowment?

The Foundation's primary objective is providing strong, steady returns for the benefit of the Law School. The Foundation seeks to maintain an appropriate balance of maximizing the rate of return and providing for growth of the principal, while safeguarding the monetary value of the individual gifts and their impact on the Law School programs they benefit.

Once established, can I continue to give to my endowed fund?

Yes, additional contributions to an endowment can be made at any time and by any person, including gifts made through bequests and other estate planning options.

What is the spending policy on endowments?

The Foundation's Board of Trustees' Budget Committee recommends the spending (payout) policy each year. In fiscal year 2024, the Board of Trustees authorized a spending policy that allowed for a payout of 4% of the average market value of the previous twelve quarters.

For information on UTIMCO's fees or spending policy, please visit UTIMCO.org.

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ON THE COVER: Students walk through campus, passing from the new Bech-Laughlin 1L Suite in Townes Hall, through the breezeway between the welcoming Patman Plaza and Kelly Courtyard. These modern spaces provided a fitting backdrop to the beginning of a transformative Texas Law experience—one made possible by the generosity of our dedicated donors.