

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 0.50% 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 2025, 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](https://utimco.org).

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
LAW SCHOOL FOUNDATION



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utlsf.org/ways-to-give

ON THE COVER: The Nix Patterson Teaching Courtroom was unveiled with a reception and mock voir dire on Sept. 5, 2025. The event featured Nix Patterson attorneys and members of the Texas Law and UT undergraduate mock trial teams.



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW | 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR

ENDOWMENT
REPORT





GREETINGS FROM TEXAS LAW!

This is an amazing time for Texas Law. Our core mission is to unlock amazing opportunities for our students, and that’s just what we’re doing. Texas Law graduates aren’t getting just any jobs—they’re getting **the best jobs**, whether in the private sector, public service, or judicial clerkships. And, last year, we achieved a school **record passage rate** on the Texas bar exam.

With those results, plus our well-deserved reputation for a culture that is unusually friendly and civil, it’s no wonder that we’ve seen a spike not just in applications, but also in accepted offers.

The momentum is also there with faculty. We just wrapped up a banner year for recruitment, **adding 10 amazing scholars** from across a range of disciplines, viewpoints, and experience levels.

We’re also continuing to invest in our lovely campus, with the **Nix Patterson Teaching Courtroom**, a new state-of-the art home for our vaunted Trial Advocacy Program. And in case you’ve not heard, we’re breaking ground soon on a grand and exciting project: building a beautiful yet highly affordable residence hall exclusively for law students, directly across the street from Townes Hall.

But our most important responsibility is still **providing world-class legal education without burdening our students with overwhelming debt**.

This is what has always made us a real engine of opportunity, and my highest priority is to continue building our advantage over all other law schools in this respect.

“All this is possible only thanks to our most precious asset: **you.**”

All this is possible only thanks to our most precious asset: you. Your generosity always has been the key to our success. Our endowments provide critical support to the Law School each year—almost \$10 million towards the annual budget this past academic year, for example. They make our school the powerhouse that it is, and I am immensely grateful. On behalf of everyone at Texas Law, thank you.

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,

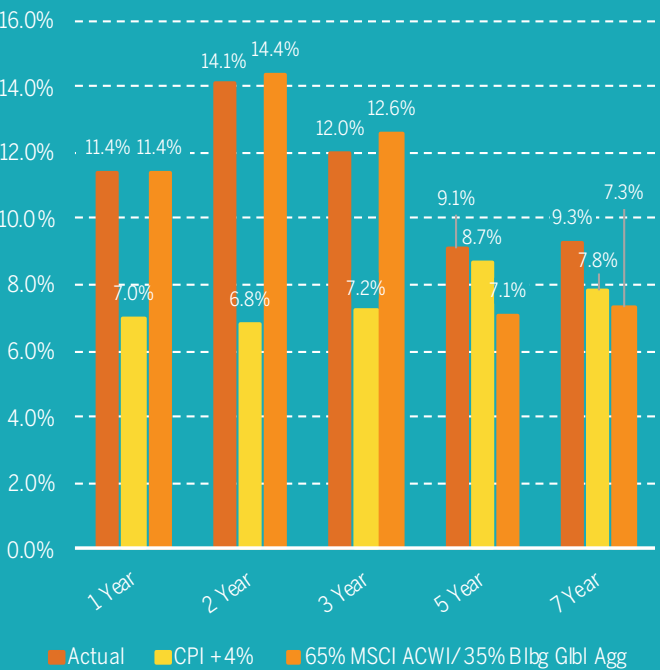
Bobby Chesney, Dean
The University of Texas School of Law

INVESTMENT RETURNS

Fiscal year 2025 marked the third year in a row of double-digit gains for a diversified portfolio. U.S. technology sector drove a continued rebound in global equity markets, with growth stocks leading gains. The Fed’s shift to rate cuts resulted in a decline in short-term interest rates. Private equity deal activity also picked up over the course 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 an 11.4% fiscal year return, and all asset classes posted positive results. Public equities appreciated during the period, generating a return of 13.7%. The portfolio’s hedge fund allocation outpaced the equity market upside, returning 14.7%. The portfolio’s fixed income and real assets exposure also produced positive results, appreciating by 0.6% and 5.8% respectively. Private investments added 7.7% over the year (marks lagged by one quarter) and longer-term results remained positive. Lastly, the portfolio’s cash investments returned 4.4% amid the backdrop of elevated short-term interest rates.

Annualized Returns



CLASS OF 2028 PROFILE

6,297
Applications Received

372
First-Year Enrollment

172
Median LSAT

3.89
Median GPA

48%
Women

52%
Men

BAR PASSAGE RATES

96%
Texas Bar (2025)

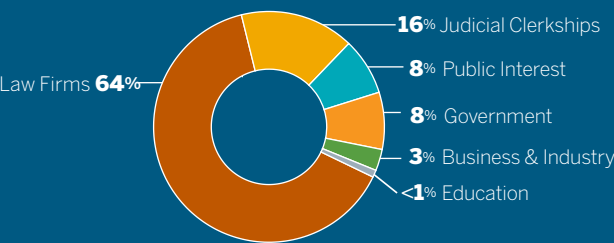
100%
California (2025)

96%
New York Bar (2025)

EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT

98%

of the Class of 2024 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

92%
STUDENTS RECEIVE
SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

LRAP

TEXAS LAW HAS THE NATION’S MOST GENEROUS
LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

GRADUATES IN QUALIFYING PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS GET
FULL LOAN SUPPORT FOR SALARIES UP TO \$75K/YEAR,
AND WE CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM
UP TO SALARIES OF \$120K/YEAR.

THE FATHER T.J. MARTINEZ ENDOWED MEMORIAL SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE STIPEND



Father T.J. Martinez ’96 was not a typical law school graduate. Although he initially planned to practice law, his life soon took a different direction—one still guided by a principle that motivates many in the legal profession: the call to serve others. His personal motto, “Head out and do good,” captured that mission and defined the way he lived his life.

After graduation, just 10 days after passing the bar exam, Martinez entered seminary and later joined the priesthood. As he completed his studies and prepared to take his final vows, he was asked to found a new school in Houston for economically disadvantaged students—Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston. He accepted the call, serving as the school’s founding president until his passing in 2014.

Martinez has been honored in many ways by the institutions he attended and served. At Texas Law, his legacy continues through the Martinez Society, one of eight student societies in the Texas Law Society Program. The program fosters community, particularly among first-generation students. In 2024, T.J.’s brothers, Trey Martinez ’96 and Andy Martinez ’07, began exploring how they might further celebrate their brother’s life and dedication to education.

Guided by his enduring motto, the Martinez brothers established The Father T.J. Martinez Endowed Memorial Summer Public Service Stipend. The stipend supports the Summer Public Service Program (SPSP), which guarantees every Texas Law student the opportunity to gain meaningful professional experience while providing essential legal services to the community. Through the SPSP, students receive an \$8,000 stipend to complete an unpaid, 10-week summer internship with a nonprofit organization, government agency, or legislative office.

The endowment empowers more students to “head out and do good,” continuing the work that defined Father Martinez’s remarkable life.

In 2025, 145 students served communities through the SPSP, 73 percent of whom did so in Texas. Texas Law students have interned with organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the U.S. Department of Justice, and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, to name a few. Thanks to The Father T.J. Martinez Endowed Memorial Summer Public Service Stipend, more students are empowered to “head out and do good,” continuing the work that defined Father Martinez’s remarkable life.