

COLLEGE OF LAW

Chancellor's Advisory Board

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Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

GOAL 1

Educate and prepare students at the highest level to resolve legal problems, serve clients, promote justice, and be leaders in the profession and in their communities.

GOAL 2

Strive to lead the way in conducting influential, collaborative, and innovative research that advances collective understanding of the law, supplies practical solutions to real-world problems, and leads to meaningful reforms to our local and national legal landscapes.

GOAL 3

Embody the Volunteer Spirit by providing education, legal assistance, advice, and leadership training to communities across Tennessee and beyond, and by actively pursuing and serving in public interest positions at the local, state, and national levels.



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GOAL 4

Recruit and retain a diverse and highly talented group of students, faculty, and staff with varying perspectives and viewpoints, and cultivate a learning environment that is robust, engaging, and inclusive in working towards the ultimate objective of building a more just society.

GOAL 5

Increase promotion of and awareness about the College of Law's vision, strengths, and achievements to raise our regional, national, and international profile.



U.S. News Rankings



- **# 51** out of all law schools (increased 5 spots)
 - **# 24** among public law schools
 - **# 11** Legal Clinic (among public law schools)
 - **# 13** Business & Corporate Law (among public law schools)
 - **Key Factors:** Job Placement & Bar Passage
 - **This Year?** - Metrics could change again because of last year's volatility
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Class of 2026

Class Size – 142

Median LSAT – 162

Median GPA – 3.78

90 Undergraduate Institutions

27 States and D.C.

23% Ethnically and Racially Diverse

12% LGBTQIA+

52% Women

48% Men

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Class of 2026 Applicants

Residents

- 378 Applicants
- 156 Admits
- 75 Yield

Non-residents

- 1,152 Applicants
- 305 Admits
- 67 Yield





How did we do it?

- Quality Education
- Rankings
- Increased Recruitment Efforts

Biggest Factor: \$\$\$

2022-2023 Scholarship Dollars: **\$3,080,205**

2023-2024 Scholarship Dollars: **\$4,258,205**



How do we compare to our competitors?





2021 SEC Scholarships

Texas A&M

164 (LSAT)
3.93 (GPA)
\$40,609 (Avg. Tuition)
\$31,254 (Median Grant)

Florida

169 (LSAT)
3.9 (GPA)
\$30,020 (Avg. Tuition)
\$21,804 (Median Grant)

Alabama

166 (LSAT)
3.95 (GPA)
\$34,235 (Avg. Tuition)
\$23,000 (Median Grant)

Tennessee

160 (LSAT)
3.76 (GPA)
\$29,789 (Avg. Tuition)
\$9,789 (Median Grant)





UT Law Scholarships – 2023

162 (LSAT)

3.78 (GPA)

\$29,780 (Avg. Tuition)

\$11,000 (Median Grant)
[\$1,211 > than 2021]



Points of Pride

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The Legal Clinic

Ranked #11 among public law schools by U.S. News

- Advocacy
- Transactional Law
- Domestic Violence
- Expungement
- Family Law Mediation
- Mediation
- Wills



Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution



Offers an academic concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution designed to prepare students for the rigors of the practice of law. The Center's founding director, Professor Emeritus Penny White, is a former Tennessee Supreme Court justice who regularly leads judicial education seminars across the country.



Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law

Business Law Concentration

- Business Transactions
- Income Taxation
- Business Associations
- Contract Drafting
- Secured Transactions
- Real Estate Finance
- Estate Planning





Institute for Professional Leadership

Furtheres the College of Law's commitment to preparing future lawyers and leaders through courses and programs that focus on leadership, public service, and professional development.



Bar Passage and Employment Success



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94%

Ultimate Bar Passage Rate
(2020 Graduates)

93%

Students Employed 10
Months after Graduation
(2021 Graduates)

94%

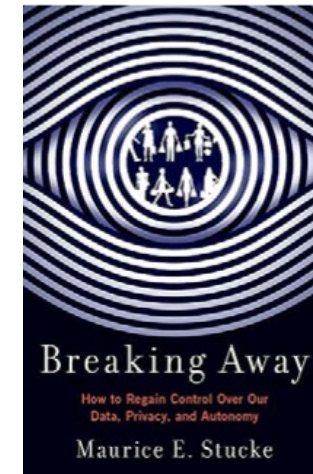
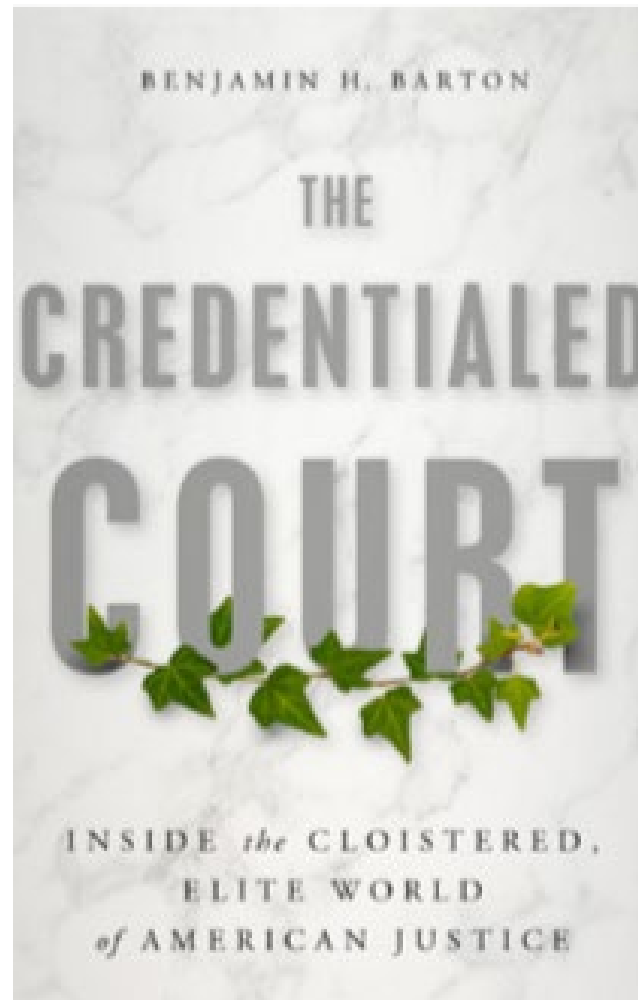
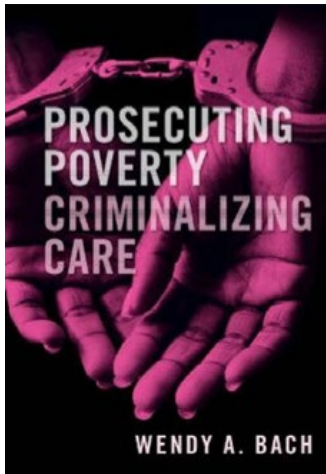
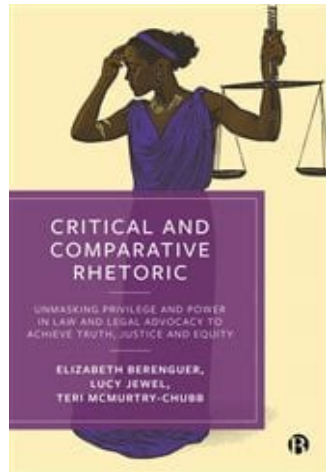
Percentage of 2021
Graduates Employed in
JD or JD Advantage Jobs



Gifted Teachers and Scholars



Recent Books by the College of Law Faculty





Top Law Review Publications

- Yale Law Journal
- Duke Law Journal
- Northwestern Law Review
- Georgetown Law Journal
- Boston College Law Review
- George Washington Law Review
- Minnesota Law Review



Vision for the Future

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Vision

To be the premier law school in the southeast, distinguished by our influential scholarship, commitment to public service, and exceptional preparation of future lawyers to be ethical and skilled leaders within the profession.



Collaboration & Innovation

- Appalachian Justice Research Center
- Baker School of Public Policy & Public Affairs
- Tickle College of Engineering
- Herbert College of Agriculture
- College of Emerging and Collaborative Studies
- Corporate Partnerships – e.g., Clayton Homes, Georgia-Pacific, Home Depot



High Quality, Vibrant, Diverse Student Body

- Increase Scholarship Dollars
- Enhance Educational Programming – Emphasis on Public Service and Leadership
- Strengthen Recruitment Efforts
- Solidify and Maintain Job Placement and Bar Passage Results
- Develop and Market Corporate Partnerships



Marketing & Communications

Concerted Effort to Better Market the College of Law

- To Students
- To Legal Employers
- To Business Partners
- To Alums
- To Other Law Schools



Ceremonial Courtroom



Build a state-of-the-art ceremonial courtroom. We currently have classrooms that are adapted to be used as courtrooms, but they are inadequate for major competitions, events, and sittings by Tennessee appellate courts.



Questions?

