# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

- Top ten of public law school legal clinics
- Oldest continuously operating legal clinic in the U.S.
- Ranked in top ten of accredited law schools graduating students with the least debt
- 93% job placement rate within 10 months of graduation
- Frontrunner in developing leadership education for law students and lawyers

## **WHO WE ARE**

COLLEGE OF LAW

Founded in 1890, the University of Tennessee College of Law (UT Law) prepares tomorrow's lawyers and leaders through innovative classroom teaching that integrates theory and practice across the curriculum and provides nationally-recognized clinical and legal writing opportunities for all of its students. In addition to high-quality teaching, UT Law faculty produce impactful scholarship that examines, explains, critiques, and improves the law and the legal system. The faculty's work appears in some of the most prestigious law reviews in the country, including the Yale Law Journal. UT Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools.

#### **OUR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES**

Student employment at UT Law immediately after graduation has increased by nearly 30% over the past five years. For the most recent cycle, student employment ten-months after graduation has risen to 95%, nearly 10% above the national average. The 2020 1L class boasts a 159 median LSAT (which represents roughly the 76th percentile of test takers) and a 3.66 median UGPA. When they graduate, our students often pursue public interest work with approximately 19% working in prosecutor, public defender, legal aid and government offices, and another 8% clerking for judges. In 2018, we were recognized by PreLaw Magazine as a A+ Best Value Law School, and we are consistently ranked in the top 20 of all accredited law schools for graduating students with the least debt.

While many of our graduates pursue public interest employment, many others take positions with Am Law 100 firms, Fortune 500 companies, and other prestigious organizations across the country. Our alumni base also includes nationally recognized experts in a variety of fields including corporate bankruptcy (Tom Lauria); multi-district and complex litigation (Dave Proctor and Greg Coleman) and Entertainment Law (Joel Katz). Many also serve as state and federal judges, including: Cheri Beasley (Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court); Sharon Lee (Supreme Court of Tennessee); D. Michael Swiney (Tennessee Court of Appeals); Camille R. McMullen (Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals); J. Daniel Breen (Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee).

# **CENTERS AND PROGRAMS**

## THE UT LAW LEGAL CLINIC

Our Legal Clinic was founded 73 years ago and is the longest continuously operating legal clinic in the country. Last year, it ranked in the top 10 of all public law schools. It offers students opportunities to build an experiential bridge between law school and practice by representing real clients facing real legal issues. Our clinic specializes in the areas of advocacy, appellate, business, community economic development, domestic violence, expungement, family mediation, mediation, and wills. Many of our clinic faculty hold positions of national distinction including Clinic Director Joy Radice who serves on the Clinical Legal Education Association's board of directors.

## **CLAYTON CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW**

The Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law improves the preparation of business law students by offering extensive training and expertise in transactional work and business litigation. We offer students a concentration in business transactions, including courses in business transactions, income taxation, business associations, contract drafting, income taxation of business organizations, secured transactions, real estate finance, representing enterprises, transactional tax planning, and estate planning.

## **UT PRO BONO**

The College of Law's UT Pro Bono program is a community service organization with significant student leadership that performs valuable community service while students learn about the legal needs of the underserved. In the past two years, our students have averaged over 10,000 hours per year of free legal services to those in need.

## **CENTER FOR ADVOCACY & DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Through its visionary Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, the college offers an academic concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution designed to prepare students for the rigors of the practice of law. Center Director Penny White is a former Tennessee Supreme Court justice who regularly leads judicial education seminars across the country and is an annual speaker at Harvard Law School.

#### INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Institute for Professional Leadership helps students develop their leadership skills and professional values through interdisciplinary programming beyond a strictly legal context. The institute hosts courses and practicums in public service and leadership and develops extracurricular programming in leadership and professional development. In partnership with the University of Queensland TC Beirne School of Law in Brisbane, Australia, the institute offers a two-credit-hour study abroad course that introduces students to basic leadership principles. The institute hosts a biennial leadership conference to bring together law faculty who have interest in developing leadership curriculum for their schools.

