

UNT Dallas College of Law Named 3rd Most Diverse Law School in America



UNT Dallas College of Law is named as the third Most Diverse law school in America by editors of *National Jurist* magazine in the Spring 2017 issue. *National Jurist* and its sister magazine, *preLaw*, awarded 60 law schools with the Most Diverse recognition in this year's annual report, down from 70 schools in 2014.

UNT Dallas College of Law was one of the law schools earning an A+ grade from the editors. Law schools receiving a B+, A-, A or A+ are honored in the publications.

At UNT Dallas College of Law, diversity goes beyond race and ethnicity.

Our student population of more than 350 students represents students of all ages (from 21 to 70+ years) and includes experienced professionals with significant career experience in many different disciplines, including military service and law enforcement. Our law students include MBAs, healthcare professionals, engineers, educators, financial experts and even a retired Major General who is also a CPA. Currently, half of the student body is female and half are students of color.

School	% Minority faculty	% Hispanic students	% American Indian students	% Asian & Hawaiian students	% Black students	% Caucasian students	2012 grade	2014 grade	2016 grade
1 Arizona Summit	45%	18%	3%	6%	20%	53%	A	A+	A+
2 Texas Southern University	87%	32%	1%	5%	49%	13%	A+	A+	A+
3 UNT Dallas College of Law	26%	21%	2%	9%	20%	47%			A+
4 CUNY School of Law	41%	16%	0%	12%	11%	54%	A+	A+	A+
5 Thomas Jefferson School of Law	14%	23%	2%	13%	12%	49%	A-	A	A+
6 North Carolina Central University	67%	6%	2%	3%	57%	32%	A	A+	A+
7 Barry University	24%	28%	1%	4%	17%	50%	B+	A+	A+
8 Florida A&M University	69%	15%	0%	2%	46%	26%	A+	A+	A+
9 Southwestern Law School	22%	24%	0%	10%	7%	52%	A	A	A+
10 Florida International University	55%	55%	1%	3%	7%	34%	A+	A+	A+

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All data was obtained from the ABA, except for UNT Dallas, which supplied it itself. The school is not ABA accredited.

Data from UNT Dallas College of Law can be found on the 2016 Standard 509 Information Report required by the American Bar Association on the school website as part of ABA Required Disclosures.

METHODOLOGY from *National Jurist* and *preLaw* magazines*

To determine the most diverse law schools, we evaluated each law school in six categories: percentage of minority faculty; percentage of black students; percentage of Hispanic students; percentage of Asian and Hawaiian students; percentage of American Indian students; and percentage of Caucasian students.

We assigned each school a score from 1 to 10 for each category except American Indians. In that category, we assigned each school a score from 1 to 5, given the much smaller number of students.

A school that matched the U.S. national average for any race received a 7 (or 3.5 for American Indian), and a school that was 30 percent or more above the national average received a 10 (or 5 for American Indian). We then weighted the student categories as 75 percent of the final diversity score and the faculty category as 25 percent.

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"We are very pleased to receive this national recognition. When we began our law school, one of our core goals was to open access to a legal education to a diverse group of deserving students. By combining this goal with our other two goals of affordability and unique instruction, we seek to give our students a special opportunity in legal education."

ROYAL FURGESON
FOUNDING DEAN



"Widening access to a legal education is accomplished at our school through a holistic approach to admissions decisions. We are committed to educating a wide range of students who have the potential to be successful lawyers – not just those who do best on standard admissions tests."

VALERIE JAMES
ASSISTANT DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Deadline for fall 2017 applications:
June 30, 2017