

# THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

## Admissions

### Mission Statement

The mission of Thurgood Marshall School of Law is to prepare a diverse group of students for leadership roles in the legal profession, business, and government. In keeping with its rich tradition as an HBCU, the Law School continues to train and educate large numbers of African-American and Hispanic lawyers. At the same time, the Law School has opened its doors to students from all backgrounds, gaining recognition as one of the most diverse law schools in the country. As part of a special purpose institution for urban programming, the Law School is also committed to making an impact on urban communities.

### Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. We seek students from diverse backgrounds with the potential to succeed in law school and become active members of the legal community. The admission decision is based primarily upon the applicant's motivation and intellectual capacity as demonstrated by the undergraduate record and on his or her aptitude for the study of law as measured by the LSAT. The admission decision, however, is more complex than the mere rank ordering of applicants on the basis of a numerical formula. Leadership ability, prior community service, work experience, the student's background, extra-curricular activities, and graduate study in another discipline are all considered. The Admissions Committee also seeks to determine the applicant's level of motivation by reviewing personal experience indicating determination, patience and perseverance. The Committee believes that past success in overcoming an economic and/or educational disadvantage is a prime indicator of motivation.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, age or disability in the administration of its academic or employment policies, or other school-administered rights, privileges, programs or activities.

### Character, Fitness, and Other Qualifications for Admission to the Bar

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners at <http://www.ncbex.org/>. (<http://www.ncbex.org/>)

- Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements (<http://www.ncbex.org/publications/bar-admissions-guide/>)
- Character and Fitness Determinations by Jurisdictions (<http://www.ncbex.org/pubs/bar-admissions-guide/2016/#p=16>)

### Rules and Procedures

[https://www.tsulaw.edu/student\\_affairs/2024-2025-TMSL-Student-Rules-and-Regulations-updated.pdf](https://www.tsulaw.edu/student_affairs/2024-2025-TMSL-Student-Rules-and-Regulations-updated.pdf)  
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