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The School of Law

## THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law is a distinct school within the University and, subject to the general regulations governing the various schools, makes and administers its own laws with reference to admission and graduation. The faculty is composed of the duly elected members of the instructing staff and meets in regular session on the first Monday of each month during the scholastic year.

### Officers of the Faculty

CHARLES CLAUDE SELECMAN, D.D., LL.D. . . . . President  
JOSEPH ELMORE COCKRELL, A.M., LL.B., LL.D. . . . . Acting Dean  
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### The Faculty

WILLIAM ALEXANDER RHEA, A.B., LL.B., LL.M. . . . . Professor of Law  
ROBERT BOURLAND HOLLAND, A.B., LL.B. . . . . Assistant Professor of Law

Additional members will be added to the faculty for the year 1926-27.

### History

The School of Law was established by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 1925, and was opened September 15, 1925. It occupies rooms in Dallas Hall.

### Library

The Law Library now contains about 3,500 carefully selected books, which are housed in its own library rooms. The Law Library is open to all students from 8:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. every day except Sunday. It is being constantly added to by purchase and by gifts from friends of the school.

### Purpose

Instruction is offered in all branches of the common law, in equity, in the statutes of the United States and the American states and especial stress is given to the law of Texas. It is believed that the students are best prepared for the practice of law by instruction in the origin, development and functions of the law, not by instruction merely in the dogmas and the precedents of the law.

During the session of 1925-26 only the first year subjects were taught. Thereafter the second and the third year courses will be offered successively as the school grows, so that the entire curriculum will be effective at the beginning of the 1927-28 session.

### Character of Instruction

The manner of instruction is the case system. The study, analysis, and discussion of judicial decisions will give an effective knowledge of legal principles and develop the power of independent legal reasoning.

In the courses in Pleading, considerable exercises will be given in drafting; and in the courses in Practice, class-room work will be supplemented by office and court-room procedure that will introduce the student to the actual experience of the active lawyer.

### Regulations and Requirements

The School of Law has its own rules for registration, changing of courses, examinations and reports, grades, continuance in the school, attendance, and graduation. All of these are fully set out in its annual bulletins. With these exceptions all students in the School of Law are subject to the rules and regulations of this catalogue (pp. 49-56, in particular), except that the regulation at page 55 requiring physical education does not apply to the granting of the law degree.

Admission to the Law School is under the control of the Dean of the Law School. Correspondence relative to entrance and transfer credits should therefore be addressed to him.

### Regular Students

Applicants for admission as regular students in the Law School must be at least nineteen years of age, and must present evidence that they are of good moral character; that they have passed the medical examination; have fulfilled the general entrance requirements of the University; and that they have satisfactorily completed 60 semester-hours, exclusive of physical training, in the College of Arts and Sciences, or the equivalent in another approved institution, including at least one year's work in English, in History, in Economics, and in Government. College graduates whose degrees represent work equivalent to at least three years in the University are admitted without condition. An applicant, not a college graduate, who has not absolved the four prescribed courses just mentioned may be admitted on condition that he remove the condition, or conditions, before the beginning of his senior year.

### Special Students

A person twenty-one years of age not meeting the foregoing scholarship requirements may be admitted as a special student, if he satisfies the Dean of the Law School that he is of good moral

character, possesses sufficient capacity, training, experience, and industry to enable him to profit by the instruction offered, and that he will not be a hindrance to the school. Such a person cannot receive credit for work done nor be a candidate for a degree. If such student proves unsatisfactory, he will be dropped from the school. The Association of American Law Schools provides in its articles of association that the number of special students "admitted each year shall not exceed ten per cent of the average number of students first entering the school during each of the two preceding years." The school applies this rule.

### Advanced Standing

Applicants who are qualified to enter the Law School as candidates for a degree, and who have satisfactorily completed one or more years of resident work in a law school of good standing, having a three-year course, will be given equivalent rank in this school upon presenting properly authenticated certificates of such work, together with a certificate of good moral character. The right is reserved to give credit only on examination and to withdraw credit given if the student's work in this school is unsatisfactory. All persons who intend to apply for advanced standing under the above rule should forward or present their credentials to the Dean of the school at least two weeks before the opening of the particular session which the student desires to attend.

### Registration

All students must matriculate in person at the office of the Dean. For dates of matriculation see page 7 of this catalogue. Classes meet September 27. The classes meet in the second semester on February 9, 1927. Matriculation for the second semester is on February 9, 1927. A fee of \$2.00 is charged for late matriculation. An additional fee of \$2.00 is charged for late payment of dues.

The prospective student must present (1) evidence of good character, (2) certificate of physical examination (see pages 55 and 7 of this catalogue, (3) official statement containing a full record of previous college work, including the credits granted on entrance, with an honorable discharge from such college or, if the holder of a degree, the diploma evidencing such degree.

### Graduation

The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) will be conferred upon candidates therefor who have credit for 76 semester-hours

distributed over a period equal to three years, are of good moral character, and have complied with the following conditions:

1. Residence in this school at least one year next preceding the granting of the degree, with credit for 24 semester-hours, is obligatory.
2. Work done during the last year must not have been counted toward a law degree elsewhere.
3. A grade of at least C must be made on all courses taken for credit during the last year in this school.
4. More than 9 semester-hours with a grade of D in each of the first two years cannot be counted toward a law degree.

Graduates in the highest ten per cent of a class may, by a vote of the Law faculty, be awarded the degree *cum laude*. No one shall be eligible who shall have taken elsewhere more than one-third of the work offered for his degree. The average shall be based on work done in this school only; but to receive the degree *cum laude* a transfer student must have made at least a B average in law courses in the school previously attended.

The law degree will not be conferred upon anyone markedly deficient in English, nor upon anyone who has not completed all the work in the first year, which is prescribed.

The school will not confer any degrees before June, 1928.

#### Combination Curriculum for A.B. and LL.B. Degrees

The student may obtain the A.B. degree and the LL.B. degree in six years instead of seven. For details, see page 72.

#### Admission to the Bar

The course of study covers all the subjects prescribed for the state bar examination by the Supreme Court of Texas. A student who completes the course will be qualified, from the standpoint of residence requirement and number of courses, to qualify for the bar examination.

The Court is empowered to issue license to the graduates of those law schools whose equipment, faculty, and curriculum merit the recognition. It is the fixed purpose of the University to equip

the Law School so adequately and select a trained faculty so carefully that the Supreme Court will grant the graduates of this school license to practice in all the courts of this state. Just as soon as facilities warrant, application will be made to the Supreme Court to recognize the school; and it is believed that the first graduates will be awarded their license at the time their diplomas are given.

#### Tuition and Deposits

Tuition, per semester . . . . .	\$101.50
(This includes student activity fee of \$12.00)	
Library deposit, returnable less deductions for damages and fines . . . . .	5.00

#### Courses of Instruction

##### FIRST YEAR

- Agency*. Three hours a week, second semester. Wambaugh's *Cases on Agency*, second edition. (Holland.)
- Contracts*. Three hours a week, both semesters. Williston's *Cases on Contracts*, second edition. (Rhea.)
- Criminal Law*. Three hours a week, first semester. Mikell's *Cases on Criminal Law*. (Holland.)
- Legal Bibliography*. One hour a week, first semester. Hicks's *Material and Methods of Legal Research*. (Holland.)
- Pleading*. Two hours a week, both semesters. Sunderland's *Cases on Civil Procedure, Common Law Pleading*. (Rhea.)
- Property I*. Two hours a week, first semester; three hours a week, second semester. Warren's *Cases on Property*. (Rhea.)
- Torts*. Three hours a week, both semesters. Ames and Smith's *Cases on Torts*. Pound's edition. (Holland.)

##### SECOND YEAR

(These courses are subject to change. The names of the instructors and of the case books to be used will appear in the bulletin of the School of Law.)

*Bills and Notes*. Three hours a week, second semester.

*Civil Procedure.* Three hours a week, both semesters.

*Equity.* Three hours a week, both semesters.

*Partnership.* Three hours a week, first semester.

*Persons.* Two hours a week, first semester.

*Property II.* Three hours a week, first semester; two hours a week, second semester.

*Wills.* Three hours a week, second semester.

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