

LAW SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING GUTER'S TENURE AS

President *and* Dean

Improved student experience:

- Increased experiential learning by expanding the Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics from four clinics to 19. 270 students contributed more than 35,600 hours of direct client service — equating to nearly \$1.8 million of pro bono legal representation annually for Houstonians in need.
- Recognized as the nation's #1 Moot Court program while Advocacy teams brought home 28 Advocacy championships — and now hold an unprecedented 130 championships.
- More than 14 national and international ADR first-place wins in the past five years.
- Increased minority enrollment from 31 percent to 45 percent.
- Received the Texas Access to Justice Commission's "Law School Commitment to Public Service" award twice in a four-year period.
- Expanded the Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution curriculum to eight courses, enabling students to learn alongside seasoned attorneys.
- Created the first of its kind Energy Law Negotiation Competition, bringing more than 55

lawyers from top law firms and energy companies in Houston to provide subject matter expertise as judges.

- Improved technology to connect student information to seamlessly transfer to registrar files. Automating processes previously performed manually including course schedules, locker and mailbox assignment, requesting transcripts, reporting pro bono activities, among others.
- Increased internet bandwidth by approximately 7,500 percent.
- Improved professionalism and expertise in staffing to support students through hiring key individuals in Scholarships and Financial Aid, Career Resource Center, Library, Office of Assessment and Research, Security, Marketing and Communications, Human Resources, Philanthropy, and Registrar.
- Significantly improved student satisfaction scores in the national Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE) by instilling superior customer service in all departments.

Improved school facilities:

- Created the new front entrance by securing a \$2 million gift, updating of the first floor front entrance, atrium, lounge, and creating a new outside patio for students.
- Built the 10th floor Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics, moving the facility from a used tire-sales building to the new state-of-the-art facility that provides more than \$1.8 million annually in pro bono services to Houston's underserved community.
- Updated IT in all classrooms, conference rooms, and event spaces.
- Increased security for all parking lots by installing gates, cameras, secured access.

Increased alumni participation:

- Created the Young Alumni Council, expanded Alumni Association chapters, created the Oil and Gas Advisory Board.

- Increased alumni participation to the historically highest number of participants attending alumni events.

Strong fiscal responsibility:

- Reduced long-term debt by 41 percent while increasing endowment 68 percent. Implemented a strategic budget reduction of \$7.8 million. Right-sized the staff, reducing full-time staff by 13 percent, and matching professional roles to meet the law school's needs and further position the school for a strong future.
- Below-market tuition increases: Maintained a low 2.6 percent annual average tuition increase, creating a high-value law degree for graduates' cost versus starting salaries. Current tuition rates are 30 percent less than the national average.

Improved recognition for the law school:

Recognition from US News & World Report:

- Trial Advocacy ranked #8;
- Legal Research and Writing specialty area at #25;
- Part-time J.D. program recognized at #50.
- Recognition from the National Jurist and preLaw magazines:
 - #1 Best Moot Court of the Decade
 - #1 Best Law School for Moot Court

A Top Law School for:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- International Law
- Criminal Law
- Best Value
- Most Diverse

Positive accreditation reviews:

Guided the school through two site visits with a positive AALS inspection and an unblemished ABA inspection (2017).

Named a Great College to Work For:

Recognized in 2012 and 2017 by the Chronicle of Higher Education as a Great College to Work For, with an "Honor Roll" designation for 2017, noting exemplary rankings for multiple categories.

