Baylor Law Learning Outcomes

Baylor Law endeavors to provide to students the education and training necessary to attain the knowledge, skills, professional values, and ethical direction required for admission to the bar and the immediate, effective practice within an honorable profession.

Consistent with this mission, Baylor Law expects each student to possess, or have the ability to acquire, the following skills and abilities before earning a Juris Doctor degree.

Knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law

A Baylor Lawyer, at graduation, should:
 a. demonstrate the ability to formulate the legal issues and theories that apply to the relevant facts of a problem or situation, using as appropriate, factual and rule distinction, analogy, and synthesis;

 b. exhibit competency in civil and criminal pretrial, trial and appellate procedure, evidence, rules of professional responsibility, and alternative dispute resolution;

 c. identify workable alternative legal and equitable, or if appropriate, extra-legal strategies, considerations and solutions; and

 d. develop and implement an appropriate plan for well-grounded and effective representation or counseling.

Legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, and written and oral communication in the legal context

A Baylor Lawyer, at graduation, should:
 a. possess the knowledge, understanding and analytical ability necessary to client representation in a litigation, transactional, regulatory, or public policy setting;

 b. possess the demonstrated ability to marshal and persuasively present complex facts in an adversarial setting, and to respectfully command the courtroom; and

 c. possess the skills necessary to use relevant research techniques, and apply pertinent legal authority, through effective, persuasive and professional oral and written communication, to meet a range of specific representation, counseling and documentation needs.

Professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and the legal system

A Baylor Lawyer, at graduation, should:
 a. demonstrate the moral, ethical and professional standards, competencies and values expected of a member of an honorable profession, including integrity, honesty, reliability, sound judgment, fairness, respect, empathy, interpersonal skills, civility, diligence and accountability;

 b. understand lawyers' obligations to provide service and leadership to clients, courts, the profession, one's community and the public; and

 c. have an awareness of the roles that lawyers can play in addressing access-to-justice needs of the underserved.