

Partners **IN OUR FUTURE**

SUPPORTING TOMORROW'S BAYLOR LAW TODAY



Baylor University

SCHOOL OF LAW

“ I look forward to my
tenure as your dean.
I am committed to
building upon Baylor
Law's strong foundation
of distinctive excellence.

This project plays a pivotal role. It enriches our support for faculty, staff, and students and enhances the academic environment, which directly serves our students in their journey to becoming Baylor Lawyers.

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– **Jeremy Counseller**

Incoming Dean and
Abner V. McCall Chair of Evidence Law

Taking *Action* for our Future

Baylor Law School Dean Emeritus Brad Toben's 31 years of service were marked by strong leadership, vision, and judicious stewardship of the resources that our donors and friends entrusted to our school.

In the mid-1990s, we embarked on an ambitious campaign to build a magnificent law center on the banks of the Brazos River and to augment our endowment. The Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center came to life in 2001 owing to the philanthropic support of Baylor Lawyers across the country.

Now is the time for our leaders to join together to upgrade, update, and refresh the law center to meet the needs of today's students, faculty, staff, and alumni.



Meeting the Needs of the Next Generation of Baylor Lawyers

Interim Dean Patricia Wilson and Incoming Dean Jeremy Counsellor proudly join Dean Toben to ensure that the functional and aesthetic excellence of the law center continues in an optimal environment to reflect the outstanding and distinctive education and training that our students enjoy.

This campaign also aims to make available the resources necessary to respond to the needs of today's challenges and priorities in legal education.

The approximately 11 million dollar project will re-configure and enhance spaces on all three levels of the law center, but principally areas within the Sheridan and John Eddie Williams Legal Research and Technology Center.

Enhancements are planned throughout the law center, including new student study and collaborative spaces, new administrative spaces, and improvements to the Writing Center, the IT facilities, and classroom spaces. The Alumni and Development administrative office areas will be integrated into spaces made available as part of the expansion of the Dean's Suite.

“ This project aims to assure our longstanding objective, that Baylor Law’s home reflects the excellence of what unfolds each day in our classrooms, courtrooms, common spaces, and offices.

SmithGroup, the original architects on the law center – which has received consistent kudos for its beauty and grandeur – have now created spaces to take our home forward in functionality and aesthetics.

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– Brad Toben

Dean Emeritus and M.C. &
Mattie Caston Professor of Law



Rendering of the Student Resource Center IT Help Desk



Rendering of the Administrative Suite Entrance



Rendering of a new classroom

Supporting *the* Success *of our* Students

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

The most significant impact of the capital improvements will be on the second level of the Williams Law Library. The project will consolidate the student-focused departments of Career Development, Student Success, Student Life, and Information Technology. The design will allow open access between our students and the members of our team charged with providing needed and direct support.

The renovations will create new collaborative learning environments, providing students with conference spaces, study rooms, and a large central and flexible seating area to study and collaborate with others. The large reading rooms and individual study carrels throughout the library will continue to be reserved for quiet study.

OBJECTIVE #1:

**Enhance the environment for our students,
academically, in career planning, and in wellness.**

HIGHLIGHTED NAMING OPPORTUNITIES ADDITIONAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

GROUP STUDY
3 OR 4

\$200,000

EXISTING AND NEW
CLASSROOMS

\$500,000

STUDENT RESOURCE
CONFERENCE ROOM

\$250,000

Enhancing *the* Student *Experience*

ADDITIONAL COURTROOM AND CLASSROOM, NEW ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID SUITE, AND ENHANCED STUDY SPACE

Practice Court is the gemstone of Baylor Law. An additional courtroom enhances our program, providing more space for courtroom exercises and interscholastic competitions (such as for our nationally acclaimed Top Gun Invitational Mock Trial Competition).

To provide close proximity to prospective students and others visiting the Admissions Office, we are relocating our Admissions and Financial Aid team to the first level of the law center. Current and prospective students will have better access to their financial aid advisors.

Security personnel at the law center entry foyer will provide additional safety for our law center community as well as provide an initial point of contact to for all guests entering the law center.

Additional improvements on the first level include updates to the student café, enhancements of the common spaces, a reception area outside the Kronzer Courtroom and Classroom, the addition of another classroom, and a relocated student locker room.

OBJECTIVE #2:

Develop collaborative and individual work spaces to match current best practices in student academic preparation.

HIGHLIGHTED NAMING OPPORTUNITIES ADDITIONAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

ADMISSIONS SPACE

\$250,000

COMMUNITY
RECEPTION SPACE

\$500,000

STUDENT CAFÉ

\$750,000



Rendering of the Baylor Law Security Desk



Rendering of the first-floor student locker room



Rendering of the Baylor Law Admissions and Financial Aid Suite



Rendering of a collaborative study room



Rendering of a large informal learning space set in a corridor



Rendering of a multi-use conference room

An Expanding Environment to Thrive

ENHANCED STUDY AND WORK SPACE

Throughout the law center, we are installing new furniture, and the floor and wall treatments in all areas are being replaced or enhanced.

We have made a concerted effort to ensure our faculty and staff members have the office space and resources they need to serve our students well. Additional offices will be created for our faculty, which has grown substantially since the 90's, including our Legal Writing team.

The enhanced visibility and increased size of the Legal Writing Center, along with the nearby reconfigured 3rd floor central study, will ensure that the writing faculty can work with every student to advance their writing skills, preparing them to reliably produce thoughtful, accurate, and detailed legal documents.

OBJECTIVE #3:

**Update the law center with new furnishings,
floor, and wall coverings.**

HIGHLIGHTED NAMING OPPORTUNITIES ADDITIONAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

THIRD FLOOR
FACULTY SUITE

\$2,500,000

CENTRAL
STUDY AREA

\$500,000

OFFICE OF THE
LATE PROFESSOR
DAVID GUINN

\$350,000

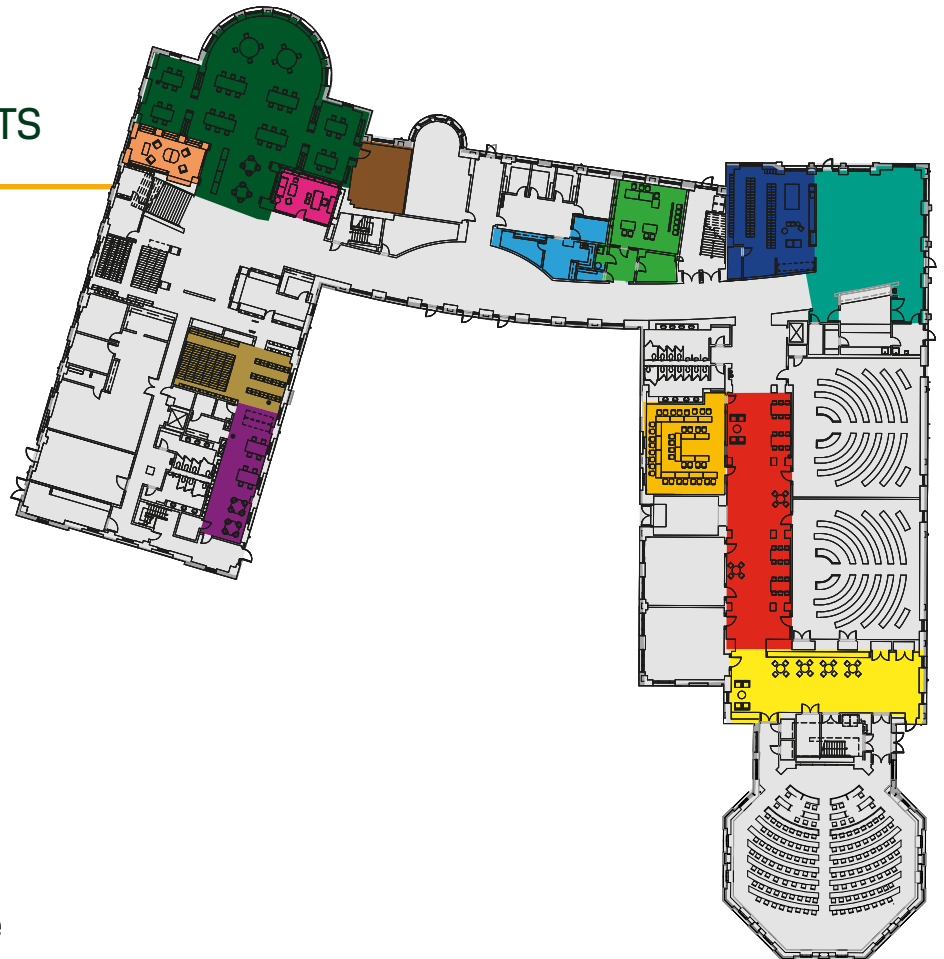
Shaping Tomorrow by Transforming Today

The creation of the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center in 1999-2001 and modest capital improvements that came afterward serve as an abiding testament to the support and generosity of the Baylor Law family – and as milestones in Baylor Law's history of prioritizing and meeting the needs of our students. The exciting renovations underway at the law center today further build upon this foundation of support, ushering in a new era of excellence and success for future Baylor Lawyers.

We invite you to explore the numerous naming opportunities available. Show your support by adding a permanent endorsement of the goals of our program, or dedicate a space in honor or remembrance of a family member, loved one, or friend.

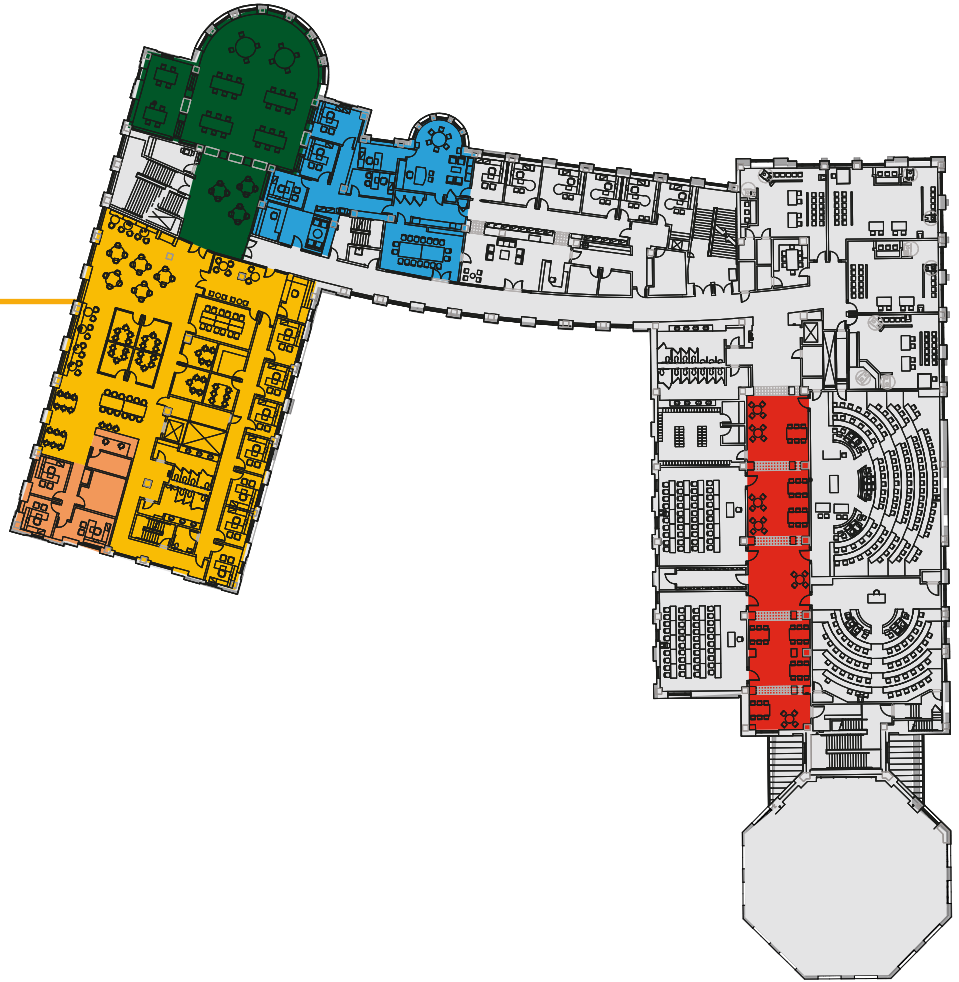
1ST FLOOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Enhanced Library Environments
- Wilson Rare Book Room (RELOCATED)
- Jaworski Suite (RELOCATED)
- High Density Storage
- Quiet Study Space
- Welcome Desk
- Admissions Suite
- Locker Room
- Student Café
- Classroom 123
- Informal Learning Space
- Community Reception



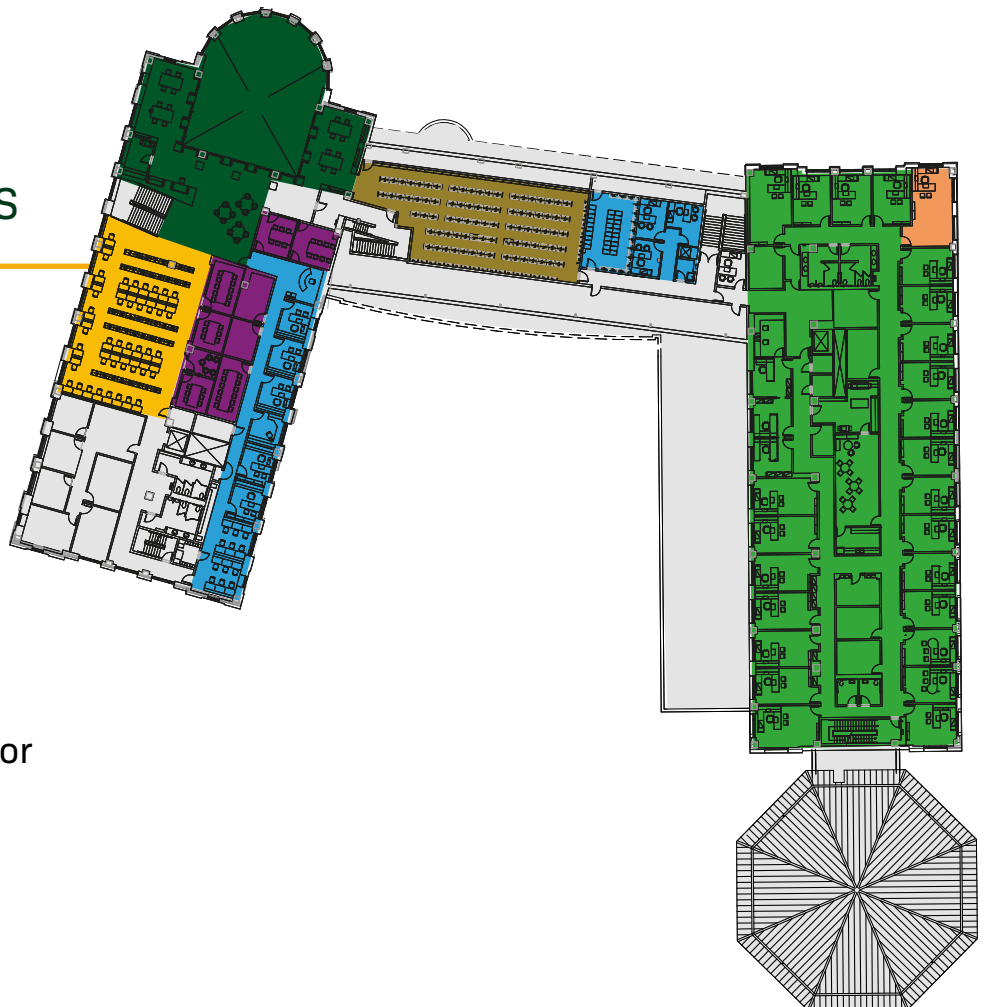
2ND FLOOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Enhanced Library Environments
- Dean's Suite Re-conformation
- IT Suite and Help Desk
- Student Resource Center
- Informal Learning Space



3RD FLOOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Enhanced Library Environments
- Central Study Area
- Quiet Study Space
- Expanded Faculty Spaces
- High Density Storage
- Faculty Suite
- Office of the Late Professor Emeritus David M. Guinn



“ Students study and learn differently than they did 22 years ago. Just as Baylor Law programming changes and evolves to meet the needs of students and the legal profession, now is the time to adapt our home to better meet the needs of today's students.

This provides the best opportunity to support our students, staff, and faculty, and to further our mission of excellence in preparing practice ready attorneys.

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– Patricia Wilson

Interim Dean and the William Boswell Chair of Law

