

## **TIP – The Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law**

The University of Memphis School of Law (UM) and the University of Tennessee College of Law (UT) operate the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law (TIP). Funded by the State of Tennessee and open to legal residents of the state, TIP is a five week summer program of classroom instruction that simulates the first-year law school curriculum.

Dates and Location of TIP. TIP is held on campus at the University of Memphis and includes a visit to Knoxville. Housing for the program is available in dormitories on the UM campus. The 2008 program will begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> and end July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Eligibility. TIP is designed for Tennessee residents who do not meet the typical academic standards for admission, but show potential for the study of law and will bring diversity to the classroom. Admission to TIP is competitive and a limited number of seats are available. TIP is open to graduating college seniors who will have met the requirements for a baccalaureate degree prior to June 2 (or individuals who have already earned a baccalaureate degree), have taken the Law School Admission Test, and have applied for admission to UT and/or UM.

Applying for TIP and for Admission to Law Schools.

TIP candidates must apply for admission to UT or UM, or to both schools, with the intention of enrolling for fall semester 2008. Candidates must complete the application for admission and provide statements or information required by the law school(s).

Evaluation for Admission to TIP and to UT.

Recommendation for the TIP Program from UT.

Students seeking consideration for TIP must complete the application process for admission to The University of Tennessee College of Law by March 1. A supplemental statement is required, requesting consideration for admission to the TIP program, discussing his/her interest in participation in the program, and outlining ways in which he or she will contribute to the law school's diversity. Complete applications will be considered by the College of Law's Admissions Committee using the same standards that are used in reviewing all applications for admissions. Please consult <http://www.law.utk.edu/departments/admiss/2008App.pdf>, the factors considered and the application for admission in crafting the supplemental statement for UT. Candidates will be notified of the TIP admission decision in May.

Recommendation for Admission To The UT College of Law from TIP Faculty.

Applicants to TIP and to UT will be notified if they are recommended for the TIP program. TIP participants will be evaluated by program faculty at the conclusion of the summer program. UT applicants recommended by UT for the TIP program, and subsequently recommended by TIP faculty for the full – time study of law, will be offered admission to UT to begin Fall Semester 2008. Since UT has no part- time curriculum, TIP participants recommended for the part- time study of law will not be eligible for admission to UT.

For additional information about the TIP program, please contact Dean Yolanda Ingram, Director of the TIP Program, at (901) 678-2528. For more information about applying for TIP and UT, contact The University of Tennessee College of Law, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at (865) 974-4131 or via email at [lawadmit@utk.edu](mailto:lawadmit@utk.edu).