Located at the gateway to downtown Tampa along the Hillsborough River, the Tampa Law Center opened in 2004 as a developing hub for legal activity in the Tampa Bay area. Stetson has been approved to offer 50 percent of the classes for the part-time JD degree at the Law Center; in addition, the Tampa branch of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal resides in the building. This public-private partnership between a working court and a law school is the first of its kind in Florida.

The three-story, 73,500-square-foot building reflects the same Mediterranean-Revival architecture of Stetson's Gulfport campus. Stetson's signature tower, modeled after the Torre de Oro in Seville, Spain, is replicated at the top of the Tampa Law Center. Eight friezes, which depict significant scenes from legal history, surround a custom-designed candelabra at the center of the atrium named for the late Dean W. Gary Vause, who acquired the land for the Tampa Law Center. Artwork from a number of Florida artists enhances the building’s design.

The Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom, named for a former president of the American Bar Association who has served on Stetson’s part-time faculty since 1954, is shared by the law school and appellate court. The two jury rooms can be used in mock trials to compare the deliberations of different panels. In 2008, Stetson opened a smaller courtroom on the second floor for advocacy classes and competition-team practices.

The Tampa satellite library is located on the first floor of the Tampa Law Center and boasts 8 group study rooms. The library includes a core collection that can be used by law students, judges, and alumni. A wireless network connects users to the Internet from anywhere in the building. Every classroom and courtroom is equipped with a touch-screen podium that controls access to extensive audio-visual resources.

First Floor
- A. Dean W. Gary Vause Atrium
- B. Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom and Jury Rooms
- C. Classroom 135
- D. Classroom 136
- E. Law Library and Study Rooms
- F. Faculty and Administrative Offices for the Dean, Admissions, Student Life, and Events

Second Floor
- G. Seminar Room
- H. Florida's Second District Court of Appeal
- I. Courtroom
- J. Seminar Room 214
- K. Faculty and Staff Offices

Third Floor
- Hon. John M. Scheb Conference Room
- Florida's Second District Court of Appeal
Stetson Law at a Glance

- Ranked No. 1 in the nation for trial advocacy and No. 3 in legal writing by U.S. News
- Concentrations in advocacy, elder law, environmental law, international law and social justice advocacy
- Full-time and part-time options
- LL.M. degrees in advocacy, elder law and international law
- International programs in seven countries
- Championship advocacy teams
- Four academic law journals
- Florida’s first private university and first law school
- Campuses in Gulfport and Tampa

Directions to the Tampa Law Center

**From the North or East:** Take Interstate 275 South to Exit 45A, then get into the right-hand lane. Turn right onto Doyle Carlton Drive, and turn right on Henderson. Turn right again on Tampa Street, and campus will be on your right.

**From the South:** take Interstate 275 North to Exit 44, then take Scott Street straight. Turn left on Florida Avenue, then turn left on Henderson. Turn left again on Tampa Street, then get immediately into the right hand lane. The campus will be on your right.