

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

1. **Item:** *UH Law Center Courtyard Improvement Project*
2. **Requesting Department:** *UH Law Center*
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4. **Presenter:** *Allen Emerson*

5. **Recommendation/Action Requested:** *Approval*

6. **Summary:**

This item proposes exterior enhancements to the courtyard areas of Teaching Unit II and the Bates Law Building at the Law Center. Improvements at TUII will include a shade tree, outdoor sitting/study area for the students, and Cougar Red, white, and grey colors painted throughout the courtyard walls. BLB will receive a similar paint treatment, and as a centerpiece for the courtyard will feature three black steel Albertus Magnus silhouettes (recalling the bronze statue near the grand entry stairs) mounted on the stairwell wall.

The improvements will add an artistic value to the Law Center and allow the students to gather outdoors for group study, organizational events, and “in between class” discussions.

7. **Proposed Start Date:** *Upon approval*

8. **Supporting Documentation Description:** *Location plan and renderings, attached*



LOCATION PLAN

Bates Law Courtyard: View



Teaching Unit II Courtyard: Plan

Concept -

The floor design is done to orient people onto the main axis of movement towards the door. The design is altered slightly from the Bates courtyard, because of the location of the sliding doors. The steps are now set on the other side of the courtyard still orienting people towards an axis of movement. This design will also incorporate a tree for shade and the same style of seating.

- ① Primary axis of movement
- ② Secondary axis of movement
- ③ Window Lines

