About the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy

In September 2001, Chancellor David R. Smith appointed the Task Force for Anti-Terrorism and Public Security to determine how the university—as a public institution—could best respond to the needs of the community, state and nation through our research, education and community service resources. Among the recommendations from that Task Force was the formation of such a Center to address law and public policy issues.

The establishment of the Center is intended to provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration to move in the direction of solutions for the complex, and cross-disciplinary area of biodefense. The disciplines of law, public policy, mass communications, political science, microbiology, medicine, forensic pathology, animal and food science and plant science comprise the range of academic fields represented by the faculty associated with the Center.

Victoria Sutton was appointed director of the Center in September 2002. Activities planned include the inaugural lecture, a symposium, Legal Issues in Bioterrorism, in February 2003. The Center is exploring collaborations with other academic centers across the nation.

The Center faculty are available for consultation in these areas with government, industry and associations.

For additional information about the Center, publications, videos and books, log on to: www.ttu.edu/biodefense
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston faculty member C.J. Peters and a graduate student join a class in law and bioterrorism via video conference at the Texas Tech University School of Law.

Inaugural Event

Tuesday, November 26, 2002
School of Law, Forum

8:30 am Coffee

9:00 am Welcoming Remarks
Chancellor David R. Smith, M.D.
Provost William Marcy, Ph.D.
Dean Walter Huffman, J.D.

9:45 am Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy
Introduction of Faculty
Introduction of Advisory Board Members
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Victoria Sutton, Ph.D., J.D., Director

10:15 am Distinguished Lecturer
The Honorable Ralph Hall, J.D.
Member of Congress, Texas, 4th District
“The First Amendment, Scientific Publications and Biodefense”

11:15 am Closing Remarks
Dean Walter Huffman, J.D.

Reception

An application is pending with the State Bar of Texas for 1.0 hour of Continuing Legal Education Credit. Assistance will be provided to attendees seeking CLE for other states by contacting Kay Fletcher at (806) 742-3804.