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Alderman said.
The Law Center tied for 48th
with Southern Methodist University
Dedman School of Law, Florida State
University, Tulane University Law
School and the University of Cali-
ifornia-Hastings, Alderman said.
"The biggest factor was success
in student employment prospects," said Lonny Hoffman, associate
dean, and George Butler, research
professor of law. "The figures have
been stronger than many other
schools."

During review of employment
prospects for job placement within
nine months, the University has a
75.8 percent rate, Alderman said. For
its 2014 guidebook, the magazine
considered 12 factors for 194ABA-
accredited schools to arrive at the
overall rankings, Hoffman said.
"The job
market in Hous-
ton is doing
well and had
a huge impact
on placement
success. Sev-
eral changes
have occurred
over the past
four years, including more training
in experimental courses to better
prepare students to practice law,"
Alderman said.

"We will continue to improve
quality of faculty, recruit the best
students for academic success and
teach what future lawyers need."
Weighted factors included a qual-
ity assessment by faculty members
at each school, lawyers and judges;
selectivity; placement success; fac-
ulty resources, according to a press
release.
"The rankings help the University
drive students to make a decision to
the law center, but our main goal is
to give our students a quality educa-
tion for success in the legal field,"
Hoffman said. "If we succeed with
that, everything else will work itself
out."

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