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Professor L. Darnell Weeden's legal scholarship has recently been cited in a number of scholarly publications including the Harvard Law Review. Weeden's article, "Fifty Plus Years After the Start of the Civil Rights Movement: A Contextual Analysis of the Freedom of Association for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Pursuit of Reforming the Law," 12 *FLA. Coastal L. Rev.* 337, 344-45 (2011) was cited in a student note entitled "A Shield For David And A Sword Against Goliath: Protecting Association While Combatting Dark Money Through Proportionality", 133 *Harv. L. Rev.* 643, 644 (2019). While discussing the Supreme Court's freedom of association jurisprudence, the Harvard author appears to agree with Weeden's assertion that the "right of association ... was the lifeline that prevented Southern states from using public disclosure, registration, or tax laws to destroy either the NAACP or the civil rights movement."

Weeden's article entitled "*Local Laws Restricting the Freedom of Undocumented Immigrants as Violations of Equal Protection and Principles of Federal Preemption*," 52 *St. Louis U. L.J.* 479, 491-97 (2008) (explaining that the power to regulate immigration has historically and constitutionally been entrusted to the federal government), was cited by Clinical Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University Law School, Karla Mari McKanders, in a commentary entitled "Immigration To Blue Cities In Red States: The Battleground Between Sanctuary And Exclusion", 21 *U. Pa. J. Const. L.* 1051, 1053 (2019). Professor McKanders included Weeden article in her list of immigration scholarship extensively examining the federalism implications of past and recent state and local laws.

Weeden's article "*Equal Voting Rights Require Removing Race And Partisan Discrimination From Elections And Legislative Gerrymandering*," 79 *LA. L. Rev.* 781, 784-85 (2019), was cited by Aaron Belkin, Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University and Director of Take Back the Court, in an article entitled "Court Expansion And The Restoration Of Democracy: The Case For Constitutional Hardball", 2019 *Pepp. L. Rev.* 19, 25 (2019). Professor Belkin cited to Weeden's article to support Belkin's theory that Republican radicalism could be responsible for denying millions of Black, Latino, and Asian Americans the right to vote.

Please email any announcements you would like to include in the next edition of the Thurgood Faculty Spotlight to Associate Dean Weeden, Larry.Weeden@tmslaw.tsu.edu, with an electronic copy to his administrative assistant, Ms. Toyann Timmons, Toyann.Timmons@tmslaw.tsu.edu . Please send your submissions by **3 p.m. Friday April 24, 2020.**



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