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Attorney Jerome Karam Works to Re-purpose Former Falstaff Brewery in Galveston



Attorney Jerome Karam, Project Developer of the former Falstaff Brewery in Galveston, taps into new uses of the property. The century old structure and its later additions are being re-purposed, piece by piece, in a revitalizing once –industrial corridor of the Oleander City. Cruise ship terminal parking, climate controlled storage, a rooftop events venue with bay views, and a boutique hotel with an outdoor entertainment plaza are among the uses either in place, soon to open, or *in the chute*. The native of Louisiana (and long-time Texan) says he likes the challenge of mega-scale projects.

Completed in 2016, Phase One of Karam’s master plan for the looming plant was to quickly spruce up – and sell off – a low-slung, streamlined structure of 100,000 square feet. It now operates as indoor/outdoor parking for the nearby cruise ship terminal. Phase Two, caps six stories of windowless, climate-controlled storage with a posh events venue featuring water views on three sides and able to accommodate 400 people. Karam estimated the value of Phase Two's reboot at between \$4 million and \$5 million, helped in part by qualifying for tax credits from the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program of the Department of Interior’s National Park Services, which oversees rehabilitation of historic, income-producing buildings, and from the City of Galveston. The Phase Two building is also able to withstand Category 5 storms, Karam says, knowingly, because it has.

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Phase Three plans call for converting the complex's 10-story tower and a couple smaller, adjacent buildings into a swank new boutique hotel of about 100 rooms, with 20-foot ceilings and a design vibe that draws upon the site's industrial environment. A setting for outdoor entertainment is also in the mix. Karam estimates the cost of the hotel project improvements at \$10 million to \$15 million. Among those observing the project's progress is Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) Executive Director Dwayne Jones. He says Karam "has produced things that no one else will do. He works through the challenges and fixes them." And at the Galveston Economic Development Partnership (GEDP), its president, Jeffrey G. Sjostrom, says the brewery project is likely "a marathon" but he believes Karam has the "sincere interest and capacity" to see his plan through. Other purchases made by Jerome Karam, is his purchase and repackaging of the Massive Mall of the Mainland, located 20 miles north of the brewery Texas City and his recent purchase of the YMCA. The Mall of the Mainland include a 45,000-square-foot World Gym and Altitude Trampoline Park. With his recent purchase of the Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East near Interstate 45, Karam plans to repurpose the property into a five-story gym and a separate 45,000-square-foot self-storage facility. Karam also plans to offer specials at the YMCA to Thurgood Marshall School of Law students.

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TMSL Alum Kelly Castor Wins \$3.5 Million Jury Verdict



Kelly Castor, Class of 2008, received a jury verdict of \$3.5 million on August 2, 2018 before Judge Gary K. Wolinetz in Middlesex County in the case of Michael Leighton v. Steven J. Flack and Scott Testing, Inc. Plaintiff, Michael Leighton age 59 was struck in the rear by defendant driver Flack, who was working for Scott Testing Inc. at the time of the accident. Although defendant was operating a commercial vehicle, insured by New Jersey Manufacturers, it was determined at trial the policy provided PIP benefits and therefore the lawsuit threshold applied.

Plaintiff suffered a cervical herniation, a bulge, and two lumbar herniations, for which he received lengthy chiropractic treatment along with pain management from an anesthesiologist who administered two cervical epidurals and one lumbar epidural, neither of which relieved his pain. Plaintiff testified that he had daily pain in his neck and back, could not afford to pay for any further treatment and that he could not walk long distances, work around the house, go fishing or enjoy his usual activities. Plaintiff offered testimony of Dr. Sean Lager, of Clifton, NJ, who examined plaintiff and the post-accident MRI films which objectively documented the herniated discs. Dr. Lager further opined plaintiff suffered permanent injuries. Dr. Sean Lager testified that further treatment such as more epidurals or future discectomy with or without fusion, would not heal the herniated discs to function normally. Plaintiff admitted he had a prior lumbar MRI twenty years earlier which showed a prior bulge and degeneration. Plaintiff further admitted he had a brief low back episode of pain in 2012 for which he had a CT scan, however neither medical expert reviewed the film. Defense attorney used this on cross examination to argue plaintiff had prior degeneration and prior bulges. Defendant argued all plaintiff's neck and back injuries were unrelated and caused by preexisting spinal degeneration. Defendant further argued that other unrelated prior conditions such as injuries to his knees, and feet, and prior spinal pain affected his quality of life even before this accident because he was unable to work from prior injuries. Defendant relied on Dr. Robert Bercik, of Clark, NJ, who admitted on cross-examination that trauma has the potential to aggravate or worsen degenerative disc disease. Dr. Bercik also admitted the post-accident MRI films did show Plaintiff's claimed herniations, although Dr. Bercik maintained they represented progressive degeneration. At summation plaintiff argued the "time unit" rule noting it was only a suggestion and that plaintiff was expected to endure permanent pain and suffering for an estimated 24.7 year life expectancy. Defense counsel was Thomas Mulcahy of Purcell, Mulcahy, et als. of Bedminster, NJ.



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Associate Dean Cassandra Hill and Professor Katherine Vukadin accepted an invitation to author material for Stetson University

College of Law's Out of the Box Legal Writing Ideas collaboration. The Out of the Box Ideas collaboration is a national project, bringing together ideas from noted legal writing professors across the country. Associate Dean Hill and Professor Vukadin are submitting analysis and critical reading exercises that connect with their workbook, *Legal Analysis: 100 Exercises for Mastery*, which is now in its second edition and is in use at more than twenty-five law schools across the country.



Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro was invited by the Laredo-Webb County Bar Association to speak on recent immigration law issues and TMSL's LL.M. Program in Immigration and Naturalization Law at the bar association's July 2018 "Raise a Glass" event where attending attorneys received continuing legal education credit. Additionally,

Professor Colon-Navarro and TMSL student Sintia Soliz volunteered at a Catholic Charities shelter in McAllen, Texas that houses political asylum applicants and reunited families from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. As volunteers, they met with applicants, distributed food, clothes, diapers and other necessities and assisted the shelter with routine maintenance. Magazine may be accessed here: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/publications/criminal_justice_magazine_home.html.



Professor Spear's scholarship was cited in a number of publications, including the winning paper for the Constance Baker Motley National Student Writing Competition sponsored by the American Constitution Society, *The Legal Story of Guantanamo North*, 19 J. Con. L. 1169 (2017). His work was also cited in a Ph.D. dissertation in

Clinical Forensic Psychology, "Correctional Officers' and Psychologists' Personality Traits and Perceptions of Mentally Ill Inmates" (Chicago School of Professional Psychology 2018); M.A. thesis in Communication Studies, "A Communication Guide for Ex-Offenders" (California State University San Bernardino 2018); *The "F" Word: The Top Five Complaints About Formative Assessment*, 67 J. Legal Ed. 531 (2018); *Gangs, Music and the Mediatization of Crime: Expressions, Violations, and Validations*, 17 Safer Communities 103 (2018); *Building Constructive Prison Reform on Norway's Five Pillars, Cemented with Aloha*, 19 Asian-Pacific L. Pol. J. 194 (2018); *What is Higher Education in Prison?* 9 Critical Ed. 1 (2018); *Rethinking Our Metrics: Research in the Field of Higher Education in Prison*, The Prison J. (2018), and his work was featured in *Prisoners of Politics: How Tough-on-Crime Populism Feeds Mass Incarceration and Makes Us Less Safe*, which was presented by Prof. Rachel Barkow at the Public Law and Legal Theory Workshop, University of Chicago Law School. (May 8, 2018).





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Congratulations to Professor April Walker



Professor April Walker was recently appointed as an Honors College Faculty Fellow for the Thomas F. Freeman Honor's College at Texas Southern University. As a fellow, she will serve as a mentor to senior Honor Scholars in preparation for their Senior Thesis, assist with career counseling/mentoring for Honors College Scholars in their departments or related departments, promote the Honors College before potential students, potential benefactors, and other publics, and she will commit herself to assisting the Honors College with recruitment of high academic profile students. "I am excited to go out into the community and recruit young people that are academically gifted and afford them opportunities that they may not have ever seen if it was not for the existence of this college, Walker explains. She is excited and looks forward to helping some of the most intellectually gifted students on campus to graduate and become leaders locally, nationally, and globally.

Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis's Article Cited by Honorable Terrance R. Nelson



Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis's article, *The Cost of Raising a Killer—Parental Liability for the Parents of Adult Mass Murderers*, 61 VILLANOVA L. REV. 1 (2016), was cited by the Honorable Terrence R. Nealon in *Dickenson v. Frein*, No. 16 CV 4887, 2018 WL 2459617 (Pa. Com. Pl. June 1, 2018). In the opinion, Judge Nealon quoted the observation that Professor Lewis made in her article that "courts are willing to find a special relationship between parents and their adult child based upon a *de facto* guardianship if (a) the parents knew, or should have known, that their adult child had significant mental health issues and posed a risk to others; (b) the child resided with his parents; and (c) the parents acted as if they believed that they had the ability to control the child." Additionally, Professor Lewis's article, *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 IOWA L. REV. 2109 (2017), was cited recently by two law reviews. In one law review, Katlyn E. DeBoer quoted the article, stating "Professor Shaundra K. Lewis has argued that in the context of guns on school campuses, '[f]irearms may discourage students from expressing unpopular political perspectives,' a result that is strongly inconsistent with the high value placed upon political speech." Katlyn E. DeBoer, *Clash of the First and Second Amendments: Proposed Regulation of Armed Protests*, 45 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 333, 355 (2018). In the second law review article, Kevin P. Brady relied upon Professor Lewis's *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws* to support the proposition that faculty and students overwhelmingly oppose firearms on campus. Kevin P. Brady, PH.D., "Campus-Carry" Laws on Public College Campuses: Can Social Science Research Inform State Legislative Decision-Making?, 350 ED. LAW. REP. *1, *12, *18 (2018).



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Professor L. Darnell Weeden accepted an offer from Ariana Sañudo-Kretzmann, Executive Submissions Editor, of the Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice to publish his article entitled *Unreasonably Restrictive Voter Photo Identification Requirements Are Unequal Economic Barriers to Equal Access to The Right to Vote*. Kretzmann said she was pleased to extend a publication offer to Professor Weeden for his excellent article. Professor Weeden's article is scheduled to be published in the third issue of Volume 27. The University Of Southern California Gould School Of Law publishes the Southern California Review of Law & Social Justice.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONGRATULATIONS to the following Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law faculty on their recent promotions, effective September 1, 2018.

<p>Stephanie Ledesma Associate Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Programs FACULTY PROMOTION WITH TENURE</p>	<p>Spear It Professor of Law FACULTY PROMOTION</p>	<p>Shaundra K. Lewis Professor of Law and Director of Legal Writing/Lawyering Process FACULTY PROMOTION</p>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TMSL

2018-19 FACULTY SERIES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Events are on Wednesdays
12pm-1pm in the Dean's Confer-
ence Room at TMSL unless other-
wise noted.

FALL 2018



8/29/18

Faculty Research Series
Chris Ritter, Attorney
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program
*"Ten Tips Every Law Professor Should Know
About Lawyer and Law Student Wellness"*

9/5/18

TBA

9/12/18

TBA

9/19/18

Faculty Research Series
Ronda L. Harrison, Interim Assistant Dean,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"Academic Success 101: Resources and New
Programming"*

9/26/18

Faculty Roundtable Series
Walter Champion, Professor of Law,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Tragedy: Legal
and Social Consequences"*

10/3/18

Faculty Research Series
Emeka Duruigbo, Professor of Law,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"Contracting Out of Partner Fiduciary Duties: The
Case for Reform"*

10/10/18

Faculty Research Series
Rebecca K. Stewart, Associate Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"Using Rubrics to Grade Essays & Writing
Assessments and Engage Students"*

10/31/18

Faculty Research Series
Katherine T. Vukadin, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"Acing Today's Law Review Submission Process
and Landing a Publication"*

11/7/18

TBA

11/14/18

TBA



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STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Brittani Armstrong's Book: Window Seat

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BOOK
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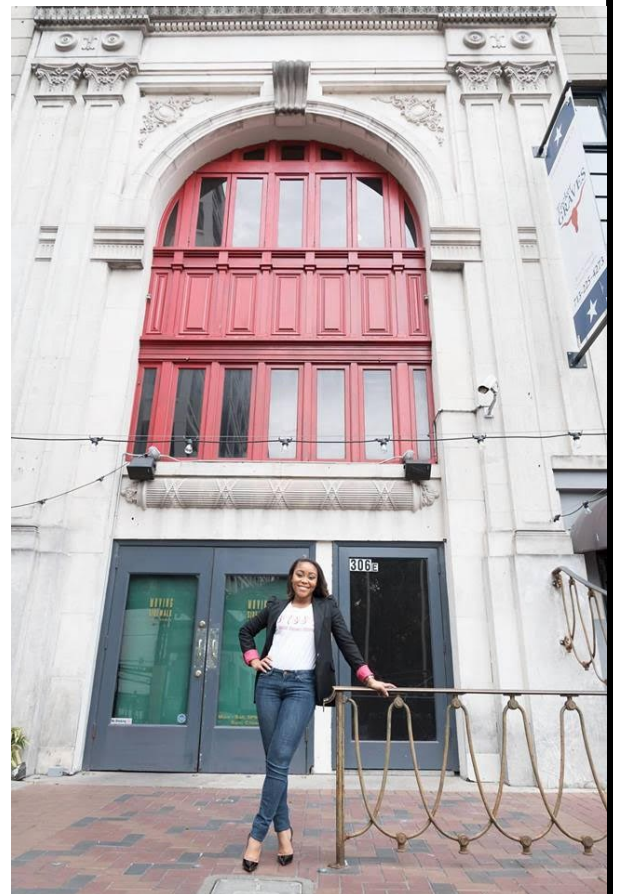
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:
<https://windowseat.eventbrite.com>

As people we have all been in a place where we were not satisfied with our “right now”. A place where we wanted more, we needed more, yet it felt like the fight to earning more was never ending. This fight can be even harder when those around you are propelling and soaring through life achieving, and doing what you “think” or “feel” you should be doing. Realizing that many individuals experience these feelings, **Brittani Armstrong**, Class of 2016, was inspired to write **Window Seat**, and share her personal journey through defeat, confusion, and the determination it took to become a better person. In **Window Seat**, Armstrong tells her personal story of being in the middle seat and leaning over watching life through the window of the persons next to her. **Window Seat** shares 365 affirmations and 52 weeks of words of encouragement to help others embrace where they are and motivate them to propel forward.

Join Brittani Armstrong at her upcoming Book Signing and Networking Event: Thursday, September 6, 2018 Ronin Art House 806 Richey St, Houston, TX 77002 7pm-9pm

Tickets available
online: www.windowseat.eventbrite.com

Link to purchase: <https://form.jotform.com/82204063590147>





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EARL CARL INSTITUTE

ECI HOSTS MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT LANE'S SUMMER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



As part of President Lane's Summer Leadership Academy, ECI hosted four rising high school seniors for a week long public policy and law enrichment program. A series of interactive workshops were held on topics that included:

- Implicit Bias
- The School to Deportation Pipeline
- Street Law: Crimes & Consequences
- Conducting Statistical Research
- Promotion of Racial Reconciliation
- Civic Engagement: Changing Laws & Policies and Intro to the Legal Profession

As part of the programming, students were engaged in thought provoking discussions and demonstrations by members of the ECI staff and invited guest speakers who included: Bill C. Littlejohn, Professor Fernando Colon, Associate Director Danny Norris, Attorney Brittani Armstrong and Assistant Dean Prudence N. Smith. The student's presentations were exceptional and thought provoking. They clearly demonstrated the power of young people to effect change in the future.





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EARL CARL INSTITUTE *Cont'd.*

TMSL Street Law Program Partners with TSU TRIO UPWARD BOUND Summer Camp

The TMSL Street Law Program partnered with the Texas Southern University TRIO Upward Bound to provide weekly interactive lessons on law to more than 70 area high school students enrolled in its annual summer camp. The Upward Bound Program encourages young people to achieve academic excellence, thereby increasing the students' chances for success in post-secondary education. Indeed, the Upward Bound Program is an invaluable tool in shaping our young people to meet the academic and leadership needs to be a thriving individual in society.

The TSU TRIO Upward Bound Summer Camp, a six-week residential, academic, and personal development program, comprises the summer component. Emphasis is placed on basic communication and mathematical skills, test-taking skills, career awareness, and social developments skills. Activities include academic classes, special interest classes, cultural activities, recreational sports, and an out-of-town field trip.

TMSL Street Law presentations were held on June 5th, 18th, 19th, 26th and July 3rd and 10th from 3:30-4:30pm in the Fairchild Building. The TMSL STREET LAW Program, operated by the Earl Carl Institute, is an educational, legal outreach program that trains current law students to teach law at schools throughout Houston-Harris County. The program strives to:

- Change the lives of teens by introducing them to legal analysis and critical thinking;
- Provide contemporary positive role models;
- Further the professional development of law students through their teaching of the law





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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Externship Spotlights

Name: Tiffanie Amwine
Classification: 3L
Hometown: Victoria, Texas
Undergrad Degree: Administration of Justice
Externship Placement: Earl Carl Institute & Social Policy



What areas of law are you focused on at your externship placement?

Probate and Estate planning; Property; Foreclosures; and Bankruptcy.

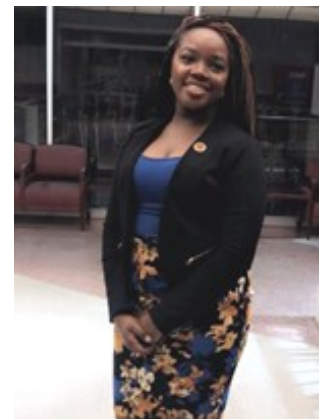
Why did you choose ECI as your externship placement?

Service is very important to me, so providing legal help to those who may need it but cannot afford it is also very important to me.

Why did you choose to work at an externship during your last summer of law school?

I wanted hands-on lawyering experience under the watchful supervision of a licensed attorney before I graduated. ECI is a positive environment with great attorneys, and great programs. I could not think of a better place to work. Helping others and protecting justice...the future is bright.

Name: Morgan Bridgewater
From: Dallas, Texas
Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication
Undergraduate School: Texas A&M University
Undergraduate Placement: Honorable Jude Elaine Hubbard-Palmer
215th Civil District Court, Harris County



In my position, I attend court with my judge, as well as draft various briefs for the court. I chose this placement because Judge Palmer is a kind judge from whom I knew I could learn a great deal. I chose to take an externship because the best way to learn is by jumping right in and doing it. There is only so much experience that one can learn from a book or inside a classroom. During my tenure at this placement, I plan to learn how to balance various cases at once. I also plan to learn about how different types of lawyers interact within a court room, whether those interactions are positive or negative. This placement will hopefully help me to become a more skilled legal writer, as well as help me gain more confidence interacting with people in this profession. I hope to increase my legal knowledge, as well as learn how to manage my time better. I am really eager and ready to learn all that I can this summer!



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING *Cont'd.*

Externship Spotlights

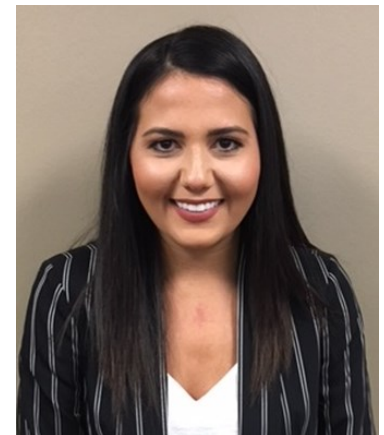
Name: Eddie Hodges Jr.
Hometown: Kalamazoo, Michigan
Undergraduate School: Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH)
Undergraduate Degree: Sport Management/ Business Pre-Law
Externship Placement: The Honorable Justice Nancy Atlas
United States District Court – Southern District of Texas



Question: Why did you choose a federal judicial placement as the place for your externship?

Answer: I am interested in the world of federal law and I could think of no better place to observe, participate and learn. I know that working with Justice Atlas' court I would have the opportunity to improve my legal research and writing skills and my critical analysis skills. I look forward to "protecting it, improving it, and passing it on".

Name: Tamara Tyler
Hometown: Alexandria, Louisiana
Undergraduate: Sam Houston State University
Undergraduate Degree: Victim Services.
Externship Placement: Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
in the Safe Harbor Division.



Question: What is the Safe Harbor Division of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office?

Answer: The Safe Harbor program focuses on children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse. Helping children has always been a passion of mine, so when I was offered this opportunity, I could not pass it up.

Question: What do you hope to learn while serving at your placement?

Answer: During my placement, I will learn how to prepare very complex and sensitive cases for trial keeping in mind the prosecutors perspective and the victim coordinators perspective as well as the victim's perspective. Pairing what I have learned at TMSL with what I learn and experience at this placement will make me "practice ready".



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING *Cont'd.*

Externship Spotlights

Name: Syead Raschaud Owoyemi
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Undergrad Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Undergrad School: University of Houston
Externship: *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)*



Question: Why did you choose to attend law school?

Answer: Injustice. Most, if not all of the fundamental laws that helped provide equity to my community were first battled in a court room. At the NAACP, I am given the opportunity to give back. I interview clients; connect them with attorneys; and work to provide justice to those to whom justice has been denied or is fleeing.

Question: Why did you choose the NAACP as an externship placement?

Answer: I chose the NAACP over other offers because I wanted to be placed in a challenging environment that would help me grow as a lawyer and as a human being. During my tenure at the NAACP I have learned trial strategy, different areas of the law, the meaning of responsibility and I have improved my legal research and writing skills.

I have a new found confidence with this placement. The hard work, integrity, intelligence and great ethical behavior that I have observed and incorporated will help steer my legal career in a well advantaged direction.

Name: Joshua Neece
Classification: 3L
Externship Placement: The Law Office of Michael Gonzalez



Question: Why do you want to become an attorney?

Answer: I am inspired by my father Ben Neece, who has been an attorney and Judge in Brownsville, Texas for more than 30 years; and my brother who also attends law school at TMSL with me. Once I pass the bar, my plan is to practice with both my father and brother in a family firm.

Question: What have you learned from your externship placement?

Answer: I have learned how to be strategic in my planning of each legal case; and I am learning the importance of compassion, empathy and cultural awareness. One of the greatest lessons that I have seen in practice is the importance of respect. Respect is as necessary as breathing. I am honored to learn, so that I can serve.



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Clinical Legal Studies Program

Fall 2018 Student Attorneys

The Clinical Legal Studies Program Fall 2018 clinics include the Criminal Law Clinic (9 students enrolled), the Wills, Probate and Guardianship Clinic (9 students enrolled), the Immigration Law Clinic (11 students enrolled), and the Family Law Clinic (8 students enrolled).



Family Law Clinic Student Attorneys

Randi Askew
Abram August
Chastity Brager
Ryann Brown
Estella Granderson
Richard Horace
Eleazar Maldonado
Darian Thompson



Wills, Probate & Guardianship Clinic Student Attorneys

Brandi Butler
Ronak Chokhani
Cindy Echegoyen
Marvin Faires
Nathaniel Green
Anna Lopez
Ashley Shepherd
Arron Sonnier



Immigration Clinic Student Attorneys

Cindy Esquivel
Mauricio Garcia
Dallas Guterrez
Stacey Morgan
Lorraine Nwora
Franklyn Odum
Chinyerum Okpara
Tom Omondi
Rodolfo Ruiz
Brittany Sterling



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Clinical Legal Studies Program *Cont'd.*

*Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
Criminal Law Clinic Student Attorneys*



The Criminal Clinic held its Fall BOOTCAMP from August 13 -19, 2018 at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Associate Professor Lydia D. Johnson is the Director of the Criminal Law Clinic and teaches 3L students how to represent indigent people charged with misdemeanor offenses. The week long training includes mindfulness meditation, client interviewing skills, live client interviews, defensive theories in family violence cases, nuts & bolts of DWI defense, trial preparation including how to prepare a motion in limine, voir dire practicum, and how to seal criminal history.

Texas Southern University Board of Regents Chair, the Honorable Glenn O. Lewis participated in the voir dire training on Saturday, August 18, 2018. He emphasized the importance of voir dire. He offered practical tips on how to challenge a juror for cause, develop a theory of the case and remain professional.





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Clinical Legal Studies Program *Cont'd.*

Fall 2018 Criminal Law Clinic Student Attorneys

Criminal Law Clinic Bootcamp Presenters:

Jordan Lewis, Trial Prep & Motion in Limine

Brent Mayr, Assault Defense

Leslie Ginzel, Expunctions

Damon Parrish II and Tamara Foster, E-filing

Alan Macias, DWI Nuts & Bolts

Dean Stephanie Ledesma, Client Interviewing

Honorable Darrell Jordan, Jr., CCL #16

Eric Davis, PDO Michael Morton Act & Brady



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STUDENT NEWS

Welcome



TMSL Class of 2021

**Dean Gary L. Bledsoe and the TMSL family
welcome the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Class of 2021!**





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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*



Thurgood Marshall School of Law SBA President, **BJ Kemp** and **Dean Prudence Smith** presented and assisted in hosting the “Welcome Back Celebration,” sponsored by Jerome & Leslie Karam, with food provided by The Lighthouse Charity Team.





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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

Welcome Back Celebration



2018-2019 SBA Members welcome the students back to Thurgood Marshall School of Law on August 20th with roses and encouraging words of success for the new school year. From left to right : **Hannah Johannes** (Secretary), **Tom Omondi** (Deputy Chief of Staff), **Bobby Forrest** (Vice President), **Sean Bostic** (Parliamentarian), **BJ Kemp** (President), **Kyra Riggins** (2L Class President), **Adrian Rogers** (3L Class President), **Pete Perez** (Sergeant at Arms), **LaKai Henderson** (Historian), **Mauricio Garcia** (Chief of Staff), **Je'Freshia Bell** (Miss TMSL), and **Girraud Stephens** (Senator).

Large Firm Q&A

Attorneys and Thurgood Marshall School of Law alumni from **Norton Rose Fulbright** and **Jackson Walker**, shared valuable tips at the "Large Firm Interview Q&A" event with our students who are preparing to interview at large firms for summer intern opportunities.





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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

Mr. & Miss Thurgood Marshall School of Law Back to School Drive



This year Mr. and Miss TMSL, **Bredric Berry** and **Je'Freshia Bell** hosted the 2018 Back to School Drive. TMSL SBA joined Mr. and Miss TMSL, and participated in the effort. In addition, Patrice's Kids Inc., a veteran owned non-profit organization, volunteered and provided new pairs of shoes to approximately 40 kids that showed up to the drive. In total, roughly 25 volunteers worked to provide over 70 backpacks full of school supplies, as well as 40 pairs of new shoes to children in the 3rd Ward Area.





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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

Student Spotlight: Wesley Pluiose-Phillip



Hometown: New York, NY
Graduating Class: August 2020
Undergraduate Institution: Xavier University of Louisiana
Major: Public Health

Legal Work Experiences:

Clerk with the Honorable Judge Valencia Nash J.P. Court Place 1-2 and the Honorable Thomas G. Jones J.P. Court Place 1-1

Attorney Domingo Garcia P.C

Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Accident case:

Our client was a mid-aged 60 year old who was hit from behind by a Commercial Vehicle of a Floral company. Our client sustained many injuries to his neck and back that ultimately caused him to lose his job.

Task for this particular case:

I was heavily involved in the jury selection process. I helped formulate opening, rebuttal and closing arguments. In addition, I kept the client informed on what was occurring within the courtroom, and aided in prepping client and witnesses for trial. Most importantly, I kept track of all exhibits.

Judgement: \$1,075,000.00

I am thankful for the experiences this past summer has offered me. I will forever treasure my time within the JP Courts with TMSL Alumna the Honorable Judge Nash and my time as a clerk with TMSL Alum, Domingo Garcia!





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS TMSL ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST—NEW ORLEANS AUGUST 1, 2018





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TMSL, SULC, AND HLA ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION—NEW ORLEANS
AUGUST 1, 2018—*"POPEYES & PRALINES"*





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums Robert Collier Elected NBA Vice President & Dominique Calhoun Re-Elected to NBA Board



Robert Collier, class of 2006 and **Dominique Calhoun**, class of 2016, were elected to two key positions with the National Bar Association. Robert Collier will serve as one of the Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members of the NBA for the next two years. In this role, he has already forged a partnership with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the NAACP to launch a national campaign to get NBA members and other attorneys involved in election protection for the upcoming November 2018 election. Dominique Calhoun was re-elected as Board Member



At-Large for the NBA. He is working to improve the NBA's fiscal position and initiatives that promote opportunities for professional growth.

TMSL Alumnae Toni Jackson & Kimberly Phillips 2018 NBA Women of Achievement Awardees

The NBA's sold-out Women of Achievement luncheon by the Women's Lawyers Division honored 18 outstanding and accomplished women lawyers. Amongst those were TMSL's very own **Kimberly Phillips**, Associate General Counsel-Shell Oil Company, TMSL class of 1993, who received the *Corporate Counsel Award*. **Toni Jackson**, Partner-Jones Walker LLP, TMSL class of 1990 received the *Majority Firm Award*. Please join the TMSL family in congratulating these two phenomenal lady attorneys!



Hon. Monica Purdy and Aiesha Redmond Receive Special Recognitions from the NBA



The Honorable **Monica Purdy**, class of 1992 and **Aiesha Redmond**, class of 2007 were honored to receive special awards during the 2018 NBA conference. Aiesha received the *Excellence in Service Award* and the *NBA Best Advocate Award*. Judge Purdy received the *NBA Presidential Award* for exemplary service to the Association. Congratulations to both powerful lady attorneys!



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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* DALLAS CLUB NEWS

TMSL Alum Brian Williams host Thurgood Thursday



TMSL Alumna Marissa Mouton Hatchett elected to J.L. Turner Board



J.L Turner Legal Association is the premiere African-American bar association in Dallas, Texas with a mission to “improve the quality of life in our community through education, service and scholarship.” TMSL alumna **Marissa Mouton Hatchett**, class of 2012 was elected treasurer for the 2018 J.L. Turner Legal Association Board. Please join us in congratulating Marissa!

TMSL Alumna Vonda Bailey wins NAACP Dallas Award



Vonda Bailey, TMSL class of 2014, received the *H. Ron White Award* named after Ron White, an award winning trial lawyer, during the NAACP Dallas Justice for All Brunch. This event celebrates pillars of the community who invested so much in the city of Dallas through the legal and law enforcement communities.



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Mrs. Eddie Jean Long—Mother of TMSL Alumna Tara Long

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Mrs. Eddie Jean Long**, the mother of TMSL alumna and faculty research librarian, Tara Long. Mrs. Eddie Long was a long time educator in both Mississippi and Texas, where she was loved and admired by many of her students. She instilled the importance of education to her daughters, Angelica and Tara who are now an accomplished physician and lawyer, respectively. The TMSL family extends our condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Eddie Jean Long.



Mr. William Hampton "Billy" McCoy—Father of TMSL Alumna the Honorable Monica Purdy

Mr. William Hampton "Billy" McCoy, the father of TMSL Alumna, the Honorable Monica McCoy Purdy transitioned to his heavenly resting place on August 15, 2018. Mr. McCoy was a veteran in the U.S. Air Force. He was the owner of a real estate agency in Tampa, Florida and after his retirement from real estate he worked at the Clarksburg Public Library. Mr. McCoy will be laid to rest on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Memorial service will be held at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort, WV. The TMSL family extends our condolences to the McCoy family.





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September Birthdays

Jo Alridge	1st
Virgie Mouton	4th
Susan Bynam	10th
James Beard	16th
Itunu Sofidiya	18th
Craig Jackson	21st
Prudence Smith	23rd



Recycle reminder

Go Green! Let's remember to recycle our used bottles! The recycle bins are located in two areas of the law school and emptied every morning!

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