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**TMSL Alum donates \$100,000.00
to support student SUCCESS**



Thurgood Marshall School of Law received a special gift during the holiday season. A TMSL alum from the class of 1989, kept the legacy of TMSL in his heart when he donated \$100,000.00 in the spirit of making TMSL one of the top law schools in Texas. Our donor has earmarked his very generous gift to the Law School's TMSL Bar Bridge Builder Fund and to support student scholarship for tuition. Our donor shared that he "wants everyone to pass the bar and help maintain student equality," and he challenges other alumni to donate and secure the future of our Law School. The donor further states that "this is OUR school, we have to protect it. Those of us who can improve it should do so and pass it on to the next generation."

Our donor has over 29 years of experience in personal injury law. He extends an invitation to TMSL students and recent graduates who have an interest in PI law. Please contact Assistant Dean Prudence Smith in the Office of External Affairs, if you are interested in receiving more information.

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TMSL launches new Barristers' Brunch CLE Series

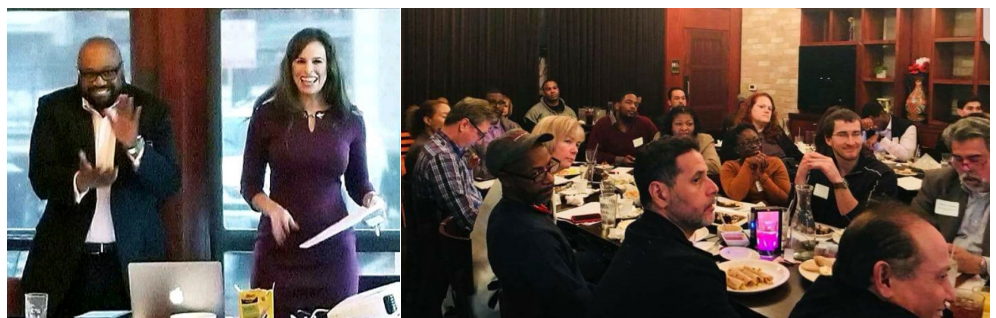
Thurgood Marshall School of Law's Center for Continuing Legal Education has teamed up with TMSL alums Umeka Lewis and Omar Vargas to launch a new Continuing Legal Education (CLE) concept designed to fit the needs of our busy alumni base. Since the majority of our alumni are in private practice, the Saturday brunch courses will provide a better time-slot for our alumni while providing not only courses designed to prepare our lawyers in various practice areas, but also taught by TMSL alums and other instructors who are considered some of the most talented and experienced in their practice areas.

The premiere Barristers' Brunch CLE was held on Saturday, January 27th at Ula's on Washington Avenue in Houston, TX. This course, entitled *Crossing Intersections between Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Landlord Tenant Rights, and Personal Injury* was taught by some of TMSL's finest: **Manik Wadhawan, Kevin Fulton, Jr., Meka-Umeka Lewis-Piccolo, Christy Dockery, Lott Brooks, Kevin Murray, Randall Kallinen, Robert Whitley, Imrana Chowdury Manzanares**, and special guest speakers – **Miram & Robbie Tolen**. The course provided 4.50 MCLE hours and 1.0 ethics. The room was full to capacity and everyone who attended gave raving remarks. Many thanks to **Umeka** and **Omar** for their tireless efforts in putting this course together.

Going forward, TMSL will continue to host the Barristers' Brunch CLE series with each course accompanied by a featured chef for brunch offerings. Our next course will be held on Saturday, February 24th at Spring Street Beer & Wine Garden located on Houston St. from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. The course title is *Family Law: A Judicial Perspective* and the dynamic course instructor is TMSL alum, the **Honorable David Farr**. The featured chef is **Chef Tim Warren** specializing in fish and grits. We invite all to come out and attend this course and all of our future Barristers' Bruch Series CLE courses. For more information go to the "Upcoming Continuing Legal Education Courses" section of this e-newsletter.

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor SpearIt has accepted an invitation to join the AALS Minority Section Executive Committee, a position that runs for three years. He has also been invited to present at the Black Islam in the Americas conference at the University of Michigan, and has accepted an invitation to present at UCLA School of Law in Prof. Devon Carbado's seminar, Critical Race Theory, which is studying SpearIt's work-in-progress, *Firepower to the People!: Gun Rights and the Law of Self-Defense to Curb Police Misconduct*, on March 14, 2018. SpearIt presented at the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting on an Anthropology and Law panel entitled, "Critical Interventions for Critical Times." His work was recently cited in the book, *Finding Freedom in Confinement: The Role of Religion in Prison Life* (ABC-CLIO 2018), as well as *Black Men, Religiosity and Desistance: Exploring Islam, Desistance and Identity*, 17 *Safer Communities* 47 (2018); *Freedom of Religion or Belief in Prison: A Critical Analysis of the European Court of Human Rights' Jurisprudence*, 6 *Oxford J. L. and Rel.* 48 (2017); *Carving Nature at Its Joints: The Entity Concept in an Entangled Society*, 44 *Accounting Historians J.* 125 (2017). Finally, SpearIt republished an abridged version of his work, *Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Harsh Punishment*, 5 *ECI Interdisciplinary J. for Legal & Soc. Pol'y.* 1 (2017), <https://ecipublications.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1031&context=ijlsp>, and his work was cited in the online article *Muslims in American Politics*, <https://muslimsamerica.wordpress.com/tag/muslims/>.



Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled, *In Response to the Call for Social Justice, Historically Black Law Schools Represent the New Mission of Education Diversity in the Legal Profession*, 14 *J. Gender Race & Just.* 747, 747 (2011), was recently cited by Professor Martina E. Cartwright and Professor Thelma L. Harmon in their article entitled *#Blacklawyersmatter: The Importance Of Pro Bono Initiatives And Experiential Opportunities At Historically Black College And University Law Schools In Preparing A New Generation Of Social Engineers*, 18 *Fla. Coastal L. Rev.* 315, 330 (2017). According to Cartwright and Harmon, Weeden contends, before "the 1950s, legal education for minorities was severely limited. HBCUs met the challenge of producing African-American attorneys and advocates of social change. Before the 1960s, twenty-four HBLs educated the bulk of African-American lawyers."



Professor Deana Pollard-Sacks received SSRN's "Top 10%" distinction this month. Professor Pollard-Sacks is in the top 10% of all authors on SSRN by new downloads within the last 12 months. SSRN's eLibrary provides 727,610 research papers from 335,938 researchers across 30 disciplines including, but not limited to, business, law, political science, and humanities. With respect to SSRN's author rankings for "total new downloads," this includes total SSRN downloads of all of an author's publicly available scholarly full-text papers during the last 12 months. This provides a measure of the current interest in all of an author's work, including older papers, which you can access at the following link: <https://www.ssrn.com/en/index.cfm/top-authors/>.



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STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

TMSL WELCOMES BACK BRITTANI HALLIBURTON



TMSL is excited to welcome back **Brittani Halliburton**. Many of you may remember Ms. Halliburton's stellar work as an administrative assistant and a graduate assistant for the Office of External Affairs. During this time she aided in the growth of TMSL programs and events. Recently, the TMSL Alumni Board saw an immediate need for someone of Brittani's caliber to assist the Alumni Board and the Office of External Affairs in a more prominent role. With the blessings of Dean Gary L. Bledsoe and the Alumni Board, Brittani Halliburton has returned as the Executive Assistant Director of External Affairs. In this role, Ms. Halliburton will serve as the executive assistant to the Alumni Board; coordinate all Continuing Legal Education courses; develop, coordinate and implement regional alumni clubs, coordinate the TMSL volunteer network; and is solely responsible for maintaining the alumni and friends database. Ms. Halliburton will also play a special role in the engagement of our young alumni by directing the social media for the office of External Affairs and working with the Assistant Dean of External Affairs in the planning, coordinating, executing, and evaluating of all alumni events and other TMSL special events.

Ms. Halliburton is a Houston native, she graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with her Bachelor's degree in Public Relations and later earned her Juris Doctorate from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She is an active member of the State Bar of Texas and an active member of the Mu Kappa Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. She is the creator of *Sisters Applauding Sisters Success Yass* (S.A.S.S.Y.), a women's empowerment organization in the greater Houston area designed to educate, empower and encourage women of all ages. She encourages individuals to first believe that they can and then accept that they will. Her message is simple: "Until one accepts that anything is possible, we will never share the same reality". She embraces change, hopes to inspire, and works to improve.

TMSL please join us in extending a heart filled and exuberant welcome back to Ms. Brittani Halliburton!!



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EARL CARL INSTITUTE NEWS

ECI to Launch JLWOP Project



In June 2012, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Miller v. Alabama* that mandatory juvenile life sentences without the possibility of parole (JLWOP) are unconstitutional for juvenile defendants (under 18). The Court found that a youth could not be sentenced to JLWOP without considering the individual characteristics of the youth to determine if the youth was a “rare juvenile offender” displaying “irreparable corruption.” Absent such a finding, the Court required imposition of a sentence that provided “meaningful opportunity” for review. The Earl Carl Institute is partnering with Lone Star Justice Alliance (LSJA) to provide and direct strategic litigation to youth who were tried and sentenced in the adult criminal justice system to extreme sentences, including life in prison with and without the possibility of parole. The initial partnership with the LSJA will focus on the representation of youth currently serving these illegal sentences in Harris County. The LSJA was founded in Texas and houses programs dedicated to Young Adult Justice Planning, Strategic Litigation and Community Engagement. LSJA’s mission is to reduce the incarceration of and improve outcomes for children and emerging adults in the Texas justice system.





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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING NEWS

TMSL BLSA Mock Trial Team does it again...



(LtoR: Victor Flores, Jolissa Jones, Dean Gary Bledsoe, Elizabeth Opara, Preston Strickland)

The TMSL BLSA Mock Trial team competed in the NBSA Southwest Regional Convention January 10 –14, 2018, at the University of North Texas Dallas College of Law. The team faced teams from across Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. After competing against three top Texas Schools and another law school in Oklahoma (twice) the team emerged first place winners of the regional competition. The team will go on to compete for the National title in March during the National Mock Trial Competition held in New York. The team comprised of two second-year law students and two third-year law students (see pictured above) is coached by legendary criminal law attorney and TMSL Alumna, **Letitia Quinones**. Although, the team's members have changed over the years, this is TMSL BLSA Mock Trial's third consecutive regional first place win!





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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING NEWS *Cont'd.*

Fall 2017 Criminal Law Clinic Students serve as Mock Trial Judges



(L to R: **Marcus Esther, Maurice Rice, Judge Paula Goodhart, Nisha Hawkins**)

TMSL Criminal Law Clinic students served as judges for the Houston Regional Mock Trial Competition. These students are 3L members of the TMSL Mock Trial Program. The Competition is a part of the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, an annual statewide advocacy competition of private and public high school teams. The Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association sponsored the competition held on January 27, 2018, coordinated by Judge Paula Goodhart.





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Interested in getting to know candidates from Thurgood Marshall School of Law?

Wish you had time to meet students and alumni in person before your formal application process begins?

Want to get potential candidates excited about opportunities to work with you?

You can do that and more at the Spring 2018 Career Expo!

The Office of Career & Professional Development invites all interested employers to a table-talk style meet and greet and on-campus interview program with TMSL students and alumni!

Thursday, February 8, 2018 and Friday, February 9, 2018

Employers choose from two-hour shifts either day 9am-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm

Employer Registration Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2018

Visit tsulaw.edu/career for more details and to register.

Contact the **Office of Career and Professional Development** at tmslcareers@tsu.edu or 713.313.7158 with questions



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Spring 2018 Career Expo

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Thursday, February 8, 2018

<u>11am – 1pm</u>	<u>1pm – 3pm</u>
National Labor Relations Board	Harris County Attorney's Office
Earl Carl Institute	Harris County District Attorney's Office
KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)	Lone Star Legal Aid
U.S. Attorney's Office, SDTX	Office of the Texas Attorney General, Child Support Division
Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing ^{*new time}	Brazos County District Attorney's Office
	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Friday, February 9, 2018

<u>11am – 1pm</u>	<u>1pm – 3pm</u>
Pronto Insurance	Texas Health & Human Services
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	TSU Office of the General Counsel
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office	Lone Star Legal Aid
Earl Carl Institute	Brazos County District Attorney's Office
KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)	Lone Star College, Office of the General Counsel ^{*new emp.}
Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing	

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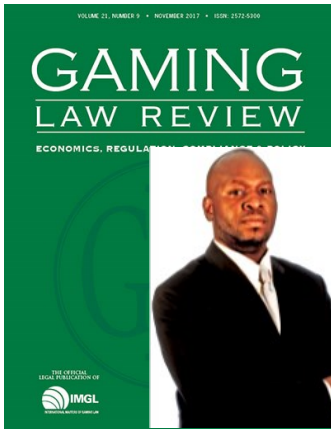
STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations



*To Hannah Johannes,
Miss Texas USA 2018, 3rd Runner Up*

Hannah Johannes, class of 2019, competed in the 2018 Miss Texas USA Pageant on January 5-7, 2018, at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel. Hannah is the current reigning Miss Houston USA. She finished as 3rd runner-up out of 98 contestants from across the state of Texas. Hannah plans on competing again in the Miss Texas USA competition coming up September 2018. TMSL family wishes Ms. Johannes continued success in her pursuits.



*3L Dr. Reginal Harris published
In Gaming Law Review*

Dr. Reginal Harris, class of 2018, was recently published in collaboration with **Professor Walter Champion Jr.** in *Gaming Law Review*. **ONLINE GAMBLING IN PENNSYLVANIA: A MIXED BAG OF OPTIMISM**, focuses on the history of gaming in America as based on the regulatory enforcement of the commerce clause. Additionally, the article summarizes the herculean efforts taken by Pennsylvania lawmakers to garner consensus on passing online gaming reform that will have a lasting impact on how the commonwealth can best serve both its stakeholders and skeptics. The article, by and large, concentrates on highlighting the effort to legalize online gaming in a joint Senate and House committee hearing. Reginal D. Harris & Walter Champion Jr., *ONLINE GAMBLING IN PENNSYLVANIA: A MIXED BAG OF OPTIMISM*, *Gaming Law Review*. November 2017, Vol. 21, No. 9: 656-670 (2017), <http://online.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/blr2.2017.2193>.



Joy Nnama receives Scholarship

Joy Nnama, class of 2018, received a \$3,000 scholarship from Tax Executives Institute, Inc., Houston chapter, on December 13, 2017. Please join the TMSL Family in congratulating Mrs. Joy Nnama!



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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

Student Spotlight *Staci Childs ... Miss TMSL 2017-2018*

Where is your hometown? Atlanta, Georgia
What is your graduating class at TMSL? 2018
Undergrad Institution? Hampton University
Undergrad Degree? Bachelor of Arts Psychology, Spanish—Minor
Masters Degree? Master of Science, Foundations of Education Educational Policy Studies

Jobs/Internships:

The United States Domiciliary for Homeless Veterans
Teach for America, English as a Second Language Teacher, 5th Grade
Houston Independent School District Reading Interventionist
Office of the City Attorney, Legal Contracts Department, City of Houston
The White House Internship Program— Domestic Policy Council-Education

Scholarships

Teach for America AmeriCorps Award
Texas Southern University Dean of Students Scholarship Award

Community Service

Let's Talk Self-Luv Girls Talk Series, Bastian Elementary, Cullen Middle, and Yates High Schools
Houston GPS Ambassador for the Houston Independent School District School Board Candidates

Why law school?

I always toyed with the idea of going to law school simply because people said it “fit” me since I was 15 or 16. But, when I was a teacher, I experienced some of the most racially insensitive things you would imagine. I saw some of the students endure the same. When I tried to rally other teachers together in order to fix things, several of them were afraid that they may lose their jobs. They didn't want to ruffle any feathers. So, I felt like I needed to go back to school to get the skills necessary to fight for people like myself or others who may not know what to do.

What do you want to do when you finish law school?

When I finish law school, I want to be an entrepreneur. I want to own and operate a wellness boutique for women, invest in several real estate developments, and provide persons of the Greater 3rd ward area access to quality grocery and nutrition. I also hope my Let's Talk Luv Girls Series grows exponentially, so that I (and my team) can bless girls across the nation with all the love we have to give them. I hope to always work with students in some aspect of my life. Lastly, and if I am so lucky, my goal is to also serve as a Texas State Representative. The people around me deserve to continue to have people that care about them represent them.





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STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

TMSL Students Attend 2018 Lombardi Awards



The TMSL Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) members attended the Lombardi Foundation Honors event at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, January 27, 2018. TMSL Alum and Professor Ricky Anderson provided SELS the opportunity to attend this prestigious event in Houston. Members were able to network and meet various persons including Bryce Love, the 2018 Lombardi Trophy Award winner. The Lombardi Foundation board member, Fox TV analyst, Spencer Tillman of Axiom Sports Productions provided students insight and inspirational motivation to continue the pursuit of their legal careers in entertainment law.





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Juanita A. Jackson on her Entrepreneurial recognition

DAIQUIRIS2GO



Juanita A. Jackson, class of 1997, was honored in 2017 as a Trailblazer Award Honoree during the 2017 HBCU Pre-Law Summit. Ms. Jackson, is a Houston based criminal attorney, and the managing partner of The Jackson Law Group, PLLC. Recently, Ms. Jackson entered into a new business endeavor, “Daiquiris2Go”. The bar which opened in December of 2017 in southwest Houston, is one of the many entrepreneurial projects created by Ms. Jackson. TMSL family congratulates her and wishes her continued success.

Juliet McBride makes Partner



Juliet McBride, class of 2008, was named Partner at King & Spalding, a global firm established in over 160 countries. McBride is a partner in the firm’s healthcare practice area. McBride is a published author and presenter in the areas of the healthcare industry, including government investigations and the False Claims Act litigation. Congratulations to Juliet McBride on this achievement and the TMSL family wishes her continued success.

Tiffany Burks named TOP Attorney for 2017



Tiffany Burks, class of 1997, was named one of Fort Worth Magazine’s Top Attorneys for 2017. Burks is currently the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division within the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office. Burks has more than five years of experience in criminal law, including experience gained from her time as an Assistant District Attorney in Fort Bend County. Congratulations to Ms. Burks on this honor.



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

Ray Panneton Nominated as Fellow of the American Bar Foundation



Ray Panneton, class of 2013, recently accepted a nomination as Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a global honorary society. Membership is obtained by less than one percent of legal professionals licensed in each jurisdiction who have demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the welfare of their community and the legal profession. Panneton is currently a Houston-based trial attorney at Hendershot, Cannon, Martin & Hisey, P.C. practicing in the areas of business, civil, and intellectual property litigation. He has published numerous articles, literary works and developed materials for the Texas Bar of Legal Examiners CLE courses. TMSL family please congratulate Ray Panneton on this prestigious honor.

Keith Lamar Jr. elected as a national officer for the National Black Prosecutors Association



Keith Lamar Jr., class of 2010, was elected as the 2017-2018 vice president of planning for the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA). NBPA serves as the only professional organization dedicated to the advancement of African American prosecutors. Lamar is currently the Senior Assistant District Attorney for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in Atlanta, Georgia. The TMSL family wishes Keith Lamar success in his new position.

Christine J. Alden Joins National Firm as a Shareholder



Christine J. Alden, class of 1996, a former partner of Weiss, Alden & Polo, P.A., joins Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney as they expand in Miami and South Florida. Alden, along with her former partners, is a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney. Joseph A. Dougherty, CEO and Managing Director of Buchanan stated, "Christine and Gina are highly experienced in navigating individuals and businesses through today's complex immigration rules and laws. They add significantly to the depth and expertise of our Immigration practice and we look forward to helping them take advantage of our national, full-service platform." Alden's commitment to provide strategic solutions for various types of immigration matters affecting clients will continue in her new position. TMSL congratulates Christine Alden and wishes her continued success.



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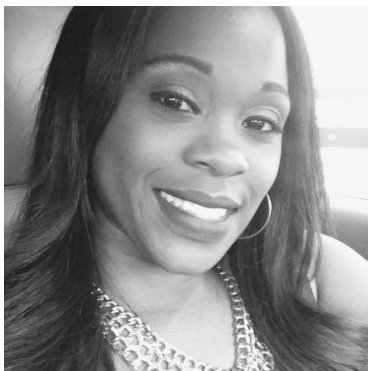
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN ELECTIONS

Charles Collins II announces candidacy for 246th Family District Court Judge



Charles Collins II, class of 2004, has announced his candidacy for the 246th Family District Court. Collins will run as a democratic candidate with 12 years of full-time family law experience in Harris County and in the state of Texas. Collins believes Justice “demands that all rulings are based on the merits of cases and not politics.” According to his campaign website, “Judges should show concern for the communities they serve and work to keep children and families first. Courts should constantly strive to improve efficiency and treat all parties and attorneys with respect.”

Tanisha Green publicly declares candidacy for Justice of the Peace in Fort Bend County



Tanisha Green, class of 2010, announced her candidacy for Fort Bend County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2. Green, an experienced litigator, devoted mother and Air Force veteran wants to continue to aid the community as Judge. Actively involved in the community, Green, volunteers at the Houston Mission and Star of Hope. As Judge Green seeks to administer fair justice and be proactive in Juvenile initiatives to deter delinquency.

Albert Roberts announces plans to run for District Attorney



Albert Roberts, class of 2009, and native of Fort Worth, Texas announced plans to run for Tarrant County District Attorney. Roberts is running with 7 years of experience prosecuting cases in the Family Violence and Felony Divisions of the District Attorney’s office. Roberts expressed he will work to restore faith in our justice system to ensure that each person who comes in contact with the system is treated fairly and that everyone in Tarrant County is held accountable for their actions.



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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN ELECTIONS

Cheryl E. Thornton declares candidacy for Judge



Cheryl E. Thornton, class of 1985, declares her candidacy for Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, Place 2. Cheryl has over 30 years of experience in the legal profession. Currently serving in the Harris County Attorney's Office, Cheryl will bring a wealth of knowledge in government administration and public administration to the bench as Judge. Cheryl believes in "Dreams of Excellence" and moral character.

Ronnisha K. Bowman announces candidacy for Harris County Criminal Court at Law No.2



Ronnisha K. Bowman class of 2012, has announced her plans to run as a democratic judicial candidate for the Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 2. Bowman, a solo practitioner, will run against fellow democratic candidate Harold Landreneau and republican candidate Bill Harmon. Bowman brings a wealth of knowledge in Criminal Law, Family Law, and litigation in Personal Injury and Entertainment.

Fran Watson announces plans to run for Texas Senate



Fran Watson, class of 2009, a founding partner of Simoneaux & Watson, P.C., has a passion for equality and believes everyone deserves a life of dignity, equal access, and fair treatment. Fran will bring a plethora of leadership experience from local, state and national organizations. Fran, a community advocate, states, "I am running for Texas Senate because I believe in People First. At its core, all Texans, regardless of look or circumstance, should have equal access to the opportunity to succeed."

Audrie Lawton makes plans for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, Place 2



Audrie Lawton, class of 2002, announces her plans to run as a democratic candidate for the Harris County, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, Place 2. Lawton, a native Houstonian, once elected, plans "to open up a resource center that will provide computers, educational materials, legal forms to those who cannot afford to represent themselves and add ... extended court hours to provide flexibility to those who have a hectic work schedule or take care of loved ones during the day and cannot make it to court during the hours of 8 to 5."



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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. William W. Harmon, an Icon and pinnacle of the Houston Community passes

Dr. William W. Harmon, the father of TMSL Alum **Hillary Green**, class of 1998, transitioned to his heavenly resting place on December 26, 2017. Dr. Harmon, a retired U.S. Military Police Officer, was a lifelong college administrator holding various positions. He served as president of Houston Community College Central from 2005, until his retirement in 2016. Over the years at HCC, Mr. Harmon was instrumental in the development of the HCC Honors' College; expansion of the Learning Emporium at Central College; envisioned the Memorial Green beautification project in front of the San Jacinto Memorial Building; and played a vital role in expanding Fashion, Interior Design, Culinary Arts programs, and the college's VAST Academy tutoring center. Mr. Harmon will be remembered for his humor, humility, and dedication to the success of others. TMSL family extends their condolences to the Harmon family.



TMSL Morns the Loss of Alumna Brendetta Scott's Father

Mr. Leroy Anthony, the father of TMSL Alumna, **Brendetta Scott** has departed from this earth during this winter season. Homegoing services were held in Greenwood, Mississippi. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Scott family during their time of bereavement.

TMSL Librarian Nannette Collins' Father Gains his Angel Wings

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Mr. Robert Collins**, the father of TMSL reference librarian, **Nanette Collins** on Friday, January 26, 2018. Memorial Services for Mr. Collins are scheduled for 11AM on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at the Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. TMSL offers words of encouragement during this difficult time.



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UPCOMING CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSES

Saturday, February 10, 2018

ADVOCACY SKILLS TRAINING ACADEMY

Professionalism in the Legal Profession: The Importance of Storytelling

Speaker: Dean Gary L. Bledsoe



Dean Gary L. Bledsoe

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
3100 Cleburne Street - Houston, TX 77004
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Registration available online: www.tmslcle.com

3.50 hrs. -MCLE • .25 hrs. Ethics

\$45.⁰⁰ attorneys; \$15.⁰⁰ gov't and non-profit attorneys;
complimentary non attorneys



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Foreclosure: 736, How to Stop a Foreclosure, and Legislative Update

Thursday, February 22, 2018

12 Noon-4:00 PM

MCLE: 4.0

Ethics: 1.00

**Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't attorneys and non-profit attorneys;
complimentary non-attorneys**

Registration available online: www.tmslcle.com

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FAMILY LAW A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE

Speaker: Judge David Farr

Spring Street Beer & Wine Garden
Featuring Chef Tim Warren (*specializing in fish and grits*)
1920 Houston Ave. • Houston, Texas 77007
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Registration available online: www.tmslcle.com
2.0 hrs. -MCLE • 2.0 hr. Ethics
Cost - \$20.00



Judge David Farr



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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

Criminal Law CLE

PAPPADEAUX SEAFOOD KITCHEN

3520 Oak Lawn Ave.,
Dallas, TX 75219
12 - 4 p.m.

Registration available online: www.tmslcle.com
4 hrs. -MCLE • 1 hr. Ethics
\$60.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't and non-profit attorneys; complimentary non attorneys



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UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
HOUSTON THURGOOD THURSDAY BLACK HISTORY EDITION

**BLACK
PANTHER**

PRIVATE SCREENING

Happy Hour 5:30pm • Showtime: 7:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00

AMC DINE-IN 8
Movies With A Menu

510 Texas • Houston, TX 77002

Tickets available online at: <https://houstontttblackpanther.eventbrite.com>



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Help the Homeless Project

Hand delivering hygiene care bags and warm meals to homeless camps around Houston

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Meet at TMSL at 9 am - Everyone is welcome!

Supplies Needed No Later than February 16th - Drop-Off Box Located in Student Commons

- HEB, Kroger and/or Fiesta Grocery Gift Cards
- Hand Sanitizer

- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- Baby Wipes

- Deodorant
- Reusable Shopping Bags

***Date, time & location to drop off gift cards - TBA via email & social media**

*** Rotisserie chicken & meal items will be purchased with the grocery store gift cards on Saturday morning, February 17th**

For more info, contact Autumn Humphreys at humphreys1214@gmail.com



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Judicial Internships

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

Houston, Texas
SUMMER 2018

2 Sessions: 5/21/18 to 6/29/18; 7/9/18 to 8/3/18

The Fourteenth Court of Appeals is accepting applications from law students who will be rising second- and third-year students during summer 2018 for unpaid judicial internship positions. The positions may be volunteer or for-credit.

The Fourteenth Court's intern program provides an opportunity to improve research and writing skills, while also providing a behind-the-scenes view of how an intermediate court of appeals works. Interns research factual and legal issues, review appellate records, perform substantive citation checks, write memoranda of law, discuss those memoranda with the judges and the Court's attorneys, observe the judges' discussions of issues in cases that are submitted, observe oral argument, and observe post submission resolution of legal issues raised in oral argument.

To Apply:

Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, and (3) an unofficial law-school transcript. Please e-mail the completed package as one document in PDF format to 14th-interns@txcourts.gov. Application materials e-mailed in other formats will be deleted. E-mail transmission of applications is preferred. If you cannot e-mail your application, the completed package may be mailed to:

Fourteenth Court of Appeals Attn: Renee
Wilson
301 Fannin St. Rm. 245
Houston, TX 77002-2066

*Please note that incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Court's intern program coordinator, Carol Porter, at carol.porter@txcourts.gov



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE EXTERNSHIP PROJECT

- Description of Position:** Paid externship for academic credit with Lone Star Legal Aid supervised for qualified Thurgood Marshall School of Law students with interest in environmental justice. Students will address a variety of community-based environmental issues and litigation involving air and water quality in Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties working with licensed attorneys at Lone Star Legal Aid in Houston, Texas. The students will assist with community outreach and education, research, and drafting legal documents (briefs, complaints, and/or responses) and participate in legal representation of clients at state or federal administrative hearings and in state and/or federal court.
- Length of Program:** 10 weeks – Summer 2018 = 390 Hours Total (17 hours/week)
15 weeks – Fall 2018 = 240 Hours Total (17 hours/week)
- Externship Location:** Lone Star Legal Aid, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002
- Requirements:** To earn 1 hour of academic credit, each extern must complete:
Pre-interview with Dean Ledesma
Weekly meetings with Dean Ledesma during semester
240 hours at Lone Star Legal Aid (Fall/Spring Semesters)
390 hours at Lone Star Legal Aid (Summer Semester)
- Payment:** \$10/hour, bi-monthly on the 1st and 15th.
- Proposed Dates:** Start date bet. May 14 and June 3 – August 3, 2018 (Summer 2018)
August 10, 2018 – December 11, 2018 (Fall 2018)

Interested students should contact Dean Ledesma



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TMSL

2017-18 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.

SPRING 2018



1/29/18

Faculty Research Series

Diane J. Klein, Professor of Law, University of La Verne College of Law
"The Other-Worldliness of Dying Men": Death, Testamentary Incapacity, and Vulnerability Theory Avant La Lettre"

2/7/18

Thurgood Marshall Law Review Student Research Presentations (Room 107)

2/14/18

Faculty Roundtable Series

Nikki Wright Smith, Assistant Dean, and Ashley C. Scott, Assistant Director, Office of Career and Professional Development
"The Faculty Member's Role in Enhancing a Student's Career Opportunities"

2/21/18

Faculty Research Series

Spearlt, Associate Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Repackaging Abolition: Targeting Christians, Conservatives"

2/22/18-2/24/18

SE/SW People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (Hosted by TMSL)

2/28/18

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching)

Moderator: Asmara M. Tekle, Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Collaborative Experiential Learning in the 1L Doctrinal Classroom"

3/21/18

Faculty Roundtable Series (Research)

Law Library Director and Staff
"Library Resources for Faculty Research and Training"

4/4/17-4/5/17

TMSL Scholar-in-Residence

Julian Cook, Professor of Law
University of Georgia School of Law
"Policing and the Exclusionary Rule"





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February Birthdays



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!

Let's do our part!

Anna James	8th
James Douglas	11th
Constance Fain	11th
Elizabeth Wynell Wall	17th
Toyann Timmons	21st
Trina Leach	22nd
Victoria McCoy	26th
Heather Alaniz	27th

Student Bar Association, The Office of External Affairs and The Experiential Learning Department



presents

The Giant Killer: Attorney Willie E. Gary

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Reception to follow

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
3100 Cleburne St. Houston, TX 77004



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