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TMSL Launches The Legal Entrepreneur Incubator Program



The TMSL Legal Entrepreneur Incubator program is an 18-month educational, training and mentorship program for recent Thurgood Marshall School of Law graduates interested in solo or small firm practice. Created from the community and graduate needs seen by Acting TMSL Dean Gary Bledsoe, the TMSL Legal Entrepreneur Incubator's goal is to expand legal services to low and moderate income clients, while simultaneously, developing new practice models and providing top-notch training and law practice management skills to TMSL graduates. Those accepted into the incubator program, (i.e. fellows), are each linked with a mentor (i.e. experienced attorney/TMSL alumnus) in the fellow's respective, practice area, who will provide guidance, coaching, solo practitioner and small firm leadership strategies and ongoing support. Other fellow benefits include: a \$5,000 stipend for start-up fees and expenses to create respective solo practice firms; shared office space in a collaborative environment (located at 2006 Wheeler Ave., Houston, TX. 77004); CLEs; case referrals; professional networking and pro bono opportunities; and legal research assistance by TMSL students. In addition to being newly admitted attorneys to the State Bar of Texas, these fellows must also complete a Baylor School of Law program, Legal Mapmaker, teaching them how to start a successful law practice with little overhead. The following, inaugural group of seven (7) fellows maintain practice areas ranging from Immigration to family, criminal, probate, entertainment and personal injury law: **Jessica Aikode, Lashay Bostick, Brandy Douglas, Marcus Esther, Taren Marsaw, Chigozirim Nwaogwugwu and Eboni Laché Ogunseinde.**


An unveiling of TMSL's Legal Entrepreneur Incubator program, coupled with a formal introduction of **Mr. Sam Stolbun** (University of Texas Law School classmate of TMSL Acting Dean Gary Bledsoe who along with his wife **Dr. Alana Spiwak** provided a \$100,000.00 investment to Texas Southern University to support the dynamic TMSL start-up). was held on May 29, 2019. Through an MOU with the NAACP Houston Branch, the Incubator Fellows will donate four (4) hours a month, each, to pro bono services under the NAACP Legal Redress program in exchange for free rent. The Incubator program is housed under the TMSL Office of External Affairs (under the leadership of Assistant Dean Prudence Smith). For more info, please visit: http://www.tsulaw.edu/alumni/incubator_application.html.



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FACULTY NEWS




CONGRATULATIONS DEAN LEDESMA
THE EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
TEACHING TRIAL ADVOCACY ACROSS BORDERS


The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Lawyers Without Borders and NITA, have appointed Dean Stephanie Ledesma to an International Team of Litigation Training Experts that will travel to Namibia, Africa to teach trial skills to Namibian Attorneys who litigate gender violence crimes.



UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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FACULTY NEWS



Earl Carl Professor of Law Constance Fain was awarded by President A. Lane, the Presidential Achievement Medal, the highest faculty honor that Texas Southern University bestows, on May 1, 2019. The faculty member selected for this award is one who has demonstrated over the years outstanding teaching, research, scholarship, and service. Fain is donating the monetary gift that accompanies this honor to Texas Southern University to benefit our students. Fain asks those persons who are able to join her and numerous others to also help in providing tuition assistance, scholarships, and employment opportunities. Our students are worthy of our support.



In the spirit of giving honor to whom honor is due, congratulations to **Professor Edieth Wu** on being elected the 2019-2021 Faculty Senate/Assembly Chair, on April 24, 2019.



In the spirit of giving honor to whom honor is due, congratulations to **Professor Faith Jackson** on being elected the 2019-2021 Faculty Senate/Assembly Vice Chair, on April 24, 2019.



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FACULTY NEWS CONT'D



Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development Roberson King Professor of Law L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled Protecting the President's Limited Expectation of Privacy during an Investigation May Justify the Protective Function Privilege for the Secret Service, 60 Mont. L. Rev. 109, 112-114 (1999), was cited in, The

New Wigmore: Evidentiary Privileges § 10.3.3, Aspen Publishers 3rd Edition 2019 Cumulative Supplement in The New Wigmore: A Treatise on Evidence: Evidentiary Privileges by Edward J. Imwinkelried (Copyright © 2019).

While providing a critical evaluation of the fundamental theoretical issues in contemporary privilege law in chapter 10, Imwinkelried contends in § 10.3 that there exists a Bias in the Federal Rules against the creation of new privileges or the expansion of existing privileges. Imwinkelried cites to Weeden's article to support the argument that Rule 501 as a contextual matter when considered in light of "the other articles of the Federal Rules-- supplies a substantive policy bias favoring the admission of relevant, probative evidence."



Professor Shaundra Lewis recently accepted an invitation from the Executive Director of the newly created Center for Firearms Law at Duke Law School, Professor Jacob D. Charles, to present a work-in progress at the 2019 Firearms Law Works-In-Progress Workshop.

Professor Lewis has written articles in this area, including Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide, 102 Iowa L. Rev. 2109 (2017); The Cost of Raising a Killer—Parental Liability For the Parents of Adult Mass Murderers, 61 Villanova L. Rev. 1 (2016) (lead article); Symposium on Texas Gun Law and the Future": The Fatal Flaws In Texas's Campus Carry Law, 42 T. Marshall L. Rev. 135 (2016); Firearms Laws Redux—Legislative Proposals for Disarming the Mentally Ill PostHeller and Newtown, 3 Mental Health L. & Pol'y J. 420, 423 (2014); and Bullets and Books by Legislative Fiat: Why Academic Freedom and Public Policy Permit Higher Education Institutions to Say No to Huns, 48 Idaho L. Rev. 1 (2011) (lead article).

Distinguished Professor of Law James M. Douglas participated in a live on air interview with FOX 26 News Anchor Jose Grinan on May 15, 2019, to discuss the latest ruling on Proposition B. Specifically, the affect of State District Judge Tonya Garrison's ruling that Proposition B, giving Houston firefighters pay parity with police, is "unconstitutional and void in its entirety."



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STAFF NEWS

TMSL Welcomes New Staff Member



Please welcome to the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) family, Ms. **Kristen Taylor, Esq.**, as the new **Assistant Director in the Office of Career and Professional Development**. Kristen is a second generation graduate of Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. After graduating from FAMU, Kristen worked as a mental health outpatient counselor and then in an administrative role with the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, where she developed a passion for the law. Kristen obtained her Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law, where she also completed a certification in trial advocacy and was awarded the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award. Most recently, Kristen practiced in-house insurance defense at a Fortune 100 company in Tampa, Florida where she handled first-party and third party complex litigation involving contract disputes, personal injury, and global settlement negotiations. Kristen brings a wealth of diversified experience to TMSL and the Office of Career and Professional Development. Undoubtedly, she will be an asset to the administrative officer team of TMSL.

TMSL'S Danny Norris to Receive NBA Award



Please congratulate **Danny Norris**, Associate Director of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library on receiving the National Bar Association's "**40 Under 40 Nations Best Advocate**" award. These awards specifically seek out leaders of the legal industry, looking for those under 40 whose creativity, commitment, experience and strong leadership has helped them achieve success in an increasingly challenging legal climate" said President Drayton. "The awards are given solely on merit and are awarded to commend those most deserving for their legal acumen, ingenuity, hard work, and community service, distinguishing them from their counterparts and proving them worthy of this special peer recognition. " TMSL's very own, Danny Norris, ranks 25th on the list.



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EARL CARL INSTITUTE NEWS

ECI Welcomes New Board Officers and Staff

ECI's annual governing board meeting was held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Thurgood Marshall School of Law in the Dean's conference room. Please join us in congratulating all of the officers and student board members that were elected. Board officers and student board members are:

President– **Dr. James Douglas**

Vice-President- **Judge Bill Littlejohn**

Secretary– **Dr. Robert Ford**

Treasurer– **Dr. Carlton Perkins**

Student Board Member-**Kesha Amos**

Student Board Member-**Mariah Grayson**

ECI welcomed four new staff members during the month of May. New team members are: **Antonio Sanguenza**, Assistant Director of Youth Initiatives; **A.E. Fonsworth**, BGI Coordinator and Executive Administrative Assistant; **Alisa Harris**, Community Engagement Specialist, and **Andrea Fulgiam**, Fellow.





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STUDENT NEWS

Class of 2019 Hooding Ceremony



“Everyone has purpose, and that purpose is using our gifts to help others and transform lives. Wherever you go, things should be different and better because you showed up.”

Change happens because you showed up. Communities should be better because you showed up. Mindsets are different because you showed up. People are inspired because you showed up.”

- TaKasha Francis

TMSL Alum, **TaKasha Francis**, class of 2003, served as the keynote speaker of the TMSL 2019 Hooding Ceremony on May 17, 2019. Her speech was impactful and left an everlasting impression on the Juris Doctor graduates.

Attorney Francis previously served as State of Texas Assistant Attorney General in the Child Support Division. She also founded The Francis Firm P.C., a boutique law firm specializing in family law and civil litigation. She is currently the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods Director.

Congratulations are extended to **Mr. Rodolfo “Rudy” Ruiz** for his many accomplishments, including **TMSL Class of 2019 Valedictorian!**

To review Mr. Ruiz’ full story, please check out the “**Student Spotlight**” section on our TMSL website: <http://www.tsulaw.edu/>

Rodolfo “Rudy” Ruiz Valedictorian—Class of 2019

- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Lawyering Process II
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Constitutional Law I
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Evidence
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Appellate Litigation
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Criminal Procedure
- Top 10% TMSL Full Scholarship 2L and 3L year
- Incoming 1L Full Scholarship
- TMSL Hispanic Law Student Association, member
- TMSL Institute for International & Immigration Law, member
- TMSL Veterans Law Student Association, member
- TMSL Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, member
- Houston Young Lawyers Association, Basketball League

I chose to attend TMSL because I agree with the law school’s message of providing opportunities to minority individuals. TMSL was gracious enough to offer me a full scholarship my first year. In addition, I was awarded a full scholarship the following two years for my academic success. During my legal journey with TMSL, I was offered a paid position at the United States Department of Justice (“USDOJ”), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission office in Falls Church, Virginia.

So, when people say dreams don’t come true—I am always led to share my story.



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Congratulations to the Omar O. Vargas Scholarship Winners

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SECOND PLACE WINNER

Elizabeth A. Opara
\$1500



The Law Office of Omar O. Vargas, P.C.

2019 TMSL Graduates, **Vernetra Gavin** and **Elizabeth Opara** are the proud scholarship recipients of the Bar Study Scholarship sponsored by the Law Office of Omar O. Vargas, P.C. Applicants were required to submit a document on *whether or not Trump's declaration of a national emergency to build a wall was legal*. Of the submissions entered, these two students excelled and surpassed all the others, according to Attorney Vargas. TMSL family please congratulate these ladies and wish them well in bar study.





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Texas Governor Greg Abbott appoints new TSU Regents



Congratulations to the newest TSU Regents sworn in on June 13, 2019, l to r: **Hon. Marc C. Carter**, **Hon. Pamela Medina**, **Hon. Ashley P. Johnson** (Student Regent), and **Hon. Albert H. Mayers, Sr.** Not pictured— **Hon. Jay S. Zeidman**. Two of the newly sworn regents are TMSL Alums, Marc C. Carter, class of 1993, and Pamela Medina, class of 2007.

Regent Judge Marc C. Carter, presided over the 228th District Court in Harris County, Texas from December 2003-January 2019. Prior to his appointment to the bench by Governor Rick Perry in 2003, Judge Carter was a law clerk for the Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Judge Carter is also one of the founding partners of Schaffer, Carter & Associates, a criminal law defense firm.

Regent Pamela Medina is the Vice President and Business Development Officer of Cadence Bank (trust services). Attorney Medina specializes in wills, trusts and probate law.



Additionally, **Regent Hasan K. Mack** ("Mack") was appointed to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents by Governor Greg Abbott for a six-year term and will serve through February 1, 2023. He was recently named the Chairman of the Texas Southern University Board of Regents. Regent Mack is an attorney for McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., a firm that focuses exclusively on public finance law. Today, Regent Mack serves as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel for various cities, political subdivisions and state agencies in Texas. He received a Juris Doctorate, Magna Cum Laude, from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2010.



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Houston Lawyers Association Honors

The Houston Lawyers Association (HLA) hosted its 2019 Scholarship and Awards Gala on Saturday, May 4, 2019. At the Gala, HLA honored Attorney **Chevazz Brown** for his outstanding contribution to the legal profession with the *Aloysius M. Wickliff Sr. Community Service Award*. Attorney Brown, TMSL class of 2007, is the founder of the Coalition of Diverse Bar Association and was named a visionary. Additionally, HLA bestowed the Inaugural *Judge Alice Bonner Outstanding Trailblazer Award*. The award commemorates service and contribution to the legal field by Judge Alice Bonner. Judge Bonner, class of 1966, was the first African—American female Judge for Harris County. Finally, HLA also bestowed upon acting Dean **Gary L. Bledsoe** the *Roberson L. King Award for Excellence in Education* because he has empowered the community through education and service to today's legal scholars and tomorrow's legal icons.



Hon. Alice Bonner



Gary Bledsoe, TMSL Acting Dean



Chevazz Brown, Partner-Jackson Walker LLP



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Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TDCLA) in San Antonio, Texas honored **State Representative Senfronia Thompson** on June 13, 2019, at their annual awards banquet. Representative Thompson was awarded the *Rodney Ellis Award* for her exceptional commitment to advocacy; demonstration of specific endeavors related to criminal defense; spreading awareness of TCDLA initiatives and endeavors; and having a positive impact on criminal defense. The award was named after Senator Rodney Ellis for serving as the voice and/or advocate to TCDLA.



SENFRONIA THOMPSON
Texas House
Democrat

State Representative **Senfronia Thompson** was also named in the *Best of the Texas Legislature 2019* by the Capitol Inside. She thanks her staff for their support in reaching the "All-Star" status. For more information: <http://capitolinside.com/members/best2019-legislature2.html>...

Democratic State Rep. Senfronia Thompson's 46th year in the Texas House might have been her greatest yet as a legislator who's keeps getting better with experience. An African-American attorney who mixes street smarts with a piercing intellect, vast institutional knowledge and a heart of gold, Thompson moved mountains once again in a crusade for the everyday people who have a voice that roars at the Capitol with her watching their backs.

Thompson did the usual amount of heaving lifting as the chief House sponsor on a sweeping package of legislation that aims to combat human trafficking and several bills that are designed to crack down on sexual assault while taking new strides to help the victims as well. Thompson passed a measure that will double the amount of money that the state reserves for indigent court cases in a special judicial fund. She served as the lead sponsor in the lower chamber on a bill that will strengthen the state's guardianship laws as long it survives Governor Greg Abbott's veto pen like a related proposal that didn't have her name on it failed to do. She successfully shepherded another measure that she'd initiated through the House in a move that seeks to boost the proceeds that charitable organizations receive from bingo games and the cut that goes to counties where they're played as well. A member of the Sunset Advisory Commission for the past two years, Thompson sponsored legislation that will keep the state agencies that regular real estate professionals, accountants and geoscientists from going out of business in September.

But two of the longtime lawmaker's most memorable moments came with amendments that she persuaded the House to incorporate into bills that she hadn't been sponsoring over the objections of the Republicans who had. Thompson made her biggest splash on the eve of the session's final day when refused to blink in a standoff on a sunset bill that would have shifted the state's licensing process for plumbers to a larger umbrella agency that regulates a long list of other occupations. Thompson was upset about a conference committee's deletion of an amendment that she'd offered and the House had passed in a move that would have delayed the closing of the Texas Board of Plumbing Examiners for two years while lawmakers searched for ways to solve problems that had troubled it and prompted an earlier vote to shut it down. Thompson gave the House Republican who's the sunset commission vice-chairman the opportunity to shelve the conference report so the lower chamber could simply concur with Senate revisions that would have accomplished at the point what she's set out to do in the initial amendment. When the GOP colleague held his ground, Thompson killed the bill with the help of her fellow Democrats and more than a dozen Republicans in a development that caused a *Donner* team fumble at the goal line of a session that the first-time speaker had declared to be a Super Bowl victory just three days earlier. The net effect of this particular snafu will almost two years with a deregulated plumbing industry in the Lone Star State.

Thompson's most impressive achievement this year arguably came at the expense of pharmaceutical manufacturers who appeared to come out worse on a bill that they'd backed as a result of an amendment that she lacked on to it than they would have been if the status quo had remained intact. With a medical doctor as an author in GOP State Rep. Tom Oliverson, the measure in question would have required drug makers to inform the state when they hike the wholesale price by 50 percent or more on the more expensive medications that are available in Texas. Oliverson fought but failed to kill a Thompson amendment that dropped the reporting threshold to price hikes of 10 percent or more above the amounts they'd been charging the previous year. The current standard here is 15 percent. Thompson issued an emotional warning with the fervor of an old-time evangelist - contending that the bill without her amendment would be a green light for price gouging that would hit the people who need high-priced prescription drugs the most and can't afford to buy them. The House responded by shooting down an Oliverson motion to table the Thompson revision on a 117-19 vote.

But the most remarkable twist on this or any other legislation took place the following day when Oliverson brought the altered measure up for a final vote with an introductory mea culpa that was a major tribute to the Houston-area colleague who'd watered it down. Oliverson told the House that he'd spend a significant amount of time the night before contemplating the things that Thompson had said about his bill and that he'd decided that he agreed with every word of it, thanked her for the amendment and declared that the legislation was substantially stronger as a result of it.



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TMSL Alums Partner Up

TMSL Alum, the Honorable **Derrick Reed**, class of 2007, and Mark Armstrong of Smith Reed & Armstrong PLLC have merged with TMSL Alum **Kenneth Stevens**, class of 2012, of Stephens PLLC to form Stephens Reed & Armstrong PLLC. The firm handles a wide variety of litigation matters. However, the attorneys have a great deal of expertise in contract Litigation, Employment Law, Construction Law, and Personal Injury.



Hon. Derrick Reed, a former Harris County prosecutor, is currently a Pearland City Councilman and the former Mayor Pro Tem of Pearland. He is a founding partner of the firm and his practice focuses on employment law, civil litigation and general business matters.



Kenneth E. Stevens Jr., a recognized entrepreneur is also a respected construction law advocate. He was featured by Black Enterprise and recently selected as a *Black Enterprise Modern Man*. He specializes in commercial litigation, liens and nonpayment litigation, defect litigation and change order disputes.



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TMSL Alums become published scholars



Ty Stimpson, class of 2012, had his first legal article published in *The Texas Prosecutor*, the official journal of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. The article entitled, "Depositions in a criminal case" was published in the May—June 2019 edition of the Journal. Attorney Stimpson is an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Tarrant County, Texas. For more information <http://www.tdcca.com>

Fallon Hamilton, class of 2008, is the author of "An Ode," a collection of poetry released in November 2018. Since its release, the book has spent significant time on the Amazon best-sellers list for African-American poetry. It is described as the perfect lyrics to accompany relationships past and present. Hamilton will be a participating author at the *2019 National Black Book Festival* (Oct. 24-26 in Houston). Visit her website for more info: www.freeneehamilton.com





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Upcoming Elections



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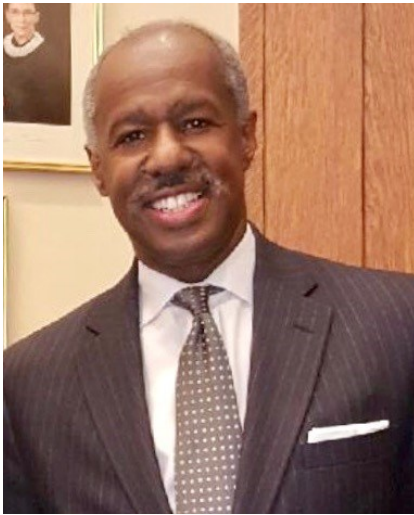


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IN MEMORIAM

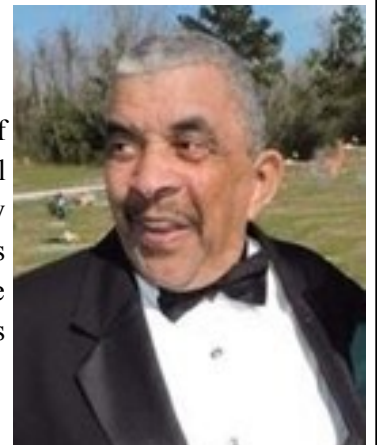
TMSL mourns the loss of Alum Anthony "Tony" Cogswell



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of TMSL Alum **Anthony Cogswell**, affectionately known as Tony, class of 1984. Attorney Cogswell was born in Savannah, Georgia on April 11, 1959. He peacefully passed away in Alexandria, Virginia on May 8, 2019, at age 60. Tony is a graduate of Morehouse College (Bachelor of Arts, cum laude) Atlanta University (Master of Public Administration) and Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Juris Doctorate). Tony was a proud and faithful member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. After graduating from law school, Tony was employed from 1984-1989 by the United States Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel as an Attorney specializing in government contracts with the Naval Regional Contracting Center in Washington, D.C. This is where he met a contract specialist who became the love of his life, Isabel. Tony successfully defended a number of large protests for the Navy which allowed mission critical contracts to move forward. From 1989-2008 he was Senior Corporate Counsel for Sprint Communications Corporation. Tony then entered private practice as a Consultant specializing in Government Contracting from 2008 - 2018. Throughout his career Tony established a reputation as a sharp expert on legal issues and always provided exceptional legal advice and service. Tony will forever be remembered by his wife, Isabel Roman-Cogswell, and his daughter, Sydney Cogswell. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Coletta of Greater Washington, 1901 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

TMSL Family mourns loss of Dean Mouton's Brother

The TMSL family extends their condolences to **Dean Virgie Mouton** on the passing of her brother, **Raphael Lemond**. Mr. Lemond expectantly departed from this earth on April 26, 2019 at his home in Galena Park, Texas. He retired from the Facilities & Property Management department of Harris County ("FPM") in 2014 and was active in numerous church affairs and organizations during his lifetime. He is preceded in death by his wife Rita and his brother Xavier. He is survived by his daughter Regina Jefferson, 9 brothers and sisters and scores of other relatives.





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UPCOMING CLE's

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UPCOMING EVENT

TMSL LUNCHEON

Honoring our Family Law Judges



August 14, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:15 pm

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101 Bowie Street

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