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SEPTEMBER/NOVEMBER 2018

Harris County Female Judicial Candidates Making History: Eight are from TMSL



In Harris County, Texas, nineteen (19) African American female democratic judicial candidates are making political history, by being the largest number of African American women running for judicial seats on the ballot in Harris County history. We are honored to announce that out of the nineteen (19), eight (8) of these women are graduates of Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law: Germaine Tanner, Angela Graves-Harrington, LaShawn A. Williams, Linda M. Dunson, Toria J. Finch, Erica Hughes, Ronnisha Bowman, and Sharon Burney. We were able to interview a few of these ladies who were excited to share why they are running and how Thurgood Marshall School of Law prepared them for this moment.

Angela Graves-Harrington stated that she is “running to restore compassion, integrity, and respect to the bench,” and that the education she received at TMSL prepared her for the challenges of effectively practicing law on the State and Federal level, she also states that TMSL instilled in her a sense of duty to protect the sanctity of the legal system and the confidence to do so.

Linda M. Dunson stated that she is “running a ground game based on her belief that everyone deserves a fair shake, should have an economy working for them, have a right to health care, ensure there is equality, affordable education for all and her concern about immigrant families.” Dunson also stated that TMSL has prepared her well for the position she seeks because the diversity of the student body exposed her to different cultural norms and taught her how to relate to and appreciate the differences between ethnic groups.

During the interview of **Ronnisha Bowman**, she stated that her campaign is “one that seeks to restore trustworthiness, fairness and accountability in our judicial system,” and that TMSL taught to her real courtroom experience which has prepared me to argue a case before any judge and instilled in her to always be overly prepared.

Join us in congratulating these awesome ladies of justice!!

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Meet the TMSL Candidates



ANGELA GRAVES



GERMAINE
TANNER



LASHAWN
WILLIAMS



ERICA HUGHES



RONNISHA
BOWMAN



LINDA
DUNSON



TORIA J.
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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Katherine Vukadin accepted an offer from the *University of Richmond Law Review* to publish her article, *On Opioids and ERISA: The Urgent Case for a Federal Ban on Discretionary Clauses*. The article explores the high rate of benefit denials for mental health and substance abuse claims in employer-sponsored plans. Professor Vukadin concludes that the discretionary clause found in most plans is at least in part to blame; she advocates for a federal ban on such clauses, akin to the ban found in many states. The article also received offers from the *South Carolina Law Review*, the *Brooklyn Law Review*, and others.

Professor Vukadin and Adjunct Professor D'Andrea Shu accepted an invitation to present their topic, *Catching On: How Post-Critique Assessments Deepen Understanding & Improve Legal Writing*, at the Legal Writing Institute's Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada this spring. They plan to present and further develop techniques for helping students digest and implement professors' suggestions for improving their legal writing.



Professor SpearIt recently published "Pushing Pro Bono for the Incarcerated and Those Reentering Society" in the book, *The State of Criminal Justice 2018* (American Bar Association 2018). In addition, federal district courts recently cited Professor SpearIt's scholarship including the cases, *U.S.A v. Muhtorov* (8/30/18) and *U.S.A. v. Jumaev* (7/18/18) in the U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, and *U.S.A. v. John Doe* (8/6/18) in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. In each of the

cases, the judge relied on findings from Professor SpearIt's work to justify downward departures from the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. His work was also cited in the books, *Prisons, Punishment, and the Family: Towards a New Sociology of Punishment* (Oxford University Press 2018), *Gangs and Organized Crime* (Routledge 2018), *Decriminalizing Domestic Violence: A Balanced Policy Approach to Intimate Partner Violence* (University of California Press 2018), and other scholarly works including Resolution 100A, Report to the House of Delegates (American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section 2018) and *George Jackson's 1964 Letter to His Father: Agency from within the Prison Walls*, 11 J. Study Radicalism 161 (2017).

SpearIt has accepted an invitation to present his work-in-progress at the 2018 ABA-AALS Criminal Justice Section Academic Roundtable on 11/2/18, where he will present: *Repackaging Death: Targeting Christians, Conservatives*. SpearIt was recently cited in various publications, including *Prisons, Punishment and the Family: Towards a New Sociology of Punishment* (Oxford University Press 2018) and *Wise Up: Knowledge Ends Extremism* (Wise 2018), https://pointdebasculecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/8.1.2017_WISE-Up-Book.pdf, "Mental Health" in 1 Rights of Prisoners § 4:20 (5thed.), and "United States Incarceration Rate," <http://www.matajiwa.com/2018/09/united-states-incarceration-rate.html>. SpearIt recently moderated the panel, "Bias in the Criminal Justice System" at the 2018 Pursuit of Justice Conference at Gonzaga University School of Law on 9/28/18, and spoke at the 2018 SALT Law Teaching Conference, where he presented "All-Electronic Document Drafting" on 10/6/18.



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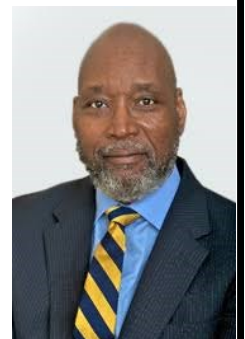
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*



Associate Dean Cassandra Hill's article in the Howard Law Journal, *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, 56 Howard L.J. 447 (2013), was cited in three different articles published this summer 2018, as part of the Journal on Legal Education's special issue on law school assessment. Judith Welch Wegner, the Burton Craige Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of the University of North Carolina School of Law and co-author of *Educating Lawyers*, highlighted Associate Dean Hill's discussion on the need for students to take responsibility for their learning in partnership with faculty instructors in *Law School Assessment in the Context of Accreditation: Critical Questions, What We Know and Don't Know, and What We Should Do Next*, 67 J. Legal Educ. 412, 422 n.38 (2018). Associate Dean Hill's article, *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room*, was also cited by Susan Hanley Duncan, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, in her article, *They're Back! The New Accreditation Standards Coming to a Law School near You—A 2018 Update, Guide to Compliance, and Dean's Role in Implementing*. 67 J. Legal Educ. 463, 479 n.76 (2018). In *They're Back*, Dean Duncan references Associate Dean Hill's recommendation to use surveys to solicit information about students' responsibility for their learning and their level of preparation. Lastly, Associate Dean Hill's *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room* article was cited Sophie Sparrow, Professor of Law at the University of New Hampshire School of Law, in her article, *Teaching and Assessing Soft Skills*, 67 J. Legal Educ. 553, 560 n.33 (2018), for its discussion of students' part in the assessment process.

Associate Dean Hill's article in the Nevada Law Journal, *Peer Editing: A Comprehensive Pedagogical Approach to Maximize Assessment Opportunities, Integrate Collaborative Learning, and Achieve Desired Outcomes*, 11 Nev. L.J. 667 (2011), was also cited by Susan Hanley Duncan, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, in her article, *They're Back! The New Accreditation Standards Coming to a Law School near You—A 2018 Update, Guide to Compliance, and Dean's Role in Implementing*. 67 J. Legal Educ. 463, 479 n.76 (2018). Dean Duncan explained that formative assessments range in complexity and effort and listed some common examples of assessment methods, notably peer assessment, which is detailed in Associate Dean's *Peer Editing* article.

Professor L. Darnell Weeden accepted an offer to publish his article entitled "Equal Voting Rights Require Removing Race and Partisan Discrimination from Elections and Legislative Gerrymandering" from the Louisiana Law Review which is published by Louisiana State University.





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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



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

Thomas Kleven, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Will Democracy Survive"

10/24/18

Faculty Lecture Series

James Douglas, Distinguished Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Why The Socratic Method Works"

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

Faculty Research Series

Lupe S. Salinas, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*"It Is Time to Kill the Death Penalty in the United
States"*

11/14/18

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"*

11/28/18

Faculty Research Series

Tiffany King, Esq., Academic Account Manager
Thomas Reuters
"Westlaw Presentation"





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Adjunct Instructor Positions—Hiring Now

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law invites applications for Adjunct Instructor for the upcoming Spring 2019 semester, which officially begins on January 14, 2019. While consideration will be given to all applications as curricular needs arise, the Law School has an immediate need for applicants who are interested in teaching the courses listed below. In your cover letter, please indicate which class or classes you are interested in teaching and provide a summary of your related background or experience.

Spring 2019

Texas Property Law (3 credits)

Appellate Litigation (2 credits)

Trial Simulation* (2 credits)

Adjunct instructors are hired in a part-time capacity on a semester-by-semester basis, contingent upon the needs of the Law School. The successful candidate will possess the following required qualifications:

- **J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school;**
- **Be a member in good standing in your state of bar licensure;**
- **Strong academic and professional qualifications;**
- **Practice experience that is sufficiently extensive and relevant to the requested teaching assignment;**
- **Demonstrated ability to achieve excellence in teaching and in guiding and mentoring students; and**
- **Commitment to the goals of the University and the Law School.**

*In addition, for Trial Simulation, the ideal candidate will have extensive litigation and trial work experience and significant experience in teaching effective communication and advocacy skills necessary for success in law practice. Adjunct Instructors who teach Trial Simulation will be a part of the Law School's experiential learning program. There may be other teaching opportunities available in the experiential learning program in the near future (including, but not limited to, Evidence for Litigators, Deposition and Other Discovery Techniques and Mediation).

Applicants will be considered until the positions are filled. **If you are interested in teaching as an Adjunct Instructor, please email your cover letter and resume to Cassandra Hill, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, at cassandra.hill@tmslaw.tsu.edu.** Also, please complete the online application at <https://jobs.tsu.edu/postings/2957> (which requires submission of a resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcript).

It is the policy of Texas Southern University to provide a work environment that is free from discrimination for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status in its programs, activities, admissions or employment policies. This policy of equal opportunity is strictly observed in all University employment-related activities such as advertising, recruiting, interviewing, testing, employment training, compensation, promotion, termination, and employment benefits. This policy expressly prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, genetic history, national origin, disability, age, citizenship status, or protected veteran status. This policy shall be adhered to in accordance with the provisions of all applicable federal, state and local laws, including, but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

Official TSU Position Title: Adjunct Instructor

Posting Number: TSU202017

Posting on Texas Southern University's website: <https://jobs.tsu.edu/postings/2957> (which requires submission of a resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcript)



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EARL CARL INSTITUTE

ECI & Partners Launch Make My School Safe Toolkits

Texas Applesseed partnered with Disability Rights Texas and the Earl Carl Institute to launch off its School Safety Toolkit. The toolkit is designed to equip students, parents, caretakers, educators and advocates with resources so they can address school safety and school police issues and advocate for procedural and policy changes at their campus and school district. You can check out their toolkit by visiting <https://www.makemyschoolsafe.org>

This School Safety Toolkit will provide you with information on:

- which methods and approaches actually work to increase school safety and create positive school climates;
- the rights students have when they are accused of misbehavior in their schools;
- the impact of safety and policing policies on students with disabilities;
- how to organize your community in order to initiate policy changes with respect to how police officers are allowed to interact with students in schools and the type of training that should be required for school police officers;
- other tools that can be used to combat the “school-to-prison pipeline*”
- and so much more!

*The “school-to-prison pipeline is a term that describes the policies and practices—the use of suspensions, expulsions, school police, and courts—that push students out of the classroom and increase the likelihood that they will experience academic difficulties, drop out of school, and come into contact with the justice system.

This guide is not meant to provide legal advice, either general or specific. For legal advice, you should consult a lawyer. [Legal aid](#) or the [Texas State Bar](#) may be able to help you find a lawyer. If the impacted student has a disability, [Disability Rights Texas](#) may be able to help.





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OUR STORY – THE HISTORY OF THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW PART ONE: THE LONG JOURNEY HOME (1776-1947)



Our Story – The History of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law tells the “story behind the story” of the blood, sweat and tears-drenched road to the founding of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL), as well as the warrior battles against “powers & principalities” to **protect it**, the eternal charge to **improve it** and the ancestral responsibility to **pass it on**.

Part One: The Long Journey Home (1776-1947) available now at urrc.tsu.edu recounts centuries of horrors and resistance to those horrors that helped pave the way for the improbable yet profound founding of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The legal roadblocks to Black freedom, citizenship and education are examined, as are seminal legal cases that built and then helped tear down walls of exclusion thereby clearing a pathway for educational access. The victory to open the doors of the TMSL is a tale that can’t be fully appreciated without first journeying through the many decades preceding 1947, when Blacks were beaten, tortured and/or killed for daring to learn to read.

Bravely, Blacks fought through the many barriers to build, one soul-soaked brick at a time, a movement of resistance to tyranny and terrorism, to open new doors of opportunity, using the law representing our constitutional values to fight the laws that conspired to hold Blacks back. Not because of lack of insidious effort, but rather because of the dogged persistence of Blacks with a passion for the law and justice, who refused to bend and bow; who with backs straight and chests out and hearts affixed to justice, and eyes forever on the prize, marched on—through Reconstruction, Jim Crow segregation, and fighting on foreign battlefields for a democracy Blacks could not enjoy at home. *Part One: The Long Journey Home (1776-1947)* tells this story in powerful and glorious detail.

In total, *Our Story – The History of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law* includes four parts, offering online publications, video interviews and a coffee-table book highlighting important aspects covered in the four-part series. It is a tale symbolic of the journey of Black people in this country.



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OUR Story—The History of Thurgood Marshall School of Law *cont'd*



- **Part One:** *“The Long Journey Home”* (1776 – 1947) recounts the centuries of horror and the resistance to those horrors that paved the way for the new school. [**available Oct 2018**]
- **Part Two:** *“In the Beginning: The Building Years”* (1947 – 1960) reveals the herculean challenges and triumphs involved in opening the doors of TSU’s law school. [**available Nov 2018**]
- **Part Three:** *“Protect It, Improve It, Pass it On”* highlights three distinct periods of the schools evolution that reflect the TMSL mantra: Protect It (1961 – 1980); Improve It (1981 – 1999); and Pass it On (1999 – Present). [**available Jan 2019**]
- **Part Four:** *“Our Story – The Collection”* will serve as a coffee table book summarizing and highlighting the entire journey covered throughout the Our Story – Thurgood Marshall School of Law project; a journey that brought us to this day while exploring the legacy that we are leaving to generations that follow. [**available Feb 2019**]

Moreover, with its bar-setting diversity, the story of the TMSL reflects the growth of this nation and world. For there is no corner of this globe that has not been made better by the contributions of the women and men who make up the trans-generational family of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Their story, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law’s story, is everyone’s story. It’s Our Story!

Part I: The Long Journey Home that is currently available on the Urban Research and Resource Center’s website at <http://urrc.tsu.edu/publications/> or from the law school’s home page

<http://www.tsulaw.edu/index.html>.

Part II: In the Beginning, The Building Years 1947-1960 coming November 2018.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Externship Spotlights

Name: Ivonne Batarse

Classification: 3L

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Undergrad Degree: Political Science

Externship Placement: Office of the Attorney General-Child Support Division

Why did you choose the OAG?

I chose the OAG office because I am very interested in family law and this is the perfect place to get started. From learning how to conduct family law trial, to defining what “best interest of the child really means”, I am learning so much from the team that I am assigned to.

Child support court is about so much more than just child support. What is the relationship between the parents and the children, what is in the child’s best interest, medical insurance, visitation, who makes decisions about the child...there is so much that must be considered and thoroughly thought through to make sure that the child gets all the love and support they need.

TMSL has prepared me well for this next phase of my preparation. From a personal perspective, this placement has allowed me to become more outgoing and more comfortable with trying and doing new things.



Name: Sean Bostic

Classification: 3L

Hometown: Hamden, Connecticut

Undergrad Degree: Political Science/Criminal Justice

Externship Placement: NASA, Houston, Texas

What areas of practice have you focused on while working at NASA this summer?

Litigation; Transactional Agreements; Government Contracts; Space Act Agreements; and more.

In an environment that is dynamic, fast-paced and spirited, I chose NASA because I believe NASA to be the gold standard in law offices.

If given the chance, I was confident that NASA would introduce me to areas and nuances of the practice of law that I did not know even existed. I am honored to represent TMSL and I am honored to be a part of the NASA team.





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Externship Spotlights *cont'd*

Name: Teresa Dostal

Classification: 3L

Hometown: Alice, Texas

Undergrad Degree: Business Administration, concentration Finance

Externship Placement: The Galaviz Law Firm, PLLC

Why did you want to work with the Galaviz Law Firm?

I am passionate about immigration law. Being a child of an immigrant, I feel a great kinship and responsibility for those who need help in navigating the labyrinth of immigration law in this country. Attorney Galaviz is a great attorney, a great mentor and someone who shares my compassion for service-leadership.

This externship helped me focus on legal research and writing, it allowed me opportunities exercise and apply critical thinking skills and engage in issues that I feel passionate about. Working at something you love to do is a dream come true. This summer, I lived my dream.



Name: Benjamin Adam Neece

Classification: 3L

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas

Externship Placement: The Law Office of Michael Gonzalez

I am proud to have had this opportunity to serve as an extern at the Law Office of Michael Gonzalez. As an intensive care nurse, I have used my hands and my knowledge to literally save people's lives, I now want to shift my focus and use my knowledge of the law to save lives, communities, hopes and dreams.

Attorney Michael Gonzalez has taken me under his wing and taught me how to put into action what I have learned in law school. While I have always known, I now embrace and understand on a different level how important my professional brand is and will be, especially given that my father is an attorney here in Brownsville and has worked tirelessly to make a name for himself and a place in the community for our family.

To wrap it up, I used this externship opportunity to practice skills learned at TMSL and I have the benefit of seeing the positive affect on clients and their loved ones. I look forward to continuing to serve.





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2018-2019 BOA Competition Calendar

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Stephanie Ledesma X1105

Tuesday	October 2, 2018	Noon	General Board Meeting
Tuesday	October 2, 2018	Noon	Informational for Catherine Shaw 1L Mock Trial
Thursday	October 4, 2018	Noon	Primer for Catherine Shaw 1L Mock Trial
Tuesday	October 23, 24 and 25	5-9	1L Mock Trial Competition
Wednesday			4 rooms, one of which is for the Judges
Thursday			
Wednesday	October 3, 2018	Noon	Informational for Helen Dawn 2L/3L Mock Trial
Friday	October 5, 2018	Noon	Primer for Helen Dawn 2L/3L Mock Trial
Tuesday	October 9, 10, and 11	5-9	4 rooms, one of which is for the Judges.
Wednesday			2L/3L Mock Trial Competition
Thursday			
Tuesday	November 6, 2018	Noon	General Board Meeting
Tuesday	January 15, 2019	Noon	General Board Meeting
Thursday	January 24, 2019	Noon	Informational for 1L Moot Court
Wednesday	January 30, 2019	Noon	Informational for Henry Doyal 2L/3L Moot Court
Thursday	February 1, 2019	Noon	Primer for HD 2L/3L Moot Court
Friday	February 1, 2019	Noon	Primer for 1L Moot Court
Tuesday	February 5, 2019	Noon	General Board Meeting
Monday	February 18, 19, 20 and 21	5-9	4 Rooms, for the 2L/3L Moot Court Competition.
Tuesday			One of the rooms is for the Judges.
Wednesday			Thank you.
Thursday			
Tuesday	February 26,27,28	5-9	4 Rooms, for the 1L Moot Court Competition.
Wednesday			One of the rooms is for the Judges.
Thursday			Thank you.
Tuesday	March 5, 2019	Noon	General Board Meeting
Tuesday	April 9, 2019	Noon	General Board Meeting



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TMSL IS **EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION...EXPLORE** THE PRACTICE

ALL 2L'S



NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

6 HOURS MANDATORY EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION COURSES

<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS AWARDED</u>
EXTERNSHIP (FALL/SPRING)	6 HOURS
EXTERNSHIP (SUMMER)	3 HOURS
TRIAL SIMULATION (SPRING ONLY)	4 HOURS
COMPETITIVE MOOT COURT (2 YEARS)	2 HOURS
COMPETITIVE MOCK TRIAL	2 HOURS
BOA	2 HOURS
INNOCENCE PROJECT	4 HOURS
STREET LAW	3 HOURS
CLINIC	6 HOURS
MEDIATION	2 HOURS



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STUDENT NEWS

Founder's Day

**In Spirit of TSU Founder's Day
Dean Gary L. Bledsoe and the TMSL family
Joined the Community to Celebrate**





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Elizabeth A. Opara



Veisha Godfrey-Phelps

TMSL Students Named HBCU Competitiveness Scholars

Elizabeth A. Opara (3L) and Veisha Godfrey-Phelps (2L), students at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, were named the 2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholars by The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU)—a student recognition program that honors outstanding students in the areas of academics, leadership, civic and entrepreneurial engagement. Opara and Godfrey-Phelps exceptional achievements were recognized at the 2018 National HBCU Week Conference on September 16-19, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

As part of this recognition, both Opara and Godfrey-Phelps will serve as ambassadors of Texas Southern University and the Houston community for the 2018-19 academic year. In this role, they will participate in outreach and engagement opportunities, information and resources to share with fellow students on the University campus, as well as initiatives to engage with other WHIHBCU Scholars and WHIHBCU staff to improve and encourage more leadership amongst other students.

Dr. Kendall Harris, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas Southern, state that “Entrepreneurship is important and I’m so glad that we have two highly qualified law students who will be participatory and represent TSU, locally and globally, in this White House Initiative.”

“We are so proud of our two students that have been selected and are confident they will provide substantial contributions to advance the concept of entrepreneurship in the HBCU arena,” says **Gary L. Bledsoe, Esq.**, Acting Dean of Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Dean Bledsoe further stated that these ladies “Have shown great discipline, scholarship and concern for others during their tenure at the Law School.”

Please join the TMSL Family in congratulating Ms. Opara and Ms. Godfrey-Phelps.



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Student Spotlight: Girraud Stephens



Hometown: Houston, TX

Graduating Class: 2020

Undergraduate Institution: Lamar University

Major: Criminal Justice

Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice

Jobs/Internships: Currently a SGT in the U.S. Army Reserves (9 Year Veteran). Prior to attending TMSL I interned at the United States House of Representatives in the Office of Congressman Bennie Thompson through the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Emerging Leader program. Following the internship, I returned to Houston and served as a Program Coordinator at Genesys Works, a local non-profit organization that serves disadvantaged high school students. As a 1L, during the spring semester I served as an intern at The Gibson Law Firm. This past summer I spent 12 weeks in Washington D.C. interning at The National Governors Association for the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Government Relations and the Office of Management Consulting and Training.

Why Law School? I chose to attend law school because I wanted a challenge. I felt it would drastically improve my critical thinking and analytical writing.

Memorable Experience: Attending the 3L hooding was one of my most memorable experiences. Never would I have imagined being in law school. There, in front of me, was the representation of hard work and dedication. I imagined myself walking up and being hooded. I saw my friend's family members in the crowd cheering. I saw my colleagues filled with joy. After seeing the 3Ls being hooded, the feeling I had seeing myself in their place will remain unmatched until I accomplish the same.

9 months after graduation: I plan to pass the bar. Following the bar passage it is my hope that I am still serving in the Army Reserves, but as a Commissioned Officer, instead of my current status as a Non-Commissioned Officer. I plan to have a secure job in the legal field that involves constant traveling and sets the foundation for a longevous career.



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2L Class Pinning



Vonda Bailey, TMSL Alumna Class of 2014 and Alumni Board member, delivered a speech and offered words of to Class of 2020 during their 2L Pinning Ceremony.



2L Class Board

From Left to Right : **Nolan Boudreaux** (Treasurer), **Nia Keys** (Chief of Staff), **Jazmine Smith** (Secretary), **Kyra Riggins** (President), **Jemario Bibbs** (Vice President), **Christen Hill** (Sergeant of Arms), **Chelsea Bosley** (Parliamentarian), **Conner Smith** (Historian)



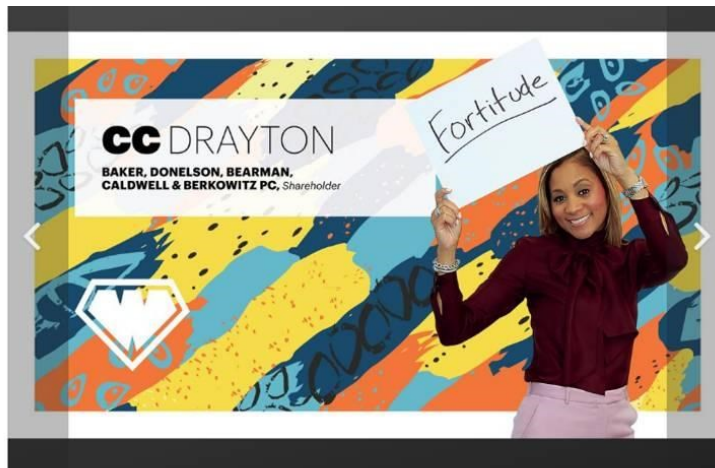
Baltazar Salazar, President of the TMSL Alumni Board delivered remarks to the 2L Class.



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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

CC Drayton Named 2018 Super Woman in Business



TMSL Alumna, **CC Drayton**, Class of 1999, was named *2018 Super Woman in Business* by the Memphis Business Journal (the “Journal”). The Journal described the Super Woman recipients as “Relentless change agents who see the good and use their focused drive to make a difference.”

When asked what her super power is? CC responded that it is “Fortitude” which by definition is *courage in pain or adversity*. As a student at TMSL and throughout her legal career, Attorney Drayton has shown great fortitude by excelling at the top in all of her endeavors. Attorney Drayton graduated with honors at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. From there she went back to her hometown of Memphis, TN where she was an associate for the largest law firm in Tennessee, she then served as the senior assistant city attorney for the City of Memphis for 14 years before joining Baker Donelson as a shareholder concentrating her practice in transactional and regulatory matters involving government entities. So, it is quite evident that Fortitude made CC Drayton a Super Woman!!

Please join the TMSL Family in congratulating CC on this prestigious honor !!





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

*Texas Judicial Conference 2018
September 5, 2018*



The Honorable Alice Bonner '66
The 1st African American Female
Judge in Harris County, Texas



The Honorable Donald Floyd '72
The 1st minority municipal,
county, and district court judge
in Jefferson County, Texas





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* DMV CLUB NEWS

TMSL in DC for the CBC Conference





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

Memorial Resolution

Presented To

The Miller Family

In Memory of Attorney Clyde Miller



(Vincent Randall, Jackie, Morgan, Clyde, and Madison)

WHEREAS,

Attorney Clyde Miller, an adoring husband, to his wife Jackie, a devoted father to his children Vincent Randall, Morgan and Madison a caring brother, colleague, and friend who enriched the lives of many who will remember him fondly as a distinguished and loving individual; and

WHEREAS,

Attorney Clyde Miller was an exceptional attorney and businessman who zealously represented clients in family, personal injury and taxation matters for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS,

Attorney Clyde Miller was an active alumnus of Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and

WHEREAS,

We extend to Attorney Clyde Miller's family our profound pride in being afforded this opportunity to convey our gratitude for a man who left a profound impact on our community, and who immensely enriched TSU and the TMSL family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law family, I take great pride in remembering Attorney Clyde Miller for his outstanding achievements and dedicated service during his lifetime. On behalf of the Law School and all of Texas Southern University, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Miller family and friends during this time of remembrance.

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* *IN MEMORIAM*

The TMSL Family extends our deepest condolences to the families of our alumni and staff whose loved ones passed. May they all rest in peace.



Mother of TMSL Alum Rodney Jones

Betty Marie Hill Pink, TMSL Alumna, Class of passed away on September 10, 2018.



Brother of TMSL Alumna Brennae Brooks

Nabren Dontae Brooks passed away on September 10, 2018



Brother of TMSL Staff Mosetta Moy

Mr. Fred O. Moy passed away on September 17, 2018



Brother of TMSL Registrar, Trudy Green

Robert Charles Walker passed away on October 22, 2018. Laid to rest on Saturday November 3, 2018.



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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

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Shoot for the Stars: A Conversation with NASA's General Counsel

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Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 4pm – 5pm

Jerome Karam Moot Court Room

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
Newly Admitted Attorneys and Newly Elected Officials Reception
Friday, November 9, 2018
5:30pm-7:30pm
OUR LEGENDS
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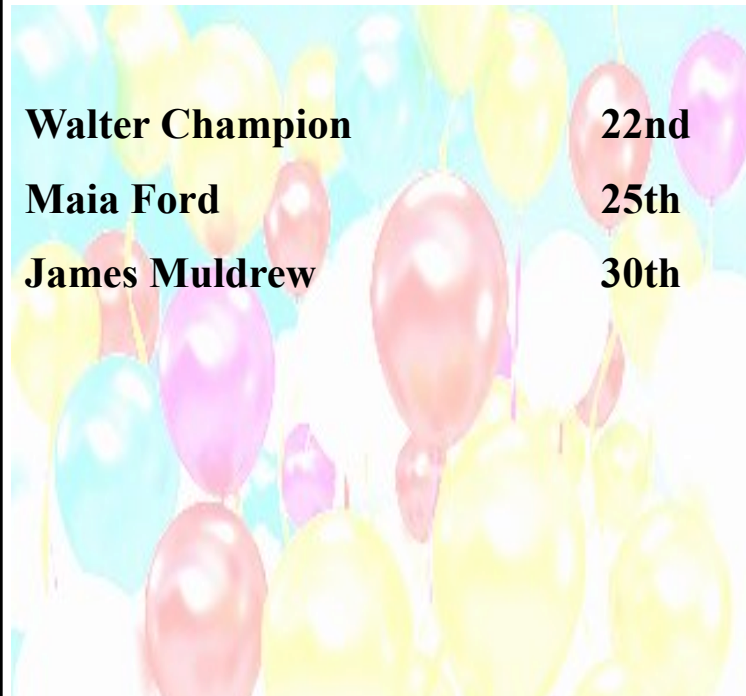




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November Birthdays



Walter Champion	22nd
Maia Ford	25th
James Muldrew	30th



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!



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