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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Thurgood Law, heralded as one of the most diverse law schools in the country, starts Spring 2021 semester in high-gear, welcoming Mi Amy Ratra as Associate Dean for Student Services and Instructional Support and Lauren Fedele as Admissions Coordinator**

**(Tuesday, January 19, 2021)** - Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law is proud to announce and welcome Mi Amy Ratra as associate dean for student services and instructional support and Lauren Fedele as admissions coordinator in the Office of Admissions. Ratra will render direct strategic leadership in the Office of the Dean, providing guidance and assessment services for student academic and enrichment programs and administrative and instructional initiatives to enhance the overall Thurgood Law student experience. At the top of recruitment season, Fedele's arrival to Thurgood Law is timely. As a primary point-of-contact in the Admissions Office, Fedele will respond to prospective student inquiries, schedule visits for prospective students and visitors, execute prospect tracking and follow-up, and provide coordination and logistical support regarding prospective student data and on and off-campus recruitment events.

Prior to joining Thurgood Law, Ratra served in various roles over twenty years in American and international public and private institutions of academia, including Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law, Bryant University-BITZH program, University of Nottingham Ningbo, and Southwest University of Political Science and Law, China. Ratra holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in English Language and Education from Southwest Normal University, China; Master's degree of law from Southwest University of Political Science and Law, China; and LL.M. degree with commendation in international law from the University of Aberdeen.

Fedele is a first-generation graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (UT), where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography and urban studies. Post-graduation from UT, Fedele served as assistant sustainability coordinator for two years with UT Athletics, continuing the work she did as a student employee to enhance the university's sustainability goals. Fedele's passion to help students achieve academic goals flourished post career transition with student advising, admissions and program management at *WorldStrides*, a study-abroad company. She brings wealth of knowledge and commitment to Thurgood Law Office of Admissions.

"Both Ratra and Fedele have distinguished themselves as roll-up-their-sleeves, creative problem solvers with a strong level of commitment to improve the lives and experiences of our students," said Joan R.M. Bullock, Thurgood Law dean and professor of law. "Throughout their respective careers, they have both consistently earned the confidence of their institutional partners. We are pleased to have them both on our administrative team."

#### **About Thurgood Law:**

Since 1947, Thurgood Law has transformed the lives of many students, initiating them into legal professionals serving in Congress, the state legislature and judiciary in Texas, the United States and abroad. Heralded as one of the most diverse law schools in the country, and being part of Texas Southern University, the second largest historically Black college and university (HBCU) in the world, Thurgood Law upholds its leadership responsibility of providing a dynamic legal training program to a diverse cadre of students, who possess the leadership qualifications to become outstanding members of the legal profession.