

**Dean of the Law School
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Texas Southern University**

Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean. The Dean is the chief academic and administrative officer for the law school and reports directly to the Provost/Senior VP of Academic Affairs and Research of the University. For the position of Dean, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law seeks an outstanding, highly qualified individual who can build on the law school's recognized role as a leader in preparing ethical lawyers for practice; contribute to society through teaching, scholarship and service; and advance the law school's historical mission of providing opportunities in the legal profession for the underserved and the economically and/or educationally disadvantaged. The ideal candidate must have qualifications and experience meriting appointment to the rank of full professor with tenure.

Texas Southern University is one of the nation's largest HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and its historical beginning dates back to 1925. TSU became a state-supported institution of higher education in 1947 during the era of segregation. TSU currently possesses an impressive array of undergraduate and graduate programs with eleven colleges and schools, and various centers, programs, and special projects. Texas Southern University has a diverse faculty and staff, approximately 9,500 students, and an extensive alumni network that comprises the University's community. TSU is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and a majority of its eligible degree programs are accredited by their discipline specific accrediting bodies. Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre urban campus, Texas Southern University has developed leaders from various socio-economic, cultural, and racial backgrounds.

Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law has a unique history among America's law schools. The state of Texas established the law school in 1947 when it denied Heman Sweatt, an African-American, entrance into the University of Texas Law School. In 1976, the law school was named after United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who was the lead attorney in the Heman Sweatt case. Although a historically black law school, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law has been named the most diverse law school in the nation three consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report. Each year the law school ranks among the top five producers of African-American law graduates and also produces a significant number of Hispanic, white, and Asian-American law graduates. Law school graduates have served in Congress, the state legislature, the judiciary, and throughout the legal community. The law school has approximately 540 students and 39 full-time members of the faculty. In addition to offering the J.D., the law school offers dual degrees in conjunction with two other schools at TSU – a J.D./M.B.A. in conjunction with the Jesse H. Jones School of Business and a J.D./M.P.A. in conjunction with the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. It also offers two concentrations as certificate programs: (1) Immigration & International Law, and (2) Government. Through its clinical program, the law school provides special attention to the legal problems of the poor and disadvantaged. The law school is also home to the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy – a research and writing think tank established in 1992 to help solve legal and social problems facing the urban community through scholarship and advocacy. The law school is located in a beautiful building that was completely renovated in 2004.

Texas Southern University (TSU) is located in Houston, Texas, the fourth largest city in the United States. TSU's location gives its students and faculty easy access to an outstanding performing and visual arts community, neighboring educational institutions, and the downtown

community. Its students and faculty also have corporate and research opportunities with the Texas Medical Center, NASA, and industries focusing on computers, aerospace, petrochemicals, transportation, banking, electronics, manufacturing, and software development.

Candidates must possess superior leadership and organizational skills as well as strong academic and professional credentials and should have a record of achievement and a reputation in the academic community, bench, or bar reflecting consistent, high-order accomplishments in academia, law practice, or public service. The candidate must have a strong commitment to academic values that include teaching, scholarship, and service. The law school seeks a proven leader with the vision, skills, and expertise necessary for implementing the goals outlined in the law school's strategic plan. These goals include increasing the bar passage rate, promoting quality teaching and scholarship, and enhancing the relationship between the law school and its stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have a JD from an accredited university/college, be licensed to practice law, be a recognized leader in the legal profession who can build consensus among the faculty and foster outstanding teaching and scholarship, work effectively with the University administration, and inspire the confidence of students, staff, alumni, and the academic community. Successful experience in administrative leadership, strategic planning, fund raising, budgeting and resource allocation, faculty, student, and program development is strongly preferred. A persuasive and collaborative leadership style is essential. It is vitally important that the new Dean is able enthusiastically to articulate and advance the mission of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law within the University, the Bar, the accrediting agencies, and the various constituents the law school serves. In addition, a successful candidate will be expected to develop and implement a plan of action toward obtaining membership in the Association of American Law Schools.

The Law School's Dean Search Committee is prepared to receive nominations and applications immediately. Application materials must be submitted online and should include a letter of interest, full curriculum vitae, an executive summary of qualifications, examples of scholarly or equivalent work, and contact information for three professional references. Thurgood Marshall School of Law is an equal opportunity employer. The preferred start date for the successful candidate will be the Fall Semester of 2010. The application process will remain open until the position is filled; review of applications will begin March 1, 2010.

Online Application Form:

<https://jobs.tsu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1260312211928>

Please address nominations and inquiries only to:

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