



WELCOME ALUMNI & FRIENDS

E-Newsletter

REUNION 2007

Greetings Alumni & Friends:

I wish you all a Happy Holiday!!

Hope you enjoy the e-newsletter and remember to keep me informed of all your new accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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Thurgood Marshall School of Law *REUNION 2007* was held during the weekend of October 11-13. The week started Thursday, October 11, 2007 with a special **Thurgood Thursday** dedicated to the Reunion classes. It was sponsored by Melvin Houston and Ricky Anderson on the patio of 702 Restaurant located in midtown Houston.

Friday, October 12, 2007 began with the Reunion 2007 CLE entitled: **Immigration Consequences in Criminal Cases**. For more information about this course, please see the "Continuing Legal Education/Symposium" section below. The law school hosted the **Dean's Welcome Reception** in its atrium. Alumni guests, faculty and staff were entertained by the **REMIX** Jazz ensemble.

Saturday, October 13, 2007 the Law School hosted the Reunion 2007 **Tailgate Party** in the parking lot. Underneath a large tent, guest enjoyed barbeque catered by **Mouton's Catering** out of Beaumont, TX, and plenty of beverages donated by **Anheuser-Busch and several Alumni**. **DJ, Sam-Mac** played a variety of music, gave away CD's, and held contest while guest ate and danced throughout the afternoon.

Victor Marshall traveled the longest distance coming all the way from Riverside, CA, while **James Brandyburg** came from Mobile, AL, **Joseph Williams** from Plant City, FL and **LaQuetta Golden** from Gulfport, MS.

Overall, *Reunion 2007* was a success !! The Office of External Affairs has already begun planning *Reunion 2008*. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact Prudence N. Smith, Director (713) 313-1142 or prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services (CSO) has several new programs and resources to offer both current students and alumni. Some of these are as follows:

- First-time TMSL student participation in the **South-eastern Intellectual Property Job Fair** and the **Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference**
- **City of Chicago Department of Law Job Fair**
- **Exxon Mobil Internship Program**, provides TMSL students, exclusively, mentoring and oil/gas litigation experience in a one-year internship.
- **OSCAR**, a national online judicial clerkship application software.
- **Symplcity**, a comprehensive career services management software used nationally.
- The 2007-08 **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** available on-line to students and alumni via the CSO website.
- **First Valley Area Job Fair**, approximately 30 firms and judges will interview and counsel students.

- **New 50-page "Career Services Handbook"** covering 16 practical topics for job-seekers
- **25 Career panels and workshops**

CSO is proud to announce that to date, every student in the top 5% who participated in OCI has received an offer for employment.

CSO also provides services to Alumni through its Alumni Newsletter which reveals job openings to attorneys and J.D's in Texas and several other states. Available positions are in areas ranging from law firms and small practices to corporations, academics and government. To receive this newsletter, please email your request to Mrs. Andreaus Boise Toure at: Anboise@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

For more information regarding the Office of Career Services visit www.tsu.edu/academics/law/careerservices. In addition, the Office of Career Services invites alumni to participate in its Career Mentoring Program. For more information or to sign-up go to www.tsu.edu/academics/law/careerservices/mentoring.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Office of Academic Support (OAS) extends its congratulations to all TMSL July 2007 Bar Passers, and further thanks the following Bar Mentors for their efforts and generosity. With their help, TMSL has increased its pass rate to 65%: **Audra Thompson, Baldwin English, Brandon Leonard, C. Gibson, Clive Markland, Davida Green, Elizabeth Pagel, Farrah Martinex, Joel Flowers, Kebharu Smith, Kiana Williams, Larry Johnson, Natasha Gransberry, Paul O'Finan, Peter Clarke, Shani Dennis, and Taquisha Tobin.**

In addition, several members of the TMSL faculty worked extensively with the July 2007 bar takers to assure their success on the bar exam. Moreover, the OAS hosted two guest speakers, **Robert Coulthard**, considered a "bar coach. **Mr. Coulthard** is an expert in bar preparation; and **Ms. Cynthia Olsen**, who specializes in oil & gas law. **Ms. Olsen** is a Texas bar examiner and discussed what bar examiners look for in essay exams. OAS also hosted a panel of recent bar takers and passers who presented some enlightening information for our July bar takers.

If you are interested in getting involved with the OAS as a bar mentor, please register on line at www.tsu.edu/academics/law/alumni/programs or contact Thaddeus Lassai at (713) 313-1020. For more information about the Office of Academic Support, go to www.tsu.edu/academics/law/life/support.

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TMSL JULY 2007 BAR PASSERS

Manuela Alcocer
Roselene Alexis
Mandy Allbright
Sameh Aly
Tiffany Andrews
Jolene Arevalo
Ysidro Arismendez
Jameene Banks
Robert Bland
Joseph Brice
Courtney Broussard
Andre C. Brown
Chevazz Brown
Rodney Brown
Cari Brownlee
Stephanie Bundage
Sharon Burney
Akil Butler
LaKiesha Cannon
Veronica Cerna
Miriam Chambliss
Bradley Christen
Jill Coil
Chabli Collie
Atoya Collins
Nyoka Dangerfield
Aiesha Dennis
Danielle Diaz
Vallerie Dorsey
Cara Evans
Dana Fields
Aaron Florentino
Patrick Gilipin
Jeanna Gladney
Alan B. Gregory, Jr.
Jose Guerrero
Catherine Gunn
Chanson Heard
Marcous Hedman
Magaly Hernandez
Hector Herrera
Rachel Hunt
Keito Hurd
Omari Jackson
Kendralyn Jasper
Christine Kurien
Sylloris Lampkin
Lakisha Ledbetter
Chung Lee
Amaris Linbarger
Sarah Lom

Fernando Lopez
Pejman Maadani
Rafeea Majeed
Malcolm Martin
Sam Mazzu, III
Atonya McClain
Chrichet Mixon
Lamegra Mosley
Paola Muraira
Scott Nagel
Charlotte Newsome
Beverly Nguyen
Ly Nguyen
Vy Nguyen
Danyahal Norris
Veronica Osborne
Ebony Parks
Javan Patton-
Massey
Edward Penak
Tracy Penn
Quyen Pham
Alexis Pineda
Yahaira Quezada
Derrick Reed
Maria R. Riahi
Gregory Rincon
Dianna Robertson
Lorie Robinson
Robert Rodriguez
Louis Rossitto
Dasheika Ruffin
Alphonso Russ
David Salazar
Israel Saucedo
Trina Scott
Ram Shastri
Jarrod Smith
Wytaine Smith
Sarah Soto
Tamara Starks
Michael Sterling
Shawn Swisher
Saeed Tellawi
Williams Tigner
Dorys Tijeriria
Stijepko Tokic
Deeann Torres
Tina Tran
Fred Trevino
Shannell Tucker

Aristeo Valencia
Pamela Vasquez
Kennisha Walker
Victoria Walton
Sherry Washington
Antoinette White
Corey Williams
Stefani Williams
Erinne Willrich
Sandra Wilson
David Wilson, Jr.
Myia Wood

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STUDENT NEWS

The following students were the recipients of the BESLA Scholarship Award where they each received a check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00):

Sarah Doezema 3L and Tariq Gladney 3L

Board of Advocates (BOA) Competition Results:

BOA 2007 Client Counseling Competition

First Place **Victoria Neave 2L & Mark Scott 2L**
Second Place **Diana Robertson 3L & Keryl Douglas 3L**
Third Place **Pamela Patterson 3L & Victoria Ogedegbe 3L**

BOA Negotiations Competition

First Place **Rashae Ridley 2L**
Second Place **Eric Tabor 2L**
Third Place **Luvenia Sanchez 2L**
Fourth Place **Aaliyah Richardson 3L**

Helen Dawn Williams Mock Trial Competition

First Place **Donna Mahmoudi 3L & Janeri Rivero 3L**
Second Place **Earl Wilson 3L & Royce West 3L**



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1982

Tyrone Moncriff of Moncriff, Knowles, Muharib & Associates was the instructor for the Houston Bar Association CLE on September 7, 2007. The CLE topic was "Using the Craft of Storytelling in Trial."

1983

Domingo Garcia donated \$20,000 to the Law School in support of student scholarship for social justice. Garcia presented the check to Dean Carrington on June 6th at his office located on the 6th floor of the Oak Cliff Bank Tower in Dallas, Texas. Several Alumni came out to support the scholarship gift presentation; including **Hon. Valencia Bowers '99, Steve Bolden '00, Royce West, Jr. 3L, and Prudence Smith '99.**

1986

Leonard Spearman was elected Vice Chair of the Mickey Leland Environment Internship Program.

1992

Ricky Anderson was elected Governor of the Grammy's. In this capacity, he serves on a governing board that accepts submission of all records and screens music for final approval in 110 categories. Also serving on the board are Yolanda Adams and Mathew Knowles. This year, Zydeco and Harps are two new categories.

1994

Judge David Farr was appointed as the 312th Judicial District Court Judge by Governor Rick Perry.

1996

Katrina Patrick has moved her office to 530 Lovett Street Houston, TX 77006. Her webpage is at www.katrinapattickl.com and her email address is katrinapattickl@aol.com.

1998

Judge Hilary Harmon Green was appointed Justice of the Peace in Pos. (formerly Judge Betty Brock Bell's court). She was sworn in on June 20th by Harris County Commissioner, El Franco Lee.

1999

Craig Hemphill presented his article, "Corporate Misconduct: Examining Gov't Intervention, Market Solutions and Alternative Deterrents Through Ethics Pedagogy (A Legal and Economic Analysis of Corporate Scandals and the Effectiveness of Various Remedial Approaches)" at the Texas Junior Scholars Conference Call for Papers at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas on August 10, 2007.

Craig was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States on May 29, 2007.

Craig was also ordained on Friday, November 9, 2007.

Norma Jarrett appeared in Houston, September 14-15, 2007 for the Anointed Authors Tour. This is a national Tour which featured seven inspirational authors during the Houston leg of the tour. Ms. Jarrett's email is njarrett@hotmail.com.

2002

Sadarie Chambliss Holston resides in Laurel, MD with her husband Simeon and their two children. Sadarie practices Labor & Employment law and her email address is Sadarie.holston@gmail.com.

2005

Rene A. Trevino joined the New York law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP. He works as a third year associate on their Patent Litigation Team in Austin, TX.

Amanda Downey received her LL.M in Banking, Corporate & Finance Law from Fordham Law School.

2006

Terrance Williams passed the July '07 North Carolina Bar Exam. He is employed with the Kirby Law Firm and has a general practice. Williams resides in Clinton, NC and his email is Kirbylaw@gmail.com

J'Antae Hall lives in Chicago, IL. She is an associate at Sidley Austin LLP practicing on their Transaction-Insurance & Financial Services team. Her email address is jan-tae_hall@yahoo.com.

Anh Thu Dinh began working for Judge Bradshaw-Hull in May 2007. Her email address is anhthu.dinh@gmail.com

Jong Woo Kim and **Shalonda Latoya Lewter** passed the New York bar exam.

Baltazar Longoria is the Director of China operations for the California Corporation, Han's Technologies. His email is ipracticelaw@yahoo.com

Marye Dean Moore is working for "Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse" located at 1001 Texas Ave, Suite 600 Houston, TX 77002. Marye's email address is maryem@avdata-tx.org.

2007

Stijepki Tokic is pursuing his LL.M at New York University in International Finance.

Roselene Alexis is working for Thompson & Knight, LLP in their Dallas office. Roselene is on the Real Estate and Banking team and her email address is roselene.alexis@tklaw.com.

Tracy Penn joined the Environmental practice at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, in their Houston office.

Deaths

Leroy Beck '72 passed away on June 15, 2007

Professor Donald Hill '67 died August 2007 after 34 years of service at TMSL. His funeral services were held at the law school

Brandies Martin '07 died in May 2007.

Mary Douglas, mother of **Professor James Douglas '70** died on July 17, 2007. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Mary & Desso Douglas Scholarship Fund at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Weddings

Bridgette Wines and Christopher Elliott '06 were married on November 10th at Windsor Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. They reside in New York.

Engagements

Gabriel Aitsebaomo '95 is engaged to be married on December 29, 2007 in Nigeria.

Births

Victor Vital '95 is the proud father of a baby girl.

Johnny Pappatanakus '00 has welcomed a baby girl into this world. She is his second child.

Danyahel Norris '07 and Davida Green-Norris'05 had a baby girl named Dasha Mikayla Norris, she weighed 6lbs 13oz and

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Samuel Jones '95 has joined the faculty at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, IL where he accepted a tenure track faculty appointment. Professor Jones teaches Contracts and Employment Law at John Marshall. His email address is samuelvjones@aol.com

Dean McKen V. Carrington received the Houston Lawyer's Association *Excellence in Education* Award during its Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet held on May 19, 2007.

Professor April Walker '85 served as a featured presenter at the Third Annual National Black Pre-Law Admissions & Preparation Conference and Law Fair 2007. The conference was held at the University of Houston's University Center on Friday, November 2, 2007.

Professor Deana Pollard appeared on "Live with Dan Abrams" on MSNBC November 28, 2007 where she discussed the Massachusetts Spanking Bill. Professor Pollard currently has a work in progress on this topic.

The following Faculty have left to pursue other endeavors:

Professor Samuel Jones '95—Associate Professor of Law, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL

Professor Elizabeth Hall—left to pursue other career opportunities.

Professor Eboni Nelson— is teaching law at another law school.

Welcome to our New Faculty Members !!

Professor Kamille Wolff—Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Wolff teaches Commercial Law and Estate Planning at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She previously served as Assistant Professor of Lawyering Process at Florida Coastal School of Law.

Professor Peter Lewis—Professor. Professor Lewis joins the faculty of Thurgood Marshall School of Law where he will teach advanced bar examination prep courses emphasizing the MBE and MPT portions of the bar exam.

Faculty Promotion:

Professor Crisarla Houston— Director of Legal Writing Program and Assistant Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Professor Houston has moved up the tenure ranks from Legal Writing Instructor to Direct the Legal Writing Program while also serving as a professor of legal writing.

Upcoming Wedding

Not only is **Professor Gabriel Aitsebaomo** getting married over the holidays, but also **Professor Emeka Duruigbo** is set to wed Ms. Cherish Oriaku on December 27, 2007 in Nigeria.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor L. Darnell Weeden, Professor Maurice Hew and Professor Asmara Tekle Johnson served as panelists at LACRIT held November 12, 2007 at Florida International College of Law.

Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro spoke in Washington, D.C. at the Latino Law Student Association's (LLSA) conference on *Misconduct of Latino Immigrants in the United States*. The conference was held on November 19, 2007 at the University of District of Columbia Law, David A. Clarke College of Law.

Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro and Professor Lupe Salinas served as panelists at the Hispanic Bar Association Annual Convention held in Puerto Rico this year.



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**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Sends Seven Students to
2007 Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association
("BESLA") Annual Convention**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law sponsored seven students to the BESLA Annual Convention held October 24-28, 2007 in Cancun, Mexico. The convention titled, "**Strategic Envisioning: The Impact of Emerging Technologies and New Alliances**" provided the students an opportunity to network, exchange ideas, attend educational sessions and establish new relationships with leaders in the Sports & Entertainment field.

Following the convention, the students and other members of the **Thurgood Marshall School of Law Sports & Entertainment Law Society ("SELS")** began planning their **2008 Sports & Entertainment Law Conference** to be held at Thurgood Marshall School of Law on **January 26, 2008**.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Inducts its Premiere
Blue Ribbon Committee**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law's Blue Ribbon Committee is comprised of Alumni and other external constituents who share their commitment to ensure a successful future of Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

This committee meets monthly to provide strategic planning in such areas as student development, faculty, facilities/library/technology, and fiscal planning. The **2007-2008 Blue Ribbon Committee**, under the direction of Professor Marcia Johnson, consist of the following people:

Ricky Anderson, Steve Bolden, Judge Zinetta Burney, Cedric Campbell, Dean McKen Carrington, David Chauvette, Lucinda Daniels, Professor James Douglas, Baldwin English, Judge Joe Greenhill, Judge Belinda Hill, Melvin Houston, Judge Kenneth Hoyt, Antionette Jackson, E. Marie Jamison, Howard Jefferson, Gene Locke, Shibu Mathews, Professor Ana Otero, Kimberly Phillips, Marchris Robinson, James Sales, Prudence Smith, Victor Vital, Craig Washington, Peter Wentz, and Judge Linda Yanez.

The Committee will give recommendations to ensure the law school's success and continued legacy.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Supports the Zina Garrison Academy**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law supported the Zina Garrison Academy by sponsoring a table at its **2007 Service With Love Gala**, held Saturday, **November 10, 2007** at the Houstonian Hotel.

The Zina Garrison Academy's mission is "to teach life skills, strengthen educational opportunities and provide positive role models for Houston's youth through the sport of tennis." **Professor James Douglas** is a member of its Board of Directors.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
An Avid Supporter of
The NAACP**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law extends its support to the NAACP in various ways. Under the direction of **Professor James Douglas**, over 35 alumni and friends of the law school agreed to **volunteer** at the NAACP Houston Branch Legal Clinic.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kissanet Taffere, Legal Advocacy Programs at (713) 526-3389. The December Clinic hours are **Saturday, December 8, 2007** and **Saturday December 15, 2007** from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the NAACP Houston-Branch 2002 Wheeler Ave. Houston, Texas 77004.

The law school was also a sponsor of the **2007 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet** held **Friday, October 26, 2007**. This year's theme was "**NAACP: Power Beyond Measure.**"

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Hosted the 2007-2008 ABA Law Student Division
Regional Arbitration Competition**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law hosted the **2007-2008 ABA Law Student Division Regional Arbitration Competition** held **November 16-17, 2007**. Thurgood Marshall School of Law had two teams that participated and other participatory schools were: **Pace University, Santa Clara University, Texas Tech University, and Texas Wesleyan.**

Special thanks to: **Peter Clarke, Maretta Toedt, Trina Perkins, Bert Jennings, Glynis Gilder, Caliph Johnson, Grover Hankins, Gere Cole, Melvin Houston, Zinetta Burney, James Goodwill Pierre, Cynthia Spooner, Ericka Kelsaw, Terrence Norman, Daniel Chism, Charles Livingston, Darryl Jordan, Cedric Campbell, Baldwin English, Chanae Connell, Shirel Irvin, Meahgan Dickerson, Derrell Wright, Cornelius Long, Evelyn Rodriguez, and Melissa Morris** for serving as judges for this competition.



CLE/LEGAL SYMPOSIUMS

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**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Homecoming - 2007 Reunion C.L.E.
"Immigration Consequences in Criminal Convictions"**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law held its 2007 Reunion CLE on **Immigration Consequences in Criminal Convictions**. The conference was held at Thurgood Marshall School of Law **Friday, October 12, 2007** in room 106 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and offered 3.00 MCLE and .50 Ethics hours for attorneys licensed in the State of Texas. The panelists, **Fernando Colon-Navarro**, Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Maurice Hew**, Assistant Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, **Hon. Joy Al-Jazrawi**, Attorney at Law; **Fernando Alvares**, Attorney at Law, and **Jason Castaneda**, Attorney at Law discussed Immigration Law Nuts & Bolts and the Immigration Consequences in Criminal Convictions.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the Clinical Legal
Studies Program Presented CLE
on Disciplinary Actions & Grievances**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the Clinical Legal Studies Program hosted its **Disciplinary Actions & Grievances** CLE on Thursday, August 23, 2007. The conference was held at Thurgood Marshall School of Law in room 106 and offered 1.00 MCLE and 1.00 Ethics hours for attorneys licensed in the State of Texas. The speaker was **Audrie Lawton, Jr.** She discussed the common mistakes lawyers make, what to do when you get a grievance filed on you and other topics related to the disciplinary actions and grievance process.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law,
the Center for Government Law & the
Government Law Society
Presented: A Conversation with
Michael Williams**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, the Center for Government Law, and the Government Law Society hosted **A Conversation with Michael Williams** on **December 1, 2007** in the Dean's Conference Room. Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, discussed his path in government, the benefits in government as an attorney, and other career avenues besides the practice of law.

Mr. Williams discussed the importance of networking and how his relationship with the Bush family provided him valuable networking capabilities in politics. He further discussed some of the controversial issues he faced with the Department of Education; and the challenges he endured as a Black republican.

Mr. Williams concluded with a discussion about the opportunities in the oil and gas field and the Railroad Commission. He discussed the Railroad Commission initiatives and encouraged students to consider working in the oil and gas industry since it is in dire need of workers. Following the discussion, lunch was provided.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Congressman Al
Green Hosted a Braintrust entitled
*Equal Pay for Equal Work: Are Women and Minorities at the
Bottom of an Economic Caste System?***

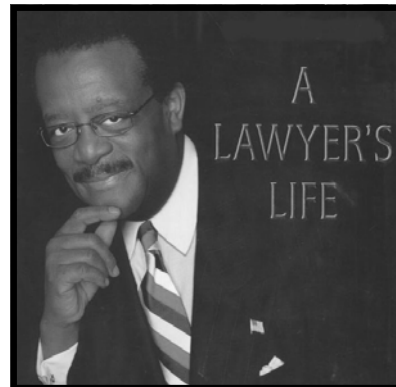
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and **Congressman Al Green** representing the Ninth District of Texas cosponsored a seminar entitled, "**Equal Pay for Equal Work: Are Women and Minorities at the Bottom of an Economic Caste System?**" The conference was hosted during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 37th Annual Legislative Conference on **Friday, September 28th** at the Washington, DC Convention Center. The seminar addressed whether the solution is litigation, negotiation, or agitation.

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the
Institute for International and Immigration Law
Presented "Mexico Trade, Immigration & Foreign Policy"**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the Institute for International and Immigration Law presented a discussion on the "**Mexico Trade, Immigration & Foreign Policy**" held **Tuesday, November 13, 2007** at 3:00pm in room 202. The guest speaker was **His Excellency Carlos Magallon Gonzalez, Counsel General to Houston, United Mexican States**. Several students, faculty and staff were in attendance.



**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Presented the
“Johnnie Cochran Symposium”**



Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University presented *The Johnnie Cochran Symposium* on **Friday, November 2, 2007**. The conference was held at Thurgood Marshall School of Law from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and offered 6.25 MCLE hours and 1.0 Ethics for attorneys licensed in the State of Texas. The symposium committee was comprised of **L. Darnell Weeden**, Chair; **Andreaus Boise**, Vice Chair; **Prudence N. Smith**, CLE and Communications; and **Sarah Williams**, Law Review Symposium Editor.

Many people recognize the **Johnnie Cochran** name because of his involvement in the O.J Simpson trial, but his work as a champion of social justice expanded far beyond the Simpson trial. He used that fame to continue his fight for equality. This Symposium presented the significant contributions that Johnnie Cochran has made to social justice and the legal profession; including, but not limited to, outstanding scholarly commentary about Johnnie Cochran’s role in racially diversifying head coaching positions in the NFL, as well as his attack on the controversial issue of racial profiling by police. The Thurgood Marshall Law Review will publish scholarly comments on Johnnie Cochran’s involvement with a number of issues important to both the African American community and all Americans who believe in justice and equality. The publication date for the Johnnie Cochran Symposium, Thurgood Marshall Law Review issue is Spring 2008.

The keynote speaker was **Edward H. Moore**, Managing Partner of The Cochran Firm in Dallas, Texas. The panel discussions included an overview of the following: “Johnnie Cochran’s Impact on Legal Clinics”; “Police Brutality”; “Civil Rights”; “Sports and Entertainment”; and “Johnnie Cochran, The Man, The Legend.” The panelists included: **Lydia Johnson**, Legal Clinic Director, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Thelma Harmon**, Instructor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Martina Cartwright**, Instructor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Shawn McDonald**, Innocence Project Staff Attorney, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Cheryl Bias**, Attorney at Law; **Robert Correales**, Professor, University of Las Vegas School of Law; **Stacy Shaw**, Student, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **L. Darnell Weeden**, Associate Dean & Roberson King Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Rey Ramirez**, Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **andre douglas pond cummings**, Associate Professor, West Virginia University College of Law; **Walter Champion**, George Foreman Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Patrick Thornton**, Associate Professor, Houston Baptist University; **Virgie Mouton**, Assistant Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Anthony Paul Farley**, Visiting Professor, Albany Law School; **Herbert Fain**, Professor of Ethics, Houston Graduate School of Theology. **Crisarla Houston**, Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, Thurgood Marshall School of Law delivered the Welcome and Introduction. **Dean McKen V. Carrington**, Dean and Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law was the Luncheon Speaker where the Vice Chair, **Andreaus Boise** was honored as the “Most Valuable Player.” The moderators were as follows: **Jason Dominguez**, Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Craig Jackson**, Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Emeka Duruigbo**, Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Kamille Wolff**, Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and **Prudence N. Smith**, Director, Office of External Affairs, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. **Council Member Ronald Green**, City of Houston was the Reception Speaker.



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ANNUAL FUND & GIVING

ON-LINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE !!!

The office of the Annual Fund is pleased to announce that on-line giving is now available. Please make your donation to the law school's annual fund on-line. Go to www.tsu.edu/academics/law and click on "On-Line Giving."

TMSL thrives on the continued high quality of its legal program, students, faculty, library, technology, and other educational resources. Progress is continually made each and every year; however, our greatest source of support depends greatly on the sustained financial support of our alumni. Make a gift or pledge today. Encourage fellow alumni to make a donation. Volunteer to help the Office of Annual Fund & Giving meet its 2007-2008 financial support goals.

The office is pleased to announce that it has received a total of **\$ 89,683.87** to date. It is with your support that we will reach or even surpass our goal this year. For more information about the annual fund and giving opportunities, or to make a donation, please contact **Davon D.E. Hatchett, Director of Annual Fund** at (713) 313-1156 or **Prudence N. Smith, Esq.** at (713) 313-1142 and visit: www.tsu.edu/academics/law/development.



ADMISSIONS

Alumni are welcome and encouraged to participate in recruiting.

For more information on how to volunteer in recruitment, please contact **Shauna Thompson, Assistant Director of Admissions** at (713) 313-1149 and for more information about the Office of Admissions, go to www.tsu.edu/academics/law/admissions.

STAFF NEWS

Thurgood Marshall School of Law welcomes the following :

Mary Quealy Antin has joined the administrative staff of Thurgood Marshall School of Law as the **Assistant Dean of Career Services**. Dean Antin formerly worked in the Career Services department of the University of Houston Law Center.

Shawn McDonald has joined the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Legal Clinic staff as a **Clinical Instructor for the Innocence Project**. This position is new to the law school. McDonald previously worked as a prosecutor in Fort Bend County and Montgomery County, Texas and worked in private practice.

The Law Library has two (2) additions to its staff, **Taciana Williams** is the **new Learning Resource Librarian** and **Danny Norris '07** is the new **Faculty Research Librarian**.

Devon Hatchett '07 joins the Office of External Affairs as the new **Director of the Annual Fund & Giving**. Ms. Hatchett previously worked in this office as a graduate assistant, while in law school. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Hatchett had several years of experience in fundraising for various national non-profit organizations. **Kira Cross '03**, the former director, has moved on to pursue other opportunities.

Shauna Thompson serves as the **Assistant Director of Admission**. Ms. Thompson graduated from Howard University Law School in 2007. The former assistant director, **Tiffany Simmons '04** is the Legal Recruiting Administrator for Hunton & Williams in Richmond, VA.

Dean Edward Rene is the proud father of Jayden Rene, born June 2, 2007.

Zuotian Deng's first child, Samuel Shixin Deng was born May 14, 2007

Aurelia Petty-Owens is now working as an Administrative Assistant at the School of Public Affairs.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

December: (There are no events scheduled)

January:

Event Name: "Thurgood Thursday"
 Event Date: January 10, 2008
 Event Location: Grooves Restaurant
 924 Congress
 Houston, TX 77002
 Event Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Event Name: Dinner with the Dean (invited guest only)
 Event Date: January 29, 2008
 Event Location: Nit Noi Restaurant
 11807 Westheimer Rd.
 Houston, TX 77077
 Event Time: 6:30 pm

February:

Event Name: "Thurgood Thursday"
 Event Date: February 7, 2008
 Event Location: TBD
 Event Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Event Name: Dinner with the Dean (invited guest only)
 Event Date: February 26, 2008
 Event Location: Nit Noi Restaurant
 11807 Westheimer Rd.
 Houston, TX 77077
 Event Time: 6:30 pm

March:

Event Name: "Thurgood Thursday" - Alumni Appreciation
 Event Date: March 6, 2008
 Event Location: TMSL
 Event Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Event Name: TMSL Night at the Rodeo
 Event Date: March (TBD)
 Event Location: Reliant Park
 Event Time: 6:30 pm

Event Name: Dinner with the Dean (invited guest only)
 Event Date: March 25, 2008
 Event Location: Nit Noi Restaurant
 11807 Westheimer Rd.
 Houston, TX 77077
 Event Time: 6:30 pm

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UPCOMING CLE CALENDAR

December: (There are no CLE courses scheduled)

January:

Course Name: CLE-Legislative Update
 Event Date: January 17, 2008
 Event Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
 3100 Cleburne St.
 Houston, TX 77004
 Event Time: 10:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 MCLE: 4.0 hours
 Cost: Ethics: .50 hours
 \$60.00 attorneys
 \$20.00 non-profit/gov't

Course Name: CLE-2008 Sports & Entertainment Law Conference
 Event Date: January 26, 2008
 Event Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
 3100 Cleburne St.
 Houston, TX 77004
 Event Time: 9:00 am– 3:00 pm
 MCLE: 5.0 hours
 Cost: Ethics: 1.0 hour
 \$100.00 attorneys
 \$50.00 non-profit/gov't
 \$25.00 non-attys

February:

Course Name: CLE-2008 Ethics
 Event Date: February 14, 2008
 Event Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
 3100 Cleburne St.
 Houston, TX 77004
 Event Time: 11:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 MCLE: 3.0 hours
 Cost: Ethics: 3.0 hours
 \$60.00 attorneys
 \$20.00 non-profit/gov't

March:

Course Name: CLE-Court Appointments Ad Litem & Other Legal Work
 Event Date: March 13, 2008
 Event Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
 3100 Cleburne St.
 Houston, TX 77004
 Event Time: 11:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 MCLE: 3.0 hours
 Cost: Ethics: .50 hours
 \$60.00 attorneys
 \$20.00 non-profit/gov't



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JUDGES NEEDED !!!

If you are interested in serving as a moot court judge, please contact Ms. Florent Gertrude at (713) 313- 7246.

ATTENTION RECENT GRADS!!!

NASA Johnson Space Center is looking for an **attorney-advisor**. Interview date is Tuesday, December 18, 2007. **Deadline for Resume submission is Wednesday, December 12, 2007**. The Interview location is TMSL, Office of Career Services. Salary: Not listed. Requested Materials: Resume and transcript. Please email your resume and transcript to the Career Services office, Andreus Boise-Toure at anboise@tmslaw.tsu.edu. In the subject line, please reference "NASA JOB". If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Boise-Toure at (713) 313-1014 or Dean Antin at (713) 313-7372.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND SPEAKERS !!!

Several TMSL students are initiating a **new law journal** specifically related to **estates, trust, probate, and real property**. A symposium on these topics is tentatively planned for March 14, 2008. At this time, we are requesting any interested attorneys and scholars to contact **Ms. Sheila Brown** at (713) 383-0390 or sheilabrown21@yahoo.com

HLA HOLIDAY EVENT & TOY DRIVE

The Houston Lawyers' Association (HLA) is holding its **2007 Holiday Event & Toy Drive on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm** at the Benjamin Hall Law Firm located at 530 Lovett Blvd., Houston, Texas 77006. Bring an unwrapped toy. Admission is free to paid HLA members and non-members pay \$5/with a toy and \$10/without a toy. The toys benefit the Bread of Life Homeless Project, a non-profit organization.

TSU ALUMNI HOLIDAY EVENT

The Office of Alumni Relations, Texas Southern University invites all TSU alumni to the **Maroon & Gray Affair, December 13, 2007 from 7:00-10:00pm** at Myles J Restaurant (4304 Westheimer @ Mid Lane). Please RSVP to tsualumni@tsu.edu or call 713-313-1363 for more information.

The Office of External Affairs would like to give a special thank you to the following alumni and friends who have either recently sponsored alumni events or dedicated their time in support of this office:

Melvin Houston '95
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Derrell Wright '01
Linda Dunson '01

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Danielle Diaz '07
Sarah Doezema '08

Martie Garcia '08
Chareka Gadson '09
Cynthia Spooner '07
Doi Heckler '96

Thad Lassai
Aurelia Petty-Owens
Charlotte Washington
Jeanetta Washington

Photos of all alumni events are on the website.

Please visit www.tsu.edu/academics/law

I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE E-NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION!!!!!!

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JOHNNIE COCHRAN SYMPOSIUM



2007 NBA CONVENTION ALUMNI RECEPTION (ATLANTA, GA)



D.C AREA ALUMNI RECEPTION





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2007 REUNION TAILGATE PARTY



2007 STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING



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BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MEETING



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