



# TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL of LAW

2020-2021 Academic Year

## Re: Thurgood Marshall School of Law Curriculum and Grading System

On behalf of the Office of Career and Professional Development, I want to thank you for your interest in recruiting at Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL). Your decision to recruit TMSL students and alumni makes our success possible.

To aid in your recruiting efforts, we have prepared the following background information about our curriculum, which is unique to this law school.

- The first-year doctrinal class grades are distributed to students in each course as follows:
  - A range (3.67-4.00): 9% (of students in the course receive a grade in this range)
  - B range (2.67-3.33): 33%
  - **C range (1.67-2.33): 52%**
  - D range (0.67-1.33): 5%
  - F range (0.00): 1%
- Please note this distribution, or "curve," is lower than the typical range for other law schools.
- GPAs that fall between letter grades indicate plus or minus scores (*e.g.* A- to B+ Range: 3.33-3.67)

### Second Year Required Course Class Curve:

- Each faculty member for a second year required course is expected to follow a grading pattern by which the mean grade point average for second year required courses ranges from **2.50 to 2.75**.

### Class Rank (All 3 Years):

- Thurgood Marshall School of Law provides students their class rank as follows:
  - At the end of the Spring Semester for first and second year students, and
  - At the end of the Fall Semester for third year students.

Thank you again for your continued support of Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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