



Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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TMSL Law Library Displays African Art Collection

Texas Southern University was the recipient of an African Art Collection valued at over \$224,000. The art work which features various statutes and masks is on display in the law library. The donor, Michael Wasserman, delivered the collection to Texas Southern University on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Initially, the collection was donated to the Terry Library, but due to the condition of the facility resulting from Hurricane Ike, the law library generously agreed to store the collection.

On hand to accept the collection were Obidike Kamau, library director, DeCarlous Spearman, law library director, Michael Wasserman, donor, and McKen Carrington, dean. Charlotte Washington, TMSL director of communications and Carolyne Oliver, TSU director of development facilitated the arrangements for delivery and receipt of the collection. Dean Carrington and Judge Manuel Leal (law professor) introduced the African Art Collection to Texas Southern University. Both Carrington and Professor Leal were instrumental in uniting all officials to implement the project, which took a little over a year to materialize.

The collection is currently displayed in the lobby area of the law library near the hot topics section. Patrons are encouraged to stop by and view the collection which will be on display until the end of December.



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From left to right: McKen Carrington, Steve Wasserman, Obidike Kamau, and DeCarlous Spearman