



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

THE ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATION

Description of the Order

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school oral advocacy programs. The Order seeks to improve these programs through interscholastic sharing of ideas, information, and resources. The Order also provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools.

With this honorable history in mind, TMSL is honored to be a member of the Order and is pleased to offer application opportunities to our students.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating 3L, in good standing with the law school

Attachments Required:

In order for your application to be considered complete, (no incomplete applications will be considered), please: 1) complete the attached application; 2) attach a passport sized photo to the application; 3) attach a written letter to the Order of Barristers committee explaining why feel you meet the very high standard required for induction. This letter should be type written, double spaced; font sized no less than 14 pt.; no more than two pages in length; and professional in nature; and 4) place the application and all requested attachments in a sealed envelope and tender a hard copy to **Ms. Toyann Timmons by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019.**

Confidentiality Statement:

TMSL and the Order of Barristers Committee sees this opportunity as a significant personal and professional honor. As such, all applications, all discussions of applications, all

deliberations and all correspondence regarding the review of candidates and selection of inductees shall be and shall remain confidential.

We ask that all applicants carry themselves with the greatest esteem and professionalism in their actions regarding their applications and do not engage in any conduct or activity that would call into question the integrity of this process. Lobbying of committee members is not allowed.

**THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please CLEARLY spell out your name as you would like for it to appear on your certificate, if chosen: _____

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1. Are you a graduating 3L? Yes _____ No _____
 2. Are you in good academic standing? Yes _____ No _____
 3. Have you ever been a member of an interscholastic team wherein you did not compete and or the team did not compete? Yes _____ No _____
 4. If your answer to number 3 is "Yes", please answer the following questions:
 - a. What team were you on _____?
 - b. Did you not compete? Yes _____ No _____
 - i. What were the circumstances that caused you not to compete: _____

 - c. Did the team not compete, but you were willing to compete? Yes ___ No _____
 - i. What were the circumstance that caused the team not to compete: _____

5. Please list ALL Interscholastic Moot Court competitions that you have competed in or participated in the planning of, (add additional sheets if required):

Name of Competition	Year of Competition	Your Classification when you competed	Honors or Awards, (ex. Best Speaker, Best Brief, etc.)	To what level did you advance, (ex. Octafinal, Quarter final, Semi Final, Final, etc.

6. Please list ALL Interscholastic Mock Trial competitions that you have competed in or participated in the planning of, (add additional sheets if required):

Name of Competition	Year of Competition	Your Classification when you competed	Honors or Awards, (ex. Best Speaker, Best Brief, etc.)	To what level did you advance, (ex. Octafinal, Quarter final, Semi Final, Final, etc.

- 7. Please provide your performance record in the TMSL’s Brief Writing and/or Advocacy Courses. (This includes Lawyer Processing, Appellate Litigation, Trial Simulation, Moot Court Class, Mock Trial Class or Board of Advocates, and any other course in which writing or oral advocacy is a major component of the course).**

- 8. Please provide your participation and performance record in TMSL’s teaching program for brief writing and/or oral advocacy skills to other law students, (This includes serving as a Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, Writing Advisor or Board of Advocates Board Member or Competition Coordinator).**
