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Academic Appointments

2012 - present	Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, Texas Associate Dean of Experiential Education (2017-present) Associate Professor, Tenure (2018- present) Director of Experiential Education (2013-2017) Coordinator of Experiential Education (2012-2013) Director of Externships (2012-2013) Assistant Professor (2012-2018)
2011-2012	Rutgers Law School, Camden, New Jersey Adjunct Professor

Selected Professional Experience

2018	Designated Faculty Administrator Responsible for gathering data, analyzing and reporting on law school compliance of ABA planned assessment measures related to curriculum rigor.
2018- Future	National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA) Program Director Dallas Trial Skills Program Southern Methodist University School of Law Dallas, Texas Annually
2018- 2019	National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA) Assistant Director New Orleans Trial Skills Program New Orleans, Louisiana

2016- Future	National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA) Law School Curriculum Development Client Interviewing/Fact Investigation Boulder, Colorado/ National Distribution
2015- Future	National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA) Team Leader Various Programs Boulder, Colorado Various Times
2010- Future	National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA) Faculty Member Various Programs Boulder, Colorado Various Times
2010-2017	National Association of Counsel for Children National Training Curriculum Developer Boulder, Colorado/ National Distribution
1997-2012	The Ledesma Law Firm Managing Attorney Round Rock, Texas

Education/Certifications

June, 2010	Child Welfare National Certification National Association of Counsel for Children Boulder, Colorado
July, 2000	Family Law Mediation Certification Dispute Resolution Center Austin, Texas

July, 2000	General Mediation Certification Dispute Resolution Center Austin, Texas
1993-1996	J.D., St. Mary's University Law School San Antonio, Texas
1990-1991	M.A., University of Incarnate Word Social Gerontology San Antonio, Texas
1985-1989	B.S, St. Mary's University Law School Biology Major Chemistry Minor San Antonio, Texas

Selected Publications/Articles

'I'm Blending': Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy
Work in Progress

PTSD AND BAD PAPER DISCHARGES: WHY THE FAIRNESS TO SOLDIERS ACT IS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE
Fall, 2017 Elon Law School

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN-DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW CHILDREN'S CENTER: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TRIAL PRACTICE ACADEMY CURRICULUM
FALL 2014 AND FALL 2015 (REVISED)
THE WORK WAS CREATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

"The Vanishing of the African-American Family: "Reasonable Efforts" and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System".
Charleston Law Review
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2499975
Fall, 2014

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AS CRITICAL PEDAGOGY: ENHANCING THE LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Nova Law Review, Volume 38

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2498782

Fall, 2014

Co-Authored with Professor SpearIt, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Teaching and Other Responsibilities at TSU/ Thurgood Marshall School of Law:

Spring, 2019 •Associate Dean of Experiential Education, (Supervise

the following programs):

- Competitive Moot Court
- Competitive Mock Trial
- Civil Externships
- Criminal Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Externship Hybrids
 - Innocence Project
 - Juvenile Lifers Without Parole
- Street Law Program
- Board of Advocates Advocacy Program
- Trial Simulation Program- 13 sections
- Director of Order of Barristers National Honorary Organization
- Clinical Program
 - Family Law
 - Criminal Law
 - Wills and Probate
 - Immigration
- Curriculum Development
 - Trial Simulation (Based on National Institute of Trial Advocacy model)
 - Law Practice Management
 - Mediation
 - Advanced Trial Skills

• Associate Professor

- Domestic Relations
- Trial Simulation
- Civil Externship- Trial Practice
- Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
- Judicial Externship- Trial Practice

• **Experiential Adjunct Professors**

- Assist with creation of semester schedule to ensure the most effective inclusion of experiential courses with doctrinal balance.
- Identify, interview, and make offers to the most qualified and most dedicated adjunct faculty for 30 adjunct positions, including but not limited to clinical directors; trial simulation professors; law practice management professors; and externship professors.
- **Developed and Executed Experiential Professor Training Curriculum**

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- Competitive Mock Trial
- Civil Externships
- Criminal Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Externship Hybrids
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- **Associate Professor**
 - Domestic Relations
 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice
 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice

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 - Identify, interview, and make offers to the most qualified and most dedicated adjunct faculty for 30 adjunct positions, including but not limited to clinical directors; trial simulation professors; law practice management professors; and externship professors.
 - **Developed and Executed Experiential Professor Training Curriculum**

- **ABA Report Designated Lead**
 - Designated Faculty Administrator Responsible for gathering data, analyzing and reporting on law school compliance of ABA planned assessment measures related to curriculum rigor.

Summer, 2018 •Associate Dean of Experiential Education, (Supervise the following programs):

- Competitive Moot Court
- Competitive Mock Trial
- **Assistant Professor**
 - Externship Program (50% of Rising 3L class was enrolled in a summer externship placement).
 - Civil Externships
 - Criminal Externships
 - Judicial Externships

Spring, 2018 •Associate Dean of Experiential Education, (Supervise the following programs):

- Competitive Moot Court
- Competitive Mock Trial
- Civil Externships
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- Judicial Externships
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- Civil Externship- Trial Practice
- Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
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 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice

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 - Criminal Externships
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 - Externship Program
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 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
 - Appellate Litigation

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 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice
 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
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 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice
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 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
 - Appellate Litigation

Summer, 2014 • Externships, Practicum and Classroom Component Professor and curriculum development

- Civil
- Judicial
- Criminal

Spring, 2014 • Director of Experiential Learning • Director of Experiential Education, (Supervise the following programs):

- Competitive Moot Court
- Externship Program
 - Civil Externships
 - Criminal Externships
 - Judicial Externships
- **Assistant Professor**
 - Externship Program
 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice
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 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
 - Appellate Litigation

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 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
 - Appellate Litigation

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- Judicial
- Criminal

Spring, 2013 •Coordinator of Experiential Education, (Supervise the following programs):

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 - Civil Externships
 - Criminal Externships
 - Judicial Externships
- **Assistant Professor**
 - Externship Program
 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice
 - Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
 - Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
 - Appellate Litigation

Fall, 2012 •Coordinator of Experiential Education

- **Assistant Professor**
 - Externship Program
 - Civil Externship- Trial Practice

- Criminal Externship- Trial Practice
- Judicial Externship- Trial Practice
- Appellate Litigation

Service to the University, the Profession and the Community:

April, 2019

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Immigration Advocacy Institute for Attorneys
In conjunction with Catholic Immigration Network
Boulder, Colorado
March 31-April 2
 - The Advocacy in Immigration Matters Program is presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in conjunction with Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and provided for Immigration attorneys from across the nation that work on asylum, change of status and other immigration matters. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the country on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file, (exactly the same pedagogy used by Dean Ledesma in structuring the TMSL Trial Simulation program, required for all 2 L students at TMSL). These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting them where they are, focused on helping them become their individual best. The critiques provided by Dean Ledesma, and the other NITA faculty members are constructive and offer specific ways that each individual advocate can improve and become more successful in holistically representing their clients.

Each day of the program is filled with demonstrations by the faculty and exercises intended to challenge each attorney participant. This program employs a number of different teaching techniques, with each designed to build upon the other techniques to enhance and reinforce the overall advocacy of each participant.

March, 2019

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Legal Aid Association of California
Trial Advocacy Program
Davis, California
UC Davis School of Law
March 27-31, 2019
 - The Legal Aid Association of California, (LAAC) is a statewide membership organization for almost 100 legal non-profit organizations. LAAC provides statewide trainings for employees of member organizations on best practices in trial skills advocacy. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed training team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the state of California on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file. These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting them where they are, focused on helping them become their individual best. The critiques provided by Dean Ledesma, and the other NITA faculty members are constructive and offer specific ways that each individual advocate can improve and become more

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March, 2019

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Deposition Skills: Houston, Texas
Locke Lord, Houston
Houston, Texas
March 22-24, 2019
 - Dean Ledesma served as a co-team leader and member of a national team of trained experts at the NITA Deposition program held at Locke Lord, Houston. The program is designed on a “learn by doing” pedagogy that trains practicing attorneys using a best practice model for taking and defending depositions. The aim of the deposition program is to familiarize practicing attorneys with:
 - the purpose of depositions
 - how depositions fit into an overall plan for the case theory and development
 - the rules governing the conduct of depositions
 - how to begin a deposition and conduct preliminary questioning
 - how to elicit information from witnesses using the funnel approach and open-ended-questions
 - how to seek admissions at depositions using leading questions
 - the role of defense counsel at a deposition
 - how to deal with an obstreperous defense counsel, and
 - the ethical issues representing an employee of a corporate client at a deposition. As with all NITA programs, the method of instruction for the deposition program followed the learning/teaching model developed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). The

emphasis was on “learning-by-doing” in a simulated deposition setting. For most of the program, Dean Ledesma and other faculty members shared specific methods and critiques that encouraged and challenged participants on how to be more effective when taking or defending depositions and even in their case analysis. In addition, the program contained lectures, (done by Dean Ledesma) and demonstrations, (done by Dean Ledesma and others), concerning deposition skills and the issues of professional responsibility and professionalism attendant to the taking and defending of depositions. The deposition program offered to attorneys is the same structure and model of the deposition and advanced trial advocacy course that Dean Ledesma hopes to offer to TMSL law students beginning Summer, 2019.

March, 2019

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Legal Aid Association of California
Trial Advocacy Program
Los Angeles, California
Loyola Law School
March 5-8, 2019
 - The Legal Aid Association of California, (LAAC) is a statewide membership organization for almost 100 legal non-profit organizations. LAAC provides statewide trainings for employees of member organizations on best practices in trial skills advocacy. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed training team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the state of California on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the

program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file. These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting them where they are, focused on helping them become their individual best. The critiques provided by Dean Ledesma, and the other NITA faculty members are constructive and offer specific ways that each individual advocate can improve and become more successful in holistically representing their clients. Each day of the program is filled with demonstrations by the faculty and exercises intended to challenge each attorney participant. This program employs a number of different teaching techniques, with each designed to build upon the other techniques to enhance and reinforce the overall advocacy of each participant.

February, 2019 •

Faculty Member
Office of Child Representative
Trial Advocacy Program
Boulder, Colorado
February 20-22, 2019

The Office of Child’s Representative is a Colorado state agency charged with providing competent and effective best interests legal representation to children who are involved in the child abuse and neglect system. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed training team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the state of Colorado on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file. These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the

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February 2019

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Legal Aid Association of California
Trial Advocacy Program
Norton, Rose, Fulbright, New York
February 10-13, 2019
 - The Legal Aid Association of California, (LAAC) is a statewide membership organization for almost 100 legal non-profit organizations. LAAC provides statewide trainings for employees of member organizations on best practices in trial skills advocacy. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed training team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the state of California on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file. These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting

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- January, 2019** • Faculty / Presenter
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Practice Academy for Attorneys
New Orleans, Louisiana
January 20-25, 2019
- Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

- January, 2019** • Faculty / Presenter
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Practice Academy for Attorneys
Los Angeles, California
Loyola Law School
January 2-8, 2019
- Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were

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December 2018

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Legal Aid Association of California
Trial Advocacy Program
San Francisco, California
Hastings Law School
December 16-19, 2018
 - The Legal Aid Association of California, (LAAC) is a statewide membership organization for almost 100 legal non-profit organizations. LAAC provides statewide trainings for member organizations on best practices in trial skills advocacy. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed training team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the state.

November 2018

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Immigration Advocacy Institute for Attorneys
In conjunction with Catholic Immigration Network
Baltimore, Maryland
November 26-28, 2018
 - The Advocacy in Immigration Matters Program is presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in conjunction with Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Dean Ledesma is part of a nationally acclaimed team that is responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the country on ways to improve their

advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom. The emphasis of the program is on “learning by doing,” which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file, (exactly the same pedagogy used by Dean Ledesma in structuring the TMSL Trial Simulation program, required for all 2 L students at TMSL). These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting them where they are, focused on helping them become their individual best. The critiques provided by Dean Ledesma, and the other NITA faculty members are constructive and offer specific ways that each individual advocate can improve and become more successful in holistically representing their clients. Each day of the program is filled with demonstrations by the faculty and exercises intended to challenge each attorney participant. This program employs a number of different teaching techniques, with each designed to build upon the other techniques to enhance and reinforce the overall advocacy of each participant.

November 2018

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Deposition Skills: Atlanta Program
Emory Law School
Atlanta, Georgia
November 8-10, 2018
 - Dean Ledesma served as a member of a national team of trained experts at the NITA Deposition program held at Emory Law School in Atlanta, Georgia November 9-11. The program is designed on a “learn by doing” pedagogy that trains practicing attorneys using a best practice model for taking and defending depositions. The aim of the deposition program is to

familiarize practicing attorneys with: • the purpose of depositions • how depositions fit into an overall plan for the case theory and development • the rules governing the conduct of depositions • how to begin a deposition and conduct preliminary questioning • how to elicit information from witnesses using the funnel approach and open-ended-questions • how to seek admissions at depositions using leading questions • the role of defense counsel at a deposition • how to deal with an obstreperous defense counsel, and • the ethical issues representing an employee of a corporate client at a deposition. As with all NITA programs, the method of instruction for the deposition program followed the learning/teaching model developed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). The emphasis will be on “learning-by-doing” in a simulated deposition setting. For most of the program, Dean Ledesma and other faculty members shared specific methods and critiques that encouraged and challenged participants on how to be more effective when taking or defending depositions and even in their case analysis. In addition, the program contained lectures, (done by Dean Ledesma) and demonstrations, (done by Dean Ledesma and others), concerning deposition skills and the issues of professional responsibility and professionalism attendant to the taking and defending of depositions. The deposition program offered to attorneys is the same structure and model of the deposition and advanced trial advocacy course that Dean Ledesma hopes to offer to TMSL law students beginning Summer, 2019.

October 2018

- Conference Attendee and TMSL Representative
Thurgood Marshall College Fund
Washington, DC
October 26- October 30, 2018

- Dean Ledesma accompanied six TMSL students to and served as a TMSL representative at this year's Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The Thurgood Marshall College Fund Conference is notably one of the largest recruiting conferences for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Predominately Black Institutions (PBIs). Chosen students participate in the Leadership Institute which is designed to develop the students' leadership skills, provide companies access to a talented and diverse student population, and help students make meaningful connections that lead to successful internships, fellowships, and careers at Fortune 500 companies and government agencies. 3L Kaylan Thacker participated in this conference during her 2L year. As a result, Ms. Thacker was offered an externship with Walmart Corporate during her rising 3L summer. As a result of her phenomenal work ethic, leadership and evidenced potential, Ms. Thacker received a post-bar job offer with Walmart Corporate. Dean Ledesma attended the conference this year with the intent of developing relationships with major companies, government agencies, and graduate program representatives that recognize the diverse and phenomenal talent pool here at TMSL and who seek to offer non-traditional opportunities to our students.

August 2018

- Congressional Black Caucus Convention
Washington, D.C.
- Attended the convention as an ambassador of the Law School. During the convention, Dean Ledesma was invited to make a presentation during the TMSL alumni breakfast to update visiting legislatures, officials, and alumni on the changes made to the experiential learning program at TMSL.

August 2018

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy

Mastery of Trial Advocacy Skills

Oklahoma Program for Public Services Attorney

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 6-8

- Dean Ledesma served as a member of a national team of trained experts at the NITA Public Services program for licensed attorneys in Oklahoma. NITA's public service efforts support the NITA mission of achieving equal justice by serving all sides of the courtroom. NITA executes this mission by training public service lawyers in the area of advocacy skills, through dedicated training. NITA supports public services attorneys by offering a reduced pricing structure public service agency with limited resources. The Oklahoma Public Services program was based, as all NITA programs on a learn-by doing- model. The licensed attorneys who participated in the program performed a simulated cases file in a mock trial setting.

August 2018

- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
ABA's Children Immigration Law Academy
Houston, Texas
August 1-4
 - The Advocacy in Immigration Matters Program is presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in conjunction with the American Bar Association Children Immigration Law Academy. Dean Ledesma was part of a nationally acclaimed team that was responsible for a unique advocacy skills program designed to train attorneys from across the country on ways to improve their advocacy skills both inside and outside of the courtroom, (specifically geared to advocacy in immigration matters). The emphasis of the program is on "learning by doing," which means that the attorney participants will spend most of their

time at the program performing targeted exercises on a simulated case file, (exactly the same pedagogy used by Dean Ledesma in structuring the TMSL Trial Simulation program, required for all 2 L students at TMSL). These targeted exercises are designed based on best practice models designed to increase the effectiveness of each individual advocate, meeting them where they are, focused on helping them become their individual best. The critiques provided by Dean Ledesma, and the other NITA faculty members are constructive and offer specific ways that each individual advocate can improve and become more successful in holistically representing their clients. Each day of the program is filled with demonstrations by the faculty and exercises intended to challenge each attorney participant. This program employs a number of different teaching techniques, with each designed to build upon the other techniques to enhance and reinforce the overall advocacy of each participant.

November, 2017

- Invited Speaker based on scholarship article, ***“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”***

Together We Can-Child Welfare Conference
Lafayette, La

- Invited speaker to serve as the plenary speaker to a national audience of legislators, judges, policy makers, stakeholders, attorneys and other professionals, (estimated attendance 750). The topic of the presentation is the importance of incorporating “cultural compassion” in law school training and as a model of legal representation.

October, 2017

- Invited Speaker based on scholarship articles, ***“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion***

Taught as a Critical Pedagogy” and “The Vanishing of the African-American Family: “Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System”

Oregon’s Juvenile Law Defense Conference
Eugene, Oregon

- In 2015, Dean Ledesma was invited to speak to the Oregon’s’ Governor’s Child Welfare Task Force to share scholarly findings and offer practical advice on best practices to be implemented to eliminate disproportionality in the child welfare system. As a follow up, in 2017 the Oregon Juvenile Law Association invited Dean Ledesma to serve as the plenary speaker in two different sessions. Members of the audience included, state elected officials, the Office of the Attorney General, the Public Defender’s Office, Agency attorneys, Attorneys who represent children, Attorneys who represent parents, social workers and other attorneys and professionals that represent or work with parties in child welfare proceedings on matters that involve cultural compassion as a solution to disproportionality of the child welfare system.

August, 2017

- Congressional Black Caucus Convention
Washington, D.C.
 - Attended the convention as an ambassador of the Law School. During the convention, Dean Ledesma was invited to make a presentation during the TMSL alumni breakfast to update visiting legislatures, officials, and alumni on the changes made to the experiential learning program at TMSL.

August, 2017

- Invited Speaker
State Bar of Texas Annual Family Law CLE
San Antonio, Texas
Houston, Texas

- Plenary speaker on best practices for trial advocacy in child welfare cases: Opening Statements and Closing Arguments.

August, 2017 •

1 L Orientation

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Houston, Texas

- Presented a session on the Experiential Learning programs, externships and TLIP to the 1L students during 1L orientation. This session was meant to plant the seed of curriculum mapping with the students and to encourage them to look beyond their 3rd year. While the law school will adhere to all ABA guidelines, including the latest mandate that all students graduate with a minimum of 6 credit hours in experiential learning, Professor Ledesma intends to exceed all minimum expectations by working to ensure that students also graduate with a soundly developed professional identity inculcated with professionalism. 1L's must understand that professionalism is expected of them on their first day and throughout their tenure as a student. In addition, 1L's must understand that their legal education and instruction in professionalism will continue beyond law school.

August, 2017

- Curriculum Developer/ Faculty Facilitator

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

3rd Client Interviewing Skills Module for Law Schools

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Houston, Texas

- Having worked with NITA to develop the first of its kind, national, experiential skills based course material on client interviewing and fact investigation for law schools; it was important to ensure that the benefit of this curriculum would be made available to our law students at TMSL.

- This class was the 3rd class that participated in and completed the NITA Client Interviewing and Fact Investigation Program here at TMSL.

August, 2017

- Invited Speaker- Based on scholarship articles, *“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”* and *“The Vanishing of the African-American Family: “Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System”*

40th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference
New Orleans, La.

- Invited speaker addressing a national audience regarding a term that I introduced to the legal vernacular; “cultural compassion”.

August, 2017

- Co-Sponsor as the Associate Dean of Experiential Learning of the #HelpingHouston Relief Kickback, that served to assist and support, TMSL students and faculty and staff that were negatively impacted by Hurricane Harvey. This event was hosted at the law school, and co-sponsored by the Dean’s Office, the Office of External Affairs, the TMSL Dallas Alumni Club, the TMSL Alumni Board, the TMSL Houston Alumni, ECI, and the Law Office of Vonda Bailey.

August, 2017

- Presenter- Works in Progress: Public Law *“I’m Blending: “Cultural Compassion” Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools
Amelia Island, Florida

August, 2017

- Moderator-Panel
WORKSHOP ON TEACHING
Teaching Fundamentals I: Designing an Effective Law School Course or Seminar

- The panelists, all experienced and excellent course designers, discussed syllabus formation, the selection of course materials, coverage issues, and more. Each panelist then led a breakout group to discuss these issues with participants in depth in a roundtable format.
Southeastern Association of Law Schools
Amelia Island, Florida

July, 2017

- Co-Team Leader/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
Hofstra Law School
Long Island, New York
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

July, 2017

- Invited Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy/Baker McKenzie Law Firm
Advanced Trial Skills Training for Attorneys working with Miller and Montgomery Cases
Houston, Texas
 - This program was specifically designed for a national audience of attorneys and legal agencies that represent prisoners in resentencing hearings who were sentenced to life or virtual life as juveniles. As a result of my participation in this program, I was able to negotiate an agreement for the TMSL to serve as the sole legal clinic in Houston to represent the prisoners in Texas who are seeking resentencing.

This program was brought in to the law school under the Earl Carl Institute. With the assistance of local and national funders, this legal clinic will be fully staffed with licensed attorneys, a paralegal and law students; all at no expense to the law school.

- June, 2017**
- Coach, 2017 State Moot Court Competition
Texas Young Lawyers Association
Hilton Anatole Hotel
Dallas, Texas
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- June, 2017**
- Invited Faculty Trainer/ Team Leader
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Representing the Whole Child
Hofstra University Law School
Long Island, New York
 - The National Institute of Trial Advocacy offers this national trials skills training to attorneys from around the country who work in areas of child welfare, dependency and delinquency. This week long program is designed to provide best practices to trial attorneys and thereby improve their skills and increase their effectiveness as advocates for those in the child welfare system.
- May, 2017**
- Faculty Trainer/ Program Director
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Southern University Law School
Deposition Skills for Attorneys
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 - Served as the Program Director of the national NITA deposition program. As the Program Director, Ledesma served as the lead trainer for a veritable “who’s who” of advocacy experts—trial lawyers, judges, and law professors—from across the country,

who are volunteers donating their time to the professional development of others.

- In this program participants are taught to “... use the Funnel Technique to exhaust a witness’s subject knowledge; identify other potential sources of information; close off avenues of escape; work with documents and exhibits to gather information; refresh memory; and test potential theories.

May, 2017

- Faculty Member/ Emory Law School
Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques
Emory Law School
Decatur, Georgia
 - Faculty member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School, which is designed as an experiential approach to developing oral advocacy skills. Modeled after the **National Institute for Trial Advocacy's** program for teaching practicing lawyers.

May, 2017

- Guest/Supporter
The Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc.
Award Reception for Professor Marcia Johnson:
Outstanding Public Service

May, 2017

- Appointment Vice Chair
State Bar of Texas
State Bar Standing Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect
Houston, Texas

April, 2017

- Invited Speaker
Jerome M. Karam Moot Court Naming Ceremony
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

April, 2017

- Invited Speaker based on scholarship article, *“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”*

The Earl Carl Institute’s 4th Annual Child Welfare Forensics Conference

TSU/TMSL

Houston, Texas

- Invited speaker to serve as the plenary speaker to a national audience of legislators, judges, policy makers, stakeholders, attorneys and other professionals.

March, 2017

- Faculty Member/ Team Leader
National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA)
University of Houston
Deposition Skills for Attorneys
Houston, Texas

- Served as one of two team-leaders of the national NITA deposition program. As the Program Director, Ledesma served as the lead trainer for a veritable “who’s who” of advocacy experts—trial lawyers, judges, and law professors—from across the country, who are volunteers donating their time to the professional development of others.
- In this program participants are taught to “... use the Funnel Technique to exhaust a witness’s subject knowledge; identify other potential sources of information; close off avenues of escape; work with documents and exhibits to gather information; refresh memory; and test potential theories.

March, 2017

- Sponsor/Host
Experiential Learning and Office of External Affairs Solo Practice CLE Series
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas
- This CLE series is specifically designed by Professor Ledesma to meet the needs of new to almost-new

practitioners. For two weeks, top litigators, speakers and experts in the legal field come to the law school and explain, show and share with 3L's and newly licensed attorneys how to turn their law degree and bar license into a legal practice. From how to start a Family Law Firm, to how to start a Criminal Law Firm, to how to respond to a complained filed to the Grievance committee; to Civil Rights practice; Intellectual Law and Personal Injury to name a few.

- Attendees leave with editable forms, check lists and best practices from experienced judges and practitioners.

March, 2017

- Conference Chair
Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference
Conference Chair
Southern University Law Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March, 2017

- Host as Director of Experiential Learning
Experiential Learning Showcase
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas
 - This is a Spring semester open house, open to all students. This program explains the value of experiential learning; it identifies the experiential learning programs in the TMSL curriculum; and students who have participated in the experiential learning programs share experiences and speak about the benefits of participating in courses like the externship course; a live-client clinic, and others.

February, 2017

- Faculty Trainer/ Program Director
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Trial Skills Academy for Environmental Lawyers
Houston, Texas

- Served as the Program Director for a custom NITA Trial Advocacy program specifically designed to meet needs of a national audience of attorneys that focus specifically in the area of trial skills.
- Because the program was held here at TMSL, students were able to participate in the planning and execution of the program and in some of the actual trial skills exercises.

February, 2017 •

Faculty / Presenter

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

Trial Practice Academy for Attorneys

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

February, 2017 •

Curriculum Developer/ Faculty Facilitator

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

2nd Client Interviewing Skills Module for Law Schools

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Houston, Texas

- Having worked with NITA to develop the first of its kind, national, experiential skills based course material on client interviewing and fact investigation for law schools; it was important to ensure that the benefit of this curriculum would be made available to our law students at TMSL.
- This February, 2017 class was the 2nd class that participated in and completed the NITA Client

Interviewing and Fact Investigation Program here at TMSL.

- January, 2017**
- Presenter-Works in Progress
Mid Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference
Legal and Political Change during the Obama Era
George Washington University School of Law
Washington, D.C
- January, 2017**
- Curriculum Developer/ Faculty Facilitator
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
1st Client Interviewing Skills Module for Law Schools
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
 - Having worked with NITA to develop the first of its kind, national, experiential skills based course material on client interviewing and fact investigation for law schools; it was important to ensure that the benefit of this curriculum would be made available to our law students at TMSL.
 - This was the 1st class that participated in and completed the NITA Client Interviewing and Fact Investigation Program here at TMSL.
- December, 2016**
- Invited Speaker based on scholarship article, *“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”*
2016 Children’s Rights Summit: Disrupting Barriers
Innovating Solutions
Baker McKenzie Law Firm in connection with Hewlett Packard
Palo alto, California
 - Invited speaker to serve as the plenary speaker to a national audience of Tech industry leaders, innovators, judges, policy makers, stakeholders, attorneys and other professionals. The topic of the presentation is the importance of incorporating

“cultural compassion” in law school training and as a model of legal representation.

- November, 2016** • Faculty Trainer/Curriculum Developer
National Association of Counsel for Children
Trial Practice Academy
South Carolina’s Children’s Law Center
Suffolk, South Carolina
University of South Carolina School of Law
Columbia, South Carolina

- November, 2016** • Curriculum Developer/ Faculty Facilitator
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Client Interviewing Skills Module for Law Schools
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
 - Having worked with NITA to develop the first of its kind, national, experiential skills based course material on client interviewing and fact investigation for law schools; it was important to ensure that the benefit of this curriculum would be made available to our law students at TMSL.

- November, 2016** • Faculty Trainer/Curriculum Developer
National Association of Counsel for Children
Red Book Training/Advanced
-Culturally Competent Representation
Suffolk, South Carolina

- November, 2016** • Host as Director of Experiential Learning
First Annual Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Mock Trial Institute
Co-Sponsor with the American Bar Association (ABA)
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/cle/2016/11/ce1611fcp/ce1611fcp_brochure_web.authcheckdam.pdf

- “As the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) have increased their scrutiny of transnational business activities, and are actively coordinating with their foreign counterparts, the importance of having a thorough understanding of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) is critical. With the advent of the Yates Memo, Yates Binders and the DOJ’s FCPA Pilot Program, many have opined that an increasing number of these cases will be litigated through discovery and trial. The Institute will focus on the unique evidentiary and trial challenges that the parties must negotiate to successfully litigate and try a FCPA case. Working from a hypothetical fact pattern, a faculty consisting of experienced trial attorneys from private practice and the government, along with consultants, will explore the strategic, tactical and practical aspects of successfully litigating FCPA cases. To prepare for the event, the panelists will be working in teams (defense and government) in order to make the trial as realistic as possible. The fact pattern is structured so that both sides will be able to focus on strong themes to use in the trial, from Voir dire, through opening statements, direct and cross examination of key witnesses, and closing arguments. They will also be working with trial consultants to evaluate how to best to present their case in the mock trial.”

- **October, 2016**
 - Host as Director of Experiential Learning
Experiential Learning Showcase
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas

- This is a Fall semester open house, open to all students. This program explains the value of experiential learning; it identifies the experiential learning programs in the TMSL curriculum; and students who have participated in the experiential learning programs share experiences and speak about the benefits of participating in courses like the externship course; a live-client clinic, and others.

- October, 2016**
- Experiential Learning Ad Hoc Committee Presentation
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas
 - This was a presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee about the Experiential Learning program at TMSL.

- August, 2016**
- 1 L Orientation
 - Professor Ledesma presented a session on the Experiential Learning programs, externships and TLIP to the 1L students during 1L orientation. This session was meant to plant the seed of curriculum mapping with the students and to encourage them to look beyond their 3rd year. While the law school will adhere to all ABA guidelines, including the latest mandate that all students graduate with a minimum of 6 credit hours in experiential learning, Professor Ledesma intends to exceed all minimum expectations by working to ensure that students also graduate with a soundly developed professional identity inculcated with professionalism. 1L's must understand that professionalism is expected of them on their first day and throughout their tenure as a student. In addition, 1 L's must understand that their legal education and instruction in professionalism will continue beyond law school.

- August, 2016**
- Law School Representative

National Association of Counsel for Children
39th National Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law
Conference
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- August, 2016**
- Strategic Planning Committee
Chairperson
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas
- August, 2016**
- Presenter- Works in Progress
Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS)
**“The Importance of Competent Legal Counsel:
Protecting Due Process Rights of Indigent Families and
Dismantling Racial Disproportionality in the Child
Welfare System.”** This is a continuation of **“The
Vanishing of the African-American Family:
Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the
Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System;** and the
birth of **“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught
as a Critical Pedagogy”**
Mentor: Nancy Levit, University of Missouri-Kansas
City School of Law, “
Amelia Island, Florida
- July, 2016**
- Invited Panel Speaker- ***“So You Think You Want to be
an Administrator***
The 10th Annual Lutie Lytle Workshop
University of Iowa college of Law
Iowa city, Iowa
- June, 2016**
- Appointment Committee Member
State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Child Abuse
and Neglect
Houston, Texas
- May, 2016**
- Trainer/Presenter

National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills Training for Attorneys
Southern Methodist Law Center
Dallas, Texas

- Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

May, 2016

- Trainer/Presenter
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills Training for Attorneys
Southern University Law Center
Baton Rouge, La.
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

May, 2016

- Faculty Member/ Emory Law School
Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques
Emory Law School
Decatur, Georgia
 - Faculty member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School, which is designed as an experiential approach to developing oral advocacy skills. Modeled after the **National**

Institute for Trial Advocacy's program for teaching practicing lawyers.

- March, 2016** • Coach
National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law
Columbus, Ohio
- March, 2016** • Sponsor/Host
Experiential Learning and Office of External Affairs Solo Practice CLE Series
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas
- This CLE series is specifically designed by Professor Ledesma to meet the needs of new to almost-new practitioners. For two weeks, top litigators, speakers and experts in the legal field come to the law school and explain, show and share with 3L's and newly licensed attorneys how to turn their law degree and bar license into a legal practice. From how to start a Family Law Firm, to how to start a Criminal Law Firm, to how to respond to a complained filed to the Grievance committee; to Civil Rights practice; Intellectual Law and Personal Injury to name a few.
 - Attendees leave with editable forms, check lists and best practices from experienced judges and practitioners.
- February, 2016** • Discussant
“Teaching Expansive Legal Research and Activity Theory”
“Power and Authority” in Promoting Justice for All Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference
FAMU
Orlando, Florida
- January, 2016** • Presenter- Works in Progress

“The Importance of Competent Legal Counsel: Protecting Due Process Rights of Indigent Families and Dismantling Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System.” This is a continuation of **“The Vanishing of the African-American Family: “Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System;** and the birth of **“I’m Blending: Cultural Compassion Taught as a Critical Pedagogy”**

21st Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference

American University Washington College of Law
January, 2016

- December, 2015** • Invited Speaker
2015 Children’s Rights Summit: Google-Call
Baker McKenzie Law Firm in connection with Google
 - Invited speaker to serve as the plenary speaker to a national audience of Tech industry leaders, innovators, judges, policy makers, stakeholders, attorneys and other professionals. The topic of the presentation is the importance of incorporating “cultural compassion” in law school training and as a model of legal representation.

- November, 2015** • Faculty Trainer/Curriculum Developer
National Association of Counsel for Children
Red Book Training/Advanced
-Culturally Competent Representation
Suffolk, South Carolina

- October, 2015** • Invited Speaker
Mississippi College CLE Conference
Child Welfare Law Conference and Youth Court Seminar
“Improving Outcomes for Children and Families through Advocacy, Innovation and Collaboration”
Jackson, Mississippi

- Invited speaker to serve as plenary speaker to State Judges, legislators, attorneys and legal academics regarding best practices and reasons why it is necessary to protect the constitutional rights of parents in child welfare cases. The Mississippi legislature was considering the enactment of a statute that required the appointment of attorneys for parents who were indigent in child welfare cases, similar to the Texas statute.

- September, 2015** • Presenter
Earl Carl Institute
“Black Youth Matter- Implicit Bias
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- September, 2015** • Planning Committee Member
Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference
- August, 2015**
- Presenter/Curriculum Developer
National Association of Counsel for Children
Red Book Training/Advanced
 - Culturally Competent Representation
 - Appeals and Writs
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- August, 2015**
- Invited Speaker based on scholarship article, *The Vanishing of the African-American Family: “Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System*
National Association of Counsel for Children
The 38th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference
Monterey, California
- August, 2015**
- Team Leader/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy

Litigation Skills for Legal Service Attorneys
Denver, Colorado

- Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills though: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

August 2015 •

1 L Orientation

- Professor Ledesma presented a session on the Experiential Learning programs, externships and TLIP to the 1L students during 1L orientation. This session was meant to plant the seed of curriculum mapping with the students and to encourage them to look beyond their 3rd year. While the law school will adhere to all ABA guidelines, including the latest mandate that all students graduate with a minimum of 6 credit hours in experiential learning, Professor Ledesma intends to exceed all minimum expectations by working to ensure that students also graduate with a soundly developed professional identity inculcated with professionalism. 1L's must understand that professionalism is expected of them on their first day and throughout their tenure as a student. In addition, 1L's must understand that their legal education and instruction in professionalism will continue beyond law school.

July, 2015

- Invited speaker based on scholarship, on scholarship a article, *The Vanishing of the African-American Family: “Reasonable Efforts” and Its Connection to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System*

American Bar Association
4th National Parent Attorney Conference: “*Achieving Justice Against the Odds*”
Washington, D.C.

- June, 2015**
- Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
SMU-Trial Skills Program
Dallas, Texas
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

- June, 2015**
- Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
Hofstra Law School
Long Island, New York
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

- June, 2015**
- Coach, 2015 State Moot Court Competition
Texas Young Lawyers Association
Hilton Anatole Hotel

Dallas, Texas
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

May, 2015

- Faculty Member/ Emory Law School
Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques
Emory Law School
Decatur, Georgia
 - Faculty member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School, which is designed as an experiential approach to developing oral advocacy skills. Modeled after the **National Institute for Trial Advocacy's** program for teaching practicing lawyers.

April, 2015

- Presenter-Works in Progress “*The DOD and VA vs. PTSD and MTBI, the Collateral Damage of ‘Bad Paper’ Discharges*”
Quodlibet
TSU/Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

March, 2015

- Coach
National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law
Columbus, Ohio

March, 2015

- Presenter
Works in Progress, “*The DOD and VA vs. PTSD and MTBI, the Collateral Damage of ‘Bad Paper’ Discharges*”
Southeast/Southwest People of Color conference at North Carolina Central University

March, 2015

- Sponsor/Host
Experiential Learning Solo Practitioner & Newly Admitted Attorney Institute of Legal Excellence CLE Series
TSU/TMSL

Houston, Texas

- This CLE series is specifically designed by Professor Ledesma to meet the needs of new to almost-new practitioners. For two weeks, top litigators, speakers and experts in the legal field come to the law school and explain, show and share with 3L's and newly licensed attorneys how to turn their law degree and bar license into a legal practice. From how to start a Family Law Firm, to how to start a Criminal Law Firm, to how to respond to a complained filed to the Grievance committee; to Civil Rights practice; Intellectual Law and Personal Injury to name a few.
- Attendees leave with editable forms, check lists and best practices from experienced judges and practitioners.

February, 2015 • Invited Panelist
Texas Women Lawyer Annual CLE
Define Your Own Success: Charting Your Path in a Changing Legal World
Success in Confronting Challenges Across the Industry
Dallas, Texas

January, 2015 • Presenter
Works in Progress, "*The DOD and VA vs. PTSD and MTBI, the Collateral Damage of 'Bad Paper' Discharges*"
Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference
Denver, Colorado

November, 2014 • Featured Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Filming of Video Demonstrations for upcoming new edition of *Lubet's Trial Advocacy Publication* adopted by a majority of law schools in the US.
Denver, Colorado

November, 2014 • Faculty Member

Program Developer
National Association of Counsel for Children
Trial Skills for Dependency Attorneys
University of South Carolina School of Law in
Columbia,
South Carolina

- October, 2014**
- Presenter
American Bar Association
9th Annual GPSolo National Solo & Small Firm
Conference
San Antonio, Texas
- October, 2014**
- Presenter- Works in Progress, *THE VANISHING OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY: "REASONABLE EFFORTS" and ITS CONNECTION TO THE DISPROPORTIONALITY OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.*
Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference
(SEALS)
Legal Education in a Time of Change: Challenges and Opportunities
Las Vegas, Nevada
- October, 2014**
- Invited Speaker-TMSL Alumni Board Meeting
Report on the Experiential Learning Department
- August, 2014**
- Trainer/Presenter/ Board Member
National Association of Counsel for Children
37th National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law
Conference
Denver, Colorado
- June, 2014**
- Participant
Second National Symposium on Experiential Learning
Elon Law School
Greensboro, North Carolina

- June, 2014**

 - Presenter/ Moderator/ Participant
8th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop
University of Wisconsin Law School
Madison, Wisconsin

- June, 2014**

 - Trainer/Faculty Member
Co-Team Leader
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Public Service Program-Representing the Whole Family
Trial Advocacy Skills
Hempstead, New York.

- May, 2014**

 - Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Training Litigation Section of Baker McKenzie Law
Trial Advocacy Skills
Boulder, Colorado.
Program and faculty that executed program were recognized by the Association of CLE Administrations for the 2014 ACLEA's Best Awards - Award of Outstanding Achievement.

- May, 2014**

 - Faculty Member/ Emory Law School
Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques
Emory Law School
Decatur, Georgia
 - Faculty member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School, which is designed as an experiential approach to developing oral advocacy skills. Modeled after the **National Institute for Trial Advocacy's** program for teaching practicing lawyers.

- April, 2014**

 - Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA)

Litigation Section of Baker Botts Law Firm
Deposition Skills

- In this program participants are taught to "... use the Funnel Technique to exhaust a witness's subject knowledge; identify other potential sources of information; close off avenues of escape; work with documents and exhibits to gather information; refresh memory; and test potential theories.

Houston, Texas.

- March, 2014**
- Quodlibet Presentation: **THE VANISHING OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY: "REASONABLE EFFORTS" and ITS CONNECTION TO THE DISPROPORTIONALITY OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.**

TSU/Thurgood Marshall School of Law,
Faculty Development Series
Houston, Texas

- January, 2014**
- Presenter-Works in Progress, **THE EVOLUTION OF CHILD PROTECTION: HOW CLASSISM AND RACISM CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE DISPORPORTIONALITY IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, A CALL FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION.**

University of Baltimore, School of Law
Baltimore, Maryland

- November, 2013**
- Prospective Faculty Interview
Peter Marchetti
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- November, 2013**
- Prospective Faculty Dinner
Peter Marchetti
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Houston, Texas

- November, 2013** • Prospective Faculty Interview
Jeremy McClane, Commercial Law Position
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
- November, 2013** • Participant Faculty Interview- Job Talk Presentation
Jeremy McClane, Commercial Law Position
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
- November, 2013** • Coach/Director of Moot Court
American Bar Association Diversity Moot Court Team
Advanced to National Quarter-Finalists Round
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
- November, 2013** • Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Training Tax Litigation Section of Baker & Mckenzie
Law Firm
Trial Skills

 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills through: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

Baker & Mckenzie
Houston, Texas.

- November, 2013** • Co-Host with Office of Career Services and Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Security Exchange Commission Houston Initiative
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- November, 2013** • Quodlibet Series
Colleague reviewer of work presented by Professor Shondra Kellem-Lewis
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- November, 2013** • New Scholars Meeting
Participant with Speaker, Professor Marcia Johnson.
Colleague reviewer of work presented by Professor Kindaka Sanders
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- October, 2013** New Scholars Scholarship Presentation.
Presenter: Government sponsored abolition...
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- October, 2013** Attendee
Faculty Development and Exchange Series
Matt Festa, South Texas College of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- October, 2013** Supporter
Faculty Development and Exchange Series
Professor Sahar Aziz, Texas A&M School of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

- September, 2013** Participant

How the Law Library Can Help Faculty
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013

Participant
How the Law Library Can Help Faculty
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013

Participant
Positive Discipline that Yields Positive Results
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013

Director of Experiential Learning
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013

Director of Externship Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013

Director of Moot Court Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013

- Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills though: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best

practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

Florida Court Improvement Project
Miami, Florida

August, 2013

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National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Advanced Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
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Utah Court Improvement Project
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Connecticut Court Improvement Project
Quinnipiac, Connecticut

August, 2013

- Invited Speaker

Texas Nurse-Family Partnership Statewide Conference
San Antonio, Texas

August, 2013

Attendee

**NACC Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law
Conference**

Atlanta, Georgia

Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Houston, Texas Southern University

July, 2013

- Trainer/Faculty Member
New Jersey Office of Public Defender
Office of Parental Representation
Office of Law Guardian
Advanced Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
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Newark, New Jersey

July, 2013

- Trainer/Faculty Member
National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
Tennessee Court Improvement Project
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

July, 2013

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National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
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Springfield, Illinois

June, 2013

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National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
 - Provided lectures, demonstrations and served as a faculty for a national audience of attorneys who were learning how to improve their trial skills though: 1) learning best practices in making effective openings and closings; learning best practices in conducting direct and cross examinations; and learning best

practices for admitting and using exhibits, and utilizing the right tactics to impeach and rehabilitate witnesses.

Hofstra Law School
Long Island, New York

- May, 2013**
- Faculty Member/ Emory Law School
Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques
Emory Law School
Decatur, Georgia
 - Faculty member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School, which is designed as an experiential approach to developing oral advocacy skills. Modeled after the **National Institute for Trial Advocacy's** program for teaching practicing lawyers.
- January, 2013**
- Volunteer Interviewer
Office of Career Services 2013 Mock Interview Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law School
Houston, Texas
- January, 2013**
- James M. Douglas Board of Advocates Faculty Advisor
Trial Advocacy Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas
- November, 2012**
- Appellate Litigation Oral Argument Judge
Appellate Litigation Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

Service to the Law School Community:

- June, 2017**
- Coach, Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team
Black Law Students Association
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

- August, 2016**

 - Strategic Planning Committee
Chairperson
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

- January, 2015**

 - Professional Responsibility Ad Hoc Committee
Member
TSU/Thurgood Marshall School of Law

- May, 2014**

 - TMSL Representative
National Joint Convocation on coming Changes to Legal Education: Ensuring Professional Values
Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law
New York State Bar Association
White Plains, New York

- April, 2014**

 - Strategic Planning Committee
Director of Experiential Learning Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

- March, 2014**

 - Experiential Learning Department Representative
Experiential Learning Report
TSU/TMSL Leadership Retreat
TSU/TMSL
Houston, Texas

- March, 2014**

Quodlibet Presentation: **THE VANISHING OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY: “REASONABLE EFFORTS” and ITS CONNECTION TO THE DISPROPORTIONALITY OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.**
Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Faculty Development Series

- January, 2014**

Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference:
THE EVOLUTION OF CHILD PROTECTION: HOW CLASSISM AND RACISM CONTINUE TO

**PERPETUATE DISPORPORTIONALITY IN THE
CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, A CALL FOR
FEDERAL LEGISLATION.**

University of Baltimore, School of Law
Baltimore, Maryland

November, 2013

Prospective Faculty Interview
Peter Marchetti
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013

Host-Prospective Faculty Dinner
Peter Marchetti
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013

Prospective Faculty Interview
Jeremy McClane, Commercial Law Position
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013

Participant Faculty Interview- Job Talk Presentation
Jeremy McClane, Commercial Law Position
Deans Conference Room
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013

Coach/Director of Moot Court
American Bar Association Diversity Moot Court Team
Advanced to National Quarter-Finalists Round
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November 2013,

NITA Faculty Member

Training Tax Litigation Section of Baker and Mckenzie
Law Firm
Baker and Mckenzie
Houston, Texas.

November, 2013 Co-Host with Office of Career Services and Jesse H.
Jones School of Business
Security Exchange Commission Houston Initiative
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013 Quodlibet Series
Colleague reviewer of work presented by Professor
Shandra Kelleem-Lewis
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2013 New Scholars Meeting
Participant with Speaker, Professor Marcia Johnson.
Colleague reviewer of work presented by Professor
Kindaka Sanders
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

October, 2013 New Scholars Scholarship Presentation.
Presenter: Government sponsored abolition...
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

October, 2013 Attendee
Faculty Development and Exchange Series
Matt Festa, South Texas College of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

October, 2013 Supporter
Faculty Development and Exchange Series
Professor Sahar Aziz, Texas A&M School of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Participant
How the Law Library Can Help Faculty
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Participant
How the Law Library Can Help Faculty
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Participant
Positive Discipline that Yields Positive Results
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Director of Experiential Learning
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Director of Externship Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

September, 2013 Director of Moot Court Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013 Admissions, Financial Aid & Scholarship Committee

Drafted ABA Section
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013

Curriculum Committee
Drafted ABA Section....
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013

James M. Douglas Board of Advocates Faculty Advisor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013

Appellate Litigation Professor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

June, 2013

Attendee
AALS Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Law
School Teachers
Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

June, 2013

Attendee
AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers
Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

June, 2013

Attendee
AALS Workshop for Pretenured People of Color Law
School Teachers
Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

Summer, 2013 Director of Externship Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

Summer, 2013 Coordinator of Experiential Learning
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

Summer, 2013 Director of Moot Court Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2013 Attendee
**NACC Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law
Conference**
Atlanta, Georgia
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

June, 2013 Attendee
**AALS Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Law
School Teachers**
Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

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AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers
Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

June, 2013 Attendee
**AALS Workshop for Pretenured People of Color Law
School Teachers**

Washington, DC
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

April, 2013

Co-Director/Co-Sponsor

Lecture Series for New Lawyers CLE
Co-Sponsor with James M. Douglass Board of Advocates
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

April, 2013

Attendee
AALS Law Clinic Directors Workshop
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

April, 2013

Attendee
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Representing Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas Southern University

March, 2013

National Center for Adoption Law & Policy National
Moot Court Competition Judge-Final Round
Capital University Law School
Columbus, Ohio

January, 2013

Frederick Douglass Moot Court Coach
Regional Best Orator Award
Thurgood Marshall School of Law School
Houston, Texas

January, 2013-

James M. Douglas Board of Advocates Faculty Advisor
Trial Advocacy Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

January, 2013 Publication Reviews:
Exemplary Legal Writing: Three chapter review of text for advanced legal writing class.

January, 2013 Volunteer Interviewer
Office of Career Services 2013 Mock Interview Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law School
Houston, Texas

January, 2013 Appellate Litigation Professor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2012 AALS Self Study Report Contributor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Externship Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

November, 2012 Appellate Litigation Oral Argument Judge
Appellate Litigation Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012 Curriculum Committee
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012 Student Faculty Relations Committee
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012 Appellate Litigation Professor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012 Director of Externship Program

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012

Coordinator of Experiential Learning
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

August, 2012

Director of Moot Court Programs
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Houston, Texas

Organizations/Board Memberships:

National Association of Counsel for Children, (NACC)- Board Member, 2010-2017

- Annual Conference Committee
- National Policy Committee
- Amicus Curia Committee
- Training and Curriculum Development Partner

State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect Committee- Vice Chair, 2017-2018

Texas Supreme Court Permanent Judicial Commission on Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Counsel Board Member, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

Court Appointed Family Advocates, Travis County Bar Association, Board Member, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

- Past Continuing Legal Education Chair
- Past Membership Chair
- Past, At Large Chair

Williamson County Women's Lawyer Section of the Williamson County Bar Association, President, 2010,

Committee Memberships:

American Bar Association, 1998,1999,2009,2010, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

American Bar Association Steering Committee of the National Parent Representation Project, 2015, 2016, 2017

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2008, 2009, 2010

Austin Disproportionality Advisory Committee, 2009, 2010, 2011

Central Texas Domestic Violence Task Force Member, 2010, 2011

Court Appointed Family Advocates, Travis County Bar Association, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Amicus Committee, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Annual CLE Committee, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Public Policy Committee 2014, 2015, 2016

National Association of Counsel for Children, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Certification Committee, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Training Committee, 2014

National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2009, 2010

State Bar of Texas Child Protection Law Section, 2016-2017

State Bar of Texas Parents in Recovery Grant Sustainability Counsel, 2010

State Bar of Texas Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Texans Care for Children Juvenile Justice Roundtable Committee, 2010, 2011

Texans Care for Children Partners in CPS Reform Committee, 2010, 2011

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services State Wide Disproportionality Task Force, 2009, 2010

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Citizen Review Team Appointee, 2011, 2012, 2013

- This team meets the requirements of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as authorized and reauthorized.

Travis County Bar Association, 2009, 2010, 2011

Travis County Community Disproportionality Counsel, 2009, 2010, 2011

Travis County Bar Association CLE Advisory Committee, 2009, 2010, 2011

Travis County Model Court- Family Search and Engagement Committee, Co-Chair, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court Evaluation Work Group, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court-Collaborative Counsel, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court- Docket Committee, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court- Database Committee, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court- Permanent Managing Conservatorship Committee, 2009, 2010

Travis County Model Court- Disproportionality Committee, 2009, 2010

Travis County Disproportionality Collaborative Counsel, 2009, 2010, 2011

Travis County Bar Association, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Travis County Adoption Day Committee Member, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011

Travis County Adoption Day Committee Co-Chair of sub-committee, 2006

Travis County Women Lawyer's Association- Jury of My Peers High School Campaign, 2010, 2011

Williamson County Adoption Day Committee Chairperson, 2010, 2011

Williamson County Bar Association, 2000, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Williamson County Coats for Kids in Foster Care Committee,
2010, 2011

Williamson County Women's Lawyer Section of the Williamson
County Bar Association, President, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013