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Executive Director Docia Rudley received the Verna Lee Booker Hightower Award as a Woman of Excellence on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Black Heritage Committee Annual Western Gala.

Professor Thomas Kleven presented his book Equitable Sharing on a panel entitled Equitable Sharing at the ClassCrits Conference held at UC Davis Law School on November 14, 2014.


The Return of Professor Deana Pollard Sacks

Please join the faculty, staff and students of TMSL in welcoming back Distinguished Professor Deana Pollard Sacks! This semester Professor Pollard Sacks is teaching Real Estate Transactions and Law Practice Management.