

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law



The mission of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law is to expand opportunities for the underserved in the legal profession; prepare a diverse group of students for leadership roles in the legal profession, business and government; and offer leadership in teaching, research, and service with special emphasis on a historically black heritage and tradition.

The
Texas Southern University
Board of Regents
is pleased
to announce the appointment
of
McKen V. Carrington
Dean
Thurgood Marshall School of Law



Biographical Sketch

AFTER serving as the interim dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law from May 2002 to May 2005, the Board of Regents selected McKen V. Carrington as dean on May 6, 2005. Previously, Carrington served the School of Law in other administrative capacities, including Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1992-95 and Associate Dean for Administration from 1987-92.

Since 1991, Carrington has been a member of the law faculty where he has taught the following courses: wills and trusts, estate planning, gift taxation, business planning, legal methods, federal income taxation, and real property.

He is admitted to practice law in the New York Supreme Court, Third Appellate Division; the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York; and the United States Tax Court. He is also a member of the Texas Bar, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Houston Bar Association, and Houston Lawyers Association.

Carrington, a graduate of Albany Law School in New York, is married and has three children.

HISTORICAL Profile of Thurgood Marshall School of Law

In 1947, the Texas State Senate of the 50th Legislature passed Senate Bill 140 which established Texas State University for Negroes. Its name changed in 1953 to Texas Southern University.

The University was granted authority to offer courses of higher learning in pharmacy, dentistry, journalism, education, arts and sciences, literature, law, medicine, and other professional courses.

The School of Law, as well as the University at large, was created as a consequence of a 1947 lawsuit brought by Herman M. Sweatt. Sweatt was refused admission to the University of Texas School of Law based on racial heritage. As a result, the Legislature provided an interim and separate law school for Negroes. During its first academic year, the School of Law was housed in Austin, Texas, and subsequently transferred to the campus of Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

Since that time, the School of Law has become an integral part of the University campus. Prior to 1976, the School of Law was housed in the Hannah Hall multi-purpose university building. On February 14, 1976, when the School of Law moved into its new building, it was formally designated as Thurgood Marshall School of Law in honor of the distinguished U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The strength of Texas Southern University - Thurgood Marshall School of Law, lies in its ability to attract a diverse faculty and student body. The School of Law is a local, regional, and national leader in the production of minority law graduates.

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