



The Marshall News

SPRING SEMESTER IS IN FULL SWING

Spring Semester is well underway and the library has many things for you to look forward to. March 24, 2018 the law library is hosting it's annual Legal Re-

search Bootcamp. Special guests speakers will be Bankruptcy attorney Brendon Singh, and Attorney Tara Long. Students will be treated to breakfast and lunch

picked up at the Circulation/ Reference Desk of the TMSL Library. Call 713-313-7125 if you have questions. Entries must be submitted to the



search Bootcamp. From 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

and will have the opportunity to apply their research skills to a simulated research scenario.

TMSL Law Library Administrative Offices located at 3100 Cleburne Street, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Suite 139 by April 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The Grand Prize is a Kaplan PMBR Bar Prep Course.

The library is also having its 14th annual James Weldon Johnsons Poetry contest and Open Mic Night. The poem must be related to the contest theme. Poem can be no longer than 2 pages. Entry Forms may be

The open Mic will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. The semester will be

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library celebrates National Poetry Month
14th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Competition





LexisNexis™ O'CONNOR'S

Theme: "THE REVOLUTION IS STILL NECESSARY"

GRAND PRIZE: Kaplan PMBR Bar Prep Course
2nd Prize: COMBINATION 3 DAY AND 6 DAY Kaplan PMBR COURSE
3rd Prize: O'Connor's Texas Pretrial Deadlines Calculator 2018, O'Connor's Texas Rules Civil Trials 2018, O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action 2018, and O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms 2018
4th Prize: 3000 Points from LexisNexis

Contest is open to all LAW STUDENTS. The poem must be related to the contest theme. Poem can be no longer than 2 pages. Entry Forms may be picked up at the Circulation/Reference Desk of the TMSL Library, Call 713-313-7125 if you have questions. Entries must be submitted to the TMSL Law Library Administrative Offices located at 3100 Cleburne Street, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Suite 139 by April 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
***** Prizes are subject to change *****

TMSL Library presents the Annual James Weldon Johnson Open Mic Night



Come express yourself through poetry or song while we honor the winners of the 14th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest.

TIME 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

DATE Wed., 04/11/2018

WHERE TMSL Student Lounge



Light refreshments will be served

THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

By: Dr. Reginal D. Harris

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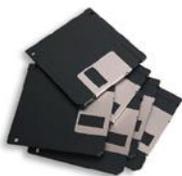


In 2012, there were 201 ABA-accredited law schools. Only 19 of them placed 75 percent or more of their graduates in jobs that require a law degree. The National Association for Law Placement reported that less than two-thirds (64.4 percent) of 2013 graduates had jobs that require bar passage. In 1970, the United States had about 300,000 lawyers. Now, it has about 1.2 million people trained as lawyers. About 16 percent of them do not have law-related jobs. Every year, some lawyers leave practice because of death, retirement, or the attractions of a non-law-related job. In the meantime, computers have made law firms much more efficient, so going forward, firms will need fewer lawyers to do the same quantity of work.

In addition, low-cost online law firms, like LegalZoom, compete with traditional law firms in providing low-cost services. Computers also have substantially reduced the cost of document production and about a year ago, U.S. Department of Justice lawyers use a computer to review millions of pages of documents. By using computers, the law firms cut their discovery costs by 50 percent in the Anheuser case.

Sky Analytics studied legal invoices from corporate legal departments with annual legal spend ranging from \$1 million to \$1 billion. The data it examined included over \$3.4 billion in legal fees from over 40,000 lawyers and timekeepers and over 3,000 law firms in the United States, including 73 of the AmLaw 100 firms. For this study, “top tier” means firms with over 1,000 lawyers and an extensive national and international footprint. On the other hand, women may be underrepresented in the rainmaker category. Older partners, when they move into retirement, may hand off their clients to younger partners. If so, we would like to ascertain whether the females chose to practice family law and other lower paying areas of law or whether they felt pushed into choosing them.

About 50 years ago the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was enacted. In 1989, California still had an enormous disparity between the percentage of minorities in the population and the state’s business lawyers. A comparison of the 1993 versus the 2010–2011 data from the Directory of Legal Employers Diversity and Demographics Report of the NALP (National Association for Law Placement) fully supports this conclusion. Minority attorneys were disproportionately impacted by the downturn in the economy. The percentage of African American attorneys dropped by 13 percent (462), Asian Americans dropped by 9 percent (556), and Hispanics dropped by 9 percent (282).



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The fact that we now have a Hispanic woman sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court speaks volumes. There has been a dramatic change in the diversity landscape over the last 24 years. It is a unique perspective to watch things changing slowly over time, but the reward is to know that this new, diverse landscape presents endless possibilities for the next generation of Hispanic lawyers. Prejudice and bias in the legal profession will always exist to some degree.

Ronald D. Rotunda, *Changes in the Legal Profession and the Progress of Female Lawyers*, VERDICT (July 2014). <https://verdict.justia.com/2014/07/07/changes-legal-profession-progress-female-lawyers>.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id. “Anheuser-Busch In Bev NV and Grupo Modelo SAB (a Mexican company) [approved a request](#) to use computer software to determine which of millions of documents the companies had to turn over to the government.”

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Aviva Cuyler, *Diversity in the Practice of Law: How Far Have We Come?*, GPSOLO. (Sept./Oct. 2012). https://www.americanbar.org/publications/gp_solo/2012/september_october/diversity_practice_law_how_far_have_we_come.html.

Id. “The watershed piece of legislation that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. With our legal system at the forefront of this country’s efforts to achieve equality, one might assume that legal practitioners would, themselves, be at the forefront in their treatment of minorities in the workplace. The stats and anecdotes, however, tell a different story.”

Id. “Twenty-five years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, even in one of the most liberal states in the country.”

Id. “Approximately 1,300 of the 5,834 attorney layoffs between September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2009, were minority attorneys. Though minority attorneys accounted for only 13.9 percent of attorneys at firms surveyed, they accounted for 22 percent of the layoffs.”

Id. Yery Marrero said that “Twenty-four years after graduating from law school, everything has changed. Today Miami has many Hispanics who are partners in large law firms, and our state and federal bench have both seen a considerable increase in Hispanic judges.”

Id. “[D]iversity has become more and more the norm in law schools, law firms, businesses, and courtrooms over the last ten to 15 years, in my opinion attorneys need be less concerned today that they will be judged and evaluated on anything but their talent, productivity, and performance.”





OH CRAP!!!!

FEATURED LEGAL APP: OH CRAP!!

According to the Oh Crap! APP website: this app allows you to “Be in the know and out of trouble with Oh Crap App. Go out, have fun, be smart, get home safe - regardless of where you are at in the United States. Oh Crap App is the go-to lifestyle resource designed to protect and entertain individuals who enjoy socializing but who also insist that their legal rights be respected and protected. Version 4.0 now features “crap chat” which allows users to post and receive special food and drink offers from local establishments, traffic enforcement alerts such as road block or speed trap warnings, or other social and

community notifications.

Prevention through education is a focal point of Oh Crap App. Many unfortunate situations can be avoided by citizens simply educating themselves and understanding how to confidently invoke their legal rights. Oh Crap App is original police interaction application and is the **ONLY** resource that educates users of their legal rights on a national level based upon the State they are located in at the time the app is activated. The app also allows the user to record law any encounter with law enforcement and save the recording securely on our remote server for later use

when the recording is stopped.

Use the free informational blood alcohol concentration calculator and taxi function to avoid making the dangerous decision of driving drunk. In the event that the user finds themselves on the wrong side of the law, Oh Crap App still features the original functionality of a crash course on legal rights, voice recorder and quick connection with a lawyer and bondsman in your geographic proximity.”

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW THE RULES



We all have been at the library when someone decides to answer a phone call right where the no cell phone signs is located. Or smelled the awful scent of the onions dripping from the subway sandwich they snuck in right passed the no eating in the library sign. It can be a true headache for students and staff alike when these situations occur, but here are a few things that you can do to help us maintain order in the library:

1. Don't bring unapproved food into the library.(You may eat in the TMSL student commons, lobby, or eating area near Jazzmins in the basement).
2. Use quiet voices when upstairs in the library or while in the computer lab.
3. Do not talk while in the basement, as it is a NO TALKING ZONE.
4. Sign up for study rooms no more than 15 minutes prior to using them.
5. Do not sign up for study rooms more than the allowed two hour time frame.
6. Pick up any garbage and place it in the trash cans. They can be found throughout the aisles.
7. ONLY use library approved containers for drinks.
8. If you see someone disobeying the rules, inform a library staff member (DO NOT CONFRONT THEM YOURSELF).
9. Be courteous and respectful to library staff and fellow students.
10. Place books back in their spot on the shelf or put on the resshelf cart when done.

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To promote excellence in academic achievement and the dissemination of legal information to the TMSL students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Law Library seeks to bolster the professional and scholarly undertakings of its faculty, and students as well as support the research and reference needs of the law students, alumni, the university, legal, and local communities. The Law Library is committed to strengthening the academic and professional skills of the students and faculty by integrating technology while supporting the law school curriculum, programs, and organizations. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and techniques.