

Marshall News

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Welcome

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library extends a special welcome to the Class of 2009 and all new faculty members.

We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. We are looking forward to an exciting 2006 - 2007 academic school year. We have a number of training opportunities to assist both students and faculty members. We encourage you to stay abreast of current happenings through the *Marshall News* and the informational postings throughout the law library.

If you have a special request for a research consultation or classroom presentation, the librarians are here to help.

Please stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk to meet our awesome law library staff if you have not done so. While you are there, pick up some of the library's helpful publications such as the **2006-2007 Library Guide**, **2006-2007 Electronic Databases Guide**, **Location Guide** and an abundance of pathfinders, bibliographies and other research guides. They provide a wealth of information. Don't delay; pick up these guides today.

New law students are encour-

Library TOURS

aged to take a library tour. Library tours will be conducted during first-year computer orientation training and the law library's open house. If you missed your tour see any librarian.

This newsletter will provide some answers and insights to enrich your law school experience.



Open House



1st Year



Students



**Aug. 10 & 11,
2006**



Returning



Students



**Aug. 14 & 15,
2006**



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Regular Law Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	7 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Friday	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Reference Hours

Monday-Thursday	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

ATTENTION RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

If you are a new Research Assistant, we have planned an exciting opportunity for you to prepare for you tenure as Research Assistants.

This training is especially designed for you. We will give you the keys to performing scholarly research. We will go beyond Westlaw and Lexis and take an in-depth look at performing interdisciplinary research. The topics discussed will include: EBSCO, netLibrary, TDNet Journal Locator, WorldCat, etc.

This seminar is entitled, *Writing Winning Articles*. Look for complete information to be posted in the law library.

In the meantime, use these helpful hints to get to the right source. To find materials owned by the Law Library, use **ALEX** the Law Library's Online Public Access Catalog. Journal articles are not available in the Catalog.

To find law-related articles, cases, codes or administrative regulations, take a look at the Electronic Resources page which can be located from the Law Library's webpage.

For more information, contact L. Monique Gonzalez, Learning Resources Librarian .

Special Collections Addition: Records of the National Negro Business League

We are pleased to announce a long awaited addition to our Special Collections -- Records of the National Negro Business League (NNBL). This invaluable microfilm collection consists of two parts: Pt. 1 -- Annual Conference Proceedings and Organizational Records (1900-1919) and Pt. 2 -- Correspondence and Business Records (1900-1923).

The NNBL was founded by the late Honorable Dr. Booker T. Washington in 1900 with the express intent to improve the "commercial, agricultural, educational, and industrial advancement" of African Americans during the early 20th Century. Interestingly, his principal secretary-treasurer was Houston native, Emmet J. Scott -- the late uncle of our beloved local resident African American historian Mrs. Thelma Scott Bryant (Mrs. Bryant is now 100 years old and resides in Third Ward). This collection contains numerous correspondences between Mr. Scott and other members of the NNBL. It also has scores of printed materials chronicling key historical and social events impacting various communities

throughout the nation, especially Houston and Texas in general. Most of all, page after page divulges the wide range of successful African American business enterprises in spite of the adverse social conditions prevalent at the time.

Another important point of interest is that the NNBL collection provides insight into the elite of black business men and women and an emerging upwardly mobile black middle class. Additionally, the life and times of Dr. Booker T. Washington couldn't be better revealed. The NNBL is an excellent resource for southern historians, social scientists, labor lawyers, African American history majors as well as a superb research tool for those interested in race relations, American politics, American South, southern industries, economic development, educational development, and civic organizations.

For more information about the NNBL Collection, you may contact Karim Rand, Coordinator of Government Documents & Special Collections.

