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LIBRARY

Marshall News is the newsletter of record for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library. It serves the campus of Texas Southern University and the surrounding community. TMSL Library boasts a staff of 9 professional librarians and 8 support staff.

Group Study Rooms Open for Business

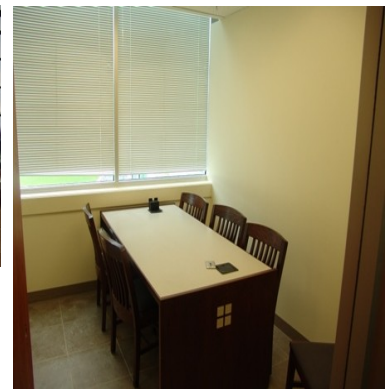
As finals approach the Law Library is pleased to offer newly created group study rooms for students to use while studying for finals. Everyone knows that studying for finals is one of the most hectic times of the year for a law student.

The creation of the study rooms will allow those who would like to study in a group to do so in a closed environment that will not disturb others in the library. The group study rooms will be operated just as the study rooms in the basement of the library. Patrons and Students will have to sign up at the Circulation Desk and may only reserve the rooms for two



hour intervals. Priority are given to law students in all situations.

The Law Library is asking all students to utilize these rooms when studying in groups to keep the noise down and remain respectful to those who would like to study in a quieter environment.



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Faculty Scholarship Database Coming Soon.. By Shante' Clark-Davis, Electronic Resources Librarian

Coming Soon!!!! Director of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library and Assistant Professor, DeCarlous Spearman wanted to provide a repository of faculty publications. Consequently, in 2008, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library embarked on the process of creating a Faculty Scholarship Database (FSD). With this vision, our

librarians compiled pertinent scholarship published by our professors, thus developing a comprehensive list of faculty scholarship. With this ongoing compilation additional work was needed to ensure that articles could be accessed through Hein Online, LexisNexis, and Westlaw. This school year, after two years of planning, compiling, and organizing, the Thurgood Marshall School of

Law Library will present a Faculty Scholarship Database. This database will electronically showcase the prolific scholarship of our faculty. Students, faculty, and staff will be able to view faculty scholarship instantaneously with a password through the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library webpage.



Major Milestone... Librarian Publishes Twice!.. By Danny Norris, Faculty Research Librarian

During the spring semester of 2010 I had the honor of being published twice, once as a single author and once as a co-author. My first work, entitled *Houston Gentrification: Options for Current Residents of Third Ward* can be found at page 239 of the 35th volume of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review. This article discusses the redevelopment due to the renewed interest in the Houston Third Ward area and what options are available to the current residents who are affected by the sudden increase in the property taxes.

My second work is one which I co-authored with Professor Walter Champion. The article is entitled *Why Not Row to the Bahamas Instead of Miami: The Conundrum That Awaits Cuban Elite Baseball Players Who Seek Asylum and the Economic Nirvana of Free Agency* and can be found at page 219 of the 9th volume of the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal. This article discusses how the current foreign policy of the United States, as a result of a troubled past with Cuba, actually favors

Cuban baseball players to seek asylum in another country so they can be recruited as free agents, as opposed to being drafted by one team, and sign much more lucrative contracts.

Recent Development in Government Information.. By Olusola Babatunde, Government Documents Librarian

For years one major issue plagued legal resources on GPO Access – absence of authentication. The rectification of this - and more - is central to the establishment of FDsys: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>. FDsys is a one-stop source for digitally signed federal resources. All materials (executive, legislative and judicial) available through the system are authenticated through digital signature.

DCPD is available through:

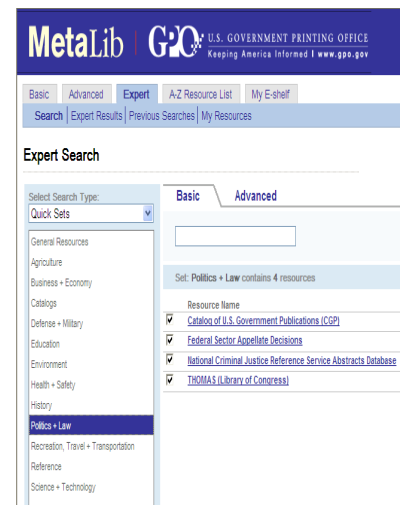
FDsys Access: <http://www.presidentialdocuments.gov>

GPO Access: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/presdocs/index.html>

WCPD Availability on GPO Access – the coverage ended in January 2009: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html>

Metalib a federated search engine for government information resources.

Through this federated search engine, multiple databases can be queried simultaneously. <http://metalib.gpo.gov/>



James Muldrew, Our Newest Staff Member

James Muldrew was hired as the Mail/ Serial Clerk for the Law Library. James comes to us from the Building and Grounds Services at Texas Southern University.

James says he applied for the position because he saw opportu-

nity for growth working for the law library.

When James is not working hard for the Law Library and school he enjoys fishing, billiards, dominos, good music and eating great food.

The Law Library welcomes James to the staff so when you see him tell him hello.

Studying For Finals: Time is of the Essence

The law library will be open for extended hours during the reading and final exam periods. Students are encouraged to take advantage of two additional hours of study time.

Extended hours will be in effect beginning on Monday, November 29, 2010 to December 10, 2010. The hours are as follows:

Mon– Thurs 7am—2am

Fri & Sat 7am—12am

Sun 12pm—2am

Students, please note that extended

hours are a courtesy. During these times, only law students will be allowed in the library. Doors are not to be propped and students must remain in the library and use the facilities in the basement. Adhering to these rules will ensure a safe, incident-free reading period.

After acing your exam, you are welcome to visit the library during the holiday season. We are open Monday through Friday from 8am—5pm (Dec. 13—Dec. 22 and Jan. 3-7 2011). All hours are subject to change. Please visit or call the Cir-

ulation Desk for up-to-date hours of operation.

Remember: As you study for finals, you are not alone. Reference librarians can point you to study aids.



Supplementing Your Knowledge Through Brown Bags

The Brown Bag Series (BBS) provide students with informal yet engaging opportunities to discuss new and reliable print and electronic resources necessary for conducting legal research. These series are exclusive to TMSL students only.

BBS serve to clear up any confusion students may have after completing their course in legal research; to brush up in preparation for writing a research paper; or the use of an available

electronic database.

Sessions start in the Spring. A schedule will be made available at the Circulation Desk. Please note schedules may be altered to meet student demand or faculty request.

Each session will focus on a different area of legal research. If there is a topic you would like covered, please contact the Learning Resources Librarian, Joseph Plumbar, by email at jkplumbar@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

Also be on the lookout for the announcement of the Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research which is normally held in the beginning of April.

Please take advantage of both offerings provided to you by your own library; both will be beneficial to you now and in the future.



Attention February 2011 Bar Exam Takers

Cannot afford all of the expensive bar preparatory classes? Or just looking for more practice? Well the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library has exactly what you need to obtain either goal. On Reserve are many bar exam titles which can aid you in your preparation for the February 2010 Bar Exam. Some of the titles that are available are:

PMBR– RED & BLUE BOOKS

Texas Procedure and Evidence Workshops

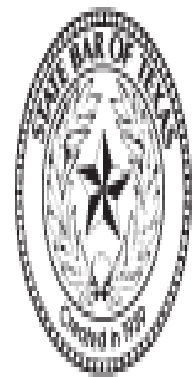
MicroMash Bar Review– MPT and Essay Topics

PLI Multistate Bar Review

Previous Bar Exam Questions

BarBri Books

There are many more titles the library owns. If you wish to use any of these materials, bring your student identification card to the librarian on duty and ask for the title you wish to use. Because of the limited number of books, the books may only be used while in the library. Our library staff looks forward to helping you prepare and acing the bar exam.



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Schedule Of Events

- November 29, 2010– Holiday Hours Begin
- November 29 - December 10, 2010 – Final Exams
- December 13– 22, 2010– Library Hours are 8a.m.-5p.m. and closed on the weekends.
- December 18 - 19, 2010– Closed
- December 23- January 3, 2010–University & Law Library Closed
- January 3-7, 2011- Library open from 8a.m. -5 p.m.