Focus on Research Services

Reference librarians are available at the Reference Desk or on call to assist students with their research/information needs. We encourage students to meet with a reference librarian before starting a research project to obtain advice on how to begin their research and to learn what library services are available. Reference librarians also can deliver lectures on introductory and advanced legal research topics and instruct patrons in the use of all types of electronic information.

We offer reference assistance in-person, by phone, and virtually during posted reference hours.

Virtual Reference is available via:

Email
at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu;
Telephone at (713) 313-1108;
Zoom request by setting up an appointment; call (713) 313-7125
Chat in Microsoft Teams – Law Library Reference Assistance

Dates to Remember

Brown Bag Training
Thursday, February 10 at 12 noon  Navigating the New Catalog
Thursday, February 17 at 12 noon  Bluebook Review
Thursday, February 24 at 12 noon  Lexis Digital Library

Crash Course in Legal Research
Saturday, April 2, 2022  10am-12noon
New Staff Member

The law library would like to welcome our newest staff member, Daniel Samford—Systems Librarian.

Daniel Samford brings enthusiasm and professional experience in various fields to the TMSL Library. He obtained a MS in Library and Information Science and an academic certificate in library management from the University of North Texas (UNT). Mr. Samford’s passion about law librarianship began when he worked as a graduate student assistant at the UNT Dallas Law Library, where he was exposed to various legal resources. He also delved into professional legal research as a part of the Library Science program. He looks forward to working with the staff at the Law Library to provide even greater value to the students and faculty.

Daniel Samford
Systems Librarian
713.313.4481
Daniel.Samford@tsu.edu

Private Cubicles

The law library provides more than a dozen cubicles, located in the basement, for your use. These cubicles offer an ideal study environment for the following reasons:

- Privacy
- Ample desk space
- Drawers and floating shelves for any belongings
- Mini white board
- Overhead lighting
- Outlets for electronic devices.

You do not need a reservation for this convenient amenity. We recommend snagging one when studying for the bar exam or your upcoming final exams!
Database Access & Catalog Sign In—TSU Credentials

Students, did you know that the method to remotely accessing our databases changed? To access the Law Library’s databases, you must be a current student, faculty or staff member. Following is the procedure to remotely access our databases:

Click on the Remote Access link at the end of the database link information. You will be redirected to a single sign-on authentication page, where you will be required to enter your TSU login information. This single sign-on method, where you will be required to enter your TSU Credentials, is how you sign in to the catalog and provides you with access to our electronic resources directly from the catalog.

Mental Health Monday Resources

Monday, February 21, is "Mental Health Monday," an initiative prompted by TSU students.

• 6 steps to starting meditation by Jeena Cho
  ABA JOURNALv105 n5 (May 2019): 26

• Working toward well-being by Anna Marie Kukec
  ABA JOURNALv105 n1 (Jan_Feb 2019): 62-63

• Do law clinics need trigger warnings?: Philosophical, pedagogical and practical concerns by Kate Seear
  Legal Education Reviewv29 n1 (201912): 1-23

• Rethinking reactions to stress by Jeena Cho
  ABA JOURNALv105 n4 (May 2019): 26-27

• Vicarious trauma: Strategies for legal practice and law schools by Kelley Burton, Amanda Paton
  Alternative Law Journal(20210315)

The above articles can be accessed from our catalog in full-text.
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Library Staff

Denise Cebrun, Cataloging Clerk
Leslie Coleman, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian
Patrina Epperson, Circulation Librarian
Maia Ford, Loose-leaf Services Supervisor
Tara Long, Faculty Resources Librarian & Appointed Library Director
James Muldrew, Mail Clerk
Daniel Samford, Systems Librarian

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In commemoration of Black History Month, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library pays tribute to:

Cleve McDowell
Thurgood Marshall School of Law 1967-69

Cleve McDowell became the first ever black law student at Ole Miss. He entered the University of Mississippi law school on June 5, 1963, but later was expelled after he was discovered carrying a concealed weapon on campus. He lost a legal bid to reenter.

Cleve McDowell later enrolled in Texas Southern University Law School in Houston, Texas, where he became President of the Student Bar Association, received several merit awards, and was an active member of Epsilon Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He represented the student body of Texas Southern University as chairman of its special steering committee, in the U.S. Senate hearings on "Riots, Civil & Criminal Disorders" in 1967. He was chosen to present testimony on the infamous “TSU Riot” where confrontation between Houston police and TSU students led to the arrest of TSU students for rioting. TSU students sued for being denied their guarantees of freedom of speech and due process. He also served on committees of the National Youth Development of the NAACP as a program director in community relations in Houston, Texas. Mr. McDowell received his law degree from Texas Southern University and returned to Mississippi to practice.

Cleve McDowell was, for a time, an active member of the Chicago branch of the NAACP. Then he moved back to Mississippi to practice law. He was a defender in Sunflower County, and in the 1980’s, McDowell served as field director of the NAACP in Mississippi. McDowell mentored a lot of young African-Americans. He was part of a group of black leaders organizing to pressure district attorneys and revive interest in many never-prosecuted cases in which blacks were killed because of their civil rights work.

Cleve McDowell died in 1997, tragically as a victim of a black-on-black crime, a botched robbery. Mr. McDowell will be remembered for his dedication to civil rights, a life of service, and as a pioneer in the integration of Ole Miss.

Sources:
Yearbook Photos courtesy of TSU Library Learning Center Special Collections—Texas Southern University Archives
Mississippi - General Laws, Concurrent Resolutions, Appropriations, Regular Session 1997 vol. II 1500
Cleve McDowell, Civil Rights Man—Medium
Riots, civil & criminal disorders. 3 (1967)
Still Another (Unsolved?) Mississippi Murder; Cleve McDowell Investigated Delta Murder Victims, Including Emmett Till