

# Marshall News

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## Farewell "Mama Faye" Webster

After 41 years of library service, Ms. Faye Webster retired from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library on January 31, 2006.

Webster started her library career at Houston Community College library where she worked for one year. On September 1, 1966, she started her employment at Texas Southern University's main library now the Robert James Terry Library. At Terry, Webster worked in cataloging, acquisitions and bindery services. She has many exciting stories to tell of her days at Terry.

In February 1981, Webster started her tenure at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library. Webster originally headed the circulation desk. She quickly was given the added responsibility of supervising all the student workers. At that time, the law library was a federal depository and had been receiving federal documents but the materials were in no accessible order. During her tenure at the School of Law, Webster took the reins of the newly formed Government Documents department and brought the collection to a functional state. She was instrumental in organizing the Government Documents area, which received departmental status in 1982.

As she states, "I saw this law library through its first Government Documents inspection. At the time, I was in charge of that area, and we passed that inspection with flying colors."

After leaving the Government Documents department, Webster assumed her last position as Loose-leaf and Upkeep Services Supervisor. In that position, she oversaw the updating of loose-leaf, serials, and reporters.

Affectionately called "Mama Faye" by students and staff, Webster has always displayed a caring and loving attitude. She is well known for generously providing hot meals to anyone who was hungry. She also counseled staff members and students who experienced personal, social, and academic problems. Her sage advice helped many to overcome barriers, resolve problems, and accomplish goals. These are the things "Mama Faye" considered "her sole purpose for being at the law library."

The School of Law held a farewell reception in her

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honor on **Thursday, January 26, 2006.**

"Webster has been the glue to hold things together in the library. Her work performance has been exemplary and her diligence has been remarkable. The Law Library will miss her energy



**Ms. Faye Webster**

## The Law Library Staff



## Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library will host a Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research Workshop on Saturday, April 1, 2006. The purpose of the Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research is to help 2L and 3L students brush up their research skills in preparation for their summer clerkships and jobs. The Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research will review previously taught research skills and give more detailed analysis of specific legal research strategies. The Course will present a Texas legal research problem; whereas, the first-year legal research course fo-

cuses on federal materials.

The Clerkship Crash Course will be open to 70 students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested students will sign up at the Circulation desk.

The Clerkship Crash Course will be a half-day presentation covering secondary sources, case law research, citators, and statutory research. Each subject area will include the following: a PowerPoint presentation, pathfinder/handouts, and question/answer session. If you would like to attend sign up at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited.



## And the Winners Are . . . 3rd Place for Talent

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## James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest

In celebration of James Weldon Johnson's skills as a lawyer and a poet, the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, and National Poetry Month, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library is sponsoring a Civil Rights themed poetry contest for all Thurgood Marshall School of Law students. The poem must be related to the civil rights struggle.

Pick-up the guidelines and entry forms from the law library Circulation Desk starting April 3, 2006. Entries will be accepted from April 3, 2006 until April 28, 2006. All entries

must be submitted by April 28, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. to the Law Library Administrative Offices.

**GRAND PRIZE: A PMBR Course**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: O'Connor's Civil Trials & Forms**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: 1000 Points from Lexis**

**4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: 1000 Points from Westlaw**

Winners will be announced Wednesday, May 10, 2006 during the 3L Hooding Practice.

Participants may enter as many poems as they desire.