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And the Winners Are . . .

The TMSL Library is pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest. This year six law students submitted poems and four judges decided the winners.

If you have the opportunity, please take a moment to congratulate these students.

The winners are. . .

Grand Prize: 3 Day and 6 Day PMBR Course
Red, White and You
by Ebony McCue, 2L

2nd Prize: A Set of Texas O'Connor's Civil Trials and

Forms
All That Remains
by Sherra Van Brunt, 1L

3rd Prize: 2000 Points from Lexis
Down in the Delta
by Robert Collier, 3L

4th Prize: 1000 Points from Westlaw
A Message to My People
by Ebony McCue, 2L

Prizes were awarded during the 3L Hooding Practice on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. Stay tuned for future contests.

CONGRATULATES GRADUATES

The TMSL Law Library staff extends its sincere *Congratulations and Best Wishes* to each graduating member of the Class of 2006.

As alumni of the law school, you will continue to have access to the law library. Your borrowing privileges will be limited to reserve books that can be used for two hours in the library. During the summer, you will also be able to

check out library equipment as you study for the Bar Exam (e.g. Ethernet cards and headphones), and you will have printing privileges for one semester.

Before the celebration gets underway in earnest, please return all overdue library materials. The Law School Registrar will not certify your credentials for graduation until these outstanding obligations are cleared.



PROF. SPEARMAN TAKES THE CITING LECTURE ON THE ROAD

The Houston Area Law Librarians (HALL) hosted its annual one day seminar on March 22, 2006 on Library Skills, Sources and Solutions. Professor Spearman took her citing lecture on the road when she was asked to be a guest speaker for the seminar. She

was the first speaker of the morning and energized the audience as she simplified the Bluebook and Texas Citation Form for all in attendance. Several firm librarians have requested that her presentation be presented at their firms this summer.

Karim Rand Presents *Tackling the Family Tree with Government Documents*

Karim Rand our Government Documents Librarian spoke at the Texas Library Association pre-conference held on April 25, 2006 at the Texas Library Association.

Mr. Rand teamed up with Gay Cater, Documents Librarian at University of Houston-Clear Lake, and presented a program entitled

Tackling the Family Tree with Government Documents. The program was filled with resource ideas and suggestions that helped attendees understand the vast array of government resources available for maximizing your genealogical research efforts.

LAW LIBRARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Professor Spearman taught a three part class for Law Review Write-On Candidates on citing. The first part covered citing federal and state cases. Part II covered citing Texas cases, and Part III covered citing for law review, the use of *Id.* *supra* and other signals.

Career Services hosted a workshop in which Pro-

fessor Spearman talked about "How to Succeed in Your Summer Clerkship - Part 1".

Topics included legal research, business attire, organizational culture, and more.

This program was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

SUMMER 2006 ACCESS TO LexisNexis, Westlaw, & Loislaw

CONTINUING STUDENTS: ACCESS FOR LAW SCHOOL PRO- JECTS AND UNPAID VOLUNTEERS

Both WESTLAW AND LEXISNEXIS offer full summer access to students who enroll in a summer class, conduct research for a professor, serve as a member of law review or moot court, or volunteer on an unpaid internship or externship by simply requesting full access in the manner outlined below. In addition, LEXIS provides summer access to students working with non-profit entities. Access must be used for **educational purposes only**.

LEXISNEXIS: ALL law school students will **automatically** have their law school ID extended for the summer. Registration for summer access will no longer be required.

WESTLAW: Go to the Westlaw Web Site at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>. Click on box in the right column. Complete the online registration.

LOISLAW has no restrictions on your summertime use, even in **connection** with your jobs. For more information including registration instructions, please see the Interim Law Library Director, DeCarlous Spearman.

<http://loislawschool.com/>

Access For Career Services

Both Westlaw and Lexis can be used for Career Services during the summer.

MAY GRADUATES

Both LEXISNEXIS and WESTLAW offer limited access to May graduates.

LEXISNEXIS: May graduates are eligible for summer access to LEXIS. To help as you prepare for the Bar Exam and law practice, Lexis offers a 3L access until **September 1st**.

WESTLAW: Graduates will have full Westlaw access at no charge for two hours per month during June and July. To register, go to the Westlaw Web Site at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>. Click on "*Graduates Extend Your Password*." Complete the online registration.

In addition, the subscriptions to WESTLAW'S "*Attorney Jobs Online*," "*Law Student Jobs Online*," and "*Legal Career Center*" entitle our graduates to free access to those websites for **TWELVE MONTHS** after graduation. Therefore, your current Westlaw password will continue to give you access to *Attorney Jobs Online*, via www.lawschool.westlaw.com.

LOISLAW: Loislaw is available free of charge to graduates for

six months after graduation. Graduating students are also eligible for a 50% discount on a subscription to LOISLAW if purchased within six months after graduation.

SUMMER JOBS

Remember that your use of Law School passwords for LEXIS AND WESTLAW research is limited to academic research. You must acquire a password from the firm or organization where you work to obtain research access for employment purposes. Here are some additional options:

LEXISONE: Although it does not have the bells and whistles of WESTLAW AND LEXIS, LEXISONE is a **free** resource that can help you locate legal materials. It includes a searchable database of U.S. Supreme Court cases from 1790 and selected federal and state cases from January 1, 1996. There is another collection of over 6,000 legal forms. Lexis has also organized more than 20,000 law-related Web Sites into 31 intuitive categories, and, if all else fails, LEXIS also offers pay-as-you-go access to all of its features. www.lexisone.com

Loislaw: Don't forget Loislaw has no restrictions on your summertime use.



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No SUMMER RECESS FOR THE LAW LIBRARY

June, July and August are not the three best reasons to work in a library, if a professor's vacation interests you. Librarians work on summer projects that cannot be executed when patrons need full access to the library during the academic school year. In fact, the library will only be closed seven days this summer:

Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day; Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6 when school is not in session; Saturday, June 19th for Emancipation Holiday; Sunday, July 4th for Independence Day; and August 7 & 8 when school is not in session. Otherwise,

the Law Library will be open the entire summer to serve your research, information and computing needs. Note that Library hours are modified when school is not in session, so check the summer schedule before venturing out late at night to do some research, pick up a print job or visit your favorite Library Staff person.

Whether you work as a summer associate for a law firm or as a research assistant for a professor, we are here to help you with your research needs.

Contact the Reference Desk at 713-313-7125.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

Summer Law Library Hours*

Effective May 15—Aug. 4

Mon.-Thurs.	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri.	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun.	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

*The library operates regular business hours between sessions.

Law Library Reference Hours

Mon. - Fri.	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun.	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Faculty Publications

The most recent pieces are available in the library display.