

# Marshall News

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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The TMSL Law Library staff extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to each graduating member of the Class of 2008.

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 cords and headphones). And, you will have printing privileges for one semester.

Before the celebration gets underway, please return all overdue library materials. We would not want to mar any student's commencement celebration over unfinished library business.

Again, congratulations!

## LIBRARY GETS DIRECTOR



DeCarlous Y. Spearman, has been named Director of the TMSL Library. Professor Spearman has served as Interim Director since September 2005. Prior to serving as Interim Director, Prof. Spearman served as Associate Director. She has been with the law school 12 years.

Prof. Spearman also teaches Legal Research during the fall semester; and, lectures throughout the academic year.

## And the Winners Are ...

The TMSL Library is pleased to announce the winners of the 4th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest. This year thirteen 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 PMBR Course

*I Can Be*

by Joy L. Magee

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 3-Month Subscription to Pro Doc

*For This Is Who I Am*

by LaShanda Lennon-Mosby

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: A Set of O'Connor's Civil Trials and Forms

*Slaves to Ourselves*

by Justin O. Higgs

### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 1000 Points from Westlaw

*Gratitude*

by Sarah Williams

### 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: 1000 Points from LexisNexis

*Play Rights*

by Danté N. Johnson

Prizes were awarded at the Poetry Awards Open Mike, Friday April 17, 2008, in the law school cafeteria.

*Participants pictured on page 3*

## ABA Visits TMSL Library

On April 6th through April 9th, a six-member team of representatives of the American Bar Association (ABA) visited TMSL. The team, comprised of legal and education experts, came to evaluate TMSL facilities, programs and law library's collections and services in accordance with ABA's Standards for Approval of Law Schools. During the four-day visit, the ABA Site Evaluation team met with students, faculty, staff and administrators from the law school, including the law library. Also, the team met with University officials, including the president, provost, legal counsel and chief financial officer.

Judge Andree Yvonne Layton Roaf led the six-member team of experts. Other members of the team included: John Edwards, Robert F. Seibel, Frederic White, John B. Wolf, and Laurie Zimet.

The library staff had the privilege of meeting with John Edwards. Edwards is the Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Drake University Law School. His areas of expertise are: Computers and the Law, and Legal Research and Writing.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the team and remain confident in the services we provide TMSL.

## Summer Hours

Effective May 12 to July 31, 2008\*

Monday - Thursday.....7 AM - 10 PM  
 Friday.....7 AM - 8 PM  
 Saturday.....9 AM - 8 PM  
 Sunday.....NOON - 8 PM

\*Please see library postings throughout the summer as hours may be adjusted for holidays or exam periods.

## Summer Access To Lexis, Westlaw and LoisLaw

### CONTINUING STUDENTS

#### Full Summer Access for Educational Purposes:

- Summer School
- School-Related Research Assignment
- Moot Court Research
- Law Review/Journal Research
- Professor's Research Assistant
- Unpaid Internship/Externship
- Bar Review
- Non-Profit Externship (**Lexis only**)

You **cannot** use your Law School LEXIS AND WESTLAW access for summer employment.

#### To Register for Summer Access:

##### LEXISNEXIS:

1. Go to [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool).
2. Click on the link: Summer Access Register No.
3. Check the "I Certify" box.
4. Select a "Legitimate Use" from the drop-down menu.
5. Click "Submit."

##### WESTLAW:

1. Go to <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>.
2. Click the Registration box in the right column.
3. Complete the online registration.

**LOISLAW** has no restrictions on your summertime use, even in connection with your jobs. See any Librarian.

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

### MAY GRADUATES

**LEXISNEXIS:** Eligible for summer access up until August 1, 2008.

**WESTLAW:** Full access for two hours per month during June and July; Access to Career Services for 12 MONTHS after graduation.

**LOISLAW:** Free for six months after graduation.

**LEXISONE:** Offers free resources to legal materials.

**Loislaw:** No restrictions on summertime use.



Participants included: David Gottlieb, Stacy Shaw, Dante N. Johnson, LaShanda Lennon-Mosby, Sarah Williams, Jessica Saldivar, and Justin Higgs, from left to right. Not pictured are: Joy L. Magee, the Grand Prize Winner, and Luis Rojo.

## Law Library Staff Development *SWALL* Cruise

On April 12, 2008, law librarians attended the Southwestern Association of Law Librarians Annual Conference (SWALL). The SWALL conference is the annual meeting and career development workshop for the Southwestern Association of Law Librarians. SWALL is a regional chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), founded in 1906 to promote and enhance the value of law libraries to the legal and public communities, to foster the profession of law librarianship, and to provide leadership in the field of legal information. This year the conference was on the Carnival Ecstasy cruise ship, which

traveled from Galveston, Texas to Cozumel, Mexico between the dates of April 10-14, 2008. The conference planners decided to celebrate in style as this was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference.

### Navigating the Sea of Information: Celebrating 50 Years of SWALL

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries 50th Annual Meeting & Educational Program



# Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library hosted its Third Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research on Saturday, April 5, 2008. The students in attendance brushed up their research skills in preparation for their summer clerkships and jobs.

Twenty-seven students attended the Course. The half-day presentation was well received by all participants.

If you signed up for the class; but, were unable to attend and haven't picked up a booklet please stop by the Circulation Desk and get a copy. They are being given out on a first come, first serve basis. Hurry! Very few copies remain.



Gwen Henderson, Circulation Librarian, introduces students to formbooks.

The Law Library is looking forward to presenting its fourth annual class next Spring. If you have any additional suggestions to improve the course, please let us know. Mark your calendars now!



Evelyn Beard, Director of Technical Services, taught Secondary Resources.

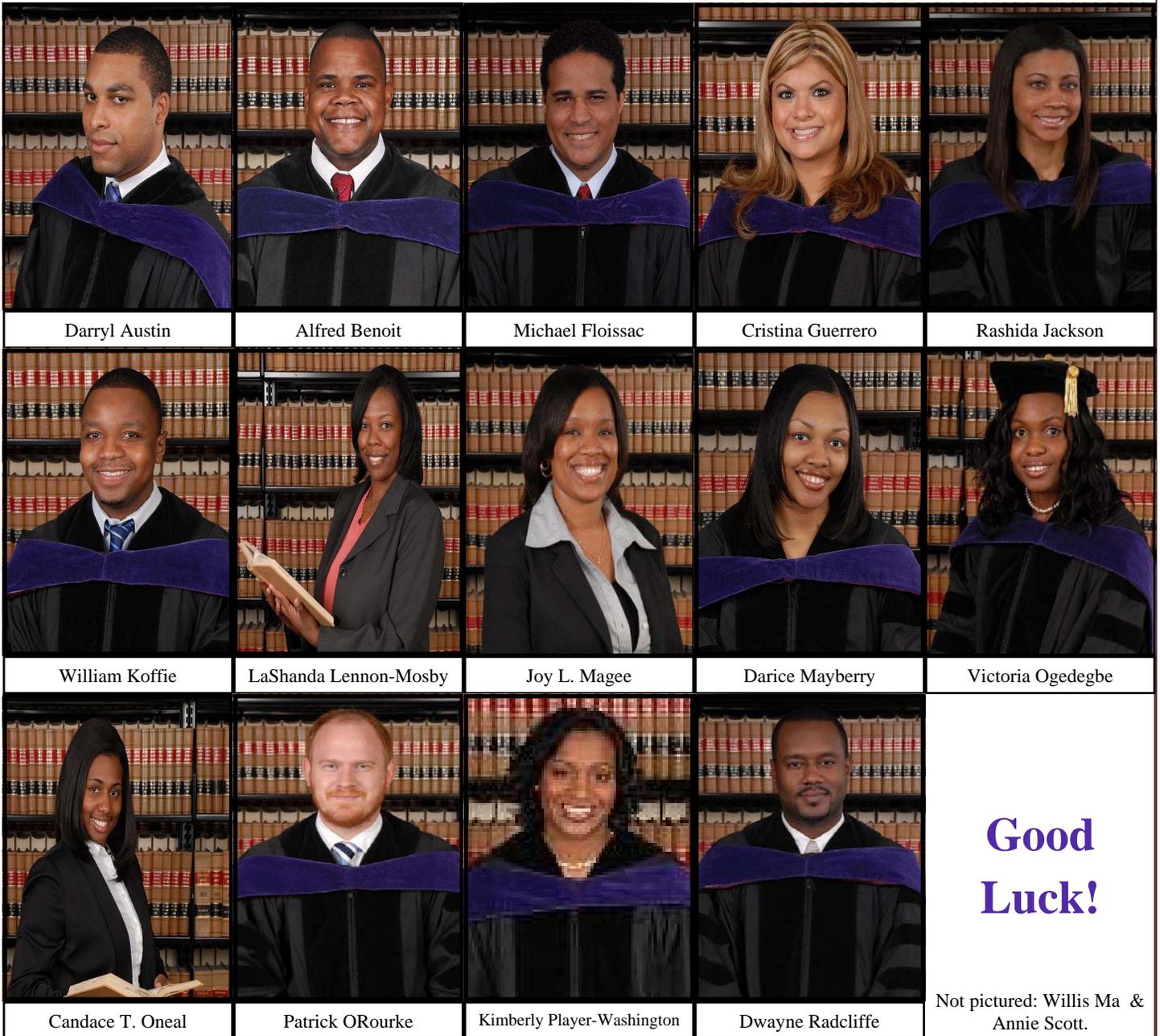


Nannette Collins, Reference Librarian, gives students the history of Shepard's Citations.

**THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY  
PRESENTS**

**CLERKSHIP CRASH COURSE  
IN LEGAL RESEARCH**

# THE LAW LIBRARY EXTENDS IT 'S SPECIAL WISHES TO OUR GRADUATING WORK-STUDY LIBRARY ASSISTANTS....



**PROTECT IT, IMPROVE IT,  
PASS IT ON**



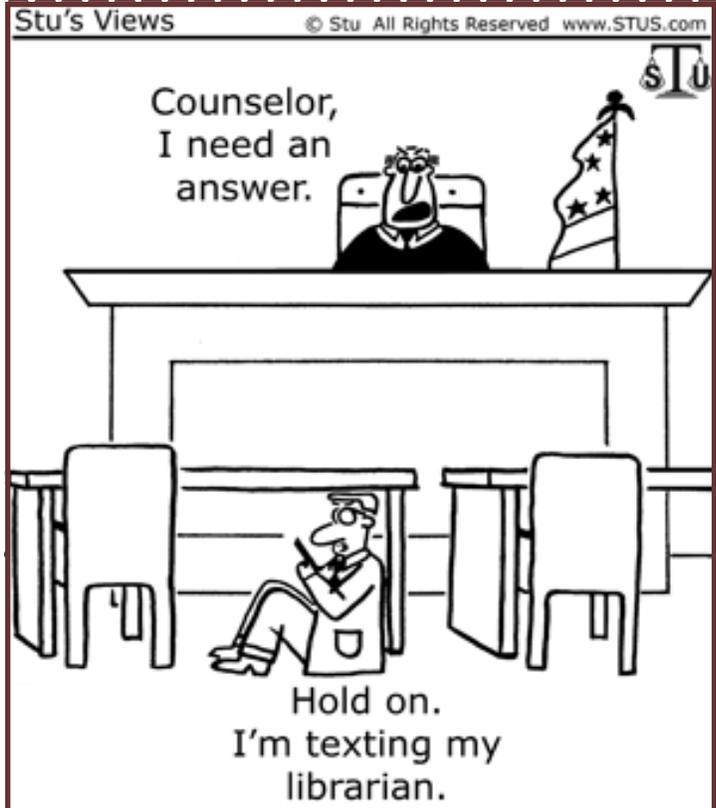
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## Lighthearted Legal Cartoon



View more hilarious legal cartoons at Stu's Views Law & Lawyer Cartoons, <http://stus.com/>.

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# Have A Great Summer!