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THE TSU BOARD OF REGENTS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW'S IMMIGRATION LL.M PROGRAM!

It will be the first program of its kind in the country.

A special Congratulations to the hard work & dedication of

Professor Fernando Colon







Thurgood TODAY TSU

4th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project 2014 Celebrity Golf Classic!



Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) Sports Entertainment and Law Society (SELS) held its 4th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project – 2014 Celebrity Golf Classic on Saturday, September 6th at Hermann Park Golf Course. This year's tournament raised a record-breaking grand total

of \$10,820!!! Our very own Texas Southern University President Dr. John M. Rudley graced us with his presence and participation at the tournament and received the *Chairman's Award* by Attorney Ricky Anderson for his unwavering support.

Per our tournament chair Attorney Ricky Anderson, "I am extremely proud of Thurgood Marshall School of Law's Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS) for their continued commitment to success, in the entertainment and sports law industry. The 4th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project - Celebrity Golf Classic has afforded Law Students Brittani Halliburton and Helen Ashegbeyeri the priceless opportunity to attend the 34th Annual BESLA Conference, in the Playa del Carmen, Q. Roo, Mexico. Again, thank you, President Dr John Rudley, Law School Dean Dannye Holley, our Celebrities, Sponsors, Golfers, Supporters, Law Students, SELS, Assistant Dean Susan Bynam and Assistant Dean Prudence Smith for your monumental contributions, to the success of this year's tournament. Let's continue to make the world a better place, through education."

Special Thanks are extended to Mr. Keith Davis, Sr. and the D-Mars Magazine team for gratuitous publicity coverage before and during the tournament, Helen Ashegbeyeri and Brittani Halliburton (our top student fundraisers) and all SELS, TMSL, and TSU volunteers for their participation and support. Lastly, kudos are extended to Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement Susan Bynam for coordinating this year's tournament, along with her fundraising efforts and support in helping to make this year's event an astounding success.

Our Tournament Sponsor was Academy Award Winning Actress and Comedian Mo'Nique/Hicks Media, Inc. Other sponsors included: Attorney Ricky Anderson; Granville Financial Group; Thurgood Marshall School of Law/Office of the Dean: Attorneys Marcia and Luckett Johnson: Distinguished Professor James Douglas; Texas Southern University Staff Council; Womack Development & Investment Realtors, Inc.; Houston Texans YMCA; Johnson Funeral Home; Mr. Frank Watch; Mr. Jesus Gonzalez; Mr. David Barnett; Robinson Law Group, PLLC; Kaplan Bar Review; Lone Star Immigration Legal Services; RJ Law Group Attorneys and Counselors; Attorney Dedra Davis; Tyrone Smith Band Revue; Lone Star Auto Team; Urgent Psych Care and Psych On Site; Immanuel Christian Fellowship Church; Heaven Helpers Day Care; Mr. Carleton Perkins; Mr. Michael Warner; and Mr. Andy Bynam. In-kind donations were provided by Metoyer-Roy Printing, Ltd, Susan Bynam on behalf of the Office for Institutional Advancement, Prudence Smith on behalf of the Office for External Affairs, and the Earl Carl Institute for Social and Public Policy, Inc. (ECI).

Our winners included:

First Place Team (Score: 59) - The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Bennie Childs, James Wilson, Clifford Lee, and James Montgomery); Second Place Team (Score: 60) - The Office of General Counsel (Andrew Hughey, Richard Pitre and Ric Wal-

ton), and the Third Place Winning Team (Score 64) included Lee Van Richardson, Coby Arnsworth, and C. Gibson. Closest to the Pin Winner was awarded to Maurice Carr from the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Team and the Longest Drive Winner was awarded to Brandon Armelin, Lone Star Auto Team Sponsor.





TMSL Hosts Focus Group Dinner



Tuesday, September

16th, Executive Director, Docia Rudley and Professor Ana Otero hosted a group of TMSL alumni, friends and community leaders for a very important Focus Group dinner. They extend a heartfelt Thank you to all participants. This focus group was on marketing, branding, and community engagement of the Law School. The candor and the insightful comments about the Law School's role in the community were greatly appreciated. The Law School will incorporate some of the suggestions as we begin the process of implementing the action plans accompanying our 2014 Strategic Plan. Many thanks to the following Focus

Group participants:

Al Benoit

Alice Bonner

Bronson Woods (SJL Office)

Carol Guess

Gordan Quan

Rep. Harold Dutton

Judson Robinson

Kevin Murray

Kim Phillips

K.O. Fullerton

Marchris Robinson

Melvin Houston

Nancy Lerner

Naomi Cox Andrews

Ruben Perez

Sarah Doezema

Toni Jackson

Vy Nguyen

Yolanda Smith (NAACP)

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Professor Ana Otero (Co-Chair)

Dr. James Douglas

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Faculty Highlights

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Professors Cassandra L. Hill and **Katharine T. Vukadin** led a discussion on "Choosing and Working with Your



RA" on September 10, 2014, as part of the 2014-15 Faculty Series.

Professor SpearIt has accepted an invitation to serve as a

panelist discussing challenges facing incarcerated individuals seeking reentry into society at a conference entitled, "Global Citizens and Equality Fifty Years After the 1964 Civil Rights Act" hosted by Texas A&M School of Law in November 2014. The keynote speaker is Professor Patricia Williams at Columbia Law School.



Professor SpeartIt's co-authored introduction, "Twenty Years After the Education Apocalypse: The Ongoing Fall Out from the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill," 33 St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev. 283 (2014), is now in print.



Assistant Dean of Academic Support Marsha Griggs facilitated a discussion involving bar passage with Widener School of Law Associate Dean, Professor, and

AALS Executive Committee member D. Benjamin Barros who gave a talk to the faculty entitled, "So We Got into AALS, Now What?" on September 24, 2014.

Professor Maurice Hew's article, "Under the Circumstances *Padilla v Kentucky* Still Excuses Fundamental Fairness and Leaves Professional Responsibility Lost," 32 B.C.J.L.& Soc. Just.31(2012), was recently cited by Judge Craig Estlinbaum in his article, "Effective Plea Bargains for



Non-Citizens," 16 St. Mary's L.Rev. & Soc. Just. 607(2014), adopting Professor Hew's methodology in representing criminal immigration clients in an effort to avoid 6th Amendment constitutional right to counsel violations.

Professor Hew was also recently cited in the August 11, 2014 edition of the Texas Lawyer newspaper relating to the representation of undocumented foreign national children. Professor Hew is next scheduled to present on the right to counsel for asylum and unaccompanied alien children at the Joe Vail Asylum workshop on October 3, 2014 sponsored by the University of Houston Law Center.



Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled <u>The Commerce Clause Implications of the Individual Mandate Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 26 J.L. & HEALTH 29, 40, (2013) was recently cited by Jasmine E. Harris is a Practitioner in Residence in the Disability Rights Law Clinic at American University Washington Col-</u>

lege of Law in an article published in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law entitled *Cultural Collisions And The Limits Of The Affordable Care Act*, 22 Am. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 387, 415 (2014). Harris made a reference to Weeden's explanation of risk pooling and distribution process under the Affordable Care Act. According to Harris Weeden has taken the position that "the shared risk and pool of resources are meant to reduce premiums and out-of-pocket expenses for health care."



Faculty Highlights (Cont'd.)



Professor Craig Jackson was a panelist on the KUHT program Channel 8, Red White and Blue last July 11. The public television news program featured a discussion of key cases in the 2013-2014 Supreme Court term in its annual Supreme Court Review program. Jackson appear-

ing along with South Texas College of Law professor Josh Blackman, and the University of Houston law professor Aaron Bruhl. Among the cases discussed were the Court's holding in Schuette v. BAMN (approving the Michigan constitutional referendum amending that state's constitution banning consideration of race in college admission), Burwell v. Hobby Lobby (finding that a family run corporation could decline to pay premiums for certain birth control under the Affordable Care Act) and Noel Canning v. National Labor Relations Board (finding that certain recess appointments unconstitutional). The link to the program is included below.

http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/videos/supreme-court -decisions/



Professor Katherine Vukadin was interviewed for an article in the publication "Managed Healthcare Executive." The article came on September 10, 2014. In the piece, she discussed how there should be a penalty for health insurance companies that decide claims incorrectly.

To read the article, click the link below.

http://managedhealthcareexecutive.modernmedicine.com/ managed-healthcare-executive/news/denial-benefits-appealsneed-consistency?page=full **ECI Associate Director Anthony S. Haughton** will be presenting during the discussion described below. We are extremely proud of him! Please encourage attendance by TMSL students.





Dr. James M. Douglas announces his candidacy for President of the NAACP Houston Branch. The election is on November 20, 2014 at the NAACP Houston Branch.

Professor Lydia Johnson has been appointed 2014-15 Chair of the District Four Panel of the Texas State Bar Grievance Committee





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Clinic News



Left to right: Clive Markland, Alum; Jennifer Gant, Attorney; Ricco Delgado, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Aaron Galvan, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Alyson Martinez, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Chigozie Ezirike, CLC Spring 2015-Student; Leticia Longmiles, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Balle Pender, CLC Spring 2015-Student; Alvin Nunnery, Attorney and Host; Lydia D. Johnson, TSU Professor; Alexandria Salas, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Harmeet Kaur, CLC Spring 2015-Student; Kyla Baxter, CLC Spring 2015-Student; Alton James III, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Jimmy Olivas, CLC Spring 2015-Student; Chris Self, CLC Fall 2014-Student; Melissa Munoz, CLC Spring 2014-Student; and Skip Lanz, Attorney

The **Criminal Law Clinic** participated in the *Second Chance Program* at Fallbrook Church on August 30th. The Clinic partnered with host Attorney Alvin Nunnery; Public Defenders Office Assistant Attorney; Teiva Bell; Skip Lanz and TMSL Alum, Clive Markland and Brennen Dunn. Approximately 300 citizens were provided information on expunction s, petitions for non disclosure and juvenile sealing.









LaCrecia Lachelle Perkins is a third year law student at Thurgood Marshall School of Law and anticipates a May 2015 graduation. Although she has several areas of interest, she plans on practicing civil litigation in Texas. LaCrecia is currently ranked in the top five percent of her class. LaCrecia plans to clerk with a federal judge after graduating law school.

When asked about her upbringing, she said:

"I am the eldest of three daughters coming from a single parent home. My mother was the breadwinner of our family, and for as long as I can remember, my family has always been the strength of my life. My father was killed a week after I was born and then my sister's dad died in a car accident when I was about six. From that moment on, my mom struggled to provide for our family. There were times when we were not living in the best neighborhoods, and were receiving welfare and other government assistance. For a long time I was ashamed of being in this situation because I did not want to become another stereotypical black girl.

I have realized that my life experiences were not obstacles holding me back, but lessons used to propel me forward and allow me to share my testimony. I now know that my accomplishments are not just about me, they are about the ability to trust in God, the ability to minister to others, and the ability to be a good role model for my sisters. I am proud of my accomplishments, and I am certain that they have taught me valuable skills that I will use throughout my journey in law school and life."

LaCrecia continued on to say that her mother and grandmother have been a huge influence in her life. "They made me who I am."

LaCrecia was born and raised in Dallas, TX. She earned her B.A. Magna Cum Laude from Houston Baptist University. She majored in Government and minored in economics. LaCrecia was the recipient of the 2008 Presi-

dent's Scholarship. From 2010 to 2012, she served as a member of the mock trial team. LaCrecia was also the recipient of the 2010-2011 Resident Assistant of the Year and the 2011 Leadership Award.

At Thurgood Marshall School of Law, LaCrecia served as a member of the mock trial team (August 2012 to 2013) and has been a member of the Black Law Student Association since 2012. She served as an Associate Editor of Law Review in 2013 and is currently the Managing Editor. LaCrecia is the recipient of the 2013 to 2014 Dean's 2L Scholarship Academy. She also plans on publishing an article regarding voting rights in the Spring 2015 edition of Thurgood Marshall's online editorial.

From May 2013 to June 2013, LaCrecia served as an intern for the public law division for the Harris County Attorney's Office in Houston, TX, with Clyde Leuchtag, County Attorney. She researched statutory case law on local, state, and federal levels. LaCrecia drafted legal memoranda on park and recreation law. She edited Harris County contracts and attended leadership and management meetings. During her internship, she also researched the current law on medical release guidelines for minors at the federal, state, and local level. The Harris County Juvenile Probation Division used the information LaCrecia gathered to create a new medical release form. This internship allowed her to develop her skills in quality and efficient research.

From May 2014 to June 2014, LaCrecia served as an intern for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas, TX. She assisted the Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn with research and writing in preparation for hearings and trials. LaCrecia collaborated with law clerks on memoranda, orders, and notes to the Judge. She analyzed and synthesized case law to draft memoranda and edited opinions, memoranda, and orders. This internship allowed her to sharpen her research and writing skills. The Judge's cogent advice and critiques have taught her valuable lessons about prospective legal writing.

For more information on LaCrecia's interview http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/900042732/Third-Year-Law-Student-LaCrecia-Perkins-Wants-to-Practice-Civil-Litigation/



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ALUMNI NEWS

TMSL Alumni In the News



The Honorable Monica Purdy, TMSL class of 1992 was honored at an event at the Dallas Museum of Art on Tuesday, September 9th honoring the Top 25 Women of Dallas presented by The Steed Society - "Female Success Factor".

In Memoriam

Bishop Martin McLee, TMSL class of 1988, passed earlier this month. After graduating from Thurgood Marshall School of Law he dedicated his life through unwavering service to the church. Bishop McLee served as Union UMC in Boston, and was Superintendent of



the Metro Boston Hope District before his election to the episcopacy in 2012. He was appointed Bishop of the New York Area in July of 2002.

Attorney Ricky Anderson, TMSL class of 1992 will become the 32nd attorney inducted into the Entertainment Hall of Fame at the 2014 BELSA Conference in October.





Monique Galloway, TMSL class of 2003, has been chosen as a "Lawyer on the Fast Track," by The Legal Intelligencer. Ms. Galloway presently works for the law firm Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check.



It is with great sadness that we announce that **Gloria Smith**, TMSL class of 1982 passed away. Her services were held on August 2nd in Memphis, TN. In 1990 Ms. Smith was honored by the Federation of Houston Professional Women as a woman with

"Star Quality—Women Who Make A Difference" for being the driving force in restructuring the Gulf Coast Black Women Lawyer's Association, which had been established by a conglomeration of fellow bar associations.



ALUMNI NEWS (Cont'd.)

TMSL Alumni On the Move

Ruben R. Perez Receives Proclamation From Mayor Parker



TMSL alum, **Ruben Perez**, class of 1980 was recognized on July 10, 2014, by The City of Houston for his leadership and commitment to pursing human trafficking cases. He successfully investigated crimes, human trafficking and law enforcement misconduct. Since 1999, he ahs serviced as Chief of the Human Trafficking/Civil Rights Unit, and as the lead prosecutor, he has been responsible for rescuing more than 100 victims of human trafficking, sentencing all defendants to lengthy prison terms.



LaMonika Hurst, TMSL class of 2004 was elected as Chair for the Corporate Counsel Division of the National Bar Association.

Texas Southern University Alumnus Elected President of Houston Black American Democrats

Attorney Edward Pollard,

TMSL class of 2012 was elected President of the Houston Black American Democrats, "H-BAD," on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. H-BAD is a long standing progressive organization dedicated to building a strong political power base focusing on issues that directly affect the Black



community in Houston. The Houston Black American Democrats is the only majority African American group sanctioned by the Harris County Democratic Party. Mr. Pollard succeeds former Houston City Council-Woman Carol Mims Galloway.

Attorney Pollard graduated with honors from Morehouse College and Thurgood Marshall Law School.

Attorney Pollard is an Associate at The Harris Law Firm owned by fellow Alumnus, Attorney Michael Harris. He is married to Thurgood Marshall Law School Alumnus, Vanessa Butler Pollard who is in private practice.

Mr. Pollard is the Son of Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard, long time Theatre Professor at TSU, presently serving as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in The Thomas F. Freeman Honors College.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law



Save the Date

D.C. Area TMSL & TSU Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, September 27, 2014 Time: 10:00am-12:00 p.m. Location: Grand Hyatt Washington, DC





The Social Education Rethink Film series will be showing Fruitvale Station

Monday, September 29, 2014

5:30 pm

Farish Hall KIVA.

University of Houston-Central Campus

Following the film a discussion will ensue regarding race, police and education in the US - linking the film¹s content to Ferguson, Houston and the US.

For more information please contact the Earl Carl Institute at 713-313-1139

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Texas Southern University

Thurgood Marshall Law Review Presents



45th Anniversary Kick-Off & Website Launch

Thursday, September 25, 2014 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.

The Social Junkie 2412 Washington Avenue Houston, TX 77007

Cabillac Room-Outside Patio

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont'd.)



EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL POLICY, INC.

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Save the Date



THE SHOOTING OF MICHAEL BROWN: NOW WHAT?

"Systemic Maltreatment: Dismantling Disproportionality through Strategic Partnerships"

Event Partners:

- Black Child Development Institute
- Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities Region 6 – Houston
- TSU Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
- Restorative Justice Collaborative of Houston
- Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division
- ♦ Texas Appleseed
- ACLU of Texas
- Children at Risk
- O Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
- Harris County Protective Services for Children & Adults Region 6 Training Institute
- NAACP-Missouri City, TX
- Octizens Advocating for Social Equalities

For more information, please call (713) 313-1139

Thursday, October 9, 2014

8:30am - 5:00pm

Topics:

- Introduction to Disproportionality & Racial and Health Disparities
- ♦ The School to Prison Pipeline and DMC in Texas
- The Consequences of Disproportionate Minority Contact: Beyond Unfair
- ♦ Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System
- ♦ Disparities in Juvenile Mental Health Services
- Disproportionality in the Foster Care System
- A Race & the Adult Criminal Justice System

MCLE/CEU Credits: 7.0 (2.0 Ethics)

Register Online: www.earlcarlinstitute.org or Pay on-site



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Friday, October 10, 2014

TIME

12:00 p.m.—4:00 pm

COST

\$100.00 attorneys;

\$30.00 gov't attorneys and non-profit attorneys

Free: non-attorneys MCLE: 4.0~Ethics: 1.0

Register and Pay Online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration or Pay on-site

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UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont'd.)

Human Trafficking



Presented by: Thurgood Marshall School of Law, YWCA Houston, and The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy., Inc.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law

3100 Cleburne St. Houston, TX 77004 Rooms 105-106 October 17, 2014

Cost: \$105.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't employees & non-profit attorneys Complimentary non-attorneys MCLE Credits: 7.0 hrs. ~ Ethics Credits: 1.0 hrs.

Register online today by visiting www.tinyurl.com/ tmsleventregistration

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IN COMMEMORATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH: TEEN DATING **VIOLENCE**

Thursday, October 24, 2014

TIME

10:00 a.m.—5:00 pm

COST

\$105.00 attorneys;

\$30.00 gov't attorneys and non-profit attorneys

Free: non-attorneys MCLE: 7.0~Ethics: 1.0

Register and Pay Online; www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration or Pay on-site

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OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SEPTEMBER 2014

September 25th

Thurgood Marshall Law Review Reception

Location: The Social Junkie Time: 6:00pm

Sponsorship Opportunities- contact the Office of External Affairs

(713) 313-1142

September 27th

D.C. Area TMSL & TSU Alumni Breakfast w/Special Guest

Location: Grand Hyatt Washington

1000 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

RSVP: Office of External Affairs (713) 313-1142 or

prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu

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October 8th

Law School Admissions Fair- Nashville, TN (EA)

Location: Fisk University
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 9th

Law School Admissions Fair- Nashville, TN (EA)

Location: Tennessee State University
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 9th

The Shooting of Michael Brown: Now What?— CLE The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of

Law

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$ 100.00 attorneys; \$30.00 non-profit &

government attorneys; complimentary non-

attorneys

MCLE: 6.0 Ethics: 1.0

Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

October 10th

Family Law-CLE (Dallas)

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of

<u>Law</u>

Location: Papadeaux Restaurant Oaklawn – Dallas

Time: 12:00 pm- 4:00pm

Cost: \$ 100.00 attorneys; \$30.00 non-profit and

government attorneys; complimentary non-

attorneys

MCLE: 4.0 Ethics: 1.0

OCTOBER 2014

October 17th

Human Trafficking-CLE

YWCA Houston

The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 10:00 am- 5:00pm

Cost: \$ 105.00 attorneys; \$30.00 non-profit and govern-

ment attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys

MCLE: 7.0 Ethics: 1.0

Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

October 17th & 18th

Law School Recruitment Fair- New York, NY (Admissions Office)

Location: Hilton New York

1335 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10019

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

October 18th

BLSA Wine & Cheese

Location: Home of Dr. James M. Douglas

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Sponsorship Opportunities- contact the Office of External Affairs (713)

313-1142

Time:

October 20th (Monday)

Law School Recruitment Fair-HOUSTON (Admissions Office)

Location: Hyatt Regency Houston

1200 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002 Noon – 7:00 pm

October 20th (Monday)

Law School Recruitment Reception

Location: Hyatt Regency Houston

1200 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 22nd – 26th BESLA Annual Meeting

Location: Cancun, MX





Weekend Schedule of Events

2014 TMSL Homecoming Reunion

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	Wednesday, October 22, 2014
6:00pm∙	Welcome Reception NBA President, Attorney Pamela Meanes
	Dress: Business Location: Hotel ZaZa 11 th Floor Penthouse 5701 Main Street
	Houston, TX 77005 Sponsored by Attorney Ricky Anderson, TMSL and NBA
	Thursday, October 23, 2014
	Welcome Reception
7:00 pm	Dress: Business Location: Westin Galleria ~ The Monarch Room 5060 West Alabama Houston, TX
	Friday, October 24, 2014
8:00am-2:00pm	TMSL Reunion Registration Location: TMSL Lobby
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Dress: Business Casual MCLE Credit: 7.0 Ethics: 2.0 Cost: Registered Reunion Attendees – Free/ Others \$105 Location: TMSL 105 & 106 Register & Pay: http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration
6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Celebratory Reception for Classes 1999, 2004 & 2009 Location: Social Junkie 2412 Washington Ave. Houston, TX 77007
	2014 President's Gala
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Law Awardee: U. L. Bozé Dress: Semi-Formal Location: Westin Galleria ~ Grand Ballroom 5060 West Alabama Houston, TX
	Saturday, October 25, 2014
11:00 am –	TMSL Annual Tailgate: Cookout & Cocktails
6:00 pm	Sponsors: TMSL & TMSL Alumni Board Location: TSU Pavillions- Student Lots -1 off Blodgett
2:00 pm	Homecoming Game* TSU vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
	Location: BBVA Compass Stadium
8:00 pm- 1:00 am	President Afterglow
	Location: Minute Maid Park – Diamond Club Complimentary admission

Make your class gift TODAY!

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Ten Reasons to Support Thurgood Marshall School of Law





••One of the reasons why I chose TMSL is because the cost is very reasonable compared to most other law schools. The classes are all designed to prepare you for success on the Texas State Bar exam. Being a part of such a diverse school with such a deep-rooted history is also a plus. •• — Ann Ho, '14

Our Reputation

We are one of 15 law schools nationwide that has notably improved its reputation with lawyers and judges since 2012.

2. Our Advocacy Programs

In the last three years, our Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams have gained national recognition for the quality of their preparation and performance. Both teams have advanced to final rounds in national and regional competitions.

Our Valued Externships

Many of our third year students have successfully completed externships with the state supreme court, district judges, state legislators, First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, and district and county attorney's offices.

4. Our National Recognition

Thurgood Marshall School of Law was admitted into the esteemed membership of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in January 2014. The Law School received a national vote of confidence

from the AALS in its direction, faculty, academic and accountability programs and most importantly, in its ability to engage with students to produce competitive and capable lawyers.

5. Our Bar Performance

In the last four years, our graduates have twice posted the best July bar exam performance in the history of our law school. The performance exceeds the national standard established as an accreditation requirement by the American Bar Association.

6. Our Regional Impact

With only 5% of total Texas law school enrollment, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, in the last five years, has produced 43% of all the newly licensed African-American attorneys in the state of Texas who are graduates from one of the nine Texas law schools.



7. Our Alumni

In 2011, we graduated our 1000th Hispanic-American. Our persistence in producing a substantial number of the attorneys who either practice, bring honor to the judiciary bench, or take on public service roles in South Texas is highly commendable.

8. Our Student Accomplishments

Our students continue to win and receive recognition for their participation and performance in legal writing competitions and other scholarly activities.

9. Our Diversity

For more than a decade, our Law School has been firmly established as one of the nation's most diverse law schools.

10. Our Mission, Our Vision, Our Values

For the last seven decades, Thurgood Marshall School of Law has been heralded as an institution of opportunity and inclusion that continues to rise on its standards of equality and excellence.

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September Birthdays

Jo <mark>Alridge</mark>	1st
Vir <mark>gie Mout</mark> on	4th
Susan Bynam	10th
Deola Shoyombo	10th
James Beard	16th
Itunu Sofidiya	18th
Crai <mark>g Jackson</mark>	21st
Prudence Smith	23rd
Marc Banks	26th



Recycle reminder

Go Green! Let's remember to recycle our used bottles! The recycle bins are located in two areas of the law school and emptied every morning!

Let's do our part!



AN EXAMPLE OF DIVERSITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION 6 Protect It, Improve It, Pass It on ??

INSIDE THURGOOD NEWS REQUEST

Please submit your news, events and announcements in email text or word documents to Andreience Hines, Sr. Administrative Assistant of External Affairs by the 25th of the PRIOR month, anhines@tmslaw.tsu.edu. Please be brief, but ensure that important details and information are included.