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From The Office of The Dean

Seasons Greetings from TMSL – TSU Family:

We wish for each of you a happy holiday season, and hope that 2015 was a year of peace, growth, and opportunity. Thank you for your continuing interest in, work on behalf of, and support of the Law School and University. We look forward to our continuing engagement and collaboration. We are grateful for your commitment to the school's mission and core values.

In 2015, the law school embarked on the first year of executing its 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. We have completed a publication that tracks the 2014-2015 progress on achieving the eight core goals of that plan. In that publication, we have identified the highlights of that course of achievement, as well as the significant challenges facing the school in pursuing achievement of the action plans that are in progress.

Highlights include earning the number one rank in the nation as the best law school for diversity. Our literature and the national magazine who so ranked us, have provided multiple reasons this year for why diversity matters in legal education and the legal profession. Highlights also included the very significant national, Texas, and local leadership and engagement role of our students with bar associations and the legal profession.

Additional Featured Highlights:

- Appointment and commencement of work by Ad Hoc Blue Ribbon Committees on career services, externships, and professional identity. We thank all of you who have volunteered to serve on these committees. We welcome participation by others interested in the charge and contribution of the work of these committees.
- Faculty completion of a comprehensive set of institutional learning outcomes, and embarking on a project to “map” the curriculum to determine where and how these outcomes are focused.
- Continuing Faculty leadership at the national, state, and local levels in scholarship and professional activities, and the establishing of a new named (Lois Lee Prestage Woods) professorship.
- Joining with 32 consortium law schools to promote innovation in legal education.

Our challenges are also worthy of our attention and resources. This is the year, for example, that we need to go all in on securing employment and professional opportunities for our current classes and recent graduates. The bar exam has changed and become more difficult, and we must work with decision makers, other law schools, and all of our constituents to prepare our students for the more difficult exam. We must also insist that the exam focuses on its purpose of fairly identifying those persons who have qualified to commence legal practice with skills that ensure little risk that they will do harm to the public.

The year 2016 promises to be an exciting year to focus on the accomplishment of important goals, and addressing significant challenges. We look forward to both, and to communicating and working with each of you.

We appreciate your continued support and commitment to the University and Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and furthermore, wish you and your family a happy holiday!

Sincerely,

Dean and Professor of Law





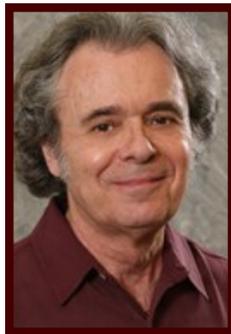
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Associate Dean Cassandra Hill's article on student responsibility in assessment, *Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, 56 How. L.J. 447, 451 (2013), was recently cited in the Journal of Law and Education by Sarah Valentine, professor at City University of New

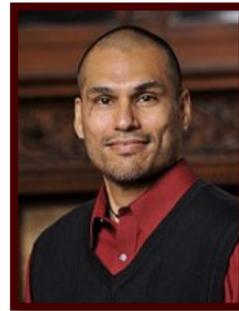
York School of Law, in her article *Flourish or Founder: The New Regulatory Regime in Legal Education*, 44 J.L. & Educ. 473, 495 (2015). Additionally, Associate Dean Hill's proposal, *Playing to Win the Book Proposal Game: Getting Your Idea Noticed and Your Book Published*, was accepted for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Portland, Oregon. The presentation will address the content of a book proposal and share strategies on crafting a submission that will get noticed and accepted.

Professor Tom Kleven presented his book *Equitable Sharing: Distributing the Benefits and Detriments of Democratic Society* at a book talk at Yale Law School on November 11, 2015. He also presented the book on a panel entitled "Defining Democratic Theory and the Meaning of Democracy" at the



Northeastern Political Science Association annual conference in Philadelphia on November 13, 2015. At the conference he also served as chair and discussant

on a panel entitled "Workings of Democracy: Potential Conflicts and Theory."



Professor SpearIt has accepted an invitation to publish a piece on prisons and higher education in *Criminal Justice Magazine*, which is published quarterly for the members of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. Professor SpearIt's work was recently cited in the article *Recent Legal*

Developments: Correctional Case Law: 2014 by James E. Robertson in 40 *Criminal Justice Review* (2015). His work was also cited in a letter to the U.S. Sentencing Commission written by Families Against Mandatory Minimums, <http://www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/amendment-process/public-comment/20150727/FAMM.pdf>.

Additionally, Professor SpearIt's work was also cited in the report: *Change the Story--A Shared Framework for the Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women and Their Children in Australia*, <http://assets.justice.vic.gov.au/ccp/resources/5b01194a-35bc-47fb-a875-c7543b6407cb/change+the+story+a+framework+for+the+primary+prevention+of+violence+against+women+and+their+children.pdf>.

Furthermore, his oped *Ben Carson: Islamophobe Extraordinaire* was republished in the *Eastside Daily News*, found at <http://www.east sidedailynews.com/October%2023.pdf>. Finally, Professor SpearIt published *Concealed Handgun Laws: (Fire)power to the People?* in the *Huffington Post*, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/spearit/concealed-handgun-lawsfir_b_8576538.html.

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Professor Katherine Vukadin accepted an invitation to present at John Marshall School of Law's Thirteenth Annual Employee Benefits Symposium in Chicago. Her symposium article, *Can the ACA's Independent Review of ERISA Health Claims Co-exist with the Abuse of Discretion Standard?*, will be published in the 2016 edition of the *New York Review of Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation*. Professor Vukadin's article explores the effect of the Affordable Care Act's new independent medical review procedure on the abuse-of-discretion standard in courts' review of ERISA health claims. In addition, Professor Vukadin's proposal, *Legal Writing Without Borders: How to Cultivate Your Second Research and Teaching Subject*, was accepted for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Portland, Oregon. The presentation will explain how legal writing professors can delve into a companion research area while enhancing their expertise in legal writing.

Professor L. Darnell Weeden has accepted an offer from the Utah OnLaw, The Utah Law Review Online Supplement, to publish his article entitled *"In Fisher V. University of Texas Derrick Bell's Interest Convergence Theory Is on a Collision Course with the Viewpoint Diversity Rationale in Higher Education."* Weeden asserts Professor Bell's interest convergence theory in the context of diversity in higher education merits reconsideration. The interest convergence theory, promoted by the late Professor Derrick A. Bell, without giving any deference to context, unrealistically contends that the interest of African Americans in seeking racial equality is supported only if policy makers determine that the interest of African Americans converges with a greater political and economic interest of whites in America. Simply stated, Professor Bell asserts the white/majority will promote racial advances for a racial minority only when it also promotes perceived white self-interest. Under Professor Bell's narrow treatment of the



interest convergence theory racial justice for racial minorities is an incidental by product of white self-interest. According to Weeden, *Fisher* is a direct challenge to the interest convergence theory, that historically subordinated racial groups will only receive a substantial viewpoint diversity benefit in the admission process at UT if the policy primarily promotes white self-interest.

Associate Dean Faith Jackson and Professor Edith Wu published their article *Must We Deploy Drones In the Twenty-First Century To Target Under the Radar Discrimination Against Minority Women At Law Schools At Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUS)?*, 31 Colum. J. Gender & L. 164 (2015).



Professor Kindaka Sanders published his article *A Reason To Resist: The Use of Deadly Force in Aiding Victims Of Unlawful Police Aggression*, 52 San Diego L. Rev. 695 (August-September 2015).

Upon invitation by SMU's United Student Association and the Student Senate Diversity Committee, **Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro** presented on the topic *Discrimination Against Latino/Latina Americans in Higher Education* and led a mock law Property class on November 12, 2015, as a part of the school's United Voices Speaker Series.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*



Professor Craig Jackson wrote and posted an entry on *Spokeo v. Robins*, the standing case pending before the United States Supreme Court, on the American Constitution Society (ACS) blog on November 18, 2015. The site and Professor Jackson's entry can be found at www.acslaw.org/acsblog.

Professor Emeka Duruigbo's latest publications are now in print. His article on Africa's contribution to international law through oil and gas governance was published recently in Northwestern University's *Journal of International Law and Business*. Another paper on Energy Access from a United States perspective appears in the proceedings of the 7th Annual Conference of the Nigerian and International Association of Energy Economics held on February 16-18, 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. The full citations of the two works are:



- *Nunc Dimittis or Chief Cornerstone?: Evaluating Africa's International Norm-Development Experiment in the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project*, 35 NW. J. INT'L L. & BUS. 297 (2015).
- *Sustainable Energy in the United States: Access, Efficiency and Private Rights*, in ENERGY ACCESS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: POLICY, INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND STRATEGIC OPTIONS, PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2014 NAEI/IAEE CONFERENCE 882 (Adeola Adenikinju et al eds., 2014).

One of Professor Duruigbo's latest corporate law articles, *Tracking Shareholder Short-Termism and Managerial Myopia*, 100 KY. L.J. 531 (2012), was cited, *inter alia*, in a treatise, *Publicly Traded Corporations Handbook* (2015) and by the Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court, Justice Leo Strine, in an article in the *Harvard Business Law Review*. The citation is: Leo E. Strine, Jr., *Making It Easier for Directors to "Do the Right Thing"?*, 4 HARV. BUS. L. REV. 235, 252 (2014).

Professor Ashraf Mozayani, Professor and Director of Forensic Science at TSU's School of Public Affairs (Administration of Justice), presented her work on the importance of forensic science to the legal system as part of TMSL's **Interdisciplinary Bridges Faculty Series**.



The Interdisciplinary Bridges program is a new series where TSU faculty from other colleges or schools who research on topics related to law are invited to present their scholarship and projects. Professor Mozayani hopes to continue the conversation about forensic science and possibly move forward on a joint project that provides law students with training in forensic science to combat the many inequities present in the judicial system.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

TMSL Hosts Resident Scholar D. Wendy Greene



TMSL hosted **Scholar-in-Residence D. Wendy Greene**, Professor of Law at Cumberland School of Law (Samford University) and Chair of the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education, for two days this Fall semester, during which she presented her research to faculty, students, and community members. Professor Greene has produced an authoritative body of scholarship on race and gender-based grooming codes discrimination in the workplace in addition to the socio-legal construction of race and its import to contemporary anti-discrimination law protections. During her first presentation as our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor

Greene spoke to university faculty, students, and the community on “Beyond Passing: A Reflection on #AskRachel, Racial Fluidity and the State of U.S. Anti-Discrimination Law.” In this presentation, she discussed grooming codes discrimination and misperception discrimination in the workplace as well as how racial fluidity may impact constitutional jurisprudence. This first presentation was co-sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall Law Review and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal



on Race, Gender, and Justice. Later that same day, Professor Greene gave an engaging presentation to faculty about her current book project on hair equality. Then, on the last day of her visit to TMSL, Professor

Greene was a guest speaker in Professor L. Darnell Weeden’s Constitutional Law class and, over lunch, she shared her experiences as a litigator, educator, and scholar with our law review and law journal students.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

Faculty Series Calendar

TMSL

2015-16 FACULTY SERIES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Events are on Wednesdays 12pm-1pm in the Dean's Conference Room at TMSL unless otherwise noted, and lunch is provided.

SPRING 2016

1/20/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Research)

"So You've Published Your Article: How to Market Your Work and You"

Professor Craig Jackson and Assistant Dean Susan Bynam

1/27/16

TMSL Student Publications Review—a new series in which TMSL students present their published articles and forthcoming publications

2/3/16

TMSL Quodlibet Series

"Scientific Sentencing: Using Research to Recalibrate the Scale"

Professor Spearit

2/10/16

Faculty Research Series (Special Guest)

"The Role of the Judiciary in Developing Democracies in Nigeria and other African Countries"

Professor Wahab Egbewole, Professor and Former Dean, Department of Jurisprudence & International Law, University of Ilorin (Ilorin, Nigeria)

2/17/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching)

Law School Assessment Update

Director Docia Rudley

2/24/16

Interdisciplinary Bridges Series

"Breaking Apart the Laws of the Land: A Sociological Discourse on Inequality, Policy & Progress in America"

Professor Carla Brailey, Visiting Assistant Professor, TSU Department of Sociology

3/2/16-3/3/16

TMSL Scholar-in-Residence

Catherine E. Smith, Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness and Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Tentative Schedule:

- (1) Faculty & Student Talk on Wednesday, March 2, 12-1 pm (co-sponsors: Thurgood Marshall Law Review, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race, and Justice & OUTLaw) — *"Rights of Unmarried Children After Obergefell"*;
- (2) Dinner and Talk with Faculty on Wednesday, March 2, 4-7 pm— *"From Brown to Obergefell: Moving Children from the Margins to the Center of Equal Protection Doctrine"*;
- (3) Class Guest Lecture (Craig Jackson's International Law Class) on Thursday, March 3, and
- (4) Lunch and Q&A with Law Review and Journal members on Thursday, March 3, 12-1 pm

3/9/16

TMSL/Concordia Law Faculty Exchange Series

"The Judicial Role in Filling the Justice Gap"

Professor Jodi Nafzger, Director of Experiential Learning and Assistant Professor, Concordia University School of Law

3/23/16

SCALS Faculty Exchange

"Three Is Not A Crowd in Plea Negotiations: Evading Judicial Participation in Plea Negotiations As A Necessary Evil"

Professor Prentiss White, Associate Professor, Southern University Law Center

3/30/16

TMSL/STCL Faculty Exchange Series

"State Judicial Sovereignty"

Professor Josh Blackman, Associate Professor, South Texas College of Law

4/6/16

TMSL Quodlibet Series

"Teaching Cultural Competence in Law Schools"

Professor Stephanie Ledesma

4/13/16

TMSL Quodlibet Series

"Asset Forfeitures: Are They Really Predatory Police Tactics or True Efforts to Prevent Crimes?"

Professor Lydia Johnson

4/20/16

TMSL Law Week Activities

4/27/16

TMSL/STCL Faculty Exchange Series

"The Impact of Legalization of Marijuana on Public Schools"

Professor Amanda Cooley, Associate Professor, South Texas College of Law



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

Faculty Spotlight

Institute for International and Immigration Law



Professor Emeka Duruigbo has been appointed to the Educational Advisory Board of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN). He also serves as the law school’s representative on the Advisory Board of the Institute of Energy Law, Center for American and International Law in Dallas, Texas. His service in these preeminent global organizations for oil and gas professionals and firms provides, among others, avenues for TMSL students to attend conferences for free, receive up to 18 scholarships in the 2016-17 school year valued at \$5,000 each, get paid summer research assistance to work under Professor Duruigbo, and host an energy expert from anywhere in the world with expenses of up to \$10,000 covered by the sponsoring organization.

As Co-director of the Institute for International and Immigration Law, Professor Duruigbo organized the 3rd Energy Symposium hosted by TMSL on October 1-2, 2015. The symposium featured presentations from leading experts in energy law, economics, business and government from prominent energy institutions, including the University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, South Texas College of Law, Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech School of Law, University of Houston, University of Calgary and University of Ibadan, among others. There were also participants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Shell Oil Company, Noble Energy, Anadarko, FAR Ltd and major law and accounting firms, including King & Spalding, LLP, Norton Rose Fulbright, LLP, K&L Gates, LLP and Ernst & Young, LLP. The symposium was partly sponsored by Shell Oil Company, U.S.A.





CRIMINAL CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

Criminal Law Clinic **Prof. Lydia Johnson** participated in the 2015 Scientific Symposium – Career Day for Debakey High School. She discussed her paper published in the Southern University Law Review in the Fall 2009: *Guilty or Innocent?... Just Take a Look at My Brain- Analyzing the Nexus Between Traumatic Brain Injury and Criminal Responsibility*.

Dr. Rose spoke on Rehabilitation for Brain Injury Patients, and Michele Whiting acted as the Student Representative. We send a special “thank-you” to Agnes Perry, Principal, and the rest of the staff that made this event possible.

GUILTY OR INNOCENT?



JUST TAKE A LOOK AT MY BRAIN.
ANALYZING THE NEXUS BETWEEN TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
AND CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
Prof. Lydia D. Johnson



Prof. Johnson, Dr. Rose & Michelle Whiting



Prof. Johnson and Principal Agnes Perry

Brain Teasers

COLOR TEST
Look at the chart below and say the **COLOR** not the word

YELLOW ORANGE BLUE
BLACK GREEN RED
YELLOW PURPLE RED
ORANGE GREEN YELLOW

Left-Right Conflict
Your Right Brain Tries To Say The Color But
Your Left Brain Insists On Reading The Word

Brain Teaser

A murderer is condemned to death.
He has to choose between three rooms.

The first is full of raging fires,
the second is full of assassins with loaded guns,
and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten
in 3 years.

Which room is safest for him?

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

*Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Texas Southern University*

Memorial Resolution

Presented To

The Belt Family

In Memory of Attorney James Belt



- WHEREAS,** Attorney James Belt, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, enriched the lives of his family and friends who will remember him fondly as a caring, distinguished and loving individual; and
- WHEREAS,** Attorney James Belt was a sharp attorney and businessman who zealously represented clients in criminal, civil litigation, personal injury, and wills, trust and probate matters; and
- WHEREAS,** Attorney James Belt served Texas Southern University in multiple capacities, including leadership in the TSU Board of Regents, a member of the TMSL Alumni Board, and an active alumnus of Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and
- WHEREAS,** We extend to Attorney James Belt's family the University and Law School's condolences and profound pride in being afforded this opportunity to convey our gratitude for a very good man who made a difference for multiple communities, and who immensely enriched TSU and TMSL.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, on behalf of the Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law family, we remember and honor Attorney James Belt for his outstanding achievements and dedicated service.

December 18, 2015



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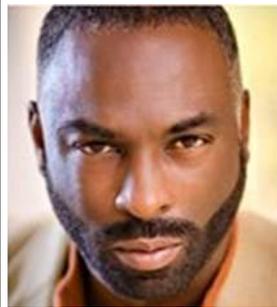
In Memoriam – Thomas Long (Father of Attorney Tara Long)

Please join the TMSL family in expressions of condolences on the passing of **Thomas Long**, the father of TMSL alumna and TMSL adjunct professor, Tara Long (Class of 2000). Mr. Long always made himself available to the TMSL community, often serving as a judge for our mock trial competitions. Mr. Long was laid to rest on Monday, December 21st. Funeral services were held at Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas.

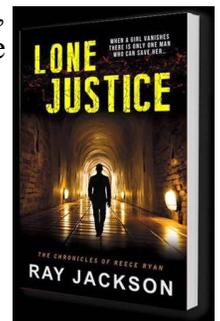


ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alum Ray Jackson Publishes Lone Justice



Attorney and author, Ray Jackson, TMSL Class of 1996, published his novel Lone Justice : The Chronicles of Reece Ryan. The novel's main character, "Reece Ryan, is a 'hotshot' Dallas attorney with a thriving career and successful law practice, but his home life is in shambles and he'd do anything to reconcile with his estranged wife." This novel involves political conspiracy, mystery, abduction, and a murderous plot. Jackson's novel promises to be a real page turner and will capture your attention and leave you wanting more.





ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums Announce Candidacy

The Harris County deadline to declare candidacy for public office recently passed and more TMSL alums announced their candidacy in the upcoming March 2016 primary election. **Shari Bihms**, TMSL class of 2012 (Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1); **The Honorable Hilary Green**, TMSL class of 1998 (Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1); **Cheryl Elliott Thornton**, TMSL class of 1985 (Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1); **George Powell**, TMSL class of 1999 (351st Judicial District); **Brian Middleton**, TMSL class of 1997 (County Court at Law #5 – Fort Bend County); **Warren Fitzgerald Jr.**, TMSL class of 1979 (Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1).



Shari Bihms – Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1



The Honorable Hilary Green – Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1



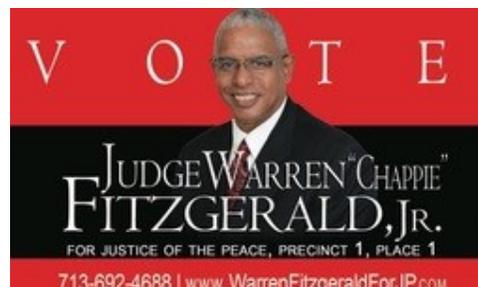
Cheryl Elliott Thornton – Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1



Brian Middleton – County Court at Law #5 (Fort Bend County)



George Powell – 351st Judicial District



Warren Fitzgerald Jr.—Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1



Make Your Holiday End-of-the Year Gift to Thurgood Marshall School of Law

With the holidays approaching and the season of gift giving upon us, we hope you will consider a gift to Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Your gift will impact our students by directly supporting the areas of greatest need throughout the upcoming year. Some of these areas include student scholarships, mock/moot trial, law review, bar review and the preparation of students for the legal workplace.

Don't forget – you can double or even triple your gift to TMSL if the company you work for matches their employees' charitable giving. Check with your human resources office for more information.

Don't let this season of joy and giving pass without remembering the mission and motto of TMSL. Protect It, Improve It, and Pass It On!! Your gift will change lives. Happy Holidays from Thurgood Marshall School of Law!!

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**Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Office of External Affairs
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3100 Cleburne St.
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Please make your checks payable to "TMSL"

P.S. If your gift is received by December 31st, you may be eligible for a significant 2015 tax-deduction. Thank you for your generosity!



2015-16 Annual Fund

If you have already donated

Please accept our sincerest thanks..



UPCOMING EVENTS



THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

New York City Area Alumni & Friends Reception

*Dean Dannye Holley Invites you to join School of Law faculty,
staff and TMSL New York area alumni for a cocktail reception*

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Held during the 2016 ALS Conference

*New York Hilton Midtown
1335 Avenue of the Americas · New York, NY 10019*

Kindly RSVP to the Office of External Affairs
prsmith@tsulaw.edu





UPCOMING CLES

CLE

Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW



Criminal Law CLE ~ Dallas, TX

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Oak Lawn

3520 Oak Lawn Ave.
Dallas, TX 75219

For more information, please call
(713) 313-1197

DATE
JANUARY 15, 2016

TIME
12:00 noon—4:00 pm

COST
\$60.00 attorneys;
\$30.00 gov't attorneys & non-profit
attorneys

Free: non-attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0

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

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Legal Technology & E-Discovery for the Solo Practitioner

Presented by: Texas Southern, Thurgood Marshall School of Law



Friday, January 22, 2016

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004
Rooms 105 & 106

Time: 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Register online today by visiting www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration
Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; \$30 gov't and non-profit attorneys
Complimentary for non-attorneys

MCLE Credits: 4.0 hrs. Ethics Credits: 1.0 hr.

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UPCOMING CLES *Cont'd.*



Bankruptcy CLE

Presented by: Texas Southern, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Friday, January 29, 2016

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

3100 Cleburne Street

Houston, Texas 77004

Rooms 105 & 106

Time: 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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

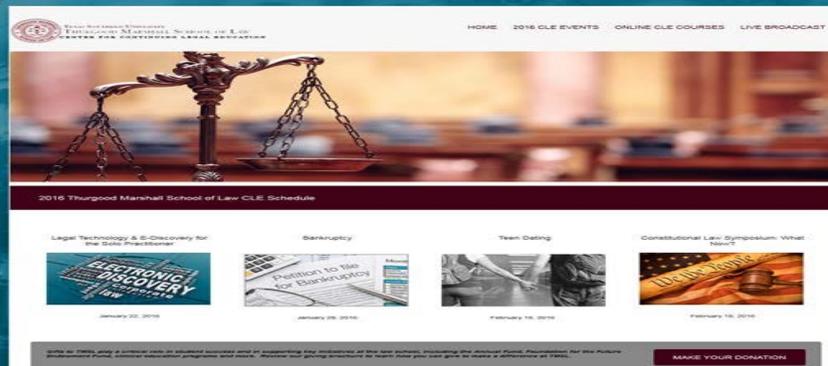
Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; Complimentary for non-attorneys

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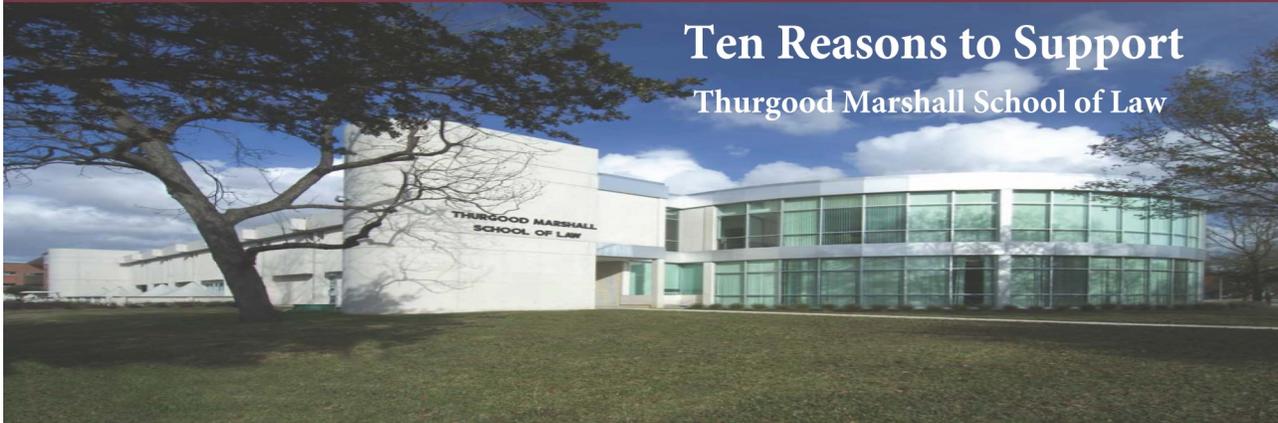
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Ten Reasons to Support Thurgood Marshall School of Law



“ From an early age, it was always my dream to attend Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL). I chose TMSL because of how welcoming it felt here; you immediately feel part of the law school family. I was captivated by how my mentors helped guide me through my first year and continued to push me through my first year and continued to push me through my last two years. Their unwavering support of me and other classmates confirmed that I made the right decision in choosing TMSL ” — Cervana Shanklin, Alum '15

1. 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.

3. 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 Collaborations

We provide opportunities for our students to experience an array of legal practices and focus on developing excellent lawyering skills through our collaboration with the Legal Clinics and the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. on campus.

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

We proudly include among our alumni leading members of the U.S. House of Representatives; federal and state trial and appellate judges; key partners in law firms; government attorneys; and sports and entertainment attorneys. Our persistence in producing a substantial number of attorneys 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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EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2016

January 4th
School Opens

January 6th-10th
2016 AALS Annual Conference

Location: New York City

January 7th
New York City Area Alumni & Friends Reception

Location: New York Hilton Midtown
Bridges Bar
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

January 9th and 10th
Externship Mandatory Boot Camp

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: Saturday – 10:00 am
Sunday – 4:00 pm

January 11th
First Day of Class

January 13th
Last Day to ADD/DROP

January 13th
Scholarly Exchange
Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

January 15th
2016 Criminal Law-CLE (Dallas)
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of

Law
Location: Pappadeaux-Oaklawn
Time: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't and non-profit attorneys; complimentary non attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0

Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

January 18th
MLK Holiday

January 20th

Faculty Roundtable Series (Research), “So You’ve Published Your Article: How to Market Your Work and You” – Professor Craig Jackson and Assistant Dean Susan Bynam

Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

January 22nd

Legal Technology & E-Discovery for the Solo Practitioner
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL
Time: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't and non-profit attorneys; complimentary non attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0

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January 27th

Faculty Roundtable Series (Research), TMSL Student Publications Review- a new series in which TMSL students present their published articles and forthcoming publications

Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

January 29th

Bankruptcy - CLE
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL
Time: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Cost: \$60.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0

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February 18th

Unmasking Teen Dating Violence - CLE
The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: TBD
MCLE: TBD
Ethics: TBD

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December Birthdays



Nannette Collins	1st
Edward Rene	3rd
Kathy McKenzie	10th
Mosetta Moy	17th
McKen Carrington	20th
Zel Burns	25th



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!



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