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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN



**DONNA DAVIS RESIGNS AS
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR CAREER SERVICE**

Thank You For Your Service

On behalf of all the law school's key constituencies, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Donna Davis for her seven years of outstanding service as Assistant Dean and Director for Career Services.

Donna Davis enhanced our students' job search by instituting a variety of new programs and initiatives. Among the initiatives are:

Speed Networking, The First Annual Public Interest Table Talk, Dedicated internships with Corporations, Open Houses featuring "Ask the Expert", and the institution of a Professional "Shadow" Program.

In addition, her leadership and writing skills gave her, and thereby the law school, a place at the national table of the professional organization for all law school placement offices - The National Association of Law Placement (NALP). Donna served on several committees, the NALP Board of Directors for three years, as well as its Diversity Committee for the last dozen years. In 2010 she co-authored an article that appeared in the NALP Bulletin entitled: "Challenging the Success of Your Diversity Initiative with Metrics".

In all her service, she has been the consummate professional. We wish her all the best on the next step on what has been an outstanding career path.



"Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill my passion of assisting law students and alumni with their self directed individual career goals "

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EARL CARL INSTITUTE Awarded HOUSTON ENDOWMENT funding to address school-to-prison pipeline



Houston Endowment has awarded an \$86,000 grant over the next two years to the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. (ECI) in support of its Juvenile Justice Project (JJP), a multifaceted initiative focused on addressing issues surrounding the disproportionate involvement of minority students in the juvenile justice system. The project seeks to highlight and reduce the burgeoning and disparate use of student tickets amongst minority communities.

African American students, and to a lesser extent Hispanic students, are significantly overrepresented in discretionary suspensions, disciplinary alternative school referrals, and school ticketing for nonviolent offenses. The high correlation between school misconduct and future incarceration is commonly referred to as the "school-to-prison pipeline." This phenomenon is demonstrated in the Texas A&M Policy Research Institute's finding that, "the single greatest predictor of future incarceration in the juvenile justice system is a history of disciplinary referrals at school."

ECI's Juvenile Justice Project (JJP) employs (1) direct representation, (2) training for professionals in the juvenile justice arena, and (3) participation in strategic alliances with other prominent organizations to promote research and writing projects that impact policy advocacy and explores potential impact litigation strategies.

For more information regarding the Juvenile Justice Project or ECI, please contact the Earl Carl Institute at 713.313.1139 or visit our website at www.earlcarlinstitute.org.



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TMSL WELCOMES NEW LAW FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS



Greg Hardmon graduated from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2010. He is licensed to practice law in all state courts of Texas, and has been admitted to the U.S. Southern District Court of Texas. Prior to coming to law school, he taught English at Florence Middle School in Dallas, TX, his hometown. He is an alumnus of Dillard University and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.. The one piece of advice he would tell himself as a first-year law student is, “Know the rule and all of the elements!”



Mary Q. Kelly will be teaching Lawyering Process as an Adjunct Professor during the 2012-2013 academic year. She holds degrees from St. Mary’s School of Law (J.D. with honors); the University of Tennessee (M.A. and Ph.D.); and Marquette University (B.A., with honors). Prior to moving to Texas and starting law school when her late husband accepted the position as the first Library Director for brand-new UTSA, Professor Kelly taught composition, advanced composition, and English literature courses at the university level. She also taught at UTSA and has guest lectured on legal topics at St. Mary’s Law School, the UT Health Science Center, and UT Law School, and has authored and presented over a hundred papers on water law and other legal topics.

Professor Kelly has over 37 years of experience as a transactional attorney with major Texas law firms. She has been a partner at Fulbright and Jaworski, Matthews and Branscomb, and other firms. She has extensive experience negotiating and drafting complex municipal bond, financial, corporate, real property, environmental, and public/private transaction documents. Her representation has included transportation and regional mobility issues, including toll roads and statewide high-speed rail.

Professor Kelly’s environmental law experience includes serving for over 15 years as outside general counsel for a multi-county groundwater district during a period of considerable controversy over water resource strategies.

She has advised districts and utilities on permitting and regulatory compliance, property rights, Endangered Special Act compliance, open meetings, elections, public contracting, Voting Rights Act, legislative drafting and lobbying, and related federal and state litigation, including constitutionality challenges before the Texas Supreme Court.

Professor Kelly also served as Assistant Chief Counsel to the USAF Base Conversion Agency, providing legal advice for the phased closure and redevelopment of Kelly Air Force Base. She recently represented a group of major stakeholder in the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP). The EARIP was tasked by the Texas legislature in 2007 with resolving critical Endangered Species Act compliance issues by 2012. Coordinating with federal state, and local stakeholder representatives, she assisted in the negotiation and drafting of compliance documents, agreements, and operating rules related to the EARIP.

Professor Kelly has held numerous state and local leadership positions, including service on the Texas Turnpike Authority Board, Texas Commission for the Humanities, San Antonio Water System Board; and in state and local bar, professional, civic, and charitable organizations.

Professor Kelly has two lawyer sons practicing in Houston: Peter M. Kelly (Mary Lawler) and Neil D. Kelly (Dana Levy). She has four amazing grandchildren.



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The Honorable Otis King, Former-Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TSU), and Houston City Attorney (1976 – 1978) Otis King grew up in Houston’s old Fifth Ward during the 1940s, a time when the city was totally segregated. After graduating from Phillis Wheatley High School, he enrolled at Texas Southern University where he participated as a debater with the late Barbara Jordan as his partner. He returned to TSU after a two year stint in the army and entered law school. While in law school, he participated in the sit-ins and helped Eldrewey Stearns form the civil rights organization, The Progressive Youth Association. He was a professor of law at TSU’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law for almost forty years, serving as its dean for ten of those years. He served under Mayor Fred Hofheinz as Houston’s first Black City Attorney. Professor King returns to Thurgood Marshall School of Law for the fall 2012 semester.



Stephanie Ledesma was born and grew up in Dallas, Texas; and is the daughter of Willard B. and Ruby N. Smith. She is married to Jose Ledesma III; and they are the proud parents of Xavier and Kalani Ledesma. Ms. Ledesma received a Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, 1989, majoring in Biology and Chemistry; a Master of Arts Degree in Social Gerontology from Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, Texas, 1990; and a Juris Doctorate from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, 1996.

Ms. Ledesma opened the Ledesma Law Firm in May 1997 and continued to manage that firm until her Academic Appointed to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in August, 2012.

While in private practice, Ms. Ledesma practiced in the areas of Family Law and Child Welfare Law with the following vision as her guide: 1) to elevate the practice of law by elevating the trainings provided to practitioners; 2) to elevate the practice of child welfare law by improving the quality and delivery of legal services to children, parents and families involved in child welfare cases; 3) to educate and increase the engagement of the community through collaborative efforts to better and more holistically serve and support children, parents and families involved in child welfare cases; and 4) to preserve and strengthen families and protect and advocate for the rights of children, parents and families.

Ms. Ledesma is a frequent lecturer at Continuing Legal Education programs and currently serves as: a Board Member for the National Association of Counsel for Children, (NACC) ; a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, (NITA); a member of the State Bar College; a member of the Pro Bono College; and a member of the Supreme Court of Texas Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.



Deidra Penny currently serves as an E-Discovery Consultant and an adjunct Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Before focusing on electronic discovery, Ms. Penny practiced commercial litigation and intellectual property law at Howrey LLP. Mrs. Penny’s commercial litigation practice encompassed a wide range of subjects such as insurance, antitrust, consumer law, constitutional law, contractual disputes, and business torts. Mrs. Penny’s intellectual property litigation practice focused primarily on patent and trademark litigation. In addition, she has litigated cases involving misappropriation of trade secrets, cyber squatting, and trade dress infringement. In her practice, Mrs. Penny has represented and counseled clients from a variety industries including: oil and gas, telecommunications, fiber optic communications, pharmaceutical, computer software, hotel, consumer products, and medical devices.

Due to her dual practice areas, Mrs. Penny has litigated cases in state court, U.S. District courts, and in mediations, where she has obtained summary judgments and favorable settlements on behalf of her clients.



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She is skilled in all aspects of litigation from pre-suit investigations through appeal, having managed complex cases and large litigation from pre-suit investigations through appeal, having managed complex cases and large litigation teams, developed litigation strategies, engaged in motion practice, prepared fact and expert witnesses for depositions and trial, and conducted all phases of discovery. Mrs. Penny's accomplishments also extend to the courtroom where she has successfully handled several hearings and won favorable judgments at trial.

Mrs. Penny further expanded her general commercial litigation skills while working at Berg & Androphy where her commercial litigation practice was devoted to cases involving the Federal False Claims Act (i.e. *qui tam* litigation), criminal litigation, insurance litigation, and shareholder lawsuits. While her civil litigation docket included managing cases, motion practice, and directing discovery, in her criminal and *qui tam* cases, Mrs. Penny interacted with government attorneys to obtain successful outcomes for her clients.

Mrs. Penny earned her J.D. with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, where she was a Chancellor's Scholar, served as a Comments Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*, and was selected as a recipient of the Gressman-Pollitt Award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy. She graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology. Ms. Penny is admitted to the Supreme Court of Texas, as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of Texas.

NEW TMSL STAFF



Jamonte Black is a native of Houston and a graduate of Prairie View A&M University. Ms. Black possesses a Master of Arts in Guidance Counseling and a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, with a minor in Social Work.

Ms. Black is a multi-tasked and detailed-oriented individual with eighteen years of professional Executive Administrative experience, eighteen years in Customer Service, six years in Counseling, and five years in Management. Jamonté began her professional experience in Corporate America in 1999 and has since worked with several institutions including Houston Community College, Prairie View A&M University, Metropolitan Transit Authority, AIG Valic/American General among others. Ms. Black also has previous experience working for Texas Southern University, when she worked for the Associate

Dean of Student Affairs in College of Education from 2005-2009. TMSL welcomes Jamonté Black to the pool of Administrative Assistants.





MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM MORPHS INTO MOCK TRIAL COURSE FOR CREDIT



In 2011, led by attorneys Jerry Galow, Ed and Stephanie Sullivan, TMSL began its inter-scholastic mock trial competitive team program in earnest. Students during a three hour weekly class session, learn how to try cases in the courtroom and compete against other law schools all across the country at various tournaments. Selection for the team is subject to multiple tryouts for various competitions. Coaches make team selections on a variety of factors. To date, the results have been spectacular, and TMSL now has one of the country's up-and-coming programs. The school has won the BLSA regional tournament twice, has made the finals of one national tournament, the semi-finals of another national tournament, and the semi-finals of two prestigious regional tournaments. Stu-

dents are expected to work hard to make and remain on the team, but most will find the process rewarding. Even if students do not make a traveling team, they will learn real life skills they can use for the rest of their careers.

The teaching and service (including performance) components of the program have resulted in possible course credit, for those students who stay with the program for all four semesters of their second and third year of enrollment. The course credit is modeled after the two hours credit given to those who persevere and perform satisfactorily during their four semesters of service to law review. The plan is to have the initial enrollment for course credit in the Spring of 2013 for those who have satisfactorily completed their four semesters of service to the mock trial program.

INTEGRATED APPELLATE LITIGATION COURSE AND MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS



This summer the law school formed an Appellate Litigation working group. The group met over the course of the summer to develop Student Learning Outcomes and Best Practices for accomplishing those outcomes. Members of the group who attended included the Professors who will have primary responsibility for teaching the course this year: Professors Butler, Landau, Ledesma, and Vukadin. Also in attendance were Executive Director of Assessment, Docia Rudley, Professor Colon who works with our Moot Court Teams, and Attorney Joe Tung, who has agreed to coordinate our competitive team efforts.

The group discussed our students' needs and areas of weakness, as well as methods we had used in the past to address those weaknesses. They agreed that to be effective in writing, our students must have repeated opportunities to write, and that those opportunities to write must involve prompt feedback and an opportunity to re-write. They also all agreed that students must have opportunities to write and receive feedback *before* they take on their final brief assignment. Otherwise, students are justifiably confused and overwhelmed. This of course requires a commitment on professors' part to grade numerous papers rapidly during the semester, but the group is committed to this goal.

The moot court leaders (Professor Colon and Joe Tung) explained the deficiencies they saw in our moot court participants. These involved time management and particularly brief-writing skills, as well as oral argument decorum. Oral argument is, however, perceived as a strength by those professors (and as reflected in competition scoring sheets), but brief-writing remains our Achilles heel. The group believed that increased writing opportunities in the appellate litigation course will rectify some of these issues. To address the courtroom decorum issue, the appellate litigation professors will expose students to proper courtroom practices through carefully-selected courtroom visits or through videos.

Over the course of the meetings, the group developed the Student Learning Outcomes and Best Practices. The group also wrote an exercise that the appellate litigation professors have adopted as the review and diagnostic exercise. They plan to use this exercise within the first week or two of the semester, so that students' can refresh their skills in research, analysis, and citation, and address deficiencies before moving forward. It is a graded exercise with substantive feedback, a common rubric, and an opportunity to rewrite. On behalf of the law school, we want to thank the working group for the significant progress made this summer on the appellate litigation course and its potential service as an integrated stepping stone to enhance our Moot Court Competition teams.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Chukwudi Egbuonu TMSL 3L Receives Spouses of Houston Barristers' Award



The Spouses of Houston Barristers awarded TMSL 3L student, Chukwudi Egbuonu (“Chuck”) a scholarship in the amount of \$4000. The scholarship provides financial assistance to second and third year law students from the three (3) Houston Law School who exemplify excellence in the study of law and who demonstrate leadership roles within the legal profession. Chuck will receive his Juris Doctor in May 2013. He currently serves as Associate Editor of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review and the RMBLSA Chair for 2012-2013.

Chuck stated that he “...is extremely honored to have received such a prestigious scholarship. I look forward to the opportunities my legal education will afford me and I will always be grateful to the Spouses of Houston Barrister’s for rewarding my hard work”

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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Interest: Enjoys traveling, bowling, golf, and meeting new people!

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Syvondia Bailey

2L Class President
Class of 2014
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Judicial Clerkship, 5th District Court of Appeals - Dallas, Texas
Interesting Fact: I have a three-year old son and my religious affiliation is church of Christ

Darren Breaux

3L Class President
Class of 2013
Born in Lake Charles, LA and raised in Lafayette.
Coats Rose and the Regional Counsel Office for Veteran Affairs.



(Phillip Larmond SBA President)

“I am humbled to have been elected as the President of the Student Bar Association for the 2012-2013 school year. The Executive Board of the Student Bar Association is committed to serving the TMSL Family and we look forward to an eventful year conducive to learning. We ask that you join us in protecting it, improving it, and passing it on. You, me, we can make a difference.”



ACADEMICS & PROGRAMS

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Presents

A Faculty Talk

Occupying Their Space:

The Fight for Equal Housing by Mizrahi or Jewish Women of Color in Israel



Claris Harbon

Clinical Law Professor, Tel Aviv University School of Law,
Human Rights Lawyer, Israel, Candidate, Doctor of Civil Law
McGill University School of Law

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Dean's Conference Room
12:00p.m.- 2:00p.m.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Institute for International and Immigration Law
Student Bar Association
Present

a Roundtable Discussion

The Global Black Woman:

Reflections on Roots, Religion, Culture, and Identity

Tuesday, Sept. 4th 3-4:45 p.m., Rooms 106 & 107



Claris Harbon,
Clinical Law Professor, Tel Aviv University School of
Law, Human Rights Lawyer, Israel, Candidate, Doctor of Civil
Law, McGill University School of Law



Elizabeth Brown-Guillory, Associate Provost & Distinguished
Professor of Theatre, Texas Southern University

Please join us for an enlightening
discussion
on
"Who is the global black woman in
the 21st century?"



Kamille Wolff Dean, Associate Professor,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law



Facilitator: Asmara Tekle, Professor & Associate Dean,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law



Syvondia Bailey, 2L President, Thurgood Marshall
School of Law

Hors d'oeuvres Reception to follow: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Lobby, 5:00p.m.- 6:30p.m.



PROFESSOR CLARIS HARBON TO SPEAK AT TMSL

Thurgood Marshall School of Law is pleased to welcome Professor Claris Harbon formerly of Tel Aviv University School of Law and a doctoral candidate at McGill University School of Law, to discuss her dissertation, "Occupying Their Space: The Fight for Equal Housing by Mizrahi or Jewish Women of Color in Israel" on September 4-5, 2012. While at TMSL, Professor Harbon will also serve as a panelist (together with TSU Associate Provost Elizabeth Brow-Guillory, Professor Kamille Wolff Dean, and 2L President Syvondia Bailey) on a panel entitled, "The Global Black Woman: Reflections on Roots, Religion, Culture, and Identity," on Thursday, September 4, 2012, 3-4:45 p.m. in rooms 106-107 at TMSL. On Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 12-2 p.m. in rooms 106-107, Professor Harbon will deliver a community lecture entitled, "The Sephardic Black Panthers and the Politics of Resistance in the Holy Land." During her time at TMSL, she also will co-teach a comparative property law class with Dean Colon-Navarro, Professor Tom Kleven, and Dean Tekle.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Institute for International and Immigration Law
TSU Department of Political Science
and the Student Bar Association
present

A Community Lecture

The Sephardic Black Panthers and the Politics of Resistance in the Holy Land

Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 12-2 p.m.
Rooms 106-107



Claris Harbon, Clinical Law Professor, Tel Aviv
University School of Law, Human Rights Lawyer,
Israel, Candidate, Doctor of Civil Law, McGill
University School of Law



Facilitator: Craig Jackson, Professor,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Hors d'oeuvres Reception to follow: Thurgood Marshall School of Law Lobby





UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22nd

New Faculty and Faculty under 2years Orientation

Location: BJ-ML School of Public Affairs - Room 114

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

August 23rd & 24th

TSU Fall Open Faculty Meeting

Location: BJ-ML School of Public Affairs - Room 114

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

August 23rd

Dallas Area TMSL Alumni – Thurgood Thursday

Location: Pappadeaux - Oaklawn Dallas, Texas

Time: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

August 28th

Keeping the Music Alive – Scott Gertner’s

Benefitting Texas Southern University

Location: Scott Gertner’s

1201 Fannin 3rd Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm Music, Cocktails & Buffet on patio

8:00pm – Show time

Cost: \$20.00

August 29th

Touchdown Club Luncheon

Location: Power Center

Time: 12noon

September 1st

Labor Day Classic – TSU v. PVU

Location: Reliant Stadium

Time: 7:00pm

September 4th

Faculty Meeting

Location: Dean’s Conference Room

Time: 5:00pm

September 4th

A Faculty Talk “Occupying Their Space The Fight for Equal Housing by Mizrahi or Jewish Women of Color in Israel”

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

September 4th

“The Global Black Woman Reflections on Roots, Religion, Culture and Identity”

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 3:00pm-4:45pm

September 4th

Faculty Meeting

Location: Dean’s Conference Room

Time: 5:00pm

September 5th

A Community Lecture: “The Sehardic Black Panthers and the Politics of Resistance in the Holy Land”

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

September 7th-8th

BLSA Leadership Retreat

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

September 7th

BLSA Leadership Retreat – TMSL & Friends Alumni Networking Reception

Location: Home of Dr. James Douglas

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

September 8th (Saturday)

Law School Recruitment Fair & Alumni Reception-ATLANTA

Location: Hyatt Regency Atlanta

265 Peachtree Street, NE

Time: Recruitment Fair (10:00am – 4:00pm)

September 11th or 12th

Diversifying the Lesson for the Hard to

Teach: Retention Strategies and Academic Advising

Location: TSU – Teaching & Learning Excellence Center

Time: Full Day

Please contact Professor Cassandra Hill, TLEC Advisory Board Member for more information.

September 12th

Professor L. Darnell Weeden: Affordable Care Act and The Constitution

Location: Dean’s Conference Room

Time: 12 noon

September 14th

TSU Founders’ Day

Location: Texas Southern University



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September 15th

2nd Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project Celebrity

Golf Classic: Celebrating TSU's 85th

Celebrity Chair: Billy Granville, Former NFL Player

(Cincinnati Bengals, Houston Texans

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Sports & Entertainment Law Society

Location: Bear Creek Golf Course

16001 Clay Road Houston, TX 77084

Time: 8:00 am shot gun

Cost: \$500 team of 4; \$125 a player;

Sponsorship: \$150 hole sponsor; \$1000 Tournament Sponsor

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Office of External Affairs (713) 313-1197 or

prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu

September 15th (Saturday)

Law School Recruitment Fair -MIAMI

Location: Hyatt Regency Miami 400 SE Second Avenue

Time: Recruitment Fair (10:00am – 4:00pm)

September 15th

TSU Opening Game – TSU v. JSU

Location: The Compass Bank Stadium (Law School Tailgating)

Time: 7:30pm

Enjoy tailgating, barbeque, entertainment, and concert

For more information contact TSU Athletics – www.tsu.edu

September 17th

Constitution Law and Individual Rights-CLE

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 12:00 noon- 2:00pm

Cost: \$ 30.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys

MCLE: 2.0

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

September 18th

Keeping the Music Alive – Scott Gertner's

Benefitting Texas Southern University

Location: Scott Gertner's

1201 Fannin 3rd Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm Music, Cocktails & Buffet on patio

8:00pm – Show time

September 19th

Institute for International and Immigration Law, Thurgood

Marshall Career Services, and Office of External Affairs

Panel Discussion & Reception

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

September 19th – 22nd

Congressional Black Caucus

Location: Washington Convention Center

Washington, DC

September 22nd

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

Location: Old Ebbitt Grill

675 15th Street, NW

Washington, DC 2005

Time: 10:00 am

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

prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu

September 26th

Professor Ericka Kelsaw: *Help Not Wanted: 18.3 Million Unemployed Need Not Apply*

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 12 noon

Important Faculty Deadline:

Tuesday, September 18th is the deadline to apply for the F.A.M.E (Faculty As Mentors of Excellence Program) and F.A.T.E. (Faculty As Teachers of Excellence) stipends to serve as coaches and/or teaching mentors. F.A.M.E. and F.A.T.E. are

September 29th

National Human Trafficking Awareness

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 8:30am – 11:00pm

-**RED** events will be hosted outside of Houston

-**BLUE** events indicate CLE's





CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

The Career Services Office (CSO) begins its annual Fall Recruitment Season with “Early Interview Season” which kicks off on Monday, August 20, 2012 with the law firms of Haynes & Boone, LLP and Jackson Walker, LLP. Early Interview Season allows legal employers and law student applicants the opportunity to obtain a head start on the regular recruitment cycle. Other employers interviewing during this period are the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, Dechert, LLP, Coats Rose, and Baker Donelson. There are also a variety of other employers representing law firms, government agencies, district attorney’s offices, corporations, public defender offices, and the judiciary scheduled to interview throughout September and October. The CSO will continue to register additional employers throughout the fall semester. The law school community is encouraged to forward all employment and/or recruitment requests to the Career Services Office staff.

CSO programming will begin on Thursday, August 16, 2012, 12 noon – 2 p.m., with the “On Campus Interview Bootcamp” for those students participating in the Early Interview Season. This nuts and bolts session will cover all of the interviewing components TMSL students need to successfully participate in the fall recruitment season. The remaining CSO August Events are included below.

- August 21 Resume/Cover Letter Workshop, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., Room 202
- August 22 Satellite Counseling, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Law School Atrium
- August 22 Judicial Clerkship Follow-up Workshop, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., Room 202
- August 24-26 Sunbelt Minority Recruitment Program, Dallas, TX
- August 28 Interviewing Tips Q & A Workshop, 12 – 1 p.m., Room 202
- August 30 Dress for Success, 12 – 1 p.m., Room 202

AUGUST CONFIRMED ROOM

RESERVATIONS

Course	Time	Room
Mock Trial	M 6:30P-10	105-107
Meeting	8/20/2012	
Locker Sales	W 9:00-4	Deans Conference
	8/22/2012	
Mock Trial	MTW 6:30-10	105-107

*Please send your room request to Ms. Jo Alridge at ext. 4476

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Andreus Boise	8th
Thelma Harman	11th
Elsa Ransom	12th
Rebecca Stewart	12th
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