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The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Site Visit



In Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University's effort to continue to strive for excellence, the law school applied for membership to The Association of American Law Schools (AALS), a non-profit educational association of approximately 180 law schools that represents over 10,000 faculty members in the United States. On March 24-27th 2013 a site team appointed by the AALS visited the law school to fact find and assist the organization in determining if the law school meets its current membership standards. The site team was made up of five distinguished legal academics with extensive experience serving as inspectors of law schools. The persons who served on the site team were:

1. **Dean Rifkin**, College of Law Distinguished Professor, University of Tennessee College of Law, Chair.
2. **Regina Burch**, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Professor of Law, Capital University Law School.
3. **Okianer Christian Dark**, Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law.
4. **James B. Leonard**, Associate Dean for Legal Information Services and James M. Kidd, Sr. Professor of Law, University of Alabama School of Law.
5. **Richard J. Morgan**, former Dean of the Wyoming, Arizona State, and UNLV Schools of Law.

Team members evaluated the quality of teaching by visiting over twenty classes. The team reviewed the scholarship of the faculty, and met with the faculty, students, and staff of the law school. The team also met with President Rudley and Provost Ohia, and with members of the law school's Blue Ribbon Committee consisting of alumni and friends of the university and law school (pictured & see page 2).

All participants appeared to warmly welcome, cooperate with, and engage the team in a manner that should facilitate the team's ability to effectively complete its fact finding assignment. The team will issue a preliminary report in late June or early July. The law school and university will be given the opportunity to review that report and provide evidence to correct any errors or omissions. The final report will then go to the AALS Membership Review Committee who will invite the chair of the site team, Dean Holley, and President Rudley to appear before it in late September. The Committee's decision will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the AALS for review. If the law school receives a favorable membership recommendation, it would be admitted to membership at the national AALS meeting in January, 2014.



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Dean Danye Holley & the TMSL Faculty & Staff extend a heartfelt thanks to the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee for their commitment & dedication to the law school during its AALS membership process. The Blue Ribbon Committee members have met, shared their insights, reviewed AALS self study documents and invested their time and energy towards assisting the law school in this endeavor. Thank you Blue Ribbon Committee members!



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Assistant Dean of Career Services



A native of Houston, Texas, **Shavonne Henderson** earned her B.A. in the Plan II Honors Program and Government from The University of Texas at Austin in 2002 and her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law in 2005. While a student at UT Law, she served on the Minority Student Affairs Faculty and Student Advisory Committee, was the president of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and was involved with the Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights. After law school, she practiced as a litigation associate at Clark Thomas & Winters, P.C. and Gordon & Rees LLP. During her practice, she primarily represented clients in pharmaceutical product liability and medical device and mass tort litigation across the country. Dean Henderson also has extensive experience in civil litigation case management, fact development and assisting with trial preparation in complex litigation.

Dean Henderson will assist law students with self directed and individual job searches. Prepare students for employment by introducing various traditional and non-traditional legal career options, job search techniques and strategies, and detailed individual job search methods based upon practice areas and/or geographical preferences. She will also provide extensive guidance in interviewing skills, resume building, cover letters, and networking tools, and present employment opportunities through a number of resources, including on-campus interview programs, off campus recruitment events, and job fairs; and access to legal job sources that regularly announce available positions.

Dean Henderson is housed in the Career Service/External Affairs suite in room 213E and her direct extension is (713) 313-7372 or sehenderson@tmslaw.tsu.edu. When asked what she will bring to the CSO Dean Henderson stated: “experience & knowledge from private practice along with a passion for placing students along the right career paths.”

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of our TMSL family, Assistant Dean, Shavonne Henderson!





ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Victor Vital Leads Trial Team to Secure \$6.9 Million Jury Verdict



DALLAS, TX (03/06/2013) – Victor Vital, a shareholder in the Dallas office of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, recently won a \$6.9 million jury verdict, including \$1.75 million in punitive damages. Vital and his team tried the case for Horizon Health Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of firm client Universal Health Services, against Acadia Healthcare Company and other defendants on claims of breach of non-competition and non-solicitation covenants, theft of trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference and fraud. The trial team also secured a \$41,000 discovery sanction and a spoliation/adverse inference instruction against one of the defendants.

“We are thrilled to have helped our client achieve this trial victory,” Vital noted. “We believe in protecting and pursuing the rights of our clients in trial matters in courts throughout Texas and across the country.”

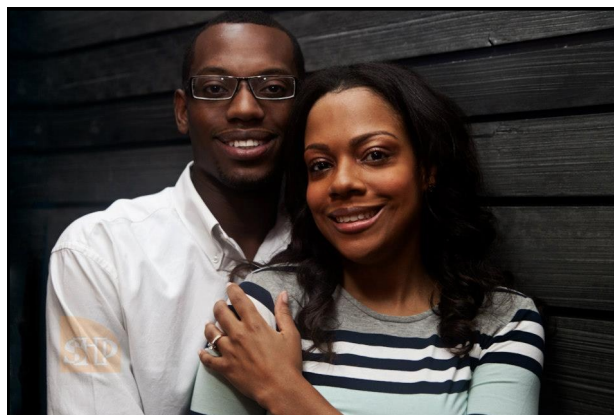
Vital is a business trial lawyer who is passionate about protecting and pursuing the rights and interests of companies, executives and high net worth individuals in a broad range of difficult and high stakes court cases, arbitrations and investigations across the country. Vital has tried more than 100 cases in his civil and white collar criminal defense practice and as a former state prosecutor in a prominent District Attorney’s Office.

Two Wins for TMSL Alum Ike Okorafor



Azuwike “Ike” Okorafor, 2012 Thurgood grad, recently received two significant victories. He was instrumental in the wrongful dismissal case in Jefferson County where he received a jury award for Jefferson County to pay his client \$1.3 million for her wrongful dismissal. Ike stated how much he appreciates Thurgood, for preparing him to be a successful lawyer.

Ike’s other victory came when he asked his law school sweetheart for her hand in marriage. Crystal Graham accepted and they look forward to upcoming nuptials. Crystal Graham is an assistant DA in Harris County, TX.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Gabriel Aitsebaomo has accepted an offer to publish his forthcoming work, the cite of which is *Challenges to Federal Income Tax Exemption of the Clergy and Government Support of Sectarian Schools Through Tax Credits Devises and the Unresolved Questions after Arizona v. Winn: Is the U.S. Supreme Court Standing in the Way of Taxpayer Standing to Seek Meritorious Redress?*, ____ AKRON TAX J. ____ (2013).

Professor Ahunanya Anga has accepted an offer to publish her forthcoming work, the cite of which is *Electronic Data Discovery Sanctions: The Unmapped, Unwinding, Meandering Road, and the Courts' Role in Steadying the Playing Field*, 50 SAN DIEGO L. REV. ____ (2013).



Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro's book chapter in The Legal Profession: Education and Ethics in Practice is now out in publication, the cite of which is *Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom: An Empirical Study*, in THE LEGAL PROFESSION: EDUCATION AND ETHICS IN PRACTICE (David A. Frankel ed. 2013).

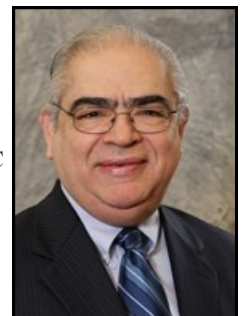
Professor Constance Fain's new book is now out in publication, entitled PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND THE LAW (2013). *SEE PAGE 8*



Professor Maurice Hew, Jr.'s next article is forthcoming in *Expanding the Civil Privilege of Being Represented by Counsel through the Presumed Prejudice Doctrine*, 16 U.D.C.L.REV. ____ (2013).

Professors Cassandra Hill and Katherine Vukadin's book, LEGAL ANALYSIS: 100 EXERCISES FOR MASTERY, continues to grow in adoption and has been adopted by the following institutions: Suffolk University Law School, University of San Diego School of Law, Chapman University School of Law, University of La Verne College of Law, Hofstra University School of Law, John Marshall Law School (Chicago), University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Charleston School of Law, Phoenix School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, and Widener University School of Law (Delaware).

Eugene Harrington Professor of Law Lupe Salinas's book chapter in In Defense of My People: Alonso S. Perales and the Development of Mexican-American Public Intellectuals is now out in publication, the cite of which is *Legally White, Socially Brown: Alonso S. Perales and His Crusade for Justice for La Raza*, in IN DEFENSE OF MY PEOPLE: ALONSO S. PERALES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS (Michael A. Olivas ed., 2013).





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

The Friday Faculty Exchange (a research collaborative of faculty from South Texas, Thurgood Marshall, and Houston)
Friday Faculty Exchange @ Thurgood Marshall (all talks are scheduled on select Fridays for noon in the dean’s conference room):



Professor Scott Rempell, assistant professor at South Texas College of Law, will give a talk to the faculty on *Codifying Persecution: The Meaning of Persecution in Asylum and Refugee Claims*, at **noon on Friday, April 5, 2013**, in the dean’s conference room.

Professor Amanda Cooley, associate professor at South Texas College of Law, will give a talk to the faculty on, *Promissory Education: Reforming the Student Loan Counseling Process to Promote Informed Access and to Reduce Student Debt Burdens*, at **noon on Friday, April 12, 2013**, in the dean’s conference room. Professor Cooley’s article is forthcoming in ____ CONN. L. REV. ____ (2013). She previously taught business law at **North Carolina A&T University**.



Professor Zachary Bray, assistant professor at University of Houston Law Center, will give a talk to the faculty, at **noon on Friday, April 19, 2013**, in the dean’s conference room. Professor Bray’s teaches and writes in land use, natural resources, and property. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

Friday Faculty Exchange @ South Texas (all talks are scheduled for select Fridays at noon in room 416 at South Texas):

Professor Katherine Vukadin gave a talk to the faculty at South Texas on *Failure to Warn: Bringing Pharmaceutical Representatives’ Statements to Physicians out of the Shadows and into Evidence* at **noon on Friday, April 5, 2013**, in room 416 of South Texas College of Law.



Professor Rebecca Stewart will give a talk to the faculty at South Texas on *The Future of Seed Saving* at **noon on Friday, April 26, 2013**, in room 416 of South Texas College of Law.



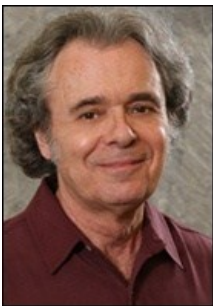
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As part of a pilot of an innovative regional (Ark-La-Tex) faculty exchange, Professor **Cassandra Hill** gave a well-received faculty talk to the faculty of University of Arkansas, Little Rock, on March 25, 2013, on *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, 56 HOW. L. J. ____ (2013). Subsequently, on April 1, 2013, **Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy John DiPippa and Inaugural Professor of Public Service** of the William H. Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service gave a faculty talk on *Justice and the Poor Updated, or What Would Reginald Heber Smith Say about Access to Justice in the 21st Century?*

Professor Cassandra Hill's abstract was accepted for presentation at TSU's Research Week 2013. She presented her research on student responsibility and assessment at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2013.

Professor Sally Terry Green has accepted an invitation to speak on school-based interrogations, the topic of her forthcoming piece, *A Presumptive in Custody Approach to Police Conducted School Interrogations*, 40 AM. J. CRIM. L. ____ (2013). at the 12th annual Zealous Advocacy Conference on May 16-17, 2013, and hosted by the Center for Children, Law, and Policy at the University of Houston Law Center in collaboration with the Southwest Juvenile Defender Center and the National Juvenile Defender Center.



Professor Thomas Kleven has accepted an invitation to give a talk in April 2013, entitled *Equitable Sharing*, to the faculty of University of Houston Law Center.

Professor Ana Otero gave a talk to the faculty on *The Ethics of Forensic Science and the Death Penalty* on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at noon in the dean's conference room. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

In honor of his service on the 351st District Court, a judicial portrait of the **Honorable and Eugene Harrington Professor of Law Lupe Salinas** will be unveiled in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the 351st district courtroom on the 14th floor of the Harris County Criminal Justice center, located at 1201 Franklin in downtown Houston. A reception will follow. All faculty, students, and alumni are encouraged to attend.

Professor Kindaka Sanders will give a talk to the faculty on *Hip Hop and the Law* on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at noon in the dean's conference room. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

Break your fast and join us for “*Creating a Collaborative Culture of Research on Student Learning at TMSL*,” a panel discussion showcasing the recent blossoming of cutting edge teaching and research collaborations on student learning in Lawyering Process, Business Associations, and the Clinical Legal Studies Program. The panel will feature **Professors Fernando Colon-Navarro, Emeka Duruigbo, Cassandra Hill, Director Docia Rudley**, and will be moderated by **Professor and Associate Dean Asmara Tekle**. Hot breakfast will be provided.

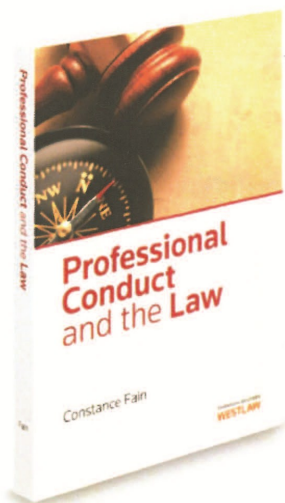
Please email faculty news to ppendenque@tmslaw.tsu.edu no later than the 25th of each month. The Office of the Dean will collate and edit faculty highlights.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Distinguished Professor Constance Fain

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Professional Conduct And The Law

BY CONSTANCE FAIN

This book focuses on a number of misconduct issues that have resulted in complaints, as well as challenges to the integrity and values of the legal profession as a whole.

Features in this book are the following topics:

- Historical perspective of legal ethics and malpractice
- Statistical data illustrating the types of lawyer errors upon which legal malpractice claims have been based
- Lawyer competence, diligence and effective assistance of counsel
- Legal fees and expenses
- Recurring errors of the practitioner related to settlement of cases, withdrawal from cases, researching and applying the law, and statute of limitations problems
- Office procedure-related matters concerning engagement letters, communicating with clients, and confidentiality
- Misconduct in handling matters related to property and finance, and criminal law
- Attorney sexual misconduct
- Violations stemming from alcoholism and other types of chemical dependency
- Issues involving the unauthorized practice of law
- Liability to third persons and how the attorney can defend and prevent legal malpractice and ethical breaches

There is a high interest and increased societal emphases on the acknowledgment of unethical attorney conduct and the imposition of some type of sanction, such as suspension, disbarment or other appropriate penalty. Do not wait to have a problem before learning of your professional responsibilities.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

2013 Law Week Festivities Announcement

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student Bar Association is pleased to announce the **2013 Law Week** festivities schedule that will take place during the week of April 15-20, 2013. Law Week will feature special events such as History Day, Service Day, Organizational Day, and Undergrad Day.

Law Week will culminate with the annual *Barrister's Ball* that will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the St. Regis Hotel in the Galleria Area. This black tie affair will pay tribute to the 2012-2013 academic year and will feature Key Note Speaker Dr. Benjamin Hall, III and will observe the ceremonial transition of the current executive board to the newly elected SBA Executive Board.

Bar Together
ANNUAL BARRISTERS' BALL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. BEN HALL

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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Law Week

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013
HISTORY DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013
SERVICE DAY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2013
ORGANIZATIONAL DAY
INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013
UNDERGRAD DAY
STEP SHOW & BBQ

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013
BARRISTERS' BALL



Keynote speaker: **Dr. Benjamin L. Hall, III** is a Harvard-trained lawyer who founded The Hall Law Firm in 2000. The Hall Law Firm concentrates on litigation matters, including complex construction litigation, complex commercial and contract cases, as well as consumer/personal injury claims. Dr. Hall obtained a J.D. from Harvard Law School in June 1986, a Ph.D from Duke University Graduate School in May 1985, M.Div degree from Duke Divinity School in September 1979, and a B.A. from the University of South Carolina in September 1977. Dr. Hall was the City Attorney for the City of Houston during the administration of Mayor Bob Lanier. He has received numerous honors and accolades for his services in the legal field, including but not limited to the following: The highest rating for professional competence and ethical standards awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, the leading legal reference manual in the United States (AV Rating); dual board-certified in personal injury trial law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; four times recognized as a ATexas Super Lawyer@ by Texas Monthly Magazine; recognized as a Houston Top Lawyer for the

People by AH Magazine;" 2007 recipient of the NAACP Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award; 2008 recipient of the Houston Lawyers Association Francis Williams Advocacy Award; and Life Fellow of the Houston Lawyers Foundation. Hall is a lifetime member of the NAACP and is a recipient of the NAACP's "ALEX@ (Award for Legal Excellence) and the Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award. Of all things, Dr. Hall prides himself in being a Christian minister. He has been ordained since 1975.

For more information, please visit bartogether.com or stop by our table during the week to purchase tickets to this law school exclusive event.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

2L Pinning Ceremony



The 2L Pinning Ceremony was held in Sawyer Auditorium on Friday evening, March 22, 2013. The ceremony consisted of a short program opened by Elizabeth Smith. Dean Holley delivered an address to the students regarding pinning ceremonies and wishes of encouragement to the class. The guest speaker was Theodore Andrews, a successful Houston attorney, who is an alumnus of TMSL. The Honorable Al Green, U.S. Representative of the 9th Congressional District of Texas, who is also an alumnus of TMSL made an unexpected visit to the ceremony. He also delivered brief comments of congratulations and promised to send a Congressional Award to each 2L student.

The distribution of pins began with Dean Mouton calling each student's name, followed by the student walking across the stage, receiving the pin from Dean Holley, and shaking hands with Attorney Andrews and Congressman Green. A

reception followed at the Tiger Room in the Sterling Student Life Center.

2L Class President, Syvondia Bailey, organized the event, with assistance from the 2L Board, Mrs. Rita Johnson, and Dean Shibu Mathews. Of special note, several members of the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP), traveled from Austin to attend the ceremony. Congratulations to all who participated.





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Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race, and Justice will publish its third issue

In the coming weeks, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race, and Justice will publish its third issue. Since its inception, the Journal has strived to present and evaluate legal topics that affect the community and provide forward thinking solutions for the legal world. We are excited and thankful for all of your support during this year, and we cannot wait to publish this year's issue.

This semester, TMSL lost a valued educator, mentor, and friend to us all. Professor Anthony Rituza Palasota, Jr., age 65, passed away on February 24, 2013. It is with great honor and privilege to dedicate this issue to our professor, our mentor, and our brother, Professor Palasota.

This year's journal evaluates the significance of the *Judulang v. Holder* case in the context of a deportable alien's eligibility for a discretionary waiver under §212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which was authored by TMSL's very own Ms. Genevieve Estrada, a graduating 3L. Our other articles discuss sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the significance of stare decisis in the context of a criminal defendant's trial rights, the need for Congress to pass legislation addressing state pharmacist refusal laws of contraception products and services to women, and the discrimination that homosexual adolescents have faced courtesy of state laws that disfavor sexual intercourse between homosexual adolescents, friends, colleagues, and family members. We intend to debut the publication during law week, so spread the word to your classmates, colleagues, and friends. ****Pricing for the publication is only \$15.00**** Quantity limited get your copy NEXT WEEK!

The law journal will be on sale beginning the week of April 14, 2013 and continue throughout the rest of the year.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race and Justice

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ARTICLES

Protecting All Young Love, Not Just Heterosexual Love:
How States Discriminate Against Adolescent Homosexual Intercourse
Nicholas G. Felahi

Section 2 as an "Adequate Substitute" for Section 5: Proposing an "Effect-Only" Test
as an Amendment to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
Bernice Bird

Judulang v. Holder: An Analysis of How The Board of Immigration Appeals Should
Determine a Deportable Alien's Eligibility for a Discretionary Waiver
Under the Immigration and Nationality Act § 212(C)
Genevieve Estrada

Freeing Criminal Defendants from the Shackles of Stare Decisis
Derek VerHagen

The Campaign for Universal Denial: Contraception Coverage
and State Pharmacist Refusal Clauses
Samantha Gross



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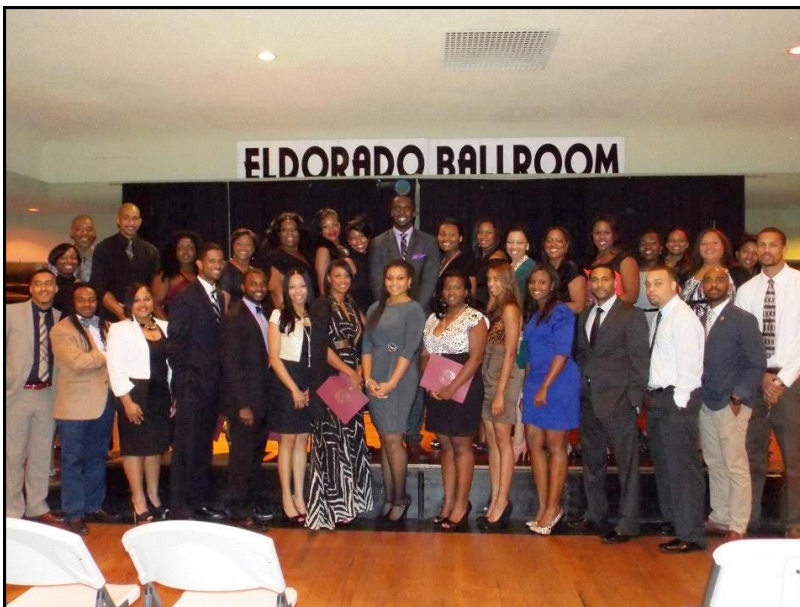
TMSL-BLSA Chapter of the Year



The Barbara C. Jordan Chapter of the National Black Law Students Association located at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law is pleased to announce that the chapter has been awarded the **2012-2013 National Chapter of the Year** by the National Black Law Students Association.

The chapter of the year award recognizes the outstanding achievements of local chapters and is one of the ways that the NBLSA celebrates the programming, participation, and leadership of its local chapters. Each region holds their own respective chapter of the year regional competitions that are held annually during their regional conventions.

The Barbara C. Jordan Chapter earned the opportunity to compete at the 45th National Convention that was held in Atlanta, Georgia from March 6-10 after taking the Rocky Mountain Regional, large chapter of the year, at the regional convention that was held in late January. The chapter was evaluated based upon the following criteria: community service, social action, pre-law initiatives, programming that empowered and enriched its chapter members, school, and surrounding community, as well as new and innovative programming. A few of the chapter highlights include, the Regional Most Active Chapter Award, Chartered and Sponsored the Inaugural BLSA affiliated Texas Southern Pre-Law Chapter, hosted two CLEs, and collected over seven hundred books for the Rwanda international book drive. The Barbara C. Jordan Chapter was evaluated based upon a three-part process that consisted of a forty-five page written application, a hand-made scrapbook, and an interview. The chapter went above and beyond, the necessary criteria, by creating a thirteen-minute mini-documentary of the chapter's activities.



In competition with five other schools that represented their respective regions from across the nation: Mid-Atlantic Region-Georgetown University Law Center; Northeast Region-Harvard University; Southern Region-Stetson University; Midwest Region-Indiana University – Mauer School of Law; Rocky Mountain Region-Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Western Region-Southwestern Law School; under the leadership of Chapter **President, Donale Evans**, TMSL's Chapter **WON!!**



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Mock Trial Advocacy Program



The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Mock Trial Advocacy Program is pleased to announce that the Thurgood Marshall School of Law finished fourth nationally in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition conducted by the National Black Law Students Association in Atlanta, Georgia. The team composed of 2L's, **Andrew Wilkerson, Nireasha Murray, Joseph Kelly, and Kristy Blurton.**

TMSL defeated Texas Wesleyan to break into the Semi-Finals. In earlier preliminary rounds, the TMSL team beat several other law schools, including Harvard and Howard. This is the first time the law school has broken into the Semi-Final round at this national tournament. Last year the team, which won the Rocky Mountain Regional Title, placed fifth at Nationals. The team was coached by **Jerry Galow and Letitia D. Quinones.**

The mission of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Mock Trial Advocacy Program is to create great trial lawyers. This goal is based on a commitment to law students who fully participate in the program that they have an opportunity to become top notch litigants who will: 1) Succeed as trial attorneys; 2) Give back to the school through teaching, contributions and/or time; 3) Get good jobs that hire from the school and the program.

Six Thurgood Students or Graduates Receive HBAA Scholarship

Over the past 10 years the HBAA (Houston Bar Association Auxiliary) Charitable Fund, Inc. awards scholarship to deserving law students in Houston. This year six recipients are from Thurgood. Join us in congratulating: **Myles Garza, 3L, Payal Jethva co' 2008, Bianca Castillo, co' 2008, Ben James, co' 2009, Summer Norwood, co' 2010, and Benjamin Gray, co' 2011.**



Payal Jethva



Ben James



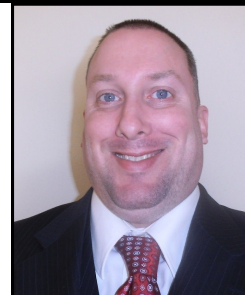
Bianca Castillo



Myles Garza



Summer Norwood



Benjamin Gray



Solo Practitioner & Newly Admitted Attorney Institute for Legal Excellence Premier Courses– April 1st-9th

“Evening CLE’s Come to Thurgood”

In a joint effort with Professor Stephanie Ledesma’s Experiential Learning program, Jerry Galow’s Mock Trial Lecture Series and the Office of External Affairs, we present to you the newly formed “*Solo Practitioner & Newly Admitted Attorney Institute for Legal Excellence*.” The courses are designed to provide lectures in specific areas of law with forms and advice that take the attendees (students and attorneys) from the client phone call through the first court filing or appearance. All course instructors are leading attorney in their perspective legal fields. Students, solo practitioners and newly admitted attorneys are encouraged to attend. These courses are complimentary to all law students and Thurgood Marshall School of Law grads who passed the Bar exam in 2012.

All courses are from 6pm-9pm at the law school & offer 3.00MCLE and 1.00 Ethics.
The Premier Courses are as follows:

April 1st

Family Law-Cindy Diggs

April 2nd

Criminal Law-Letitia Quinones, Brandon Leonard and Drew Prisner

April 3rd

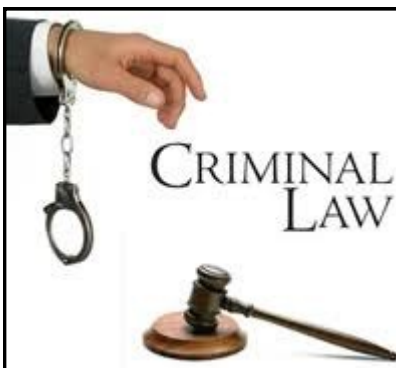
What You Never Knew or Think of– John Landa

April 8th

Marketing-Cindy Diggs & Julie Griffith

April 19th

Personal Injury—Coby Arnsworth & Jerry Galow





UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7

SBA Board Meeting

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 6:00pm

April 8

Marketing –CLE*

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Course Instructor – Cindy Diggs

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 3.00
Ethics: 1.00
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

April 9

Personal Injury –CLE*

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Course Instructors – Coby Arnsworth & Jerry Galow

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 3.00
Ethics 1.00
Course materials included 58 pages of forms to walk you through the first phone call to the petition

April 9-13

Library Student Survey

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 7:00am– 9:00pm

April 11th& 12th

**Powering the Future: 21st Century Guide for Energy Practitioners
-CLE Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: Day One - 8:00 am– 4:30 pm & Day Two – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Cost: \$75.00 (\$100.00 both day) attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: Day One – 7.00hrs. & Day Two – 7.00hrs.
Ethics: Day One – 2.0 hr & Day Two – 2.0 hr
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration
Breakfast & Lunch Provided Each Day

April 12

Friday Faculty Exchange Series

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 12:00pm

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SBA Board Meeting

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 6:00pm

April 15

Law Library Poetry Contest Ends

April 15-19

Law Week

April 19

Friday Faculty Exchange Series

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 12:00pm

Law library Open Mic Night Poetry Wrap-up

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 5:30-8:00pm

April 20

Barristers' Ball (formally Law Day Banquet)

Location: St. Regis Hotel
Time: 6:00pm

April 24

Last Day of Classes

First Year Professors' Grades Due

April 24-26

Law Library IUG Conference

Location: San Francisco, CA

April 24-27

Law Library TLA Conference

Location: Fort Worth, TX

April 25-28

Reading Period

April 26

Links Golf Tournament

Location: Oakhurst Golf

April 29-May 10

Final Examinations



UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

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Day In the Life Series: Week Rescheduled Dates

Thur., April 11, 2013 - Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge Jeff Bohm, 12-1:30pm in Dean’s Con. Rm (tentative)

Upcoming Career Services Office Deadlines for Job Opportunities

For more information regarding these deadlines, go to the CSO Lexis Nexis Webcourse.

2013 Blask Fellowship Grants: Grants of at least \$2000.00

Grant Application for Summer Federal Interns Now Being Accepted

Deadline is Friday, April 29, 2013

Grants of at least \$2000.00 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2013 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas, including but not limited to the following:

- U.S. District, Bankruptcy, and Magistrate Courts
- U.S. Trustee
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Federal Public Defender
- EEOC
- U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement
- Office of Homeland Security
- Office of Homeland Security
- N.A.S.A.

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