Dean Dannye Holley Affirms TMSL Meets ABA New Standard

The American Bar Association has approved “sweeping changes” to its accreditation standards that include a new focus on learning outcomes. These outcomes won’t go into full effect for a few years, but the steps to begin their phase in will begin immediately. With its seven year accreditation review approaching in November, Thurgood Marshall School of Law will be among the first law schools in the nation whose review will be done with these new standards in mind.

Changes in the new standards also will require all JD students to complete at least six hours of Experiential (Clinic, Externship, or Simulations) Learning. The new Standards also increase the number of on-line hours a student may complete during the JD Program from 12 to 15. Overall, the new standards require law schools to establish learning outcomes that include competency in knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law, legal analysis and reasoning.

The new standards were the subject of a recent Houston Chronicle article entitled “TSU to be early tester of tougher standards.” When asked about TMSL’s preparedness to meet the new standards, Dean Dannye Holley advised that “Thurgood Marshall has been working on initiatives and programs for several years that should serve to help the law school satisfy many of the key new Standards.” Measures taken to comply with the new Standards include the development of a Strategic Plan and Self-Study that set forth how the school’s niche and mission relate to the new standards. In addition, the school has “adopted a set of learning outcomes for every student, such as boosting critical thinking and expanded its partnerships with Houston nonprofits to provide more internship opportunities.”

Dean Holley also referenced the fact that TMSL is one of only a few law schools which has its own assessment department, designed to focus on the learning outcomes and objectives of classroom instruction.
Faculty Highlights

Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro has been invited to submit an article to a special issue of the journal, Education Sciences, as a result of his previously published work Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom: An Empirical Study in Inted 2011: 5th International Technology, Education and Development Conference 2011. The name of the special issue is "Critical Issues in Educational Technology."

Professor Cassandra L. Hill has accepted an offer by the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education to serve on a plenary panel on legal education at the 2015 Mid-Year AALS Workshop entitled, “Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and Law” in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

Eugene Harrington Professor of Law Lupe S. Salinas has accepted an offer to serve as a panelist on a CLE entitled, “Legal Writing: Elevator to Success or Nearest Pitfall?,” as well as to discuss the impact on higher education of Schuette and Fisher at the Hispanic National Bar Association’s annual convention in Washington, D.C. in September 2014.

Eugene Harrington Professor of Law Lupe S. Salinas also has accepted an offer to lecture at a conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University in October 2014.

Clinic Director and Associate Professor Maurice Hew, Jr.’s, article, “Expanding the Civil Privilege of Being Represented By Counsel Through the Presumed Prejudice Doctrine,” has been published by the University of District of Colombia’s Law Review, 17 D. C. L. Rev. 46 (2014). This is Professor Hew’s second article related to the Supreme Court’s decision in Padilla v Kentucky, 130 S.Ct 1473 (2010), requiring criminal counsel to provide accurate immigration advice relating to a conviction.


On July 31, 2014 Professor Hew presented at a CLE sponsored by many local government agencies, The Rights of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Texas Border and the Duties of Federal, State, and Local Government. His U visa presentation and materials can be found on the Harris County Attorney’s website.
Professor L. Darnell Weeden’s article entitled *The Supreme Court's Treatment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 12 APPALACHIAN J.L. 49 (2012)* (analyzing the ACA and the NFIB opinion) was recently cited by Riley Lovendale in a student note published in the Boston College Law Review entitled *Tax Vs. Penalty, Round Two: Interpreting The ACA's Assessable Payment As A Tax For Federal Award Cost Allowances*, 55 B.C. L. REV. 947, 964 (2014). Lovendale said that Professor Weeden concluded in upholding the constitutionality of the individual mandate, the Supreme Court surprised many by rejecting the government's argument that the mandate is a valid exercise of the Commerce Clause.

**Distinguished Professor, Dr. James M. Douglas** along with Senators Rodney Ellis and Sylvia Garcia held a press conference on Friday, August 15, 2014 at Houston City Hall for the upcoming campaign *Get Out the Vote* ads to be placed around the city of Houston by Clear Channel.

Professor Emeka Duruigbo served as a moderator of the New Scholars Panel on Corporate Law & Securities Regulation at the Southeastern Association of Laws Schools (SEALS) Conference on August 5, 2014. On May 1, 2014, Professor Duruigbo delivered a presentation titled “Africa's New Energy Opportunities and New Thinking on Corporate Social Responsibility” as a featured speaker at the 7th Annual Sub-Saharan Africa Oil & Gas Conference held at the Marriott Westchase Houston, TX from May 1-2, 2014. Professor Duruigbo also recently published an invited article as part of the Energy and Environmental Law special issue of the Groningen Journal of International Law in the Netherlands. The citation to the article is: Emeka Duruigbo, *Balancing Energy Development and Environmental Rights: From Foreign Litigation to International Insurance?*, 2 GRONINGEN J. INT’L L. 33 (2014). The article examines the use of foreign direct liability suits, including the ones currently in the Dutch court system against Shell Petroleum, to protect environmental and economic interests in oil-producing communities. The paper suggests that while these suits are a valuable tool in advancing the cause of a clean environment, they fall short in accomplishing the goal. Additional tools, such as an international insurance scheme, may need to be introduced to create a more effective framework. The article may be downloaded from this site: [http://groningenjil.com/volume-2/issue-01-energy-and-environmental-law/](http://groningenjil.com/volume-2/issue-01-energy-and-environmental-law/)
Writing is Simply Her Thing: Susan Bynam, Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement

Let’s face it: Basic skills for law school, legal practice and even employment in law school administration warrants mastery in critical thinking, reading, listening, organizing and last but clearly not least—writing, to truly be effective and successful. And, Thurgood Marshall School of Law has an administrator right in its very midst that not only exhibits mastery of these skills on a daily basis in her respective role for the betterment of the law school, but unveils a true gift and passion for exploring the craft of writing in her spare time.

Susan Bynam, TMSL assistant dean for institutional advancement, a newcomer to the TMSL administration, is no novice to the craft of writing. Having served as assistant director/grant writer and administrator in the TSU Office of Development for over 5 years, skillfully bringing critical thinking and analysis into play on a daily basis resulted in her writing grant narratives for award-winning proposals on a regular basis. Her former role in the TSU development office now transcends to her new role at TMSL. She strives to not only craft narratives and solicitations for fund requests; but also bring greater media exposure to our institution by writing and editing necessary features concerning the law school and the legal profession.

Yet, Susan’s love for writing transcends more creatively outside of work, in her spare time.

A gifted writer with over 100 published features to her merit, Susan enjoys keeping Houstonians informed on culture, non-profit organizations, businesses, and local and international celebrities doing commendable work in the city and beyond by conducting monthly interviews and writing features for the local, upbeat monthly publication, “002Houston Magazine”—where she has served as a contributing writer since 2010. Other writing merits for Susan include a 5 year stint as writer and senior proofreader/editor for the Greater Southeast Management District (GSMD) quarterly publication, “Diversity with One Voice”, in Houston. While writing for the GSMD, she had the pleasure of interviewing an array of city and state officials such as Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis; City Controller Ronald Green; The Honorable Borris Miles; The Honorable Wanda Adams; The Honorable James Rodriguez; and The Honorable Al Edwards. Other notable interviews over the years have included real estate and investment moguls, Gerald Womack of Womack Real Estate Development & Investments and Martha Turner of Martha Turner Properties; Dominic Mandola/Ragin Cajun Restaurant; and child-star, famed actor Joshua Rush, for the hit 2012 Christmas Day movie release, “Parental Guidance”, co-starring Tony-award winning actor Billy Crystal, Grammy-award winning artist and actress Bette Midler and Oscar-award winning actress Marisa Tomei. Susan has also written for the Houston Defender, Icon Magazine, and the Minority Business Executive Report.

It’s pretty safe to say that this TMSL administrator has writing in the bag!
**Staff Highlights (Cont’d.)**

**Farewell to Jose Nieto Sr. Administrative Assistant- Legal of the Legal Clinic**

Jose Nieto’s last day in the TMSL Legal Clinic was Friday, August 15th. We wish him well in all of his future endeavors and appreciate his time spent at TMSL!

**Kenyon Moore Elected Co-Chair of the ABA YLD Host Committee**

Kenyon Moore, Asst. Director of Admissions was named the Co-Chair of the ABA YLD host committee which will bring young lawyers from all practice areas and all parts of the world together to network, learn, and serve the community. The date is February 5-7, 2015, it will be in Houston for the ABA Midyear Meeting.
TMSL WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Karim T. Aldridge Rand joins the TMSL Family as the Technical Services Director. Karim received his B.A. from Howard University in 1991 and his M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993. Karim has worked in the library field for over 20 years and started his professional librarian career as technical services librarian at Huston-Tilloston University in Austin, TX in 1993. Since then, he has been employed in various types of libraries, including the Law Library. In 2007 Karim pursued a career change and entered the teaching profession and has returned back to his “indigenous profession” – librarianship.

Daniel A. Brackmann joins the TMSL Family as the Electronic Resources Librarian. Daniel received his B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1994 where he graduated cum laude. He received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in 1999 and went on to get his M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois in 2014. Daniel previously worked as an associate for the law firm Jennings, Jacknewitz & Schrader, P.C. in Belleville, IL. He is licensed in both Missouri and Illinois and is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, American Association of Law Libraries and other library associations.
Olivia Haigler worked for the U.S. JAG Corp Field Office, US Army Trial Defense Service in Fort Hood, Texas this summer. Upon completion of her internship Olivia received a spectacular evaluation from her supervising attorney. “Superb performance by 1LT Olivia Haigler. Among the nine summer interns at Fort Hood, Olivia stood apart as the most eager and hardest working. Selected to support the Fort Hood TDS office, she turned heads from day one with her phenomenal work ethic. Producing the highest quality of research and writing work, 1LT Haigler displayed a genuine enthusiasm and desire to be challenged. With office staffing at just 40% due to PCS turnover, Olivia was THE person who made the difference this summer and allowed the Hood TDS office to succeed. Olivia frequently stayed late and worked holidays to prep for trials and separation boards. Intelligent and talented, Olivia thrived in military justice litigation.

Rewarded with increasingly complex work, she was never out of her depth. Her outstanding work product was on par with that of practicing counsel. More importantly, 1LT Haigler’s positive attitude allowed her to excel in the challenging environment of Soldier-defense. Olivia was equally at ease with counsel, clients, witnesses, and others. Her work was so good that I allowed her to sit second-chair in four administrative separation board hearings. Her fantastic efforts led to favorable results in three cases, including one full retention matter. Her drive, skill, and attitude won the respect of every single member of the Fort Hood TDS office—judge advocate and paralegal Soldier alike.

I rank Olivia Haigler in the top 5 of the 40+ individuals I have seen in 13 years of evaluating/sponsoring/observing JAGC summer interns. 1LT Haigler displayed exceptional abilities and unlimited potential. Most noteworthy is her work ethic—this individual will be the workhorse of whatever OSJA is lucky enough to have her as a new judge advocate. Also obvious is her sincere desire to serve. Growing up an Army dependent at both CONUS and OCONUS duty stations, Olivia knows the Army well and is determined to be an active duty Army judge advocate. The JAG Corps will be lucky to add her to its ranks: she is bright, skilled, physically fit, and totally driven. Her hard-charging nature is reflected in her plan to complete law school early and take the February bar exam so that she is eligible for the earliest possible JAOBC date. She is already performing at the level of a practicing attorney.

Beyond her excellent legal abilities, 1LT Haigler’s friendly yet professional demeanor makes her an outstanding candidate for JAG Corps service. Olivia impressed every JA who observed her without exception. With a background in both athletics and public service, this physically fit, well-rounded individual is exactly who the JAG Corps needs.”
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Chigozie Ezirike: 3L, Miss TMSL and President- TMSL Student Ambassadors

Chigozie Ezirike is a rising 3L at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. This summer she worked for both the Department of Homeland Security with the Ombudsman Office Citizenship and Immigration; and the Office of the Attorney General in their Child Support Division. She received her Bachelors of Arts in Journalism with an emphasis in Advertising and a minor in Spanish from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. At a young age, Chigozie knew she wanted to practice law. After coming into law school she was confident that she would only practice educational law. However, to her own surprise, after attending the study aboard program conducted by Professor Fernando Colon, it opened her eyes to another field of law. Chigozie has a deep connection with immigration law mostly because she could personally relate to the subject. Chigozie was born in Nigeria, raised here in Houston, Texas, and at the age of ten she became a citizen of the United States. Currently, Chigozie is the President of Student Ambassadors on campus, Miss Thurgood Marshall School of Law and a Council on Legal Education Opportunity fellow. Committed to her community, Chigozie volunteers weekly at local elementary school and is a mentor several students. In addition, Chigozie is a member of the National Black Law Student Association, the Christian Legal Society, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. The quote Chigozie lives by is “if you do not fear your dreams, you are not reaching high enough.”

2014-15 Student Ambassadors with Attorney David Chaumette, past president of the Houston Bar Association; and Kenyon Moore, Associate Director of Admissions
Dear Alumni,

My name is Kendrack Lewis, and I am the Editor-in-Chief of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review. I am pleased to announce that the Law Review will celebrate 45 years of publication in 2015! As we prepare to approach this milestone, the Law Review will establish an Alumni Database in an effort to keep you informed of all the details and events to come.

This is an exciting time in our journal’s history; beginning this fall, the Law Review will launch its first digital publication, TMLR ONLINE, an online companion to our traditional print journal. TMLR ONLINE will feature short-form legal scholarship that addresses current developments in the law. Alumni can access both TMLR ONLINE and our print journal through our new website that will also launch in the fall. In the spring, the Law Review will unveil our law journal’s newly designed cover. And lastly, to build rapport between current and former members, the Law Review will roll out its semi-annual Alumni Newsletter: The Thurgood Editorial.

Finally, to maintain the accuracy of our records, please find enclosed the TMLR Alumni Profile form. The information gathered will only be used for Law Review purposes and will not be shared with third parties. Thus, please return the completed TMLR Alumni form to tmlralumni@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 832-473-4393.

Thank you for your service to the Thurgood Marshall Law Review.

We look forward to your support!

Sincerely

Kendrack Lewis
Editor-in-Chief
Thurgood Marshall Law Review

Celebrating the Road to 45 Years of Publication in 2015
ALUMNI NEWS
TMSL Alumni on the Move

TMSL Alum, Shani Dennis Williform
Accepted a position with the U.S. ICE

Shani Dennis Williform, TMSL Class of 2001, is the Associate Legal Advisor (Employment) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Shani was formally with the City of Houston for the past 11 years as the Senior Assistant City Attorney.

TMSL Alum, Courteney Harris Named
Assistant Dean of Career and Professional Development

Courteney Harris, TMSL Class of 2003, is the Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development for the UNT Dallas College of Law. Prior to joining the Office of Career and Professional Development, Harris practiced law for 10 years. As an assistant attorney general, she practiced child support enforcement. She also worked as a Tax Attorney for a Texas school district. Harris is a certified mediator and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Harris graduated from Xavier University of New Orleans with a B.A. in English. She earned her M.P.A. and J.D. from Texas Southern University.

TMSL Alum, Bridgette Smith-Lawson
Named Managing Attorney for Department of Family and Protective Services

Bridgette Smith-Lawson, TMSL Class of 2003 has recently been named the Managing Attorney for the Department of Family and Protective Services - Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services Division for Region 06. Region 06 encompasses a 13 county area of Southeast Texas. Mrs. Smith-Lawson has been employed with the Department since January 2008 beginning as the Adult Protective Services Regional Attorney and then as a Regional Attorney for the Child Protective Services Division in 2013.

TMSL Alum, Col. Isaac Johnson, Jr.
Named Commander of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne)

Col. Isaac Johnson, Jr., TMSL class of 2002 is the incoming commander for the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) on May 17, 2014. Read more:
http://www.dvidshub.net/news/131010/new-civil-affairs-brigade-commander-looks-continue-readiness-cycle#.U_Ujm6Mg-mY#ixzz3AyVz9JV1
ALUMNI NEWS

TMSL Alumni in the News

TMSL Alum, Danielle Diaz Named Lancaster Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott recognized Danielle Diaz, TMSL class of 2007, an assistant attorney general in the Child Support Division’s Lancaster office, for her commitment to Texas children. Diaz was named Assistant Attorney General of the Year for the Child Support Division’s Dallas region, which serves Dallas and four surrounding counties. First Assistant Attorney General Daniel Hodge presented the award to Diaz on Tuesday at the Statewide Assistant Attorneys General Conference in Austin.

TMSL Alum, Loranzo Fleming featured on Focus Atlanta

On July 20, 2014 Loranzo Fleming, TMSL class of 2000, was featured on an episode of “Focus Atlanta” that featured the U.S. Attorney’s Office-Northern District of Georgia, on Atlanta’s CBS Affiliate, CW 69. The show featured U.S. Attorney Sally Q. Yates, and Assistant U.S. Attorney & Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo M. Fleming. Topics included: mission of USAO-NDGA, types of cases prosecuted by USAO-NDGA, and community outreach programs.

TMSL Alum, Elvis Angyi(em)be named Corporate Counsel Finalists

Elvis Angyi(em)be, a 2010 alumnus of Thurgood Marshall School of Law has been selected as a finalist for the 9th Best Corporate Counsel award (in the “Up & Comer” category) by the Houston Business Journal. Mr. Angyi(em)be, recently an associate at leading energy law firm, Burleson LLP, is currently Regional Compliance Counsel, Sub-Saharan Africa at Weatherford International, a global energy company. Congratulations to Mr. Angyi(em)be, who is fast establishing himself as an expert in the field!

TMSL Alum, Tyrone Moncriffee Installed to Board of Directors of Nation’s Criminal Defense Bar

Houston Attorney Tyrone Moncriffee was installed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association’s 57th annual meeting in Philadelphia on August 2. Moncriffee is an attorney at the Law Office of Tyrone Moncriffee & Associates. He has been in private practice since 1983 and focuses on criminal cases. Moncriffee has spoken and been a faculty member for the last 14 years at the Criminal Law Institute in Huntsville, Texas given by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA). Moncriffee is also an active faculty member of the Trial Advocacy Institute, where he assists with training members in various trial tactics such as Voir Dire, direct/cross examination and the psychology of stories as they relate to trials.
CONGRESSMAN HANK JOHNSON WELCOMES TMSL TO ATLANTA AT THE ALUMNI BREAKFAST-2014 NBA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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COMPARATIVE LAW: UNITED STATES AND THE BAHAMAS

Friday, September 12, 2014
EVENT LOCATION:
Atlantis Hotel
Paradise Island, Bahamas
TIME
12:00 pm — 4:00 p.m.
COST
Complimentary
MCLE: 3.5-Ethics: .50

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Hosted by Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Friday, September 12, 2014
Atlantis Hotel
Paradise Island, Bahamas
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Central State University VS Texas Southern University
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As you know annual alumni support has always been crucial to helping the law school accomplish our mission of Protecting It, Improving It and Passing It On. Your donations are used to support student scholarship and law school operations. We are coming to the end of our campaign in less than 60 days (Aug. 31st) and we are $60,000 behind our goal. If you have supported the Law School before we are asking that you renew your support again this year.

We are asking that you make a gift of $100, $250, $500, or $1000 to this year’s Share Your Success Annual Fund.

You can do so by going to www.tsulaw.edu and clicking “Make a Donation” or by sending a check in the name of “Thurgood Marshall School of Law” to the returning address. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to you coming back to the Law School and Sharing Your Success.
UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont’d.)

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Dallas Alumni & Friends Breakfast with Texas Judges

Monday, September 8, 2014
Time: 7:00am–8:30am
Location: Omni Fort Worth
Sundance 1, 3rd Floor

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Save the Date

D.C. Area TMSL & TSU
Alumni Breakfast
Saturday, September 27, 2014
Time: 10:00am–12:00 p.m.
Location: Grand Hyatt Washington, DC
UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont’d.)

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4th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project

Celebrity Chair
Billy Granville
Former NFL Football Player
Cincinnati Bengals & Houston Texans

Thurgood Marshall School of Law
TMSL Sports & Entertainment Law Society

Location:
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8:00 a.m. Shotgun

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2014 Constitution Day

Hosted by: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Time: 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Place: Room 105, 106 & 107
Cost: $30.00 attorneys; Free: non-attorneys
MCLE: 2.0—Ethics: .50

Speakers

12:00-12:20
Professor L. Darnell Weeden,
The Supreme Court’s Rejection of the Rationale Basis Standard in Shelby County v. Holder Invites Voter Suppression

12:20-12:40
Professor Martin Levy, Wealth and the Constitution

12:40-1:00
Earl Carl
Professor of Law Constance Fain,
The Constitution and Religions Freedom: Sexual Offenders Coming to a Church Near You

1:00-1:20
Professor Michael C. James, National Right of Privacy and the Necessity of Strengthening the Legal Protections for
Americans’ Personally Identifiable Information (PlI)

1:20-1:40
Professor Craig Jackson, The Meaning of Constitutionality

1:40-2:00
Professor Tamara Tabo

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

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2412 Washington Avenue
Houston, TX 77007

Cadillac Room - Outside Patio

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OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
2014 SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2014

August 27th
Touchdown Club Luncheon
Location: Power Center
Time: 12noon

August 31st
Labor Day Classic – TSU v. PVU
Location: Reliant Stadium
Time: 4:00pm
For more information contact TSU Athletics – www.tsu.edu

SEPTEMBER 2014

September 6th
4th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project Celebrity Golf Classic:
Celebrity Chair: Mr. Billy Granville
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Sports & Entertainment Law Society
Location: Hermann Park Golf Course
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 Institutional Advancement (713) 313-1197 or subynam@tmslaw.tsu.edu

September 7-10th
Annual Judicial Education Conference
Location: Omni Fort Worth

September 8th
Dallas/ Ft. Worth Breakfast w/ Judges & TMSL Alums
Location: Omni Fort Worth
Time: 7:00 am – 8:30 am

September 12th
Comparative Law - CLE
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Location: Atlantis Hotel – Nassau Bahamas
Time: 12:00 noon-4:00pm
Cost: Complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

September 13th
Law School Admissions Fair- Chicago, IL (Admissions Office)
Location: Palmer House Hilton
17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

September 16th
TMSL Alumni & Community Leaders’ Focus Group
Location: Dean’s Conference Room
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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
Ethics: .50
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

September 18th
Law School Admissions Fair- Jackson, MS (Admissions Office) & (EA)
Location: Jackson State University
Jackson, MS
Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

September 20th
TSU vs. Alabama A&M
Location: BBVA Stadium
Time: 7:00 pm

September 25th
Thurgood Marshall Law Review Reception
Location: The Social Junkie
Time: 6:00pm
Sponsorship Opportunities- contact the Office of External Affairs (713) 313-1142

September 27th
D.C. Area TMSL & TSU Alumni Breakfast w/Special Guest
Location: Grand Hyatt Washington
1000 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
RSVP: Office of External Affairs (713) 313-1142 or prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu
Ten Reasons to Support Thurgood Marshall School of Law

“I decided to come to TMSL because of the many schools I was accepted to, something about TMSL just felt right. In addition to its location in Texas and the historic significance of the school. Affordable tuition was also major factor in my decision to attend TMSL. Throughout my academic tenure at TMSL I’ve experienced incredible professors and great intern/externship opportunities. I am glad that I decided to attend TMSL.” — Gaven Norris, ’14

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 Associate of American Law Schools (AALS) in January 2014. The Law School received a national vote of confidence from the AALS in its direction, faculty, academic and accountability programs and most importantly, in its ability to engage with students to produce competitive and capable lawyers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Andreas Boise 8th
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Elsa Ransom 12th
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Paul Stein 15th
Ericka Kelsaw 17th
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Carolyn Gardner 27th
Thomas Kleven 30th

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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