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TMSL WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT DEANS

Susan M. Bynam

Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement



Susan M. Bynam was recently hired as Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement at TMSL. For the past 5 years, Dean Bynam served Texas Southern University (TSU) as Assistant Director in the Office of Development, University Advancement Division, where she diligently supported the University's overall fundraising

efforts by assessing program and funding needs of the various colleges and academic units on campus and addressing same via research, writing grant proposals, and rendering support to annual fund campaign drives. Dean Bynam was instrumental in securing grant awards in excess of \$3M through proposal writing and grant application submissions over a 2 year period for TSU.

Since beginning her administrative role in the Office for Institutional Advancement, she has been busy acclimating herself to the law school and the duties and responsibilities that coincide with her role. The Office for Institutional Advancement will be busy this season collaborating with all members of TMSL community to create forefront presence and promote the school's mission through cultivation and development of strategic, significant relationships; the communication of achievements and developments; and philanthropic pursuits on behalf of the greatest needs and priorities of the law school.

Additionally, media relations will also play an important role in the Office for Institutional Advancement—as the office not only works to expand awareness about the law school's achievements and educational programs through written publications, broadcast and social media, but also filters opportunities for our faculty, staff and students to contribute their knowledge and expertise on a broad range of legal topics of interest to internal and external partners.

Dean Bynam received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1989 and the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree (JD) from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1992. It is with great pleasure that she returns in an administrative capacity to garner greater exposure and presence for TMSL, as legal education continues to evolve in challenging times.

Trust that you will get a pop-in visit, phone call and/or email communication from her soon, such that she might learn more about your contributions to the law school, while simultaneously, brainstorm how your program of interest can be brought to the forefront of visibility for funding opportunities and/or media presence.

Dean Bynam welcomes your thoughts, opinions and support in her role, so feel free to drop by her office at any time. Her office is Room 213F, easily located in the Career Services Suite on the second floor. She can also be reached by phone at (713) 313-4273. She looks forward to working with each of you!

Ms. Marsha Griggs

Assistant Dean of Academic Support & Bar Readiness

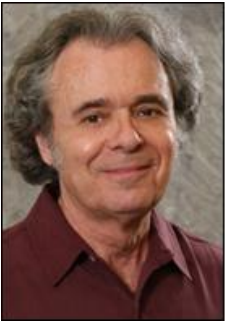


Marsha Griggs is the Assistant Dean for Academic Support and Bar Readiness. Ms. Griggs has more than 14 years of experience with standardized test and bar exam preparation. Prior to joining the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Ms. Griggs served on the faculty at Collin College and chaired the business

administration and paralegal studies departments. A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, Ms. Griggs also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. Outside of academia, Ms. Griggs practiced commercial litigation and is admitted in Colorado, Texas and the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas.



FACULTY and STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Tom Kleven's book, *Equitable Sharing*, published by Lexington Books, is now out in print.

Professor Tom Kleven will give a talk to the faculty at South Texas School of Law entitled *Equitable Sharing* on January 31, 2014, as part of TMSL's faculty

exchange with South Texas.

Equitable Sharing: Distributing the Benefits and

Detriments of Democratic Society argues that a principle of equitable sharing—one that requires the benefits and detriments of social life to be fairly distributed among all members of society—is fundamental to the concept of democracy and is implicit in the founding documents of the democratic society the United State purports to be. To illustrate the centrality of equitable

sharing to democracy, this book examines the political philosophies of John Locke, John Stuart Mill, and John Rawls. Locke's libertarianism, Mill's utilitarianism, and Rawls' egalitarianism represent major strains of Western democratic theory, and all contain a principle of equitable sharing in some form. To illustrate the centrality of equitable sharing to U.S. society, the book examines the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. While these documents do not set forth a particular version of equitable sharing, they contain elements of all of Locke's, Mill's and Rawls' philosophies and evidence a commitment to equitable sharing as fundamental to the democratic society they contemplate.

The task of U.S. society throughout its existence has been to engage in an on-going dialogue that gives life to the commitment to equitable sharing set forth in its founding documents. As the elected representatives of the people and the repository of the powers through which to implement much of what equitable sharing requires, the primary responsibility for implementation rests with the legislative branch. This book argues that the Supreme Court, interacting with the public and the

legislature, also has a meaningful role to play in the dialogue over the requirements of equitable sharing and can play this role in a manner consistent with democratic principles. This point is illustrated through a discussion of several contemporary issues: same sex marriage, racial integration in public schools, health care, and the regulation of the electoral process.



Professor Martina Cartwright; Assistant Clinical Law Professor was recently elected to a two year term as a board member of the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA). CLEA is the nation's largest association of law teachers, representing over 900 faculties at over 180 law schools. CLEA is committed to legal education that trains law students

to be competent, ethical practitioners and to promoting access to legal representation. Its membership consists of law professors who teach students in their role as lawyers and who devote their energy and attention to identifying, teaching, and assessing proficiency in the skills and values essential to lawyering. Professor Cartwright stated "I am excited about this opportunity and I have a chance to be a voice for minority clinicians, particularly clinicians at HBCU."





TMSL Externship News

2014 American Bar Association, Region 11- Client Counseling Competition Hosted by the Experiential Learning Department of Thurgood Marshall School of Law



THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW- EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM:

The focus of the Experiential Learning program at TMSL is to create a vibrant learning environment and establish a legal education program that engages students and encourages them to explore in-depth, multi-level learning, and become graduates with “practice ready” and “client ready” training. The program is oriented around student-centered teaching and seeks to increase student opportunity to learn-by-doing; learn-by-experiencing; learn-by-observing; learn-by-evaluating, assessing and incorporating these experiences; learn-by-self transformation; and learn-by-developing a professional identity. The vision of this model thus engages legal education from the perspective of the student.

Hosting the ABA Client Counseling competition allowed the Experiential Learning program at TMSL to offer opportunities for students to experience the transformative benefits of experiential learning.

PURPOSE OF COMPETITION:

The ABA Law Student Division has administered the competition since 1973. Each year, approximately 100 U.S. schools participate in the competition.

The purpose of the competition is to promote greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventive law and counseling functions of law practice and to encourage students to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship in the law office.

The competition simulates a law office consultation in which law students, acting as attorneys, are presented with a client matter. They conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. This includes eliciting facts, advising about the relevant law, providing options for proceeding, and assisting the client to make an informed choice. Following the interview, the student attorneys consult each other regarding how to proceed and their intended plan of action.

COMPETITION SUMMARY:

As the host school TMSL provided more than 50 professionals who dedicated their time to serve as judges for the preliminary; semi-final; and final rounds. All of the professionals who made this experiential learning experience possible are leaders in our community including but not limited to Attorneys, sitting Judges, Clergy men and women; professional counselors and other great friends and alums of Thurgood Marshall.

In addition to this wealth of external support; the ABA Client Counseling competition also benefited from hard work, commitment and dedication as provided from Dean Holley; the Associate Deans; the faculty and staff of the Experiential Learning Program; the faculty and staff of the Law library; various volunteers that served as clients for the competition, including but not limited to our own Professor Champion; and runners that ensured the smooth execution of the competition as provided by members of the Board of Advocates under the direction of the Chief Justice Kristy Blurton; and law student volunteers.

To you all, we say THANK YOU!

Region 11 covers law schools from 4 different states. The competitors came from 8 different law schools including Thurgood Marshall. The schools that participated in the 2014 competition were:

- Baylor University School of Law
- South Texas College of Law
- Texas A & M University School of Law
- Texas Tech University School of Law
- University of Colorado Law School
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- University of Houston Law Center

The competition is limited to 12 teams of 2 competitors with the opportunity of 2 alternates each. As the host school, in addition to providing the judges, we also provided the 16 clients that were interviewed for the



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competition; and the runners that helped keep the program running smoothly. In total we served more than 120 people this Saturday.

COMPETITION WINNERS:

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 Region 11 Client Counseling Competition.

- 1st Place winner – Texas A & M University School of Law
- 2nd Place Winner – University of Houston Law Center
- 3rd Place Winner - University of Colorado Law School

We have included pictures for your enjoyment. The first pictures shown are of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in that order following pictures of attendees. Enjoy!

I thank you again for the opportunity to allow the Experiential Learning program to develop and grow; and for the opportunity to serve.

Thank you again!
S. Smith Ledesma MA, JD, CWLS



2nd Place Winner – University of Houston Law Center

Final Judges:

Top left Attorney Geric Tipsword; Top right Judge Claudine James



3rd Place Winner –University of Colorado Law School

Final Judges:

Top left Attorney Geric Tipsword; Top right Judge Claudine James



1st Place winner – Texas A & M University School of Law

Final Judges:

Top left Attorney Geric Tipsword; Top right Judge Claudine James



TMSL Clinic News

Immigration Law Clinic

Congratulations to Immigration Law Clinic students **Martin Reza-Rodriguez** and **Brian Rodriguez**. They both won APPEALS on two separate cases that were referred from the BIA Pro Bono-Project. Martin’s client was a 29 year old Mexican national who has been in the US since 1988. In December of 2012, he was placed in Immigration Detention, and he has been there since. Martin stated that “After reviewing our client's record of proceedings, we decided to make many arguments relating to our client's 5th amendment right to due process”.

In Brian’s appeal he challenged the immigration Judges finding the client was removable by arguing that the Immigration Judge denied Respondent’s 5th Amendment right to “due process” as well by failing to notify the Respondent of Temporary Protected Status as a form of relief. As a result, the Board of Immigration Appeals remanded the case to give Respondent the opportunity to establish eligibility for relief through renewal of his TPS application. The Clinical Legal Studies Program would like to congratulate them both for a job well done!



Martin Reza Rodriguez



Brian Rodriguez

Wills, Probate & Guardianship Clinic

Wills, Probate & Guardianship Clinic’s Bryan Tehune and Senior Student Attorney Yvette Salinas settled a probate case under the direction of Professor Martina Cartwright which was valued over 1 million dollars and was ongoing for over a year. The case consisted of an immense amount of documents and extensive litigation preparation and was finally settled during mediation. The assigned student attorneys worked relentlessly on this case. Student Attorney Yvette Salinas stated “It was a great experience and I am happy we were finally able to give our client closure”. The Clinical Legal Studies Program would like to thank all prior student attorneys as well Justin Guenely, Duane Brignac for all of their time and dedication on the case.



From left to right: Bryan Terhune, Client, mediator Lori Noack-May, and Yvette Salinas



Student Highlights

Law Journal's Book Drive

The TMSL Law Journal held this book drive to encourage literacy in OUR community. These books will benefit the students at the TSU Charter Lab.

29 Story Books; 19 Novels; 16 Activity Books; 9 History Books; 8 Math and Numbers Books; 8 Reading Books; 7 Colors and Shapes Books; 7 Science Books

Totaling 103 books surpassing our goal of 100 books! The Journal held this book drive to encourage literacy in OUR community. These books will benefit the students at the TSU Charter Lab.

Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) Trip to Grammy Week



From left to right: Chris Gisentaner, Helen Ashegbeyeri, LaVonda Russell, Attorney Ricky Anderson, Brittani Halliburton, TaLisa Jones, and Chris Lopez

The Sports and Entertainment Law Society had the great honor and privilege of attending the 56th Annual Grammy Awards. As representatives of TMSL, we attended different Grammy related events and panel discussions where we were able to interact with legal and other professionals in the entertainment industry to increase our knowledge of issues in the industry and further the positive reputation of TMSL and the entire student body.

“The highlight of my Grammy trip was participating in a panel discussion at BET with top entertainment attorneys from around the country, about an upcoming ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals. - Chris Gisentaner

“Attending the 56th Annual Grammy Awards was one of the best experiences of my life and it motivated me to enjoying the journey instead of focusing solely on the destination, as I pursue a career in entertainment law.” – Helen Ashegbeyeri

“Attending Grammy week was an amazing experience. The willingness of industry executives and professionals to interact with law students and share their knowledge was very admirable.” –LaVonda Russell

“Attending the Grammys was a once in a lifetime experience. Meeting the BESLA president, Elke Suber, and discussing how entertainment law can merge with real estate law was very interesting and motivating.” - Brittani Halliburton.

“It was such an honor to be a part of the 56th Annual Grammy Awards festivities, and to meet an amazing and influential group of individuals through the Entertainment and Sports Division of the National Bar Association.” -TaLisa Jones

Blanket Drive for the Homeless in 3rd Ward

Spearheaded by 3L, Erica Dominguez, in February 2014 the Hispanic Law Student Association at TMSL held a blanket drive where the goal was to donate and deliver new or slightly used blankets to the homeless in Houston’s 3rd Ward. Erica created donation locations at TMSL and at the Johnson Law Group. The blanket donation drive lasted one week and over the course of that week the TMSL students and faculty and the staff at the Johnson Law Group donated just shy of 50 blankets. Erica also coordinated a volunteer effort to give the blankets to the homeless in 3rd Ward.

Erica’s motivation for creating this donation effort is root in Luke 6:31 which says, “as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” The smiles and the gratitude of the individuals who received the blankets was well worth the effort in creating this donation activity. Erica would like to thank everyone who donated blankets and those who came out to help pass out the blankets to the homeless.



OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

2014 SPRING CLE CALENDAR

March 2014

March 20th & 21st

2014 Immigration Law – CLE

**Houston Bar Association; University of Houston Law Center
South Texas College of Law; Immigration & International Law
Institute; and Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall
School of Law**

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 8:30 am-4:00 pm (lunch 12:00- 1:00pm) each day
Cost: \$210.00 (\$105.00 each day) attorneys;
\$60.00 (\$30.00 each day) gov't and non-profit attorneys;
complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 14.00 (7.0 each day)
Ethics: 4.0 (2.0 each day)
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration
Breakfast & Lunch Provided Each Day

April 2014

April 3rd & 4th

Child Welfare Forensics Conference – CLE

**Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall
School of Law**

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Newly Admitted Attorney Legal Excellence & Mock Trial Series

April 1

Family Law –CLE*

**Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall
School of Law**

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
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April 2

Criminal Law –CLE*

**Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall
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April 2014 (cont'd)

April 3

What You Never Knew –CLE*

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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
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April 8

Marketing –CLE*

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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
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April 9

Personal Injury –CLE*

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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
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April 10

Guardianship & Attorney Ad-Litem –CLE

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Cost: \$75.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 7.00
Ethics: 1.00
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

April 17th

Same-Sex Marriage –CLE

**The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Cost: \$105.00 attorneys; \$30.00 gov't and non-profit attorneys
complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 7.00
Ethics: 2.00
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration



2014 SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2014

February 27th – March 2nd

2014 SE/SW People of Color Conference

Civil Rights As Human Rights: Still Struggling 50 Years After the Civil Rights Act

Host: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Hyatt Regency Houston

1200 Louisiana Street

Houston, Texas 77002

For more information go to: www.sesepocc.org or www.tsulaw.edu

MARCH 2014

March 3rd – 7th

Mid-Term Examinations

March 4th

Faculty Meeting

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 5pm

March 10th – 14th

TMSL Spring Break

March 13th

Administrative Staff Meeting

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 3pm

March 20th & 21st

2014 Immigration Law – CLE

Houston Bar Association

University of Houston Law Center

South Texas College of Law

Immigration & International Law Institute

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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March 21st

Immigration Symposium Reception

Location: TMSL

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

APRIL 2014

April 1st

Faculty Meeting

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 12 noon

April 3rd & 4th

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tatiana Campos	5th
Mona Bledso	6th
Stanley Anderson	7th
Anna James	8th
Tamara Tabo	9th
James Douglas	11th
Constance Fain	11th
Cynthia Taylor	17th
Dennis Smith	18th
Trina Leach	22nd
Leonard Spearman	22nd



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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"Protect It, Improve It, Pass It on"

INSIDE THURGOOD NEWS REQUEST

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