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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN



### The Law School and the Central University Administration

On June 22, 2012, the Board of Regents approved the promotion of Professors Cassandra Hill and Ahunanya Anga from Assistant to Associate Professor, and of Professors Emeka Duruigbo and Asmara Tekle from Associate Professor to Professor. The Board also approved the granting of tenure to Professors Duruigbo, Sally Green, Maurice Hew, Faith Jackson, and Tekle. Congratulations to our colleagues and teachers on these career accomplishments.

On June 21, 2012, Dean Holley made an informational presentation to the Board of Regents. The presentation illustrated how the bar scholarship program and first time bar passage on the Texas Bar Exam were related. A five year study, 2005-2009, was presented as the primary basis for the reported findings. A snapshot was also presented, per the Board's request, of the bar scholarship recipients' giving back to the law school and university. Overall bar passage goals, and planned program enhancements to support achievement of the goals was also presented. There was significant discussion and questions posed by Board members during the course of the presentation. The presentation will be forwarded to the Faculty, staff, and student leadership.

#### Law School Administration

Please congratulate and thank Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro for his ten years of outstanding service as Associate Dean for Institutes. His overall focus and accomplishments have significantly enhanced assessment of student achievement, and have resulted in measurable program progress. Professor Colon-Navarro's new challenge is in his role of leading our efforts to launch the LLM in Immigration in 2013.

Please congratulate and thank Professor L. Darnell Weeden for his seven years of outstanding service as Associate Dean for Faculty Development. Dean Weeden's service helped produce measurable progress in the collaborative process that served to improve both the quality and quantity of the Faculty's scholarship. Dean Weeden also played a key role in improving, through multiple initiatives, the sharing of our scholarship with the legal academy.



**Professor Maurice Hew, Jr.** will serve as Director of Law School Clinics for 2012-2013. Professor Hew, who was recently approved for tenure, is an Associate Professor at the law school, where he directs the administrative (immigration) law clinic, teaches immigration related doctrinal courses, professional responsibility, and trial simulation. Under his direction, the Thurgood Marshall Clinical Legal Studies Program was the 2010 recipient of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.'s pro bono award for appellate immigration litigation in cooperation with the Board of Immigration Appeals' Pro Bono Project.

He received his law degree from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, LA. He is licensed in Texas and Louisiana. He is admitted to several Federal Courts including the United States Supreme Court, and is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Professor Hew is currently serving on the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Committee on Immigration and Nationality Law and is a frequent speaker and writer on Immigration and Nationality issues. Please welcome Professor Hew to the administrative team.



**Professor Faith Joseph Jackson** will serve in 2012-2013 as Associate Dean for External Affairs. Professor Jackson is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, where she completed her undergraduate studies at Xavier University of Louisiana, graduating cum laude. Professor Jackson earned her law degree from our law school in 1991. She has been a member



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of the State Bar of Texas and the United States District Court Northern District of Texas since 1991, and has been certified by the State Bar of Texas Judicial Institute for Appellate Briefing Attorneys.

Upon graduating from law school, Professor Jackson served as a Briefing Attorney to the Chief Justice of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals, Dallas, Texas. She later joined the Law Firm of Chapman & Reese, P. C., as an associate attorney. Professor Jackson also received certification in Human Resources Management at Rice University and mediation certification at the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center at the University of Houston Law Center.

Since her graduation, Professor Jackson has worked in several capacities at the law school. She served as Assistant Dean of Career Services and Development, and worked with our Judicial Externship Program. While serving in this dual role, Professor Jackson received a White House Presidential Appointment with the Department of Education in Washington, D. C., as Special Assistant to the United States Secretary of Education. She concentrated on the No Child Left Behind Act. In this capacity, she worked with the Grants, Civil Rights, HBCU Initiative, and In-House Counsel departments on behalf of the Secretary.

Professor Jackson currently teaches Contracts, Government Law, Legislation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Administrative Law. Her research, scholarship and areas of interest include Education Law, Government Law, Constitutional Law, Public Policy Law and Substance Abuse Prevention on Colleges and University Campuses. Please welcome Professor Faith Jackson to the administrative team.



**Professor Asmara Tekle** will serve as Associate Dean for Faculty Development in 2012-2013. A native Houstonian with roots in the Third Ward, Professor Tekle is a graduate *cum laude* of Harvard College and of Cornell Law School.

Professor Tekle is also a former clerk for the honorable Judge Carl E. Stewart on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Professor Tekle is a nationally recognized mentor and scholar in land use. Her work on topics as diverse as eminent domain, residency restrictions on convicted sex offenders, and lawns has appeared in *Iowa Law Review*, *Marquette Law Review*, and *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Professor Tekle's scholarship has been cited in *Harvard Law Review*, *NYU Law Review* and *University of Colorado Law Review*, among others. In 2011 she chaired the host committee of the Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, marking the first time an HBCU hosted this national conference and the first time that it was held in Texas. Please welcome Professor Tekle to the administrative team.

## SAVE THE DATE FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION RETREAT

**AUGUST 9-10, 2012**  
**WHERE: Hotel Galvez**  
**2024 Seawall Blvd.**  
**Galveston, TX 77550**  
**(409) 765-7721**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Karen Percival 6<sup>th</sup>**
- Cassandra Hill 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Edieth Wu 16<sup>th</sup>**
- Martin Levy 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Dannye Holley 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Tracy Timmons 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Lupe Salinas 29<sup>th</sup>**





## Judge Brian Wimes' Obama Appointment Confirmed by U.S. Senate

TMSL alumnus, the Honorable Brian Curtis Wimes was “elated” to learn of his U.S. Senate confirmation as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. His wife, Michelle Wimes, stated that confirmation of the nomination bestowed upon him by President Barack Obama, “...was a welcome relief given the year and a half of investigation and due diligence conducted by the White House and the Justice Department.”

Judge Brian C. Wimes, a native of Missouri graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) in 1994. Following law school, he worked as a Justice Department Honors Program attorney, then as an Assistant Prosecuting attorney under Senator Claire McCaskill. From 2001 to 2007, Judge Wimes served as a Drug Court Commissioner, and then as the Judge of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri until his distinguished confirmation as U.S. District Judge.

Dean Danye Holley and the TMSL family share our sentiments with Michelle Wimes and their entire family in an expression of how “incredibly PROUD we are of Brian and his accomplishment. He has worked very hard throughout his career ...to obtain this level of success. We are humbled and in awe of his success!”



*“I want to thank President Barack Obama for nominating me. I would also like to thank Senator Claire McCaskill and Senator Roy Blunt for their support throughout the nomination and confirmation process. I look forward to serving the citizens of the United States.”*

**Judge Wimes signs oath.**





## Technology Update

Classroom technology review and enhancements are completed in the major classrooms, and are nearing completion throughout the law school. Last year we also significantly increased our Wi-Fi capacity. Instructions to Faculty on training and operating the classroom technology will be sent during the first week of August.

Mr. Stephen Zapatka was hired this summer in the IT department to serve primarily as the administrator charged with the responsibility of maintaining and upgrading our Webpage. He will handle all requests for changes to the page. A protocol for making webpage changes will be sent during the first week of August. Mr. Zapatka's bio can be found, along with those of other IT administrators, under the IT tab in the Office of the Dean section.



## JULY COURSE & ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Course</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Health Law	MW 11-1:30	208
Emp. Discrimination	MTW 8-9:30	202
Bankruptcy Law	TTH 11-1:30	210
Taxation of Nonprofits	TTH 9-10:30	206
Accounting for Lawyers	MW 2-3:30	202
Death Penalty	TTH 2-4:30	202
Independent Research	MW 4-6:30	212

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Bar Preparation	M-F-all day	203
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\*Please send your room request to Ms. Jo Alridge at ext. 4476



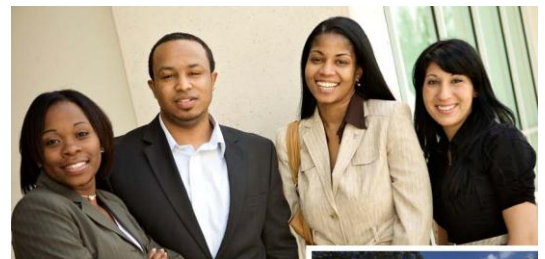
### TMSL Sympathy

**-Professor Martina Cartwright** lost her father

**-Cynthia Taylor's** mother was laid to rest on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Keep In Your Prayers

**Professor & Director of Law Library  
DeCarlous Spearman**



Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Dean Danny Holley Congratulates the NAACP on its 103rd National Convention



## Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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