



# Thurgood TODAY



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## Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Texas Southern University Host Celebratory Luncheon

**Congressional Recognition to TMSL**, on behalf of the **Ninth Congressional District of Texas** and the **Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas**, respectively. Thurgood Marshall School of Law **Dean, Dannye Holley** graciously accepted both certificates on behalf of the Law School.

The **Association of American Law Schools (AALS)** is a non-profit educational association of 176 law schools representing over 10,000 law faculty in the United States. The purpose of the Association is “the improvement of the legal profession through legal education.” Its mission is furthered through professional development programs for law professors and administrators and a membership process that is designed to further the core values of the Association. The AALS is legal education’s principal representative to the federal government and to other national higher education organizations and learned societies.



*Back Row: (left to right) Dean Dannye Holley, and Judge Marc Carter  
Front Row: (left to right) Judge Zinetta Burney, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Sen. Sylvia Garcia, President John Rudley, Congressman Al Green, and Rep. Senfronia Thompson*

On **Friday, March 7, 2014**, the president of **Texas Southern University, Dr. John M. Rudley** and Thurgood Marshall School of Law hosted an impressive guest list of distinguished legal scholars, city and state public officials, members of the judiciary, and dedicated Texas Southern University/Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) faculty, staff and friends at a **Celebratory Luncheon** at the dynamic **Four Seasons Hotel** in downtown Houston. The event was held to commemorate TMSL’s induction into the prestigious **Association of American Law Schools (AALS)** and the Law School’s most recent bar passage rate. During this auspicious occasion, **TMSL alum, Congressman Al Green and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee** saluted these achievements by extending profound, uplifting expressions and by also presenting **Certificates of Special**





## 2014 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference



Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) proudly hosted the Annual Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (POCC), February 27 – March 2, 2014. After a year of vigorous planning, the conference was a huge success! The remarkable leadership of TMSL's very own

professor and **2014 POCC Chairperson, Cassandra Hill**, attributed greatly to the success. The sentiment from many who attended was that this year's conference may have been the "most productive and inspiring" POCC yet.

The POCC began at TMSL on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, with remarks from **Professor Olympia R. Duhart**, Nova Southeastern University breakout sessions "Breaking into the Legal Academy," "New Teachers" and "Aspiring Administrators." SALT served as a co-sponsor for the Thursday event.



Following the afternoon sessions, TMSL hosted the "Welcome to Houston" reception at the magnificent TSU Museum. **Dr. Sunny Ohia** gave greetings to the attendees on behalf of the University, **Dean Holley** welcomed our guest on behalf of the Law School and the **2014 POCC Chairperson,**



**Professor Cassandra Hill** gave the occasion. Guests perused the exhibit at the Museum, and were all gifted with a souvenir from the law school.



On Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, the POCC events began at the Hyatt in downtown Houston. **Distinguished Professor Michael A. Olivas**, University of Houston Law Center, served as the keynote speaker for the Opening Plenary Session. Following the opening program were breakout sessions on "Pedagogy & Practical Applications," "Race-Aware University Admissions Policies," "Scholarship's Role in Advancing the Civil and Human Rights of Communities of Color" and luncheon. The luncheon



honored the student writing competition winners and highlighted a panel discussion on recent civil rights topics. The luncheon was followed by "Works In Progress" presentations and then

breakout sessions on "Impact Litigation: Social Engineering in Practice," "Federal Higher Education Law to Protect Undocumented Immigrant and Citizen Children from Hostile Laws" and "An Overview and Discussion of the Shelby County Decision." In true Texas style, the evening social event was held at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Bar-B-Que Cook-off. Conference attendees all wore cowboy hats provided



by TMSL at the Rodeo fairgrounds while they enjoyed barbeque from last year's award winning cook-off team that is comprised of several TMSL/TSU alumni.



On Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, our attendees enjoyed breakfast before another group of Works In Progress presentations. The two breakout sessions before lunch were on "The Educational Divide in the US" and "Life after Section 5 and Alternate Litigation Under Section 3." The Luncheon and Closing Plenary Keynote speaker

was **Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.** Following the luncheon, some attendees explored

Houston on their own while most attended the Closing Reception at the Museum of Printing History. During this event, attendees were given wine tasting lessons compliments of the **100 Black Men of Houston, Inc.** They also toured the museum and, with the help of **Artist in Residence, Charles Criner**, a TSU alum, produced a copy of the Declaration of Independence using an antique printing press.





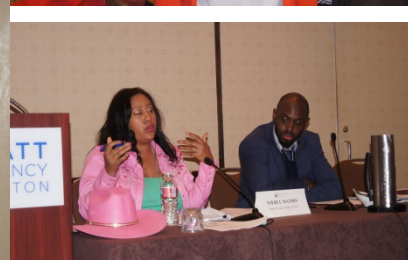


## 2014 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference (cont'd)

Each evening, the POCC attendees and guest enjoyed a meet & greet in the hospitality suite at the Hyatt. After four days of successful



workshops, networking sessions, and receptions, the POCC concluded with the Executive Planning Committee Meeting and Brunch on Sunday morning where it was decided that North Carolina Central Law School would host the 2015 Southeast/Southwest POCC.

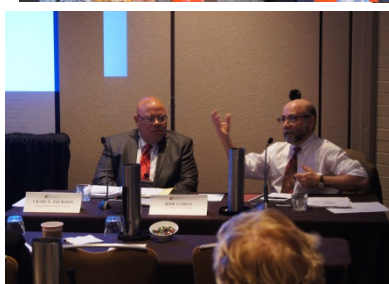


The POCC would not have been a success without the help of Brennae Brooks, 3L and Reginald Wilson, 2L students who lead a team of 30 TMSL student volunteers.

TMSL is delighted and extends its gratitude to all the faculty and staff who made the conference a huge success. Although many congratulatory expressions have been sent to the law school, one attendee summed it up by stating the following



*“Please join me in congratulating Cassandra Hill and Thurgood Marshall School of Law on hosting a fabulous Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference. The law school administration, staff, faculty, students, and other volunteers went above and beyond the call of duty and showed us all a Texas-style event. The bulk of the credit goes to Cassandra Hill. She, along with her executive committee (which included TMSL’s Cassandra Hill, L. Darnell Weeden, Prudence Smith, Lydia Johnson, Craig Jackson, SpearIt, Fernando Colon-Navarro, Walter Champion, Jr., Lucinda Daniels, Andreience Hines, Norma Peet, and Kindaka Sanders), organized a world class event. The panels, works in progress and featured speaker were outstanding. Sherrilyn Ifill left us with a charge to action and activism that was inspiring and greatly needed. Kudos all around!”*







## 4th Annual Immigration Symposium 2014

Thurgood Marshall School of Law co-sponsored the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Immigration Symposium 2014 on March 20-21, 2014 with the University of Houston Law Center, South Texas College of Law, the Houston Bar Association, and the LL.M and Immigration Law Department and it was a huge success! The symposium was held at TMSL with over 100 attendees each day and offered 14.0 participatory hours and 4.0 ethics for attorneys licensed in the State of Texas.

**Dean Dannye Holley** hosted a symposium dinner on Wednesday night at the magnificent Brenner's Houston restaurant. The dinner was to thank all of the symposium speakers and their guest.

The symposium presented topics on 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment Right of Counsel and Due Process in Immigration Proceedings, Employment-based Immigration, Comprehensive Immigration Law, Immigration and Criminal Law: At the Crossroads, Six Amendment Right to Counsel in TX Court Proceedings-Padilla and 11.07 Habeas Corpus, Pro Bono, Logging on to Successful Representation: Technology and Immigration, Modern Day Slaves: Human Trafficking, and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Search and Seizure in Immigration Proceedings. A reception hosted by TMSL followed in the Law School Atrium.

The symposium chair was **Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro** and the instructors were **Atty. Charles Foster**, Co-Chairman, FOSTERQUAN, LLP; **Atty. Janet Beck**, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Houston; **Professor Maurice Hew**, Clinical Director & Associate Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; **Atty. William Fong**, Founder and Managing Partner, Fong & Associates, LLP; **Atty. Terry Weir**, Associate, Dunbar Harder LLP; **Atty. Gordon Quan**, Co-Chairman, FOSTERQUAN, LLP; **Atty. Jani Maselli**, State Public Defender's Office; **Atty. Brian Schaffer**, YMCA International Services; **Atty. Robert Ethyre**, Rayzor, Vickery & William, LLP; **Atty. Wafa Abdin**, Vice President of Immigration Legal Services, Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance; **Atty. Ruby Powers**, Law Office of Ruby Lichte Powers; **Atty. Anne Chandler**, Director of Tahirih Justice Center; **Professor Geoffrey A. Hoffman**, Clinical Associate Professor and Director, University of Houston Immigration Clinic; **Atty. Jill Campbell**, Supervising Attorney, UH Immigration Clinic, **Professor Scott Rempell**, Associate Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law; **Attys. Anuj Shah, Karen Feldman and Jenny Regueiro**, KIND (Kids In Need of Defense); and Immigration Judges – **The Honorable Howard Rose, The Honorable Clarease Rankin Yates, and The Honorable Lisa Luis.**





## FACULTY and STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



On February 26, 2014, **Professor Lydia Johnson** presented a talk entitled, “What Does Justice Have to do with Interpreters in the Jury Room?,” as part of the TMSL Quodlibet.

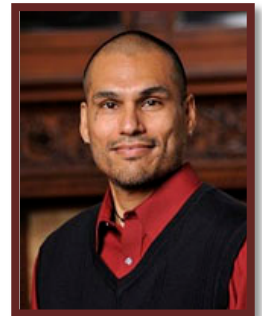


**Distinguished Professor James Douglas** appeared on the radio show, “Ben Hall’s Legal Hour,” on February 20, 2014, to discuss “Slavery Reparations and the Law.”

On March 25, 2014, **Professor and Director of Experiential Learning Stephanie Smith Ledesma** will present a talk entitled, “Classism, from the Orphan Trains of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Disproportionality of the Child Welfare System of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Federally Orchestrated Abolition of the African American Family,” as part of the TMSL Quodlibet.



**On February 7, 2014, Professor SpearIt** participated in a plenary panel entitled, “Redefining Gender Violence,” at the Converge! Conference at the University of Miami School of Law. **Professor SpearIt’s** paper, “Muslim Radicalization in Prison: Responding with Sound Penal Policy or the Sound of Alarm?,” is now out in the *Gonzaga Law Review* and available on SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2387928](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2387928)



On March 26, 2014, **Professor Gerry Beyer** of the Texas Tech School of Law will present a talk entitled, “Estate Planning for Digital Assets,” as part of the Southern Central Association of Law Schools (SCALS) faculty exchange.



Our very own, **Professor Martin Levy** joined South Texas College of Law professors, Charles “Rocky” Rhodes and Josh Blackman last Thursday for a half-hour discussion of big, thought-provoking cases to watch in both the U.S. Supreme Court and in Texas. Dr. Levy

yielded solid, legal expertise and knowledge during the half-hour taping of the TV show, *Red, White & Blue*, as he led discussion regarding the U.S. Supreme Court taking on affirmative action in Michigan voter-backed ban on using race as a criterion in college admissions. The Show aired on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> on PBS/Channel 8.



**Professor Sally Green** has accepted an invitation to present a talk in March 2014 at the Defending Juvenile Law CLE sponsored by TCDLA.

At the Mid –Atlantic People of Color Conference in January 2014, **Professors Lydia Johnson** and **Stephanie Smith Ledesma** presented their current works-in-progress on the courtroom interpreters and the child welfare system, respectively. **Professor SpearIt** also participated in a panel entitled, “Say What?: Hip Hop Theorizes the Political.”





## FACULTY and STAFF HIGHLIGHTS *(cont'd.)*



The fifth annual meeting of the Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) has accepted **Professor and Associate Dean Asmara M. Tekle's** paper on "The Art of Infrastructure," to be held in May 2014 at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, Allard Hall, in

Vancouver, Canada.

On April 1, 2014, **Professor and Clinical Director Maurice Hew** is scheduled to present, "Matter of D-T: Naturalization is about 'We the People'" at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR, as part of the Southern Central Association of Law Schools (SCALS) faculty exchange.



On April 4, 2014, **Professor Katherine Vukadin** will present her invited article, "Unfinished Business: The ACA and the Problem of Delayed and Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims," at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Benefits Symposium in Chicago, IL, sponsored by the Johnson Marshall Law School's (Chicago, IL) Center for Tax Law &



Employee Benefits.

**Earl Carl Professor of Law Constance Fain, Eugene Harrington Professor of Law Lupe Salinas, and Professors Walter Champion and Tom Kleven** will share their process for writing books and securing publishing contracts as part of TMSL's Research Week



program on April 3, 2014, 9-11 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room. All faculty are encouraged to attend.



**Professor and Director of Legal Research and Writing Cassandra L. Hill** has been elected as a director-at-large for the 2014-2018 Board of Directors of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI). Out of a total of 32 candidates, Professor Hill was selected for one of the 8 seats on the Board. She is the first African American to serve on

LWI's Board of Directors. LWI is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to exchange ideas about legal writing and to provide a forum for research and scholarship about legal writing and legal analysis. LWI promotes new activities through a newsletter, published twice a year; a scholarly journal, published about once a year; and a national conference that has been held every other year since 1984. LWI has close to 2,800 members representing all the ABA-accredited law schools in the United States. LWI also has members from other countries, as well as from English departments, independent research-and-consulting organizations, and the practicing bar.

Professor Hill and the other elected directors will take office at the LWI Board meeting during the 2014 Biennial Conference in Philadelphia this summer. .

The members of the 2014-2018 LWI Board of Directors are:

- Mary Nicole Bowman, Assoc. Dir. & Assoc. Prof., Lawyering Skills, Seattle University School of Law
- Candace Mueller Centeno, Prof. of Legal Writing, Villanova University School of Law
- Cassandra L. Hill, Assoc. Prof. & Director of Legal Writing, TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- Kimberly Holst, Clinical Prof. of Law, ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Alison Julien, Prof. of Legal Writing, Marquette University Law School
- Rebecca L. Scharf, Assoc. Prof. of Law, UNLV Boyd School of Law



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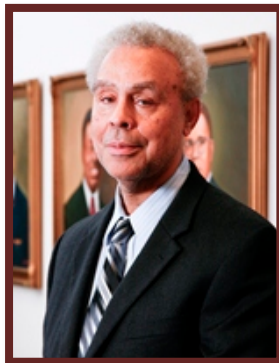
- Kristen K. Tiscione, Prof., Leg. Res. & Writing, Georgetown University Law Center
- Mark E. Wojcik, Prof. of Law, The John Marshall Law School

§2 litigation persisted in demonstrating it was ineffective as a tool in the covered jurisdictions to safeguard the equal rights of racial minorities as voters.



Congratulations to **Professor Ahunanya Anga**, who was invited to be a guest speaker at South Texas College of Law on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Her presentation was based on her article entitled *Jury Misconduct? Can Courts Enforce A Social Media and Internet Free Process? We ‘Tweet,’ Not.* Professor Anga’s article has also been accepted for publication in

the University of Florida Levin College of Law Journal of Technology Law and Policy.



**Dean Danyne Holley** provided commentary in “**How Schools Help Students Pass the Bar**”, found inside the February 2014 issue of The National Jurist magazine.

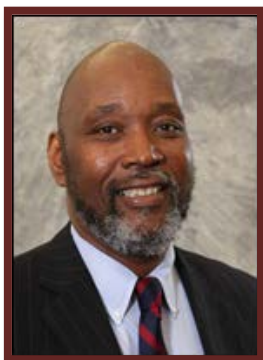
For your convenience, you may click on the link below to review the feature or you may pick up hard copies of the magazine in the Office for

Institutional Advancement/Room 213F or in the dining area near Jazzman’s Café, in the basement level of the law school.

<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/nationaljurist0214/>

### **Professor L. Darnell Weeden**

accept an the invitation to participate in the Mississippi College Law Review 2014 day-long symposium, Re-examining the Voting Rights Act: Where is our nation after *Shelby County v. Holder*? to be held in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 21, 2014. La’Toyia Slay, Editor-in-Chief, of the Mississippi College Law Review said the symposium will focus on the recent Supreme Court holding in *Shelby County v. Holder*. Professor Weeden was also invited to submit his presentation at the conference for expected publication in the Mississippi College Law Review Symposium volume during the Summer of 2014. The topic of Professor Weeden’s presentation is entitled “The Rationale of the Supreme Court in *Shelby County v. Holder* Invites Voter Suppression.” In his presentation Professor will contend that a reasonable review of the evidentiary record in *Shelby County v. Holder* demonstrates that § 5 preclearance and its current § 4(b)’s coverage formula was a necessary and proper constitutional remedy because



The TMSL Family extends its condolences to **Executive Director of Assessment Docia Rudley** for the loss of her mother, **Professor Marcia Johnson** for the loss of her father and **Ms. Trina Leach** for the loss of her uncle.





## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### *Child Welfare Moot Court Competition*



Please join me in **CONGRATULATING** *Ashley Vance, 3L; Sean Darvishi, 3L; Sahrish Khan, 2L, Enriqueta Perez, 2L; and Jimmy Olivas 2L* in their excellent performance at the National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law that took place at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, March 7-8, 2014.

Both the three member 2L team and the two member 3L team successfully rallied through the first day of competition held at the Ohio State House. The first day included three preliminary rounds, wherein the teams' previously submitted brief scores counted 25% of their total score. After going up against schools like Baylor Law School and Georgetown Law School, both the 2L team and the 3L team advanced to the octa-final rounds that occurred the next day. During the preliminary rounds on the first day, both members of the 3L team earned perfect scores of 100 during several rounds of their oral argument. In addition, out of 26 teams, the 2L team's brief ranked 7th overall.

The second day of competition was held at the Ohio Supreme Court building. Practiced and rested, both the 2L team and 3L team rallied to defeat their competitors in the octa-final round and advance to the quarter-final rounds. Having gone 5 rounds out of 7 both teams were triumphant in advancing to this level of competition having competed against 26 teams from across the nation and 19 other law schools.

This is the first time that TMSL has ever participated in this National Moot Court competition and we are excited that we as a law school and as individual students have accomplished this level of excellence in such a short period of time. We look forward to another outstanding performance next year.

Both the 2L team and the 3L team were coached by Professor Stephanie Smith Ledesma, Ma, JD, CWLS.

We thank you for your support and this opportunity for our students to learn experientially.

For more information regarding TMSL's moot court program, please contact Professor Stephanie Ledesma at [ssledesma@tmsl.tsu.edu](mailto:ssledesma@tmsl.tsu.edu).

### *TMSL 1Ls Visit Judge Gilmore*

Professor Cassandra Hill and a few of her Lawyering Process students visited with United States District Court Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore this month. The students had an opportunity to both observe criminal and civil proceedings in court and speak with Judge Gilmore in her chambers after the court session. In chambers, Judge Gilmore further explained the nature and implication of the court proceedings and provided the students with factual information not presented in court. This exchange broadened the students' understanding of civil and criminal procedure rules in practice and gave them a rare glimpse behind the scenes.



*Pictured Here: (from left to right) Kyle Phillips, Stacy Johnson, Judge Vanessa Gilmore, Whitney Richardson, and Nicole Herron*





## ECI HIGHLIGHTS

### EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL POLICY, INC. & TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



PRESENT:

## “The Earl Carl Institute’s 1st Annual Child Welfare Forensics Conference”

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT  
EARL CARL INSTITUTE

#### Topics Include:

Child Suggestibility, False Confessions of Juveniles, Cell Phone & Computer Forensics, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, DNA, Toxicology & Other Forensic Evidence, Daubert & Use of Experts, Common Mental Health Diagnoses & Understanding the DSM V, False Allegations of Sexual Abuse & Recovered Memories, Conditions Commonly Mistaken for Child Abuse & Cultural Sensitivity, Forensic Psychological Evaluations, Forensic Medical Examinations: Bite Marks, Burns, Broken Bones, and Healing Rates, Understanding Medical Reports & Imaging, Understanding SANE Exams, Ethics in Sexual Assault Cases, Attorney Ethics in Cases with Child Victims, Balancing Duty to Client and Duty to Profession, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Junk Sciences & the NAS Report

#### Confirmed speakers include:

Hon. Carole Hurley, Dr. James Wood, Dr. Steven Thorne, Attorney Charles Childress, Dr. Dashiell J. Geyen, Dr. Susan P. Robbins, Bonnie Armstrong, Attorney E.X. Martin III, Attorney Christopher L. Tritico, Attorney Sarah R. Guidry, Professor Anthony S. Haughton, Stacey A. Mitchell, Attorney Heather Barbieri and Dr. Ashraf Mozayani

**Location:** Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
**Dates & Time:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-5:00 pm each day

**Cost:** *Private Attorneys:* \$210.00; *Gov't And Non-Profit Attorneys:* \$60.00;  
*Law Enforcement & Child Welfare Case Workers* \$30.00;  
*Complimentary: Judges, Faculty, Students and non-attorneys/non-child welfare professionals*  
**Early Registration Discounts (before 3/28/14).**

**MCLE:** 14.00 (7.0 each day) Ethics 4.0 (2.0 each day); **TCLEOSE & CEU pending**  
**Breakfast & Lunch Provided Each Day**

#### Partners:

Thurgood Marshall School of Law ■ Harris County Public Defender’s Office, Juvenile Division  
Children at Risk ■ Harris County Protective Services for Children & Adults Region 6 Training Institute  
■ State Bar of Texas Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect  
■ TSU Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs Forensic Science Lab

Register online:  
[www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org)



## FROM THE OFFICE OF SBA PRESIDENT GAVEN NORRIS TMSL LAW WEEK

### Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>—Community Service Day

**Theme: Community Service Projects**

**Time: 10am-1pm**

\*Yates Middle School

\*Texas Southern University's Pre-Law Society

\*Preparing Children for the Future-Knowledge is Essential (all off campus except for the TSU Pre-Law Society who will shadow TMSL students to one class and receive a tour of the school)

### Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>—Friday Fun Day/Step Show

**Location: Large Tent on the grass area between the law school and Nabrit Smith Bldg.**

**Time: 11am-5pm**

Step show will start at 12 noon on a stage inside the tent.

The following items will be provided to students by vendors inside the tent:

Food provided for all TMSL students

BBQ & Seafood

DJ, caricature artist/cartoonist, Mechanical bull, funnel cakes, ice cream, and games.

### Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>—Barristers Ball/Law School Banquet

**Theme: Black-tie affair**

**Location: St. Regis Hotel**

**Cocktail Reception: 6pm**

**Doors Open: 7pm**

**Program begins: 7:30pm**

**Attire: formal wear**

#### Guest Speaker:

Victor Goode, 1986 TMSL Alum and Assist. General Council of the NAACP.

Ticket purchases include:

Complimentary valet parking, cocktail reception, 4 course meal, entertainment, and more.

Dancing and a Casino Night immediately following the event.

#### Ticket prices:

\$35 for students

\$50 for alum, faculty, and staff.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting the SBA table Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm or by contacting the SBA at

[sba.board@gmail.com](mailto:sba.board@gmail.com)

### Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>—History Day

**History Day Panel**

**Theme: TMSL-Then and Now**

**Room: 105&106**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m**

**Moderator:** Judge April Walker

**Panelists:**

Dr. James Douglas (alum, former TSU president and TMSL Dean)

Vy Nguyen (alum)

Sen. Sylvia Garcia (alum and Texas State Senator)

Geric Tipsword (alum)

Kenneth Holbert (oldest living alumni c/o 1951)

\*First 100 to register will be provided complimentary lunch

### TMSL HISTORY DAY cont.

**Theme: TMSL Family Feud**

**Room: 202**

**Time: 5-8 p.m.**

Host Larry Evans

Participants TMSL Students

### Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>—Organization Day

**Room: TMSL Lobby**

**Time: 9am-4pm**

Student organizations table In TMSL Lobby

Raffle Give Away for students who have a signed sheet proving that they visited every organizations table.

### Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>—Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day & Faculty Roast

**Theme: Faculty Appreciation**

**Room: 105 & 106**

**Time: 12noon-1pm**

The faculty roast (skit) will last 15-20 minutes then there will be lunch provided for (300 ppl) for student and faculty to eat and mingle.

**\*Lunch provided**





## TMSL Hosts TSU's Honor College

On Wednesday, March 26, 2014, TMSL hosted several students from the TSU Thomas Freeman Honors College who are interested in attending law school. **Professor Katherine Vukadin**, a member of the advisory board for the Honors College, initiated this visit and, with the assistance of **Associate Dean Faith Jackson** and **Assistant Director Kenyon Moore**, provided the students with an engaging and informative afternoon program. The students participated in a mock law school class and attended an information session where experts were on hand to answer their questions about law school admissions and preparation. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this first TSU Honors College students visit to TMSL a huge success!





## OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### 2014 SPRING CLE CALENDAR

#### April 2014

##### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

##### **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**

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](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided Each Day

##### **Newly Admitted Attorney Legal Excellence & Mock Trial Series**

##### **April 9th**

##### **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  
Register online: [www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)

##### **April 10th**

##### **Guardianship & Attorney Ad-Litem –CLE-CANCELLED**

##### **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](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)

##### **April 14th**

##### **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  
Register online: [www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)

#### April 2014 (cont'd)

##### **April 15th**

##### **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  
Register online: [www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)

##### **April 17th**

##### **Criminal 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  
Register online: [www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration](http://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](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration)







## 2014 SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

### APRIL 2014

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Faculty Meeting**

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 12 noon

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Administrative Staff Meeting**

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 3pm

**April 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

**TMSL Law Week**

Go to: [www.tsulaw.edu](http://www.tsulaw.edu) for more information

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – History Day

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Organization Day

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Roast

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Community Service Day

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Step Show (TMSL Greek Alumni invited to participate) and BBQ

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Barristers' Ball (formally called Law Day Banquet)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Barristers' Ball (Formally called Law Day Banquet)**

Location: St. Regis Hotel

Time: 6:00 reception, 7:00 dinner & program

Cost: TBD

For sponsorship information please contact the Office of External Affairs (713) 313-1197 or [prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

**CASE District IV - Conference**

Location: Houston Hilton Americas

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday (No Classes)**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Last Day of Classes**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Last Day to Drop a Class**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**First Year Professor's Grades Due**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Reading Period (No Classes)**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Final Examinations**

### MAY 2014

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**TMSL Hooding Ceremony**

**The Honorable Al Green, Speaker**

**Reception Following**

Location: Bayou Music Center

520 Texas Ave.

Houston, TX 77002

Time: 6:30pm

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**TSU/TMSL Commencement Ceremony**

### JUNE 2014

**June 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>**

**State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting**

Location: Hilton Austin

500 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Austin, Texas 78701

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**State Bar of Texas – TMSL Alumni & Friends Reception**

Location: Hilton Austin

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

### JULY 2014

**July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**NBA 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Exhibits**

Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Peachtree Center Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

For more information go to: [www.nationalbar.org](http://www.nationalbar.org)

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NBA 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

**Alumni & Friends Reception – Absolute-ly Atlanta!**

**Co-Sponsored by: Houston Lawyers' Association, Southern Law Center & NBA Region V**

Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Time: 8:00 p.m. - Midnight

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NBA 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

**Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Peachtree Center Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Time: 7:00 am



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



### 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!



### 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@trnslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:anhines@trnslaw.tsu.edu). Please be brief, but ensure that important details and information are included.