FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN

DEAN HOLLEY ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT THE SBA GENERAL BODY MEETING

Dean Holley addressed the student body at the SBA General Body Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at noon in the Moot Court Auditorium. He informed students of the current state of the law school in three areas: 1) our present enrollment is 551 students; 2) this academic year the law school is promoting Professionalism for all—students, faculty, and staff; 3) the law school has applied to become a member of the AALS, Association of American Law Schools. Membership would add another source of law school recognition. The AALS site team will visit TMSL in March 2013.

Dean Holley also informed the student body that on August 10th and 11th, the faculty and administrators attended a retreat in Galveston. The group discussed ways to address the law school’s strengths as well as its weaknesses. On August 26th, the SBA sponsored a student leaders retreat at the law school. Dean Holley attended and discussed the most recent events that involved the law school and its students.

The next scheduled meeting that Dean Holley will meet with students will be with the 2L class on Tuesday, October 30th, at 4 p.m.
On October 4, 2012, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project (“TMSLIP” or “IP”) held its recruitment event for students to participate in the Spring 2013 Innocence Clinic. The event featured guest speaker Ms. Kelly Siegler, the former Harris County district attorney who assisted in the exoneration of Anthony Graves from death row. Texas incarcerates more people than any other state. The reflection of the disparate impact on the African American community is demonstrated in Texas’ DNA exonerations; of the 45 persons found to be wrongfully convicted based on DNA tests more than 80% are African American.

To redress this criminal justice failure, the Project employs full time supervising attorney Professor Anthony S. Haughton, as well as numerous law student investigators who review claims of actual innocence made by incarcerated inmates who have been wrongfully convicted. Thurgood Marshall law students gain hands-on experience, by working directly on the project and are intricately involved in various operations of the project such as creating screening procedures, obtaining and reviewing case histories, applying screening devices, investigating facts, interviewing involved persons, writing case time lines and summaries, performing case analyses, preparing written case evaluations and pleadings.

Fayez Hateleh a Fall 2012 TMSLIP student says of his experience with the Innocence Project, “I believe that the Innocence Project is the most important class that you can take in law school. The hands on experience that this program offers is invaluable for future attorneys who want to practice in any area of the law. Professor Haughton sheds light on major issues that plague the criminal justice system and fosters "outside the box" thinking for finding solutions to these issues.”

Samuel Solana, an IP student for two semesters, echoes similar sentiments, “The innocence project is unlike the majority of the courses we have available at our school. It offers students a real opportunity to develop those skills that will actually be utilized as future attorneys. Unlike all other classes I have taken in law school, the innocence project presents us with real legal problems, not the usual hypothetical situations that seem to be the cornerstone of legal education at our school. I think that giving students the opportunity to work hands on with real cases gives them a sense of the responsibility and professional demeanor that will be essential to our ultimate success as future lawyers.”

Student Elia Lopez, states, “I wanted to become a lawyer to help people. I want to make a difference and show people that they may not be able to afford an expensive lawyer but they still can receive excellent representation. The IP just reminds me of why I came to law school and motivates me on my journey to becoming a lawyer.”

For more information about TMSLIP and to apply for a position with the Innocence Project course and clinic, visit the Earl Carl Institute website at http://earlcarlinstitute.org/ESI_Students/IPStudents.shtml or call Professor Haughton at 713.313.4870 or contact the ECI Sr. Administrative Assistance at 713.313.1139.
Earl Carl Institute Interdisciplinary Journal for Legal & Social Policy
Special Edition

Soon, Congress will reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). It is one of the most expansive and far reaching federal education laws ever written. While consisting of over forty different federal education programs, the law's primary section is known as Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). NCLB expired September 30, 2007, but has been automatically extended until a new bill is passed. No one knows when Congress will complete reauthorization as there have been a lot of discussion in Committee hearings about it, but little movement. Leading advocacy groups anticipate that it may actually take well into 2013 to complete the process.

The Earl Carl Institute Interdisciplinary Journal for Legal and Social Policy invites you to participate in its 2013 Symposium and Special Issue Journal publication addressing issues surrounding the effects of NCLB. The Symposium presents an opportunity for discussion and debate on the pending reauthorization of the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). To complement the NCLB Symposium, the November 2013 issue of the journal will be devoted to high-quality interdisciplinary scholarship focusing on a wide range of topics related to NCLB.

We invite contributions in the form of scholarly articles or essays addressing any aspect of NCLB. Suggested topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Waivers To The States
- Trigger Statutes
- Alternatives To Failing Schools
- Impact Of The Act On Minority Students
- The Connection Between NCLB And The School-To-Prison Pipeline and NCLB Emerging Issues.

Draft abstracts may be submitted online to the journal by visiting www.ecipublications.org, no later than December 31, 2012. The final draft of a submission must be submitted no later than July 15, 2013. Visit http://ecipublications.org/ijlsp/policies.html for more information about length, format, and style. Address further inquiries concerning manuscripts, and submissions to the Editors at editors@journalofia.org. Additional questions regarding the publication or symposium may be submitted to journal staff at earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

The ECI Interdisciplinary Journal for Legal and Social Policy is the scholarly publication produced by the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. (ECI). ECI is a research center on policy issues for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. The Journal publishes papers primarily on issues that impact legal and social policy in the urban community. The ECI Interdisciplinary Journal for Legal & Social Policy is a double blind peer reviewed journal that seeks to make available research and knowledge in the areas of legal and social policy to equip and empower educators and others nationwide with research driven articles that will contribute to their ability to meet the diverse needs of urban populations.
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro has been appointed to the editorial advisory board of the University of Western Sydney Law Review, a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary law journal in its second decade of publication.

Professor Emeka Duruigbo’s article, Corporate Accountability and Liability for Human Rights Abuses: Recent Changes and Recurring Challenges, 6 NW. U. J. INT’L HUM. RTS. 222 (2008), was recently cited in the U.S. Supreme Court amici curae brief of the Coca-Cola Company and Archer Daniels Midland Company in support of the respondents in Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., 2012 WL 392535 (U.S.).

The amici brief relied on Professor Duruigbo’s article for two propositions: (1) that a logical component of legal personality for corporations is the “endowment of substantive rights and procedural capacity to bring claims before international organs,” and (2) that states are “widely believed to be reluctant to share their privileged position with, or yield some of their sovereign powers to, corporations at the international level.” The U.S. Supreme Court scheduled a hearing on October 1, 2012.

Professor Emeka Duruigbo is scheduled to present his paper, Financial Transactions Tax in a Socio-Legal Context, at South Texas College of Law at noon on Friday, October 12, 2012, in room 416 as part of the Friday Faculty Exchange, a start-up scholarly collaborative of faculty at South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and University of Houston Law Center. All faculty are invited to attend.

Professor Craig Jackson is scheduled to present his paper, Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin: End of Affirmative Action?, at South Texas College of Law at noon on Friday, October 5, 2012, in room 416 as part of the Friday Faculty Exchange, a start-up scholarly collaborative of faculty at South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and University of Houston Law Center. All faculty are invited to attend.

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Professor Katherine Vukadin has accepted an offer from the Buffalo Law Review to publish her article, *Hope or Hype? Why the Affordable Care Act’s New External Review Rules for Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims Need More Reform.* The article explains why the Affordable Care Act’s new external review rules help only a small minority of plan participants, leaving most without relief. The article then proposes additional, necessary reforms to these rules.

FRIDAY FACULTY EXCHANGE-A COLLABORATIVE OF ALL 3 HOUSTON LAW SCHOOLS

Thurgood Marshall School of Law is pleased to announce the Friday Faculty Exchange, a start-up scholarly collaborative of faculty at South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the University of Houston Law Center. All faculty are invited to attend any of the noontime talks on select Fridays in 2012-13 at either South Texas College of Law (room 416) or at Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Dean’s Conference room). TMSL Faculty Members Professor Craig Jackson and Professor Emeka Durigbo will provide the noon time talks at South Texas College of Law in October. (See schedule below)

Fridays at Noon @ South Texas College of Law (Room 416)

10/5/12 Craig Jackson-Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*Fischer v. Texas: End of Affirmative Action?*

10/12/12 Emeka Durigbo-Thurgood Marshall School of Law
*Financial Transactions Tax in a Socio-Legal Context*

Fridays at Noon @ Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Dean’s Conference Room)

11/2/12 Shelby Moore-South Texas College of Law *TBA*

Professor Shelby Moore from South Texas College of Law is scheduled to give the inaugural talk at Thurgood Marshall School of Law on Friday, November 2, 2012, at noon in the Dean’s Conference room. All faculty are invited to attend, and your participation and attendance are appreciated.

Go to www.tsulaw.edu for the full Friday Faculty Exchange schedule.
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

LAW REVIEW PINNING CEREMONY

The Thurgood Marshall Law Review (TMLR) pinning ceremony was held in TMSL alum, Judge Kenneth Hoyt’s Courtroom. On September 28, 2012. Law Review Editor-in-Chief, Jesse Corona welcomed the audience followed by the Law School address from Dannye Holley, Dean & Professor of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

This year’s keynote speaker was Thurgood alum, Rene A. Trevino. Trevino is currently an associate with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. He previously served as Law Clerk for United States District Chief Judge Leonard E. Davis in 2006-07; and was TMLR senior articles editor for the years 2004-05.

The 2012-13 associate editors were officially pinned. See below.

Duane J. Brignac Jr.; Brennae Brooks; DaVonda Brown-Traylor; Briana Cunningham
Chukwudi Egbuonu; Rian Ervin; Jonathan R. Everhart; Kelly Farrell; Kia Fleurinord
Faran Foy; Ruben Gandia; Justin Guenley; Casey Handy; Erica Herrera
Katherine Jones; Ahad Khan; Frances Mbachu; Sean Nguyen; Gaven Norris
Jason Oxner; Oscar Pena; Shanisha Smith; Stanley L. Tate III; Amir Tavakkoli
Kristine Trejo; A’Kiesha White
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

SBA GENERAL BODY MEETING

A packed room of Thurgood Marshall School of Law students were in attendance for the first Student Bar Association General Body Meeting of the 2012-2013 academic school year. Students had the opportunity to vet the 1L SBA Presidential Candidates on the issues most important to the incoming class of 2015. Keynote speaker, Dean Dannye Holley informed the student body of the administration’s pursuit to become a member of the American Association of Law Schools. Dean Holley also shared his optimistic vision for this academic school year and concluded by addressing student concerns.

The next SBA General Body Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM in Room 105/106. This meeting will be a special event as the SBA, in association with the Harris County Democratic Party and Harris County Republican Party, will host the first ever Harris County Judicial Meet & Greet followed by a broadcast of the final United States Presidential Debate between President Barrack Obama and Republican Presidential Candidate, Mitt Romney. Ten (10) judicial candidates, five (5) from each party, will speak with law students about the advantages of partaking in a judicial clerkship during the summer of 1L/2L year and respond to election issue concerns in a student-driven question and answer session moderated by Ange McCrery and Brian Crosby.
ALUMNI NEWS

**Tyrone C. Moncriffe TMSL 1982**

Tyrone C. Moncriffe is board certified in criminal law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and certified first chair in death penalty cases in Harris County. Currently, he is a faculty member of the Criminal Law Institute. Moncriffe handles serious felony cases and always strives for excellence in the courtroom.


Moncriffe always believed that no goal is accomplished by one person. He acknowledges his wife Brenda and his daughter Chantel for constant support. His brothers Randy, Errol, Brian, and Burford and best friend Alvin Hubert have provided years of encouragement. He thanks his grandparents, Mary Moncriffe, Morris and Annie Conner and also his father Richard and Uncle Charles Moncriffe for never allowing him to give up his dreams, and the loving memory of his beloved mother Lois Moncriffe, who told him to, “always reach for the sky and even if you fail you will be among the stars.”

Moncriffe gives acknowledgement to Sandra Zimmer of Self Expression Center; she taught him the importance of, “being with the audience and not performing for them.”

Moncriffe has dedicated himself to constant self-improvement and providing the best representation possible for his clients.

**Judge Belvin Perry wins Hoeveler Award**

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Ninth Judicial Circuit Court (Orlando, FL) Chief Judge Belvin Perry was presented with the 2012 William M. Hoeveler Judicial Award for exemplifying “not merely competence, but dedication to the ideals of justice and demonstrated diligence in inspiring others to the mission of professionalism.”

The award was presented to Perry, who has been elected chief judge by his peers nine times, by Sean Desmond, chair of The Florida Bar’s Standing Committee on Professionalism.

“As chief judge of the Ninth Circuit, Perry has demonstrated leadership and innovative skills,” according to the committee. “He instituted the creation of the Business Court Division to handle complex commercial cases and introduced new technologies. Recently, while sitting in the criminal division, Judge Perry presided over the Casey Anthony murder trial, a case which garnered such intense national scrutiny that some questioned whether the defendant could obtain a fair trial. Judge Perry kept a firm hand on the conduct of the lawyers while modeling the very best qualities of a judge despite the intense spotlight. For that moment, Judge Perry was the face of the judiciary and brought great credit to himself and his profession.”
UPCOMING EVENTS

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
HOMECOMING 2012

Thursday, November 1, 2012
8:00 am **11th Annual Tiger Paw Golf Classic** *
Location: Sienna Plantation Golf Club for tickets contact the TSU Office of Alumni Relations (713) 313-1363

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: **Registration**
Location: Hotel ZaZa Lobby – 5701 Main St. 5701 Houston, Texas 77005

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: **Annual Reunion Kick-Off Reception**
Sponsored by Attorneys Ricky Anderson & Melvin Houston
Location: Hotel ZaZa Monarch Terrace – 5701 Main St. Houston, Texas 77005

Friday, November 2, 2012
8:00 am – 12:00 noon: **TMSL Alumni Board Meeting**
Board Members ONLY
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Dean’s Conference Room

9:00 am – 5:00 pm: **Do You Remember the Times?**
Alumni can participate in the following:
Homecoming Weekend Registration
“Look & See What’s New” - Tours of TMSL
“You were my Favorite!” - Visit Faculty & Staff
“Say Cheese” - Class Pictures – Specific Times TBA
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Homecoming CLE - Law Practice Management & Innovations in Legal Technology
MCLE Credit: 3.50
Ethics: 0.50
Cost: Registered Reunion Attendees – Free
Attorneys – $45
Non-Attorneys – Complimentary

Friday, November 2, 2012
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Phi Alpha Delta’s Homecoming Reception**
“Conversation & Cocktails”
RSVP to Dean Prudence Smith at prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu
Location: America’s – 2040 West Gray Houston, Texas 77019

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm **President’s 85th Anniversary Gala** *
2012 TMSL Award Recipient: The Honorable Senfronia Thompson – Class of 1982
Dress: Cocktail
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm Location: Westin Galleria Hotel – 5060 W. Alabama for tickets and sponsorship contact the TSU Office of Alumni Relations (713) 313-1363

Saturday, November 3, 2012
9:30 am – 12:00 noon **TSU Homecoming Parade**
Location: Downtown Route- For a map please visit www.tsu.edu/Homecoming

10:00 am – 7:00 pm **TMSL Annual Tailgate BBQ “Cookout & Cocktails”**
Location: Lot S1 on Blodgett – Large Pavillion near TSU campus with shuttles taking alumni to and from the BBVA Compass Stadium

2:00 pm **Homecoming Game**
**TSU vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff**
2:00 pm Location: BBVA Compass Stadium –2200 Texas St. Houston, TX 77003

For more tickets go to the BBVA Compass Stadium http://bbvacompassstadium.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11th (Thursday)
**Law School Graduate Fair – Tennessee State University**
Location: Tennessee State University
Time: 9:00 am

October 12th (Friday)
**Law School Recruitment Fair–NEW YORK**
Location: Hilton New York
1335 Avenue of the Americas
Time: Noon – 5:00 pm

October 13th (Saturday)
**Law School Recruitment Fair–NEW YORK**
Location: Hilton New York
1335 Avenue of the Americas
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 18th
**Asset Forfeiture-CLE**
**Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law**
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 4:00 pm- 6:00pm
Cost: $ 30.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 2.0
Ethics: .50
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

October 19th
**Family Law-CLE (Dallas)**
**Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law**
Location: Pappadeaux’s Oak Lawn
Time: 12:00 noon- 4:00pm
Cost: $ 60.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: 1.0
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

October 19th (TH)
**BLSA Wine & Cheese**
Location: Project Row House
Eldorado Room
Houston, TX 77004
Time: 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

October 24th – 28th
**BESLA Annual Meeting**
Location: Atlantis Resort- Paradise Island, Bahamas

October 25th
**Thurgood Marshall School Of Law**
**Street Law Recruitment Event & Informational Session**
Hosted by: The Earl Carl Institute
Location: TMSL Rm. 106
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

October 26th
**NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet**
Location: Hilton Americas Hotel
1600 Lamar
Houston, Texas 77002
Time: 7:00 pm

October 30th
**Dinner with the Dean – Herbert Stone & Nicole Bates Lead Alum**
Location: Nit Noi Restaurant
6395 Woodway Dr
Houston, TX 77057
Time: 6:00 pm

November 1st-3rd
**TMSL/TSU Reunion & Homecoming**
For more information go to: www.tsulaw.edu and www.tsu.edu
For class specific events, go to: www.tsulaw.edu

November 1st
**TMSL Annual Reunion Kick-Off Reception**
Co-Sponsored by: Ricky Anderson & Melvin Houston
Location: Hotel ZaZa
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

November 2nd
**TMSL Reunion Registration**
Location: TMSL Lobby
Time: 8:00am – 2:00pm

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November 2nd
TMSL Alumni Board Annual Meeting
Location: Dean’s Conference Room
Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

November 2nd
Law Practice Management & Innovations in Legal Technology-Homecoming CLE
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 9:00am- 12:30pm
Cost: $ 45.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 3.50
Ethics: .50
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

November 2nd
PAD “Conversations & Cocktails” Homecoming Edition
Location: Americas
2040 West Gray
Houston, TX 77019
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

November 2nd
President's Scholarship Gala
TMSL 2012 Award Recipient: The Honorable Senfronia Thompson
Location: Westin Galleria
Time: 6:00pm – Reception
7:00pm – Dinner
For tickets: Contact the TSU Office of Alumni Relations @ 713-313-7606

November 3rd
TMSL Annual Tailgate BBQ
Location: Lot S1 on Blodgett – Large Pavillion near TSU campus with shuttles taking alumni to and from the BBVA Compass Stadium
Time: 10:00am – 7:00pm

November 3rd
Homecoming Game
Texas Southern University vs Arkansas Pine Bluff
Location: BBVA Compass Stadium
Time: 2:00 pm

November 6th
Election Night Watch Party
Location: TMSL
Time: 5:30pm

November 8th
Reception Honoring: Newly Admitted Texas Lawyers & Newly Elected Judges
Sponsored by: Thurgood Marshall School of Law, TMSL Alumni Association & Houston Lawyer’s Association
Location: Sullivan’s Steakhouse
4608 Westheimer Rd.
Houston, Texas 77027
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

November 9th
A Practitioner’s Guide to 21st Century Civil Rights Issues
Thurgood Marshall Law Review
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 11:00 – 4:00pm
Cost: $70.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE:5.0
Ethics: 1.0
Register and pay online: www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration

-RED events will be hosted outside of Houston
-BLUE events indicate CLE’s
The Career Services Office is winding down with it’s On Campus Interviews and gearing up for Mid Size Firm Employer Events and Programs. We are also coordinating our annual “Speed Networking Reception” that takes place on October 23, 2012 and would love faculty and alumni support. Speed Networking is an informal event and networking reception that provides current law students with the opportunity to practice their professional networking skills with alumni, Houston area attorneys, faculty, and administrators.

Students are often apprehensive about approaching individuals they are unfamiliar with. Many have never learned how to interact with legal and/or business leaders in a professional setting. However, as you know, networking is by far one of the most important skills utilized both in law school and once a graduate enters the practice of law. Please help us train our students by volunteering as a “Networker”.

For more information or if you would like participate, please contact Andreaus Boise-Fontenot, CSO Coordinator, at 713-313-1014 or anboise@tmslaw.tsu.edu. The remaining CSO Calendar of Events for the month of October are included below.

October 11: **Beyond OCI: So I am not in the top 10%...now what?**
12 p.m. – 1 p.m., Room 202

October 17: **Satellite Counseling**, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Law School Atrium

October 23: **Speed Networking Reception**, 6 – 8 p.m., TSU Student Center, Tiger Rm.


October 30: **1L Career Services Orientation**, 12 noon – 1 p.m., Room 202