



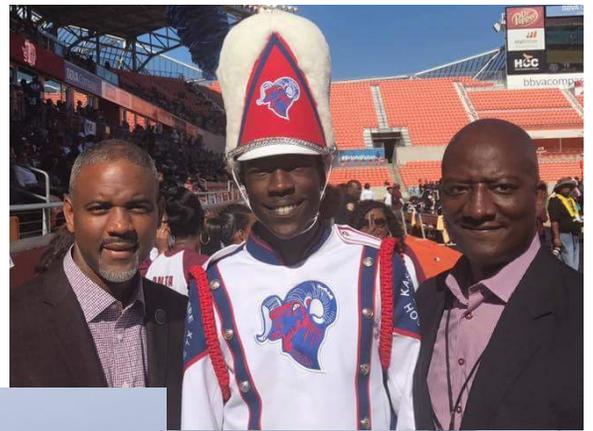
# Thurgood TODAY



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October 2016

## Homecoming / Reunion 2016: Remember the TIME...





# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

## TMSL Hosts 2016 Wiley A. Branton Symposium October 21, 2016



As part of the **2016 Wiley Branton Symposium**, co-sponsored by the National Bar Association, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and Howard University School of Law, several TMSL faculty participated in the sessions. The overall theme for the 2016 Symposium was “The Obama Administration: Legal and Judicial Legacy”. Part I of the Symposium, hosted by Howard University School of Law, addressed President Obama’s legacy in the courts and his judicial appointments. Part II of the Symposium, hosted by TMSL, discussed President Obama’s executive actions and the constitutionality of them.

In addition, **Professor Maurice Hew** presented on “DACA: More of a Nightmare than a Dream”. In this apolitical presentation, Professor Hew discussed the lawyer’s duty of informed consent in real client initial interview situations relating to De-



ferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

**Professor Craig Jackson** and **Professor Fernando Colon** moderated the panels on executive actions.



We would like to extend a special thanks to our co-sponsors, and **Interim Dean James M. Douglas, Former Dean Dannye Holley, Olympia Oliver, Countess Dudley, Pearly Pendenque, Wynell Wall, Charlene James, Novella Brooks, Norma Peet, Jo Alridge, Trina Leach and Brittani Halliburton** for your tremendous contributions to making this symposium a success!!

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## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*



As part of the TMSL Quodlibet Research Series, **Professor Lydia Johnson** presented her work-in-progress, “Why the Evolution of Consent in Sexual Assault Cases Complicates the Burden of Proof in Title IX Violations and Can It Be Fixed?” In this presentation, Professor Johnson compared the standard of review and right to counsel in criminal law cases against the procedures available in Title IX hearings and argued the profound differences render Title IX an ineffective and inequity means to address and remedy cases of sexual violence.

tism—the innate desire to become a parent has been hampered by societal bias and compromised by family law legislation.



**Professor SpearIt** has accepted an invitation to become a Contributing Editor at The Islamic Monthly. Currently he is the magazine’s Featured Writer, and on October 7, he published *How Implicit Bias Drags Down Clinton*, <http://theislamicmonthly.com/how-implicit-bias-drags-down-clinton/>

and *The Orlando Massacre and Death of Muhammad Ali: Lessons in Love & Hate for the 2016 Presidential Election*, <http://theislamicmonthly.com/the-orlando-massacre-and-death-of-muhammad-ali/>. On October 1, SpearIt spoke at the Society of American Law Teachers 2016 Teaching Conference at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He participated in a panel entitled “Instruments of Social Justice: Assessments and Drafting Room.” His work was cited in *Beyond the Paris Attacks: Unveiling the War within French Counterterrorism Policy*, 65 Am U. L. Rev. 1273 (2016), <http://www.aulawreview.org/images/pdfs/65.6/beydoun.pdf>.



**Professor Fernando Colon** and his mentoring work with TMSL students was spotlighted in this month’s issue of the *Houston Lawyer* (Volume 54, Number 2, September/October 2016). This issue focused on the importance of mentorship and highlighted those lawyers who are making a difference in the legal profession. In the article, Judge Josefina M. Rendón shared Professor Colon’s background and his work with the summer program in Puerto Rico and discussed the special attention, mentoring and instruction Professor Colon provides to TMSL students. You may read the entire article (found on pages 30-31) at the following link: [https://issuu.com/leosur/docs/thl\\_septoct16/1](https://issuu.com/leosur/docs/thl_septoct16/1).



**Professor L. Darnell Weeden’s** article entitled, *How to Establish Flying the Confederate Flag with the State as Sponsor Violates the Equal Protection Clause*, 34 Akron L. Rev. 521, 531 (2001) was cited and quoted in footnote 50 by Federal District Court Judge Carlton Reeves in the Moore



**Professor Thelma Harmon** presented her research on the best interests of the child standard in family cases as part of the TMSL Quodlibet Research Series. Her presentation, “Alert! Pile-Up at the Intersection of Parental Autism and Best Interest of the Child,” discussed how someone with autism, a lifelong disability and neurodevelopmental disorder, can become a barrier to that person’s parental rights regarding the care and custody of their children. For people with disabilities—including neurodevelopmental disorders such as au-

v. Bryant opinion on September 8, 2016, 2016 WL 4703825 at \*6 (S.D. Miss). In Moore v. Bryant, an African-American citizen brought action against the Governor of Mississippi challenging the constitutionality of Mississippi’s state flag, which contains a Confederate battle symbol in the top left corner as a violation of the 13th & 14th Amendments. Judge Reeves cited to Professor Weeden’s law review article to support his conclusion that some states during the 1950’s & 1960’s raised the Confederate battle logo in symbolic defiance of laws that threatened Jim Crow.

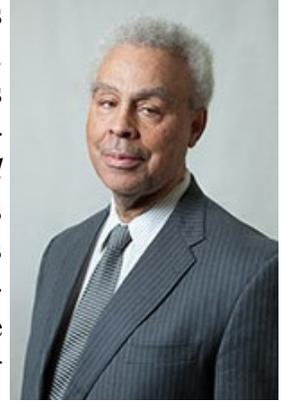


## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

### *TMSL Deans Reject ABA Bar Passage Rule Change*



**Interim Dean James Douglas**, other deans of the law schools at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and **Professor Danyne Holley** wrote an op-ed article that was published in the *National Law Journal* on October 19, 2016, titled *HBCU Law Deans Say ABA Bar-Passage Rule Changes will Hurt Profession's Diversity*. In this article, the HBCU law deans and former dean contend that the American Bar Association's (ABA) bar-passage rule changes will have serious negative impacts on HBCU law schools and diversity in the profession. The rule change mandates a 75 percent bar pass rate two years after graduation, whereas the current rule mandates that passage rate



over five years and provides a provision that allows schools to satisfy the standard if its first-time bar pass rate is within 15 percent of the statewide average. Notably, the deans and former dean emphasize that “any proposal that might have an adverse impact on the mission of HBCU law schools in continuing their leadership role in diversifying the profession, should first conduct a detailed analysis of how such a new proposal will impact such institutions.” The authors maintain that such a disparate-impact study has not been conducted by the ABA. And, recently on October 21, 2016, the ABA's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar passed the tightened standard despite the concerns raised in the op-ed article and the evidence submitted at the ABA's hearing on this matter. The ABA's House of Delegates still must approve the measure, with the rule change possibly going into effect for the 2017 graduates who sit for the July 2017 bar exam. The entire op-ed article on the detrimental effects of the bar-passage rule changes may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.nationallawjournal.com/home/id=1202770271784/HBCU-Law-Deans-Say-ABA-BarPassage-Rule-Changes-Will-Hurt-Professions-Diversity?mcode=1202616608548&curindex=3&back=TX&slreturn=20160926124155>.





## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### *TMSL Staff Participates in Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Conference*

**Docia Rudley**, Executive Director of Assessment and **Charlene James**, Instructor for Legal Pedagogy participated in the *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers* Conference in Denver, Colorado. Instructor James gave an Ignite Speech on The Faculty Resource Site and Executive Director Rudley participated in a panel discussion on "Evaluating Tomorrow's Lawyers: Leading the Way to Learning Outcomes".





## OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### *Congratulations to Our New TMSL Attorneys in Tennessee and New Mexico!*



Congratulations to **Kimbrey Dandridge**, TMSL class of 2016, who passed the Tennessee bar exam! Kimbrey is an associate at Butler Snow LLP in Memphis, TN where she works in the business and corporate finance section. Prior to attending law school at Texas Southern University, Kimberly graduated from the University of Mississippi, with a degree in broadcast journalism. In 2012, Kimbrey was elected to serve as the first African-American female student body president at the University of Mississippi.

Congratulations to **Eunice Herrera**, TMSL class of 2016, who passed the bar exam and is now practicing immigration law in Sante Fe New Mexico with the firm Noble & Vrapic PC.



Congratulations to **Ebonie Rocio**, TMSL class of 2015, who passed the July 2016 Florida bar exam. Ebonie was sworn in to the Florida Bar on September 22, 2016, by the Honorable Judge Kenneth Gillespie, a 1995 TMSL alumnus. Ebonie plans to pursue a career in civil litigation. Prior to attending law school at Texas Southern University, Ebonie graduated from Prairie View A&M University, with a degree in Biology, minoring in Chemistry.

Congratulations to **June Caudill**, TMSL class of 2016, who recently passed the New York bar exam!



### *TMSL Newly Admitted Attorneys & Elected Officials Reception*

We look forward to celebrating other successful alumni bar passers on or about November 4th when the Texas Board of Law Examiners publishes the July 2016 pass list. Please come out and celebrate all of our TMSL newly admitted Attorneys and Elected Officials on Saturday, November 5th at the home of Dean James M. Douglas! Please see the invitation to the right. Again congratulations to our newest attorneys!

Saturday, November 5, 2016

## Newly Admitted Attorneys and Elected Officials

HOME OF **Dr. James M. Douglas**  
5318 Calhoun  
Houston, Texas 77021  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

CO-HOSTED BY: HOUSTON LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
**THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW**  
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS  
3100 Cleburne Street · Houston, TX, 77004  
Please R.S.V.P. to [prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu)



## OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

### *Pro Bono Explosion at TMSL Fall 2016*

The Pro Bono Initiative of the Office of Student Affairs has begun the Academic Year with an explosion! Thanks to community organizations providing services to the poor and underserved, TMSL students have participated in varied pro bono activities. On September 24 students volunteered at the NAACP Houston Office for an Employment Law Clinic. On October 1 the students volunteered with the Houston Lawyers Association for a Wills Clinic held at the law school..

During the week of October 20, TMSL has committed to assisting with law activities for students at Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan, formerly known as Ryan Middle School, located only a few blocks away from TMSL. During the week of October 23 – 29, TMSL will celebrate the American Bar Association National Pro Bono Celebration Week with various activities

Special thanks to Attorney Taft Foley TMSL 2001, Attorney Rena Felton TMSL 2006, and Professor Danny Norris TMSL 2007, for their efforts in making the clinic opportunities available to our TMSL students. Special thanks to Professor Stephanie Ledesma, Law Library Professors Spearman, Norris, and Long for assistance with the Ryan Project, and Clinical Professors Thelma Harmon and Martina Cartwright for their assistance with the ABA National Pro Bono Celebration Week. Our next article will highlight students and their pro bono experiences!

Alumni and Professors may contact us to offer pro bono opportunities for TMSL students. TMSL students may contact us to volunteer their services and gain pro bono volunteer hours. For more information, contact Dean V. Mouton at 713 313 7909, or **Email** at [vmouton@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:vmouton@tmslaw.tsu.edu); or **Fax** at 713 313 2664.



**Virgie Mouton**

Assistant Dean for Student Development  
and Academic Support





## CRIMINAL CLINIC NEWS

### *Clinic Students Participate in Poverty Law Simulation*

The Criminal Law Clinic students participated in a Poverty Law Simulation exercise at Houston College of Law on October 12, 2016. The event was sponsored by Access to Justice.

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston College of Law and University of Houston students were assigned "tasks" that together reflected the hardships that many families experience on a daily basis. The students advised this exercise made them more sensitive to things we take for granted.

Houston College of Law Clinic Director, Catherine Burnett advised that the group of 100 students who attended was the largest group to take part in the program. It was an opportunity for all of the law schools to work together and we are looking forward to next year.





## STUDENT NEWS

### *TMSL Mock Trial Places in National Competition*



Congratulations to **Alya Vasquez (3L)**, **Timothy Adams (3L)**, **Marcus Esther (2L)**, and **Maurice Rice, II (2L)** for placing second in Florida’s National Mock Trial Competition. This is only the third time Thurgood Marshall has had a team place in a National Competition.



Twelve teams from across the United States competed in Florida’s National Mock Trial Competition, held September 30-October 2, 2016. The competition problem was criminal, regarding corruption in politics. Each team member played a role as an advocate, either representing the United States Government or defense attorney representing the Defendant and acted as a witness.



Before advancing to the final round, the team competed against Florida Coastal, W. Michigan, Denver and UCLA. The team went against Fordham University (out of New York City, New York) in the final round. The team had an outstanding performance, losing to Fordham by only one ballot.

**Amber Chambers (3L)**, **Charles Bush (3L)**, **Chris Marshall (3L)**, and **Davis Somoye (3L)** also competed in the Florida competition. This team advanced to the quarterfinal round; they competed against Akron, Fordham, and Coastal. **Alums Valerie G. Jewett (1998)** and **Dyan Owens (2013)** coached the teams. **Letitia Quinones (1998)** also assisted the students in handling a criminal problem.

*“We are extremely proud of these future lawyers! Every team they faced complimented each student on how well they performed and the overall professionalism of the team. These students put in countless hours preparing for this competition and their hard work payed off!”*

**Valerie G. Jewett**





## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
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### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

***TMSL SBA is proud to announce***

***100+ Thurgood Marshallists (AND Professor Colon!)***

***REGISTERED TO VOTE during VOTER REGISTRATION AWARENESS WEEK!***





## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### *TMSL Supports the Susan G. Komen Race*

On October 1st, TMSL participated in the Susan G. Komen breast cancer walk; a race for the cure. Students, faculty and friends showed their support. Students **Tom Huynh** and **Hector Picazo** completed the competitive run. Hector placed 267/461 and Tom placed 167/461.



We SUPPORT the fighter,  
ADMIRE the survivor,  
HONOR the taken



and we never give up HOPE.



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**Komen**  
FOR THE  
**cure**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 14, 2016  
**Chicago Area Alumni & Friends Fundraising Reception**  
*Palmer House Hilton*  
17 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS *Cont'd.*

THURGOOD MARSHALL  
SCHOOL OF LAW



BARBARA C. JORDAN CHAPTER OF BLSA PRESENTS



ANNUAL BLSA

WINE  
*and*  
CHEESE

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

6PM-9PM

HOME OF DEAN JAMES MATTHEW DOUGLAS

5318 CALHOUN, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77021

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HONORING TMSL'S NEWLY ADMITTED TEXAS ATTORNEYS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS



UPCOMING EVENTS *Cont'd.*

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*You are cordially invited to join us for the*

UNVEILING

*of the portrait of*

DANNYE R. HOLLEY

*Former Dean and Professor of Law*

Thurgood Marshall School of Law Lobby

Friday, November 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Burford E. Evans, *Master Artist* - Houston, Texas

*A reception with Former Dean Holley will follow the unveiling*

Please R.S.V.P. by November 11, 2016

713.313.4273 or [subynam@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:subynam@tmslaw.tsu.edu)





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# How Can You Help?

- SPONSOR A CSO PROGRAM
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- DONATE TO THE CAREER WARDROBE
- MENTOR A TMSL STUDENT
- HIRE A TMSL STUDENT

### Suggestions?

Let us know how the CSO can help you! We are open to feed-back and suggestions on how to better serve our TMSL students and alumni. We invite you to share your thoughts with us!

Contact Us:

Room 213

M, T, TH, F: 8a-5p

W: 8a-6p (713)

313-1014

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## EARL CARL INSTITUTE CALL FOR PAPERS



### Reflections on the 2016 Presidential Election: Issues Facing Communities of Color that Impacted the Outcome

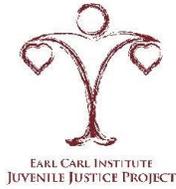


The 2016 presidential election will mark the end of leadership for the nation's first African American president, Barack Obama. On Thursday, March 30, 2017, the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy will host its annual journal symposium entitled: Reflections on the 2016 Presidential Election: Issues Facing Communities of Color that Impacted the Outcome. The Earl Carl Institute's academic journal *The Bridge: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Legal & Social Policy* invites you to participate in the annual journal special issue symposium and publication focusing on analyzing the results of the 2016 presidential election and issues relevant to communities of color that affected them.

To complement the symposium, the 2017 Special Issue of the journal will be devoted to high-quality interdisciplinary scholarship focusing on a wide range of topics related to the post 2016 presidential election results and how issue particularly relevant to communities of color impacted the outcome. We invite contributions in the form of scholarly articles or essays addressing any aspect of this issue. Suggested topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Healthcare
- Immigration
- Voting Rights
- Black Lives Matter
- Climate Control
- Transgender Rights
- Minimum Wage
- The Cost of Higher Education
- Criminal Justice
- Racism

Draft abstracts may be submitted online to the journal by visiting [www.ecipublications.org](http://www.ecipublications.org), no later than **January 31, 2017**. The final draft of a submission must be submitted no later than **July 15, 2017**. Visit <http://ecipublications.org/ijlsp/policies.html> for more information about length, format, and style. Address further inquiries concerning manuscripts and submissions or additional questions regarding the publication or symposium to journal staff at [lrDaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:lrDaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu).



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

On-line Registration for ALL TMSL CLEs: Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Law School Recruitment Fair -Atlanta**

Location: Americas Mart Atlanta  
240 Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Atlanta Area Alumni & Friends Reception**

Location: Westin Peachtree  
210 Peachtree St. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet**

Location: Hilton Americas  
Houston, Texas

Time: 7:00 pm

## **NOVEMBER 2016**

**November 2nd**

**TMSL – Houston College of Law Exchange**

**“The Executive Right to Lease Oil & Gas: Another Way to Get Swindled in the Oilpatch” – Christopher Kullander, Ph.D, Professor & Director; Harry L. Reed Oil & Gas Law Institute Of Counsel, Haynes and Boone, LLP**

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

**November 4th**

**“A Day in the Life”: Corporate Attorneys & Large Firms**

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Contact: For more information email Career Services at [careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Law School Recruitment Fair –Los Angeles, CA**

Location: The Westin Bonaventure Hotel  
404 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**November 5th**

**Reception Honoring: Newly Admitted Texas Lawyers & Newly Elected Judges**

**Sponsored by: Thurgood Marshall School of Law, TMSL Alumni Association, Texas Trial Lawyers Association & Houston Lawyer’s Association**

Location: Home of Dean James M. Douglas  
5318 Calhoun, Houston, TX 77021

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**November 9th**

**Faculty Series**

**“Assessing the Viability of Race-Neutral Alternatives in Law School Admissions” – Eboni Nelson, Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law**

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Houston Bar Association (HBA) 1L Minorities in the Legal Profession (MOILP): Information Session**

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Contact: For more information email Career Services at [careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Law School Recruitment Fair –Boston, MA**

Location: Boston Marriott Copley Place  
110 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, MA 02216

Time: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Veteran’s Day (NO CLASSES)**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Chicago Area Alumni & Friends Fundraising Reception**

Location: Palmer House Hilton  
17 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Law School Recruitment Fair Chicago, IL**

Location: Palmer House Hilton  
17 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

Time: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> – 17th**

**Appellate Litigation Oral Arguments  
Experiential Learning Program**

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Room 105

Time: 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm (each day)

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17th**

**ABA First Annual Foreign Corrupt Practices Mock Trial Institute  
Experiential Learning Program**

Location: TSU School of Public Affairs  
Auditorium – First Floor

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (each day)



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**On-line Registration for ALL TMSL CLEs:** [Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law](#)

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**ABA Reception**

Location: TMSL Lobby  
Time: 6:00PM

**November 16th**

**Interdisciplinary Bridges Series**

**“Legal Issues and the Black Female Athlete’s Collegiate Experience at HBCU’s” – Courtney Flowers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sports Management, TSU Department of Health & Kinesiology**

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

**November 18th**

**Unveiling Ceremony and Reception**

**Honoring Danye Holley, Former Dean and Professor of Law**

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law Lobby  
Time: 5:00 pm

Please RSVP by November 11, 2016 (713) 313-4273 or [subynam@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:subynam@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

**November 21st**

**New Attorney Swearing—In Ceremony**

Location: Austin, TX  
Time: 10:00am

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Last Day of Classes**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Last Day to Drop a Class**

**November 23rd – 27th**

**Reading Period (NO CLASSES)**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25th**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**CSO Snack Break: Good Luck on Exams**

Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: TMSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby Area (in front of the External Affairs Suite)  
Contact: For more information email Career Services at [careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:careerservices@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

## **DECEMBER 2016**

**Happy Holidays!!!**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**1L Applications Due to Large Law Firms**

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**December 9th**

**Training the Trial Simulation Adjunct Professors Experiential Learning Program**

Location: TBD  
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**December 10th**

**Commencement**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Bridge to Practice Trial Skills Academy-CLE**

**Center for Experiential Learning**

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

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Rooms 105, 106, 107

Time: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (each day)

Cost: TBD

MCLE: TBD

Ethics: TBD

Register and pay online:

**December 15th**

**Thurgood Thursday – Sleigh Bells & Egg Nog**

Location: Axelrad Beer Garden  
1517 Alabama St

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 1**

**Winter Holiday**





## October Birthdays



<b>Fernando Colon</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Trudy Green</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Marguerite Butler</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>Pearly Pendenque</b>	<b>19th</b>



### 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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