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TSML Welcomes the Members of the ABA Site Team

Beginning on April 6th through April 9th, a six-member team of legal and education experts will visit TMSL as part of an accreditation site evaluation by the American Bar Association (ABA). During the four-day visit, the ABA Site Evaluation team will meet with students, faculty, staff and administrators from the law school, including the law library. Also, the team will meet with University officials, including the president, provost, legal counsel and chief financial officer. The team will review the law school's programs, the law library's collections and services, and its compliance with each of the ABA's Standards for Approval of Law Schools.

This six-member team of experts is led by Judge Andree Yvonne Layton Roaf. Other members of the team include: John Edwards; Robert F. Seibel; Frederic White; John B. Wolf; and Laurie Zimet.

Judge Andree Yvonne Layton Roaf is an Arkansas attorney and jurist who originally pursued a career in the biological sciences. She received a B.S. in Zoology from Michigan State University in 1962.

Between 1962 and 1975, Judge Roaf worked as a scientist. In 1975, she entered the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. During her tenure in law school, she served as articles editor on the law review. On January 17, 1995, Judge Roaf became the first African-American woman to serve on the Arkansas Supreme Court. She was later elected as a judge on the Arkansas Court of Appeals, serving until December 2006. Judge Roaf is now the Director of the Federal Office of Desegregation Monitoring.

John Edwards is the Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Drake University Law School. His areas of expertise are: Computers and the Law; and Legal Research and Writing. He received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law; his M.A.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Library and Information Science; and his B.A. from

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Meet the Library Staff Members

Mosetta Moy is the Acquisitions Clerk here in the library. In five months, she will celebrate her 12th anniversary as a member of TMSL, though she has been with the University for over 25 years. As Acquisitions Clerk, Ms. Moy works with vendors and many departments throughout the University to ensure that the library's resources are purchased timely and that

TMSL students enjoy current materials.

Mosetta Moy Acquisitions Clerk

Ms. Moy is known for her helpful attitude. She says, "I think the students

deserve the best support that an employee can give. I have no problem working with them. I would go out of my way to help them get what they need." She is just as helpful to her fellow library staff members; and, can occasionally be seen volunteering on the Circulation and Reference Desk.

When Ms. Moy is not assisting others here at TMSL, she is either working in her church or exercising.



At TMSL Library, serving our patrons is our greatest joy!

Tracy Timmons is TMSL's Electronic Resource Librarian. After graduating from Lamar University, she attained her Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas with a certification in Medical Informatics. Ms. Timmons has been with TMSL for five years.

Tracy Timmons Electronic Resources Librarian

One of her main responsibilities is to instruct stu-

dents, faculty, and staff in how to effectively use electronic legal databases. She confidently states, "Whether they are drafting a document for the court or writing a research paper, I can teach [them] how to get the information."

Ms. Timmon's duties also include working as an evenings and weekends Reference Librarian, and

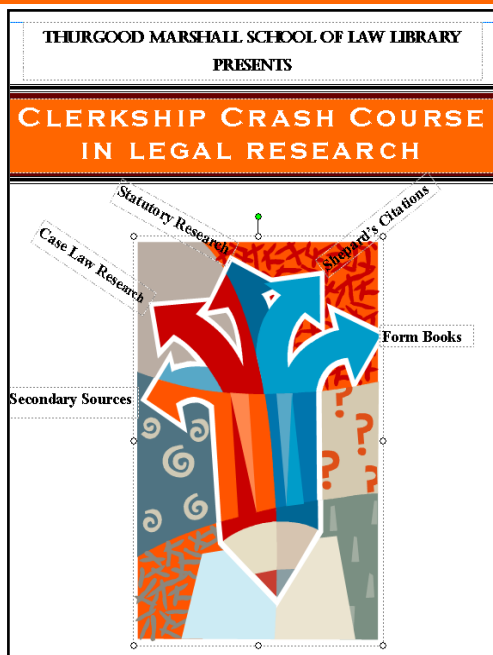


supervising work-study students. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, photography, and visiting the Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library will host its Third Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2008. The purpose of the Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research is to help all law students brush up their research skills in preparation for their summer clerkships and jobs.

The Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research will review previously taught research skills and give more detailed analysis of specific legal research strategies.



The Course will present a Texas legal research problem; unlike the first-year legal research course, which focuses on federal legal resources.

The Clerkship Crash Course is open to 100 stu-

“Legal research prowess is as important to a lawyer as marksmanship to a soldier.”

- Rod Borlase, Attorney-Mediator

dents on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested students will sign up at the Circulation Desk.

The Clerkship Crash Course will be a half-day presentation covering secondary sources, case law research, citators, and statutory research. Each subject area will include the following: a PowerPoint presentation, pathfinder/handouts, and question/answer sessions.

The sign-up sheet is now available at the Circulation Desk. The event is hosted by LexisNexis and Westlaw. There will be giveaways throughout the seminar.

ABA Site Team Visits TMSL

Southeast Missouri State University.

Robert F. Seibel is a Visiting Professor of Law and co-Director of the Elder Law Clinic at City University of New York School of Law. He is also a past Chair of the AALS Section on Law and Computers. Among other publications, he co-authored “Internet Team Teaching: One Team’s Experience” for the JURIST: The Legal Education Network, an online publication.

Frederic White is the, recently appointed, Dean and Professor of Law at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. He teaches Local Government Law; Property; Real Estate Transactions; and Will and Trusts. Dean White is the first African-American dean at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. He is a member of the Ohio bar.

John B. Wolf is the Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Mr. Wolf graduated from

Vassar College, a member of its first coeducational freshman class. He successfully completed his legal studies at Emory University Law School. Mr. Wolf is a member of the New Jersey bar.

Laurie Zimet is the Director of the Academic Support Program at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. At Hastings, Ms. Zimet runs one of the largest academic support programs in the country. Her areas of expertise include: Academic Support; Legal Analysis, Teaching Methods & Learning Theory. She has practiced in the area of civil litigation, with an emphasis on third party liability. She received her J.D. from Hastings. Ms. Zimet was also a Summa Cum Laude graduate of State University College at Buffalo earning her B.S. degrees in Social Work and Criminal Justice.

TMSL welcomes its distinguished visitors.



TMSL Library's Upcoming Events

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Each year in celebration of James Weldon Johnson's skills as a lawyer and a poet, the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, and National Poetry Month, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library sponsors a Civil Rights themed poetry contest for all Thurgood Marshall School of Law students. The poem must be related to the Civil Rights struggle.

Guidelines and entry forms are now available from the Law Library Administrative Office Room 139. Entries will be accepted through April 14, 2008. All entries must be submitted by April 14, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. to the Law Library Administrative Office.

Winners will participate in a Poetry Contest Open Mike Affair on Thursday April 17, 2008.

Also this month, we will celebrate National Library Week. Part of this celebration involves evaluating the library's services to TMSL. The law library hopes that we offer facilities, materials and services that ease your law school journey. To do so, we need your help. From April 14-18, a student survey will be conducted asking how you use the library, how well you are served by our collections and assistance, and what you think we can do to change or improve our service. Your insights and opinions will help us make the law library even better.

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