



End of the Year Message from the Director

Is it that time again? Three years have passed and now it is time for TMSL to hood our proud graduates. The TMSL Law Library extends its congratulations and best wishes to each graduating member of the class of 2014.

I can't help but think of the old song, "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye To Yesterday." To the class of 2014, go forth. Be better than you came in. You are going into a career that has many viable opportunities. Stand

strong and you will conquer your dreams.

For the Law Library stu-



dent workers and my Research Assistant, I want to say thank you for so much would not have gotten done without you. To the graduates, I could not let you leave without saying "way to go!"

You have made it and with a bittersweet smile the Law Library extends its love and best wishes.

DeCarlous Y. Spearman
Law Library Director and
Assistant Professor

Unlimited Summer Access to Lexis Nexis

Lexis Nexis has done it again. They are once again offering unlimited access for the summer of 2014 to Lexis Advance®.

1L and 2L students may continue to use their current Lexis Advance® ID for any purpose this summer— including work they perform at a law firm, corporation or government agency.

Students may use their Lexis Advance ID all summer long for:

- Any purpose at all
- All legal content and news on their current law student ID
- Unlimited hours-per-week

Lexis has not forgotten about our graduating 3Ls. Graduating 3Ls can register for one of

Lexis' Graduate Program IDs that will extend their access beyond graduation. To learn more, visit www.lexisnexis.com/grad-access.



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10th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest and Open Mic Night

This April the TMSL Library held its 10th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest. Contestants wrote amazing original poetry related to the civil rights struggle.



The winners presented their original poetry at an open mic night hosted by Maia Ford (Loose Leaf Clerk) in the new TMSL Student Lounge. The open mic stage allowed singers and other poets to perform. Participants and guests were served light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

The grand prize was a Combination 3 day and 6 day PMBR COURSE courtesy of Kaplan. 3L Theresa Ford won the grand prize for her poem "Mirror".

2nd Prize: A set of O'Connor's Civil Trials went to 1L Harrison McPherson for his poem "Baby Boy".

3rd Prize: 1500-Points from

Lexis was awarded to 1L Kristingail Robinson for her poem "Unfolding Legacy". 4th Prize was 500 points from LexisNexis and they went to 1L Amenah Khalil for her poem "I will not apologize."



On The Move

In January one of our library's most beloved staff members, Ms. Evelyn Beard, retired after over 20 years of service. Ms. Beard was the TMSL Library's Technical Services Director. Prior to her time at the law library, Ms. Beard served as an Adjunct Professor for the North Harris College, an Assistant Librarian, for the Harris County Public Library, High Meadow Branch, an Adjunct Instructor for Houston Community College, and as the Audio Visual Librarian and

Head Librarian for the Government of the Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie High School. During her time at TMSL she was a member of a number of organizations includ-



ing the American Association of Law Librarians, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Houston Association of Law Librarians, Amigos Users Group, Innovative Users Group, Houston Area Innovative User Group, and the Texas Library Association. Ms. Beard has moved to Florida to spend her retirement amongst her friends and family.

2014 Clerkship Crash Course



anship, wills and real estate law. Librarians Patrina Epperson and Gwen Henderson gave a presentation about using electronic forms. Lastly, Lexis and Westlaw held training sessions about their databases.

On Saturday, March 29, 2014, the TMSL Law Library hosted its 8th Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research.

Professors Collins, Gonzalez, Norris and Sofidiya gave presentations on how to research topics including criminal law, guardi-

Students were treated to breakfast and lunch provided by our sponsors Lexis Nexis and Westlaw.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MAY GRADUATES

The TMSL Library staff extends sincere congratulations to each graduating member of the class of 2014. But before a few of you start celebrating, do not forget to return all overdue library materials. Failure to do so will result in the staff of the Records Office placing a hold on your account until the outstanding obligations

are cleared.

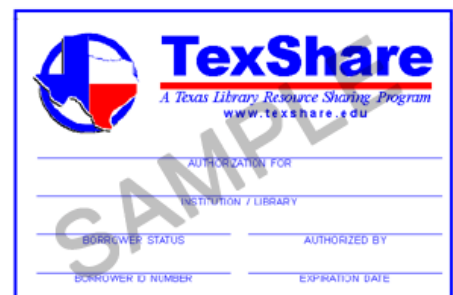
For the summer, you will be able to check out various items as you study for the bar: Ipads, kindles, ethernet cords, study aids and headphones. Happy studying!



Alumni Library Access

Did you know that TMSL Alumni can still use the law library? As alumni of the law school, you will continue to have access to the law library. Your borrowing privileges with the library will be limited to reserve books, which as you know may be used for two hours within the library.

However, if you visit your local Houston public library and obtain a TexShare Card you may borrow circulating books from the law library. The best part about the TexShare Card is that it's free.





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We're on the Web

<http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/>

Library Summer Hours of Operation

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

7AM –10PM

FRIDAY

7AM –8PM

SATURDAY

9AM—8PM

SUNDAY

12 NOON—8PM

REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY– THURSDAY

7AM –10PM

FRIDAY

8AM-5PM

SATURDAY

NONE

SUNDAY

NONE

Contributions:

Richard Clark, Government Documents Librarian

Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian

Patrina Epperson, Circulation librarian

Danyahel Norris, Faculty Research Librarian

Editors:

Itunu Sofidiya, Learning Resources Librarian

Monique Gonzalez, Associate Director

Whats New

Enjoy summer reading with these new titles available at the library!

Trial Technique and & Evidence, 4th ed.

A Short & Happy Guide to Constitutional Law

Urban Planning and Land Development Control Law/
Hornbook Series

Fair and Equitable Treatment' in International Investment Law/
Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law

NIAAA's Guide to Interscholastic Athletic Administration/National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Law, 3rd ed.,
Practitioner Treatise Series

Sum + Substance Quick Review Series/Quick Review Federal Estate and Gift Taxation

