



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR A NEW BEGINNING

The Law Library Staff extends a special welcome to the class of 2021 and all new faculty members. We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. We are looking forward to an exciting 2018 - 2019 academic school year.

Are you ready for the enriched vocabulary you are about to encounter? Within the next four months you will be bombarded with new words. Bluebook! Casebook! Formbooks! Nutshell! Shepardize! Torts! Vernonø!

Like all new law students, you will be inundated with information, breathe it will come in time!

The librarians and the entire Library staff are here to help you define some of these new terms, answer your questions and provide legal research help throughout your law school career.

Please stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk to say hello to the Law Library staff. While you are there, pick up some of the libraryø helpful publications, including the



2018-2019 Electronic Databases Guide and Library Guide, an abundance of pathfinders, bibliographies and other research guides. They provide a wealth of information. This newsletter will provide some answers and insights to enrich your law school experience. DONØT MISS VALUABLE INFORMATION Updates are posted to the Law Library Web page and via TWEN emails. Make sure you are connected. Again, welcome to Law School and welcome to TMSL.

Regular Law Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	7 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Friday	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 12 a.m.

2017– 2018 1L ORIENTATION

Dean Gary L. Bledsoe and the TMSL family welcomed the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Class of 2021!

This year's 1L orientation was held from August 13, 2018- August 17, 2018. Orientation included a visit from Judge Darrell Johnson, TMSL Class of 2004, training by Lexis

Nexis and Westlaw experts, testing, introductions to staff and faculty and library tours and training. Special thanks to TMSL's ambassadors who tirelessly assisted students and Dean Mouton with making orientation a success!

The law library hosted two sections during orientation.

In the 105, 106, and 107 classroom the student body was given the basic structure of the library procedure, housekeeping rules, and a guided lecture. At the same time a second group was taken into the library and given an intro to Lexis and Westlaw.



JULY 2018 BAR EXAM

Nanette Collins, the Reference Librarian of the law library team visited the July bar takers at Reliant Stadium for the July 2018 bar exam. The law library staff, school alumni, TMSL students and Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Support and Bar Readiness Rhonda Harrison served the students lunch and a healthy dose of encouragement during the exam. This is the 5th year Ms. Collins has taken part in this TMSL ritual. "Giving the alums lunch during the bar is a wonderful tradition that TMSL started. It's one less thing they have to worry about during a hectic time." We wish all the students who took the exam success!

PROFESSOR ITUNU SOFIDIYA'S DEPARTURE



After 5 exciting years Professor Itunu Sofidiya has officially resigned as the Learning Resources Librarian and Legal Research Instructor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She provided a teaching philosophy

that emphasized a practical approach to searching for legal information and learning the law. She took pride in helping make the university and the law school a better place. She always went above and beyond the call of duty. Itunu's dedication to excellence pushed her to remain at work past her shift and on her off days, meeting with students and grading assignments.

An open door policy and a pension for mentoring students from all sections will be her lasting legacy. Itunu's passion for helping

students went beyond instruction. You could often find her assisting them with securing internships, connecting them with alumni who practice in their areas of interest, giving encouragement or just informing them of better or more efficient ways to study. Current students inquire about her daily, asking about her well-being and giving testimonials about the impact that she made on their legal journey. We wish her luck on her future endeavors and she will always be a part of the law library family.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

This year the law library was saddened by several family members passing. August 16, **Mrs. Eddie Jean Long**, the mother of TMSL Alumna and Faculty Research Librarian, Tara Long passed away. Mrs. Long was a long time educator in both Mississippi and Texas, where she was loved and admired by many of her students. She instilled the importance of education to her daughters, Angelica and Tara who are now an accomplished physician and lawyer, respectively. She turned 69, two months before she passed.

James Muldrew, our Mail Clerk suffered the death of his beloved uncle **Mr. Michael Ray Weaver**. He passed away on September 9, 2018, at the age of 63. James held a special love and admiration for his uncle who helped to raise him into the compassionate man he is today.

On September 17, 2018, at the age of 70, **Mr. Fred O. Moy**, the brother of Ms. Moseitta Moy, our Acquisitions Clerk, passed away. He was the fifth sibling to pass, two passed within one week in 2017. Fred will be remembered by his mantra, "Any way you bless me Lord." Words that we would expect to come from Ms. Moy's family.

Tuesday

October 30, 2018

Moderator:

Dr. Marlon Smith,
Founder of Black Greeks Speak and
Author of Reshaping the Beloved
Community

Panelists:

Prof. Fernando Colon-Navarro,
Director of Immigration LLM at TMSL

Dr. Reynaldo Guerra,
Founder of Greater Houston Civic Coalition

Attorney Nyanza Moore,
Fox 26 Political Commentator

Attorney Vy Nguyen,
Law Office of Vy Nguyen & Associates,
PLLC & Adjunct Professor

Ms. Nneka Akubeze,
Law Student at TMSL

Immigration & Voting: How They Affect Us All



Please come join us at an open discussion of how
the current political climate dealing with

Immigration and Voting.

Rights affect us each individually.

Whether you are a U.S. Citizen, Resident or
Undocumented Immigrant ó come participate in
open, civil dialogue of current issues affecting

US ALL.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote excellence in academic achievement and the dissemination of legal information to the TMSL students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Law Library seeks to bolster the professional and scholarly undertakings of its faculty, and students as well as support the research and reference needs of the law students, alumni, the university, legal, and local communities. The Law Library is committed to strengthening the academic and professional skills of the students and faculty by integrating technology while supporting the law school curriculum, programs, and organizations. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and

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