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DECEMBER 2017



## *Introducing* 2017 New Alumni Board Members



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Class of 2004  
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Class of 1977  
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Law Firm, Inc.



**Jerome M. Karam**  
Class of 1990  
The Law Office of  
Jerome Karam



**Richard L. Mays, Jr.**  
Class of 2001  
Attorney  
Mays, Byrd & Associates



**Jacqueline Miller**  
Class of 1984  
The Miller Law Firm



**Kevin Murray**  
Class of 1997  
Kevin Murray, LLC



**Troy J. Pradia**  
Class of 2000  
The Cox Pradia  
Law Firm, P.L.L.C.



**Hon. Monica Purdy**  
Class of 1992  
Associate Judge  
Dallas County State District  
Civil Courts



**Susan Onyewuchi**  
Class of 2013  
Attorney at Law



**Houston M. Smith**  
Class of 1988  
Law Offices of  
Houston M. Smith, P.C.



**Omar Vargas**  
Class of 2010  
Law Office of  
Omar O. Vargas, P.C.

\* **Pamela Pope Johnson** (not pictured) - Class of 1991 - Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP

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## 2017 — 2108 Alumni Board Members



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## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Professor SpearIt** has accepted an invitation to participate in the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego. He will present his work, "Repackaging Culture: Abolition for Christians and Conservatives," on a panel entitled "Critical Inquiry for Critical Times: Anthropological Approaches to Legal Scholarship, Teaching, and Advocacy." SpearIt's work was recently cited in *Should Domestic Violence be Decriminalized?*, 40 Harvard J. L. Gender 53 (2017); *Foreword: Now, More than Ever: Reflections on LatCrit at Twenty*, 10 Charleston L. Rev. 173 (2017); *Afterword: LatCrit Theory @ XX: Kindling The Programmatic Production of Critical and Outsider Legal Scholarship, 1996-2016*, 10 Charleston L. Rev. 297 (2017); *The Legal Story of Guantanamo North*, 19 U Pa. J. Const. L. 1169 (2017); *A State in Shackles: The Effect of a Dysfunctional Childhood on Crime and Imprisonment*, 62 S.D. L. Rev. 211 (2017); *Black Health Matters: Disparities, Community Health, and Interest Convergence*, 22 Mich. J. Race L. 53 (2016)



**Professor L. Darnell Weeden's** article entitled, *The Supreme Court's Rejection of the Rational Basis Standard in Shelby County v. Holder Invites Voter Suppression*, 33 MISS. C. L. REV. 219, 222 (2014) was recently cited by Jesús N. Joslin in a student comment entitled *Navigating The Post-Shelby Landscape: Using Universalism To Augment The Remaining Power Of The Voting Rights Act*, 19 Scholar: St. Mary's L. Rev. & Soc. Just. 217, 239 (2017). According to Joslin, Weeden is among those commentators who have characterized the Supreme Court's ruling in Shelby a historic disaster because of Shelby the VRA is no longer a very effective tool in prevented the implementation of many restrictive voting laws.



**Dean Stephanie Ledesma** was invited to serve as the Keynote Speaker at the 15th annual "Together We Can!" Conference: Making a Difference for Children Who Have Been Abused or Neglected, in Lafayette, Louisiana. The conference was hosted by the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, the National Association of Social Workers, and other statewide organizations. This year the conference had close to 1000 attendees, and showcased a theme of "Collaboration Works! improving Outcomes for Children & Families." Dean Ledesma's keynote address was titled, "Cultural Compassion: Addressing Implicit Bias". Dean Ledesma also lead to workshops on Professionalism for Attorneys.





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## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

### *TMSL Faculty Members Join together for Experiential Learning Exercise*

On November 3, 2017, **Professors Colon-Navarro's and Tekle's** first-year property classes of almost 140 students joined forces to conduct a joint experiential learning exercise. The exercise consisted of a negotiation between siblings of land willed to them by their father and who owned it as tenants in common. At eight o'clock in the morning, 33 simultaneous rounds of negotiations took place, judged by 33 different judges, many of whom were alumni, staff, and upper-class students. Each negotiating team was composed of one student from Professor Colon-Navarro's class and one from Professor Tekle's class. Prior to the negotiation, **Professor Peter Marchetti** conducted a special joint session on the lawyering skill of negotiation, drawing from his background negotiating business deals on Wall Street. In addition, upper-class students **Jefreshia Bell, Nneka Akubeze, and Valerie Salcido** conducted a special class for each class discussing the value that employers place on the acquisition of lawyering skills via co-curricular activities and experiential learning as early as possible in law school. **Courtney Bowie** also assisted students with career guidance and orientation.

Overall, judges were impressed by the rigor, knowledge, and professionalism of the first-year students. Thank you to all of the judges for your feedback and support of the 1Ls. A very special thank you to **Alvin Adejei**, attorney at Abraham Watkins, **Sarah Guidry**, Executive Director of the Earl Carl Institute, **Sherea A. McKenzie**, General Counsel for Harris County Precinct One, and **Rodney Ellis**, Harris County Commissioner.





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## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### *Whitney Threadcraft-Walker publishes with ECI as her organizational affiliation*



**Whitney Threadcraft-Walker**, ECI's policy analyst, was published in a recent article, "Gender, race/ethnicity and prediction: Risk in behavioral assessment" located in the 54 volume of the Journal on Criminal Justice. Threadcraft-Walker is a corresponding author of the article and listed the Earl Carl Institute as her organizational affiliation. The article highlights research on examinations and assessments of predictive minority probation outcomes. Journal is scheduled to be released January—February 2018.



### *Kelley Austin appointed to the Sugarland Land Use Advisory Committee*



TMSL Alum, **Kelley Austin**, class of 2003, was appointed to the City of Sugarland Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC). The committee is appointed by City Council and made up of residents of Sugar Land and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Austin is the only African American appointed to the committee. LUAC works diligently to develop policies that will guide future land use decisions. Austin is currently a staff attorney at the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy providing bankruptcy and foreclosure defense representation for the Opal Mitchell Lee Property Preservation Project.





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## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING NEWS

### THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT

*Is Pleased to Announce A New Clinic for the Spring of 2018*

### JUVENILE LIFERS WITHOUT PROBATION (JLWOP)

**THIS IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT JUVENILE DEFENDERS**

Interested students should contact Dean Ledesma at EXT: 1105 for More Information



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### THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT

*is happy to announce that:*

### THE IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING 2018

Interested students should contact Dean Ledesma

*In the Dean's Suite; #1105*



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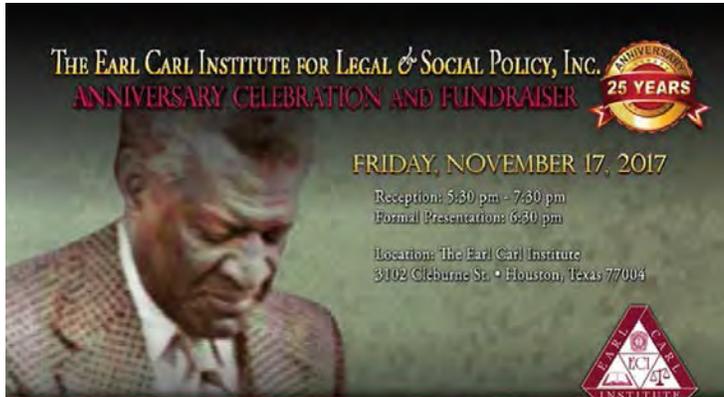


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## EARL CARL INSTITUTE NEWS

### *ECI Celebrates 25 Years of Service*



In celebration of 25 years of service to Texas Southern University and the greater Houston community, ECI hosted well over 150 attendees at the Earl Carl Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Fundraiser. Attendees included members of the TSU Administration, several elected officials, a past Member of the TSU Board of Regents and a host of supporters, family, and former Earl Carl Institute students. The event gave guests an opportunity to tour ECI's home location, meet and greet its staff and interact with various individuals that have made ECI what it is today.

**Mrs. Georgia Provost and Judge Bill C. Littlejohn** served as program emcees, while words of greetings, appreciation and encouragement were given by several special guests including **Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman Al Green, State Representative Senfronia Thompson, State Representative Ron Reynolds, TSU Provost Dr. Bobby L. Wilson and ECI and NAACP Houston Branch President James M. Douglas.** The focal point of ceremony was a video presentation that highlighted the works of the Earl Carl Institute over the last 25 years and provided viewers with a snapshot of the growth that can be expected from ECI over the next 25 years!

Many thanks go out to all those who helped plan this event, including **Mrs. Naomi Cox Andrews, Mrs. Georgia Provost, Judge Bill C. Littlejohn, Dr. Denise Oldjei Adeji, Dr. Jay Cummings and Dr. Robert Ford.**

The Institute remains steadfast in its original goals of promoting student development through research and writing and to educating public policymakers and the community in a way that improves the quality of life throughout traditionally under represented communities, with the ultimate goal of contributing to positive change and increasing consciousness throughout the world. ECI is committed to increasing its reach by growing its programs.

ECI can only achieve its goals with the assistance of generous donations from members of our community. In celebration of its 25 years of service, ECI has already raised over \$15,000 and we ask you to consider a donation to further our cause. For your convenience, donations can be made electronically by visiting our website home page at <http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/index.html> or by visiting our office. We hope that you will help support our efforts. When you make your tax deductible donation you will receive an ECI commemorative t-shirt. Please indicate your t-shirt size at the time of your donation.

For further information regarding this event, please contact Sarah R. Guidry, Executive Director of the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc., at [srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or [713.313.1321](tel:713.313.1321).



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## EARL CARL INSTITUTE NEWS *cont'd.*

### *ECI Celebrates 25 Years of Service*





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## STUDENT NEWS

*Congratulations*



### *December 2017 Graduates*

*Tiffany Thao Dinh*  
B.S., University of Houston

*Ashley Taylor Noelle Mullens*  
B.A., University of Texas at El Paso

*Eric Daniel Flores*  
B.A., The University of Texas at Austin

*Bolaji Olaoluwa Okunnu*  
B.S., University of Texas at San Antonio

*Jon Robert Gustin, Jr.*  
B.A., Michigan State University

*Timothy Donald Rose*  
B.S., Excelsior College

*Nicole Remitha Lashay Hawkins*  
B.A., Clark Atlanta University

*Deon Thomas*  
B.B.A., University of Houston

*Corian Jamaal Johnson*  
B.S., Texas Southern University

*John Quoc Dai Truong*  
B.A., M.A., University of Houston

*Cody Travis Jolly*  
B.S., Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

*Elvira Margarita Villarreal*  
B.S., University of Houston

*Zaine Blanché Kasem*  
B.S., Louisiana State University

*Laymond Pierre Wilburn*  
B.S., Xavier University of Louisiana;  
M.S. University of Southern Mississippi

## *MASTER OF LAWS*

*Magali Yanali' Garcia Hernandez*  
J.D., Universidad Latina de America

*Oneka Roach Campbell*  
J.D., Florida A&M University

*Elizabeth Bonilla Rodriguez*



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## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### *TMSL Environmental Law Society at Work*



Thurgood Marshall School of Law's Environmental Law Society (ELS) is dedicated to educating the school and the local community about anthropogenic impacts on the environment. Over the 2017 Fall semester ELS has participated in three community service events. The last of the events was a trash pickup of Kuhlman Gulley near Gragg Park. This event allowed students to join with attorneys and other members of the community to help clean and beautify part of Brays Bayou. To begin the cleanup, students split into two groups. One group was assigned to cut down invasive plant species that prevented the native plant species from growing. This activity included the use of machetes and bow saws to safely remove those plants. The second group cleaned the banks of the gulley and removed over six trash bags worth of trash. The trash included large pieces of wood, plastic and aluminum bottles, and Styrofoam plates. Our commitment to public service exemplifies the can-do attitude of the organization. We seek to protect, improve and pass along our tradition of ser-





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## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### *Student Spotlight* *Danielle Garcia ....the family trailblazer*

**Where is your hometown?** Mercedes, TX

**What is your graduating class at TMSL?** 2018

**Undergrad Institution?** St. Mary's University at San Antonio, Texas

**Undergrad Major?** Political Science, Business Administration - minor

**Please list: Jobs/Internships/ Externships**

Azhar Chaudhary Law Firm (immigration)- Intern

Shari Goldsberry Law Firm (family law) - Intern

Evidence Law (Professor of Law Ana Otero) - Former Tutor

Commercial Law (Professor of Law Sally Green) - Current Tutor

**Organization/ Community Service/ and Extracurricular Activities**

Executive Editor of Thurgood Marshall Law Review

Habitat for Humanity



**Then your story. Why law school?**

I chose law school because I was inspired by my parents who worked in the community. My mother was a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for 30 years and my father was the city manager of our city for about 31 years. I grew up seeing my parents help others, inspire others and care for others. I wanted to do the same thing at a young age. To be honest, I got the idea of being a lawyer when I watched an episode of Law and Order SVU with my parents. I saw the attorney stand up and speak for the victims and I told my parents that is exactly what I wanted to be, a lawyer. I want to help and give back to my community like my parents did in their professions for many years. I chose law school because no one in my family is a lawyer. I wanted to challenge myself to be the first in my family to pursue a professional degree. Since I was seven years old when I told my parents I wanted to be a lawyer, I made sure I would reach my goal.

**What is one of your most memorable experiences at TMSL?**

My most memorable experience was in 1L year with my sectionmates. We were about to take our first test ever, Professor Walker's Criminal Law exam. Before she walked in the class, we got in a circle and prayed together. We continued to do so for almost every test our 1L year. At TMSL there is a sense of family, we take care of each other and I like that.

**What advice would you give new law students?** My advice to new law students is that be dedicated, be organized, balance your schedule and surround yourself with people who want to succeed and see you succeed.

**What do you plan to do 9 months after graduation?**

In 9 months after graduation, I plan to have my Texas Bar Card and working as an associate attorney at Shari Goldsberry Law Firm.



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## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### *BLSA Wine & Cheese*

The Black Law Student Association celebrates the 2017 Newly Admitted Attorneys and their annual Wine and Cheese event. The event was held on November 18, 2017, at the home of Distinguished Professor of Law James M. Douglas.





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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

*The Law Office of Vonda Bailey, PLLC  
named "10 Best" Law Firm  
by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys*



**Syvondia "Vonda" Bailey**, class of 2014, is the managing partner of the Law Office of Vonda Bailey. Her law practice was listed amongst the exclusive list of the "10 Best" Law Firms by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys. To receive such a prestigious honor the attorney/firm must: "Be formally nominated by the Institute, client, and/or fellow Attorney; Have attained the highest degree of professional achievement in his or her field of law; and Having done so with an impeccable Client Satisfaction rating." Membership is an exclusive honor and extended only to those select few who have reached the top of their profession while doing so with the client's satisfaction being of the most paramount importance. Congratulations to Attorney Bailey, one of our new alumni board members on this prestigious accomplishment.



### *Two TMSL Alums to speak at National Bar Association Conference*



Julia Malveaux, Esq.



Hon. Morris Overstreet

**Julia Malveaux**, class of 1985, and the **Honorable Morris Overstreet**, class of 1975, will be two of the 2018 speakers for the 23rd Annual NBA Small Firms/Solo Practitioners' Conference. The conference scheduled for March 4-March 18th, 2018, will be held at the JW Marriot Palm Desert California. Julia Malveaux currently manages her own private practice and Judge Overstreet brings his career experience as a trial judge, general counsel, District Attorney, etc. For more information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NatlBarSFSPD/>



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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN ELECTIONS

### *Texas Senator Sylvia Garcia announces candidacy for Congressional District 29*



**Senator Sylvia Garcia**, class of 1978, announced her candidacy for Congressional District 29 on November 14, 2017. “I want to continue fighting for working families, quality education for Texas children access to healthcare for all & immigration reform. We need a champion for the people in Washington to stand up against Trump & fight for what matters. That’s why I’m running for congress,” said Senator Garcia.

### *TMSL Alumna Constance Filley Johnson publicly declares candidacy for Victoria County District Attorney*



**Constance Filley Johnson**, class of December 2005, announced earlier this year plans to face off against Stephen Tyler in the Republican primary on March 6, 2018. Johnson is taking a stand against unfair plea deals that strain assistant district attorneys and other resources. She believes in the effectiveness of specialty courts as they benefit the community and serve the best interest of Justice. Johnson is a proponent of the juvenile detention center and plans to use her experience as an educator in the fight for justice for the youth of Victoria.

### *TMSL Alum John Fairman announces plans to run for Cook County Sherriff*

**John Fairman** stated the following:



*As Sheriff I look forward to placing thousands of new police officers on the street by certifying correctional officers and making them peace officers. I’ll implement a Video Conferencing for inmates thereby significantly reducing safety concerns and transportation issues between the jails and court houses. Community Policing would be increased around the county, including working with our schools and community centers to help teach, train, and motivate our children.*



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### *TMSL Alums receive “Not Guilty” Verdicts*

**Audwin Samuel**, class of 1992 and his son **Sean Villery—Samuel**, class of 2009, secured a “not guilty” verdict for a client wrongfully accused of sexual assault. Their client faced a punishment range of two—twenty years in prison if convicted. This father and son duo, obtained the verdict after a mere twenty-five minute deliberation from a Jefferson County Jury. Congratulations on this victory and winning in the name of justice.



### *Harris County ADA Jules Johnson receives unexpected Indictments*



**Jules Johnson**, class of 2003, is currently employed by the Harris County District Attorney’s Office in the Civil Rights Division. Recently, the DA’s Office indicted five Harris County Detention Officer’s for beating an inmate. This comes after the DA’s Office received an indictment from the Grand Jury on a Harris County Sherriff’s Deputy and two Harris County Sherriff’s Office jailers in earlier October 2017. The Deputy and Jailers are accused of crimes ranging from assault, causing serious bodily injuries to slamming a shackled inmate on his head. These indictments are welcomed news to an ever growing community frustrated with police brutality.

### *Toni Jones is making moves in the Houston area community*



**Toni Jones**, class of 1999, was elected to the 2017 YWCA of Houston Board of Directors in November. YWCA of Houston states the board members are trustees of their vision and mission. YWCA Houston is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

In addition, Jones received a “not guilty” verdict on a high profile case. An Alief ISD trustee’s son was acquitted by reason of insanity after having zealous representation by our alum, Toni Jones. Both of these momentous events are overshadowed by her recent marriage to Stacey Holley. TMSL

congratulations Toni Jones on her personal and professional achievements.

OMG Thank you Harris County DA **Kim K Ogg**, **Shekira C. Dennis**. You got this right! Great job Atty. Toni Jones. RIP D. Jefferson.



Alief ISD trustee's son acquitted by reason of insanity  
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### *TMSL Alum, Reginald Wilson Jr. appointed to TYLA Board of Directors*



**Reginald Wilson Jr.**, class of 2015, was appointed to the Texas Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors in November of this year. Reginald will serve a two-year term representing the Houston area as TYLA Director for District 6, Place 5. Reginald is currently employed at Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP as an associate attorney and acts as Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, and Underwriter’s Counsel in various transactions. Congratulations to Mr. Wilson on his appointment as he assists TYLA facilitate the administration of justice and serve the public.

### *Toysha Jones Martin - Panelist at Austin Bar Association*

**Toysha Jones (TJ) Martin**, class of 1997, was featured as a panelist at the Austin Bar Association on “Taking a knee in the NFL: The Legal and Social Implications”. The event was a hit and included discussions about criminal prosecution and employment concerns about NFL players. Ms. Martin currently has a private practice that serves as a Privacy and Compliance Attorney with the Texas Health and Human Services. With 20 years of legal experience, it is no surprise that Ms. Martin’s participation on the panel contributed to the panel being a success.



### *Ricky Anderson—Panelist at the HGAG Music Video and Film Festival*



**HGAG  
MUSIC VIDEO  
& FILM FESTIVAL**  
A CALL FOR FAITH BASED,  
INSPIRATIONAL FILM  
& VIDEO MAKERS

**DAY 1 - FRIDAY, NOV 17**  
OPENING RECEPTION/  
FEATURE SCREENING - 6:00 PM

**DAY 2 - SATURDAY, NOV 18**  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/FILM  
INDUSTRY FORUM/ VIDEO & FILM  
SCREENINGS/ AWARD  
RECOGNITIONS - 9:00 AM

SUBMIT VIDEOS  
OR FILMS AT **FilmFreeway**

Adjunct Professor and TMSL Alum, **Ricky Anderson**, class of 1992, was a featured panelist during the HGAG Music Video and Film Festival at the TSU Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs building. The inaugural festival was held by the Houston Gospel Announcers Guild (HGAG) on November 17-18, 2017. The festival was a call for faith based, inspirational film and video makers. The weekend of events included a feature screening, film industry forum and award recognitions. We know that Mr. Anderson’s depth of knowledge and experience was an asset during this momentous event.



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## *Congratulations to the 2017 Super lawyers of TMSL*

- Bruce A. Ashworth—Class of 1982  
Richard E. Banks—  
David P. Baugh—Class of 1975  
Brock Morgan Benjamin - Class of 2005  
Alfred Benoit—Class of 2008  
Ryan B. Bormaster - Class of 2000  
Marigold Bridgeman—Class of 2012  
Chevazz G. Brown—Class of 2007  
Oliver J. Brown—Class of 2012  
Walter M. Brown—Class of 1998  
E. Leon Carter—Class of 1986  
Kelly Castor—Class of 2008  
Rafael De La Garza II—Class of 1993  
Marco A. De Luna—Class of 2008  
George Farah—Class of 2003  
William D. Fong—Class of 1994  
L. Leona Frank—Class of 2002  
Michael M. Guerra—Class of 1993  
Juan L. Guerra, Jr.—Class of 2003  
Cori A. Harbour-Valdez—Class of 1997  
Thomas J. “Jeff” Hendrickson, III—Class of 2009  
Tomekia Lee-Chaney—Class of 2004  
Andrew J. Lehrman—Class of 1976  
James E. McMillian—Class of 1997  
Tyrone C. Monciffe—Class of 1982  
Rachel C. Moreno—Class of 2011  
Doug Murphy—Class of 1999  
Charlie Naegle—Class of 2006  
Victoria Neave—Class of 2009  
Alla K. Nowowiejski—Class of 2009  
Barbara D. Nunneley—Class of 1979  
Chance Oliver—Class of 1997  
Maria E. Orozco—Class of 2008  
Patrick K. O’Rourke—Class of 2008  
Gabriel Ozel—Class of 2008  
Johnny P. Papantonakis—Class of 2000  
Christopher B. Payne—Class of 2004  
Jose R. Perez, Jr.—Class of 1984  
Soleiman K. Raie—Class of 2006  
Nindiya G. Ramchandani—Class of 2007  
Hon. Derrick Reed—Class of 2007  
Lorie M. Robinson—Class of 2007  
David J. Romagosa—Class of 2004  
Herman H. Segovia—Class of 1977  
Jed R. Sliverman—Class of 1999  
Todd Slobin—Class of 1997  
Joshua C. Spencer—Class of 2008  
Jonathan R. Spivey—Class of 1997  
Rabea Sultan Collier—Class of 2006  
Justin T. Surginer—Class of 2009  
Paul F. Tu—Class of 2005  
Amanda Tucker—Class of 2008  
Carlos A. Velasquez—Class of 1987  
Isaac Villarreal—Class of 2008  
Victor Vital—Class of 1995  
Lance Walters—Class of 2012  
A. Martin Wickliff, Jr.—Class of 1974  
Kirk D. Willis—Class of 1988  
Charles H. Wilson—Class of 1996



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### IN MEMORIAM



**Robert Cruz**, class of 1984, was laid into eternal rest on December 3, 2017. Cruz, an avid golfer, was the president and head attorney for the legal battle at Gus Wortham Golf Course. A celebration of his life was held on December 16, 2017, amongst a host of family and friends. TMSL family extends our condolences to the Cruz family.





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## UPCOMING EVENT

# THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT

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**NAACP SUMMER LAW FELLOW PROGRAM**  
**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS; 3L'S QUALIFY FOR EXTERNSHIP CREDIT**

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## January Birthdays



**Maurice Hew** 1st  
**Emeka Duruigbo** 4th  
**Marcia Johnson** 19th



### 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!

