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Thurgood Marshall School of Law's Earl Carl Institute Receives Two Distinguished Honors in 2015-16



The NAACP Houston Branch held its annual Freedom Fund Awards Gala on October 30, 2015. The theme was “Pursuing Liberty in the Face of Injustice.” It was the 92nd annual ceremony honoring and awarding individuals and organizations from the Houston area who have made significant contributions to the community.

This year the NAACP President's Award was given to the Anti-Defamation League and the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. ECI was specifically awarded based on its “...work as a think tank ...“that” aided the NAACP with research and statistical gathering; helping locally, regionally and even nationally.”



In her acceptance speech, Sarah Guidry, Executive Director of ECI, highlighted the disproportionate criminalization of our minority communities. She thanked the NAACP for recognizing ECI and the urgent need to identify implementable solutions to the social issues that negatively impact our communities of color. Guidry also recognized members of the ECI staff who were all in attendance.



ECI was also an honoree of Houston Lawyers Association (“HLA”), receiving its Mission Ally award at HLA's 2016 Annual Awards and Scholarship Gala. The gala was held on May 21, 2016.

Recipients of the award were individuals and organizations whose work embodies the HLA mission to address injustice and educate members and the community by serving as a redress conduit, improving legal services and providing a voice for the community through advocacy, mentoring, professionalism and coalition building. Recipients of this award were said to be an example to members of the community as to what it means to either: (1) Address injustice by ensuring equal opportunity for black lawyers in employment and business opportunities; (2) Educate the community by supporting community programs that benefit the black community; (3) Serve as a redress conduit for the community; (4) Improve the quality and access to legal services; and (5) Provide a voice for the community through advocacy, mentoring, professionalism and coalition building.

ECI is honored to be recognized by members of the community.





Message *from the* PRESIDENT DR. AUSTIN A. LANE

Dear Alumni of Texas Southern University,

Texas Southern University is set to enter the next phase of its existence and become a premier institution in the academic realm. TSU is poised to position itself as a destination Historically Black College and University (HBCU) for people from across the nation and around the globe who are looking for an excellent education at a reasonable cost.

Plans are underway to begin the TSU Alumni Listen and Learn tour in the next few months to visit our Tiger chapters, clubs and associations in cities across the country and abroad. Your input is critical as the groundwork is laid to meet the top five priorities for Texas Southern:

1. Student Success
2. Academic Quality
3. Culture
4. Funding
5. Partnerships

TSU's administration is re-defining itself as servant leadership, dedicated to the total well-being of this University and the success of every student. Each decision and subsequent action will be aimed at providing the optimum academic experience for our TSU Tigers. Every employee will be focused on creating an environment of camaraderie and efficiency to meet all benchmarks and honor our mission.

Thanks to the Tiger Alumni family for remaining steadfast and faithful to TSU. You are the strongest pillars of our university community. Looking forward to a positive, productive meeting with every alumni association and/or chapter to hear your thoughts and ideas as we move forward into the "golden age" of Texas Southern. #TSAIumYOU!

Dr. Austin A. Lane
President



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TSU Board of Regent Chair, Derrick Mitchell & Dean Danye Holley Visit the Valley for Kick-off Reception Over \$9,000 Raised!!!



On May 26, 2016, TSU Board of Regents Chairman, Derrick Mitchell, Dean Danye Holley, Professor Fernando Colon, Professor Lupe Salinas and Assistant Dean of External Affairs, Prudence Smith traveled to McAllen, Texas and were graciously welcomed by many enthusiastic TMSL alums. The one-day trip was quite eventful, starting with a luncheon sponsored by TMSL alum and Mayor of the City of Edinburg, Richard Garcia. More than 15 alumni and friends had lunch at the Echo Hotel. Later that evening, the Valley Area TMSL Alumni & Friends Reception, hosted by TMSL Alum, Alumni Board member, and the Valley club co-chair, The Honorable Rene Flores, was extremely successful. During this reception, Dean Holley introduced both Chairman Mitchell, who gave greetings from the Board of Regents, and

Professor Colon, who presented information about the Law School’s new LL.M in Immigration and Naturalization program. The attendees included TMSL alumni, prospective students, faculty, staff and friends of the law school. As a showing of their dedication to Thurgood Marshall School of Law, thanks to alumni and friends, we received during this kick-off reception over \$9,000 in gifts.



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TMSL Alumni and Friends Reception during the SBOT Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, TX Thursday, June 16, 2016





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Emeka Duruigbo was a featured speaker at the 9th Sub-Saharan African Oil and Gas Conference held on April 27-28, 2016 at the Marriott Westchase, Houston, USA. Professor Duruigbo spoke on the opening day of the conference on the topic: ***“Positioning Sub-Saharan African Countries to Attract Investment in a Period of Low***

Commodity Prices.” In his presentation, Professor Duruigbo identified seven steps that oil and gas-rich African countries can take to be competitive in the increasingly tough energy investment climate, including feasible local content policies, formidable stabilization clauses, far-reaching political and legal reforms, functional basic infrastructure, firm tax incentives, friendly forex practices and fair treatment of host communities. Professor Duruigbo also emphasized the imperativeness of keeping a distance from inexpedient hyperbolic rhetoric and understanding that infusion of foreign capital into the local economy is often in the national interest.

In May 2016, a leading national newspaper in Nigeria, ***The Punch***, sought Professor Duruigbo’s views on the economic conditions that Nigeria is facing in light of sharp reduction in oil and gas production attributed to militancy in the oil-producing Niger Delta region. Professor Duruigbo noted that the economic implications of the supply disruption were serious and that some countries, notably Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela and the United States, could take advantage of Nigeria’s inability to meet its supply obligations to importing countries by taking some market share away from Nigeria. More details on the article, as well as readers’ comments, are available at <http://www.punchng.com/nigeria-risks-losing-oil-buyers-iran-sarabia/>.

On May 25, 2016, **Professor Tom Kleven** appeared on a panel entitled “The Winds of Change” on the Green Party’s Greenwatch TV program. The topic of the panel was the current anti-establishment mood in the country and the increasing interest in socialism. A video of the televised program is available at <https://vimeo.com/channels/49741>.



Professor Shaundra Lewis presented her research on the chilling effect of guns on campuses and threats to academic freedom in the United States at the 2016 Scholars at Risk Global Conference in Montreal, Canada. The 2016 Global Conference theme was “Universities in a Dangerous World: Defending Higher Education Communities & Values.”

Professor Lewis’s article, “Bullets and Books by Legislative Fiat: Why Academic Freedom and Public Policy Permit Higher Education Institutions to Say No to Guns,” was highlighted as part of the conference discussion. Professor Lewis’s presentation (along with the entire panel discussion) may be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYerWn1Eroo&sns=em>.

Scholars at Risk is an international network of over 400 member institutions and thousands of individuals in 39 countries. The Global Congress is a biennial event that brings this community together to discuss seminal issues facing the global higher education sector.

Docia Rudley, Executive Director for Assessment

made a presentation as part of a plenary panel discussing institutional assessment at the Third National Symposium on Experiential Learning in Law held at New York Law School from June 10-13. The theme of the conference was Outcomes Assessment. Director Rudley is also scheduled to make a presentation on assessment as part of a plenary panel at the ABA Associate Deans Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 16-19. Professors Stephanie Ledesma and Lydia Johnson also attended and participated in the conference.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*



Professor SpearIt's work was recently cited in a Ph.D. dissertation at Columbia University entitled, "Translating Islamic Authority: Chaplaincy and Muslim Leadership Education in North American Protestant Seminaries" (2016), <https://academiccommons.columbia.edu/catalog/ac%3A198602>. His work was

also cited in: "Structural Subjugation: Theorizing Racialized Sexual Harassment in Housing," 27.2 Yale J. L. & Feminism 227 (2016), http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2740849; "If You've Got The Money, I've Got the Time: The Benefits of Incentive Contracts with Private Prisons," 34 Buff. Pub. Interest L.J. 43 (2015-16); "Developing An Animal Law Case Book: Knowledge Transfer and Service Learning from Student-Generated Materials," 25 Legal Ed. Rev. 251 (2015), http://www.ler.edu.au/volume-25/12%20Developing_Riley_V25No1.pdf; and "Countering Jihadi Prison Radicalization in Germany and the US," American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, <http://www.aicgs.org/publication/countering-jihadi-prison-radicalization-in-germany-and-the-u-s/>. Professor SpearIt published "Trump Threatens to Awaken a Sleeping Giant," on June 9th at Huffington Post, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/spearit/trump-threatens-to-awaken_b_10362884.html and "Muhammad Ali's Death is Right on Time for Muslims," on June 10th at The Islamic Monthly, <http://theislamicmonthly.com/muhammad-alis-death-is-right-on-time-for-muslims/>.

Amendment and by expanding the rationale of the 1982 Supreme Court case *Plyler v. Doe*. The author believes that by denying bona fide residences equal access to education, the states create an underclass of undereducated people. The author concludes by recommending that federal courts should require state governments to show at least legitimate government objectives before denying in-state tuition to undocumented immigrant students with bona fide state residence status."

Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled *Good Public Policy Occurs Under Plyler When In-State College Tuition Rates Are Awarded to Undocumented Bona Fide Resident Immigrants*, 25 GEO. MASON U. CIV. RTS. L.J. 191 (2015) was reported in an annotation in the *Journal of Law and Education*, 44 J.L. & Educ. 616 (2015), discussing recent issues involving universities and other institutions of higher learning. In its explanation of Professor Weeden's article, the *Journal* made the following observations: "In this article, the author argues that undocumented immigrant students with bona fide state residence status should be given access to in-state tuition rates in Texas. The author finds support for this argument in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth





CLINIC NEWS

Immigration Clinic get Special Immigrant Juvenile Petition Approved



Congratulations to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law’s Immigration Clinic for procuring an approval of a Special Immigrant Juvenile Petition for their client, an El Salvadoran minor female who was the victim of multiple gang rapes and torture by an international human sex trafficking organization. Under the direction of Professor Maurice Hew, Jr, student attorneys, Anna Garza, Juan Carlos Cavillo, and Synthia Santiago made multiple appearances before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the local immigration court on a motion to reopen an in absentia order of removal and subsequent Master Calendar hearings; before the 313th Juvenile

Court for Harris County on an original petition for a declaratory judgment that the client was abused, abandoned, and neglected by her parents and that a return to El Salvador with her parents was not in the client’s best interest; and before the Department of Homeland Security for the Special Immigrant Juvenile Petition. Kudos also to Marco Reyes, concerned citizen; Sandra Valerio Salas of Lone Star Legal Aid; attorney William Thursland, guardian ad litem; Cobie Devost, Health and Human Services; and former TMSLAW alumni, Patricia Ventura and Eunice Fernandez who collaborated with the legal clinic during various stages of this successful representation.

Criminal Law Clinic 2nd Chance Expunction Program



Criminal Law Clinic Students paired with TMSL Alum Dyan Owens and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to host a 2nd Chance Expunction program on May 21, 2016.



Left to right. Megan Bradley, Tim Adams, Stacy Childs. Not pictured Solomon Holness



FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services (“OCS”) is committed to assisting and counseling law students toward their legal careers. Through innovative programming, job search strategies and one-on-one professional development, OCS is dedicated to providing job placements for law students. Following is a snapshot of where some of our students are working this summer:

Tim Adams 3L: Judge Kenneth Hoyt, U.S. District Judge- Southern District of Texas

Blessing Ananti 2L: Judge George Hanks, U.S. District Judge- Southern District of Texas

Joanne Nwaogu 3L: Harris County

Mya Johnson 3L: Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

“MOILP: Preparing the New Lawyer”

Nikki Wright Smith, Assistant Dean of Career Service along with a number of TMSL students, attended this year’s Minority Opportunities Committee Summer Luncheon on June 7, 2016.



Pictured Here: Antonio Cabrera, Bethany Allen, Cherika Edwards, Tim Adams, Dean Nikki Smith, Daphne Benford, Blessing Asanti, Mischa Montgomery, Mya Johnson, Jasmine Yates, and Joanne Nwaogu

Student Spotlight



Laymond Wilburn TMSL Class of 2017
2016-17 Mr. TMSL

Internships/Work History: Law Clerk, City of Houston – Office of the City Attorney, General Litigation; Law Clerk, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto, and Friend Law Firm; Law Clerk, U. S. Attorney Southern District of Texas - Houston, Major Fraud; Adjudication Intern, Department of State Consular Affairs, Passport Office; Judicial Intern, U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

with the Honorable Nancy Atlas; Judicial Intern, U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas with the Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt; Captain US Air Force, Branch Chief/Flight Commander/Executive Officer, Mississippi/Republic of South Korea/ Bosnia and Herzegovina/Germany/Florida/Afghanistan (Honorable Discharge September 29, 2014 after 8 years of service)

My Story/Message: I am the proud son of Raymond and Kathy Wilburn. They instilled in me that the key element of law school or any career is service before self. It is my humble opinion that we all owe a duty to our communities and our country. “Much will be required of the person to whom much is given.” I am beyond honored to have an opportunity to join our country’s most esteemed profession and to give back to those in need. Everyday I am amazed by the brilliance of my classmates and their finely tuned legal analysis. The student’s achievements are a direct reflection of the outstanding faculty, staff, and administration at TMSL. Our nation will be better because of TMSL and the tremendous quality that it continues to produce in its legacy!



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

USAO/TXS Participates in Civil Rights Training for Law Enforcement

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson addressed 150 law enforcement officers from various Houston-area departments who attended a Joint Civil Rights Program in partnership with the FBI and DOJ's Community Relations Service.

Two full-day sessions were held at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law where training addressed the value of investing in and building community trust, and prevention of flash-point incidents between law enforcement and communities. TMSL Alums, Ruben Perez (class of 1980), and Kim Milstead (class of 2003) were amongst the presenters and organizers of this conference.



Pictured Here:

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Al Tribble, SDTX Chief of Civil Rights-AUSA Ruben Perez, U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson, DOJ Trial Attorney Nicholas Durham, FBI Supervisory Special Agent Brian Grehoski, Asst. Chief Charles Vazquez of the Houston Police Dept., Conciliation Specialist Kim Milstead (TMSL 2003) of DOJ's Community Relations Service, TSU Police Chief Remon Green, and Chief Deputy Tim Cannon of the Harris County Sheriff's Office.





ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

TMSL Alumna Tammy Moon Accepted into AAML



Tammy Simien Moon, TMSL Class of 1996 was accepted as a Fellow into the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers on May 16, 2016. AAML is the national organization of board certified family lawyers who practice family law throughout the United States.

Being a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers means:

1. The attorney has demonstrated an active interest and competency in matrimonial law as evidenced by the fulfillment of criteria and standards as established by the AAML Board of Examiners and Board of Governors;
2. The attorney has substantial experience and is able to handle complex matters relating to custody and support of children, property division and alimony or spousal support;
3. The attorney is recognized by the bench and bar as a leading practitioner in the area of matrimonial law; and
4. The attorney has demonstrated substantial involvement in the matrimonial field and has endeavored to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law.

Tammy Simien Moon is the second African American attorney from the state of Texas currently active on their website.

TMSL Alum Ray Panneton Receives State Bar of Texas Award

Raymond Panneton, TMSL Class of 2013 received the “Best Feature/ Human Interest Story” award from the State Bar of Texas as part of its *Stars of Texas Bars* award, for his Off the Record Column, entitled “Pocket Full of Soul.” Attorney Panneton also won the Best Overall Newsletter and Best Series of Articles- Substantive Law for three of the articles in the technology issue. These awards were presented to Panneton during the Bar Leaders Luncheon held during the State Bar of Texas Annual meeting in Fort Worth, TX. A listing of Panneton’s other publications may be found at www.talaskalawfirm.com. Raymond Panneton particularly thanks Professor Katherine Vudakin for her guidance his 1L year and states that without it, “I would not be where I am today.” Please email a congratulatory message to Attorney Panneton at ray@ttl.com.





ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alumna, Keshia (Babin) Rodriguez Joins Sears Hometown & Outlet Stores



Keshia (Babin) Rodriguez, TMSL Class of 2008 relocated from Houston, TX to Chicago, IL in January 2016 to accept a position as Divisional Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Inc. Prior to joining Sears, Attorney Rodriguez served over six years as a complex litigation and products liability associate with Sedgwick LLP. Rodriguez has also been as associate with Johnson, Trent, West & Taylor and served as a judicial law clerk with the Texas 1st Court of Appeals. Attorney Rodriguez has a demonstrated record of providing excellent legal services and counsel to her many corporate clients. From Houston to Chicago, she continues to *protect, improve, and pass on* the good Thurgood image while maintaining her pleasant demeanor and radiant smile. Her new contact information is

keshia.rodriguez@shos.com.

TMSL Alumna Y. Nicole Montgomery Joins HCC



Y. Nicole Montgomery, TMSL Class of 2001, has accepted a position with the Houston Community College as the Assistant General Counsel. Montgomery formally served as General Counsel/Chief Legal officer at YES Prep and before that was the Senior Counsel for Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County. Attorney Montgomery can be reached at y.montgomery@hccs.edu. Please help the TMSL Family congratulate her for this upward move in her legal career. She will truly be an asset to the HCC system.





TMSL held in high regard for Three-Peat Top Investment Award and for landing the Outstanding Accomplishment Award as top fundraising area at Texas Southern University



DRUM ROLL! The results are in! Through the generosity of TMSL faculty and staff, the law school not only reached its goal, but surpassed it by raising \$45,264—the most money raised by any department or school on campus in the last six years! Thurgood Marshall School of Law faculty and staff are deserving of high commendations for their fundraising efforts in supporting Texas Southern University’s \$300,000 Faculty & Staff Annual Giving Campaign fundraising goal. In the last seven years, Texas Southern has raised an amazing \$1,286,408 from this campaign.

The leadership of the **2016 Faculty and Staff Annual Giving Campaign** encouraged participation by all faculty and staff campus-wide in their giving, from March 24 – April 11, 2016, to raise much-needed dollars to support student scholarship offerings and program enhancements on campus. Throughout the short-term campaign, several events were held to acknowledge donor participation and track fundraising progress amongst faculty and staff, including: **The Kick-Off Celebration** at the TSU Pavilions on Wednesday, April 6th, to jumpstart the campaign with an afternoon of food, fun and festive giving; **The Leadership Reception** held in the TSU President’s Lounge on Thursday, April 7th, in which University administration members campus-wide were recognized for setting the bar with their fundraising progress; and the culminating event, **The Victory Celebration** on Tuesday, May 3rd, in the atrium of the New Science Building, in which fundraising totals for each area on campus were highlighted and various awards were extended to the Campaign Ambassadors on behalf of their respective areas for their fundraising achievement.

As TMSL Ambassador for this year’s campaign, Assistant Dean Susan Bynam accepted the **2016 Outstanding Accomplishment Award** for its first place finish. Additionally, for the third consecutive year, TMSL also received the **2016 Top Investment Award Trophy** for exceeding its fundraising goal during the campaign. Special thanks to Director of Administration Derrick Wilson and Assistant Dean of External Affairs Prudence Smith for their hard work, support and continual service to the faculty and staff campaign committee with each passing year!



Per Susan Bynam, “We reserve the right to be proud! On behalf of the Faculty and Staff Campaign Committee, we are very grateful to everyone who participated in this year’s Faculty & Staff Annual Giving Campaign; we are proud of not only the giving commitments made by a number of TMSL faculty and staff, but the willingness of a number of our TMSL family who either gave for the very first time or increased their level of giving this year during the campaign. It’s blatantly obvious that when we show in great numbers and in great dollars that we are doing well in our giving as an institution, this makes a tremendous impact on how we are perceived by our donors and potential donors external to our respective areas. Undoubtedly, this also shows how much we all care about our students and their overall growth and progress at TMSL and our great university. If you were unable to give during the campaign, it’s never too late to give back to our institution. Our giving truly matters to TMSL and Texas Southern University.”





60 IN SIXTY

Help Us Raise \$60,000 in 60 Days
Give to the 2015-2016 Annual Fund Today!

First, we would like to thank you for your previous support of the Law School. But it's that time of year again!

As you know annual alumni support has always been crucial to helping the law school accomplish our mission of "Protecting it, Improving it and Passing it On." Your donations are used to support student scholarship and law school operations. We are coming to the end of our campaign in less than 60 days (August 31st), and we need to meet our goal. If you have supported the Law School before we are asking that you renew your support again this year.



We are asking that you make a gift of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1000 to this year's Share Your Success Annual Fund.

You can do so by going to www.tsulaw.edu and click "Make a Donation" or by sending a check in the name of "TMSL" to the return address. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to you coming back to the Law School and Sharing Your Success.

Make your on-line donations to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-donation-to-tmsl-today-tickets-26042452677>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Region V,
Southern University Law Center, and
Houston Lawyers Association Present

Save the Date

"Meet Me in St. Louis"

Alumni & Friends Reception

Monday, July 18th

8:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

NBA 91st Annual Convention

TMSL Alumni & Friends Breakfast

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Marriott St. Louis Grand

800 Washington Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63101



40-Hour Basic Mediation Training

August 1-5, 2016

8:30 am – 6:00 pm
each day

REGISTRATION FEES

\$120.00 Pre-registration

\$150.00 Registration day of event

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in Class of 2016,
2015, 2014 and 2013

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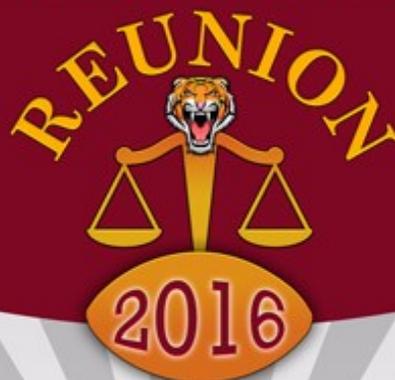
October 17-22, 2016

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Thursday, October 20th – Saturday, October 22nd
in conjunction with Texas Southern University Homecoming



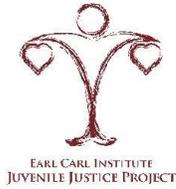
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1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006, 2011



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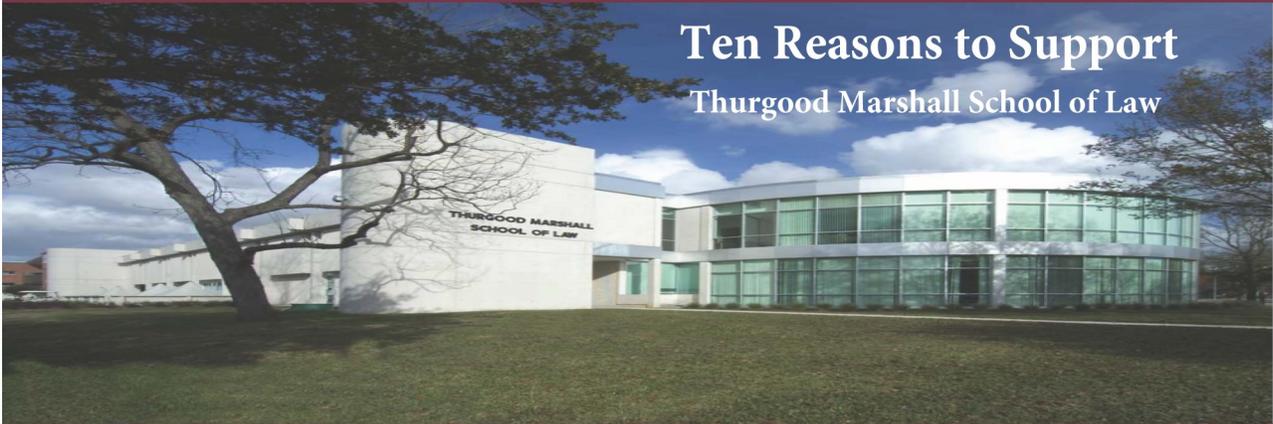
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Ten Reasons to Support Thurgood Marshall School of Law



“From an early age, it was always my dream to attend Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL). I chose TMSL because of how welcoming it felt here; you immediately feel part of the law school family. I was captivated by how my mentors helped guide me through my first year and continued to push me through my first year and continued to push me through my last two years. Their unwavering support of me and other classmates confirmed that I made the right decision in choosing TMSL.” — Cervana Shanklin, Alum '15

1. Our Reputation

We are one of 15 law schools nationwide that has notably improved its reputation with lawyers and judges since 2012.

2. Our Advocacy Programs

In the last three years, our Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams have gained national recognition for the quality of their preparation and performance. Both teams have advanced to final rounds in national and regional competitions.

3. Our Valued Externships

Many of our third year students have successfully completed externships with the state supreme court, district judges, state legislators, First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, and district and county attorney's offices.

4. Our National Recognition

Thurgood Marshall School of Law was admitted into the esteemed membership of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in January 2014. The Law School received a national vote of

confidence from the AALS in its direction, faculty, academic and accountability programs and most importantly, in its ability to engage with students to produce competitive and capable lawyers.

5. Our Collaborations

We provide opportunities for our students to experience an array of legal practices and focus on developing excellent lawyering skills through our collaboration with the Legal Clinics and the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. on campus.

6. Our Regional Impact

With only 5% of total Texas law school enrollment, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, in the last five years, has produced 43% of all the newly licensed African-American attorneys in the state of Texas who are graduates from one of the nine Texas law schools.

7. Our Alumni

We proudly include among our alumni leading members of the U.S. House of Representatives; federal and state trial and appellate judges; key partners in law firms; government attorneys; and sports and entertainment attorneys. Our persistence in producing a substantial number of attorneys in South Texas is highly commendable.

8. Our Student Accomplishments

Our students continue to win and receive recognition for their participation and performance in legal writing competitions and other scholarly activities.

9. Our Diversity

For more than a decade, our Law School has been firmly established as one of the nation's most diverse law schools.

10. Our Mission, Our Vision, Our Values

For the last seven decades, Thurgood Marshall School of Law has been heralded as an institution of opportunity and inclusion that continues to rise on its standards of equality and excellence.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

On-line Registration for ALL TMSL CLEs: www.tmslcle.com

June 2016

June 25th – 26th

Bar Workshops- OAS

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

July 2016

July 16th – 22nd

NBA 91st Annual Convention & Exhibits

Location: Marriott St. Louis Grand
800 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101

For more information go to: www.nationalbar.org

July 18th

NBA 91st Annual Convention

Reception

Co-Sponsored by: TMSL, Southern Law Center, Houston Lawyers' Association & Region V

Location: Marriott St. Louis Grand
800 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101
Time: 8:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

July 20th

NBA 91st Annual Convention

Alumni & Friends Breakfast

Location: Marriott St. Louis Grand
800 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101
Time: 7:00 a.m.

July 23rd

Law School Recruitment Fair- Washington, D.C.

Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street
Washington, DC 20008
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

July 26th – 28th

TX Bar Exam

August 2016

August 1st – 5th

40-Hour Basic Mediation Training

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
3100 Cleburne St.
Houston, Texas 77004

Time: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm each day

Cost: \$120.00 pre-registration; \$150.00 registration day of event; \$75.00 TMSL students and alums in Class of 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013

MCLE: 40.00

Ethics: 4.50

Register and pay online: www.tmslcle.com



June Birthdays



Patrina Epperson	4th
Michael James	6th
Denise Ceburn	9th
Mattie Chadwick	12th
Danny Norris	25th
Derrick Wilson	25th



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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