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Starting May 20, the Library's summer hours will be:

Monday – Thursday (9 AM – 9 PM) Friday (9 AM – 6 PM) Saturday (9 AM – 9 PM) Sunday (12 PM – 9 PM)

### **Finals and Holiday Hours**

Here is our operating schedule as the semester is ending:

# Holiday Hours, May 2024

**Spring 2024 Semester Break** Friday, May 10 (8 AM – 5 PM) Saturday–Sunday, May 11–12 **(CLOSED)** 

Summer Interim Hours 2024 Monday–Friday, May 13–17 (8 AM – 5 PM) Saturday–Sunday, May 18–19 (CLOSED)

Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024 (CLOSED)

#### Extended Hours for Finals—Spring 2024

Dates: Thursday, April 25—Thursday, May 9, 2024

Monday—Friday ......7:30 AM – 11 PM

Saturday......9 AM – 11 PM

Sunday.....12 PM – 11 PM



## Welcome Our Newest Staff Member!

Monique Bailey, our Learning Resources Librarian, oversees our legal research instructional programs. She holds dual degrees from Xavier University of Louisiana: B.A. Spanish in 2000 and B.S. Biology in 2002. In 2017, she added Masters in Translation/Interpretation from UT Rio Grande Valley and in 2020 *Juris Doctorate* from our very own TMSL. Before graduation, she cross trained with dual externships in Professor Johnson's criminal law clinic and in the Earl Carl Institute's Property Preservation Department. Later, Monique joined ECI as a staff attorney. December 2022, she founded her own consulting firm Bailey & Associates and worked in Clear Creek ISD as a community advocate. Now, she rejoins TMSL family ready to serve!



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# Database Highlight: Aspen Learning Library



ASPEN LEARNING LIBRARY

The Law Library had procured a new database for this school year. The Aspen Learning Library (ALL) provides law students with access to the most popular study materials on the market. The library consists of legal textbooks and digital study aids with full text search, note-taking, and highlighting capabilities, audio recordings, and video format learning experiences. The Study Aids collection includes more than 200 titles plus video and audio lectures, covering 30 topics. The ALL includes the following and much more:

- Examples & Explanations
- Emanuel Law Outlines
- Emanuel® CrunchTime

Glannon Guides

- Casenote Legal Briefs
- Friedman's Series Exam Preparation
- Jumpstart Series Study Aid

Students must create a personalized account after they have logged in at the institution level via the library's <u>Electronic Resources</u> web page. Click on "Register" to take advantage of all the features of the Aspen Library.

# Examples & Explanations



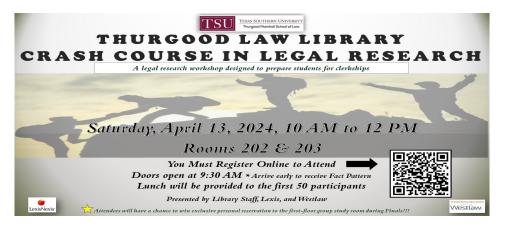


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#### Legal Research Crash Course

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Legal Research Crash Course. Adriana Ramirez from Lexis and Aden Luckett from Westlaw did a wonderful job preparing students for internships! They highlighted popular AI tools while clarifying how they use extractive AI which utilizes only verified sources within their search engines rather than generative AI which creates results based on public sources. Practitioners can still fully rely on the verity of the results because the companies provide warnings for search results that may be incomplete or insufficiently supported. For practical application, the students split into two groups who researched either a family law or probate hypo. Afterwards, the participants received points and gift cards, while one lucky student won the raffle for a private reserved study space during finals. Please help us congratulate Maximilliano Garza!

You can find the recording of this event on the Law Library's **Events**-**Instructional Programs** page.





# The Library Welcomes Summer Research Assistants

The law library staff extends a warm welcome to our newest cohort of research assistants.

Throughout the summer, research assistants gain hands-on legal researching experience as they explore various legal topics on behalf of the faculty research librarian, Professor Tara Long.

Research assistants will be instructed on best research practices, work closely with multiple faculty members, and receive constructive feedback on their work.

Through this significant experience, the research assistants will leave the program being more proficient legal researchers and writers, preparing them for success in future classwork, interviews, and jobs!



# Reference and Research Assistance Throughout the Summer

We encourage students with summer internships or classes to utilize your law library as a resource! When you begin a research assignment, we are here to help you maximize your time, find relevant documents, and wow your supervisors. Reference librarians are available at the Reference Desk or on call to assist students with their research/information needs.

#### REFERENCE HOURS

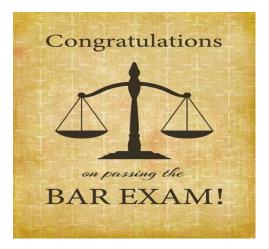
HOURS	Email: lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu;
MONDAY- THURSDAY	Telephone: (713) 313-1108;
9 AM – 5 PM	Zoom request by setting up an appointment; call (713) 313- 7125
	Chat in Microsoft Teams: <u>Law</u>

Library Reference Assistance

VIRTUAL REFERENCE

# Congratulations on Passing the February 2024 & Great Luck on the July 2024 Bar Examination

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library staff extends its sincerest congratulations every student who passed the February 2024 Bar exam and best wishes to those taking the July 2024 Bar exam. As new attorneys and alumni of the Law School, you will continue to have access to the Law Library's resources for a limited amount of time. Ask a librarian about which resources might be helpful to you.



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#### About the Law Library

It is the mission of the Law Library 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 its communities. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and techniques.

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