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# Marshall News

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Are you a student with a research project or a professor with students who need to sharpen their legal research skills? Do you know a public patron who needs help? Add our reference librarians to your team! They're readily available to address your legal research needs in person, by phone, or virtually!

## Virtual Reference is currently available via:

Email at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu; Telephone at (713) 313-1108;

Zoom request by setting up an appointment; call (713) 313-7125

Chat in Microsoft Teams – <u>Law</u> <u>Library Reference Assistance</u>



## Featured Events

### **DeCarlous Spearman Poetry Contest!**

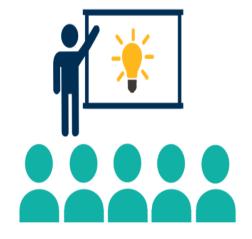
Topic: "Civil Rights in an Ultra Conservative Era"

Date: Thurs. 3-20-25

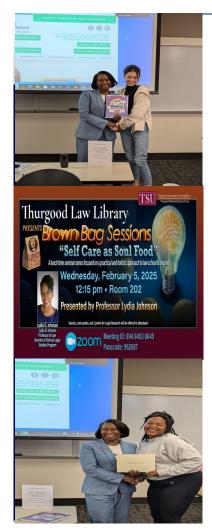
Time: 5:30-7pm

Location: The Commons

Food and prizes!!!



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### **More Than Just a Lawyer Series Continues!**

Learning Resource Librarian Monique Bailey utilizes her groundbreaking series "More Than Just a Lawyer" to fortify students with timeless wisdom for professional excellence. Last semester, the inaugural session *Embracing the Journey*, broke attendance records as Ms. Bailey provided novel techniques for crafting individualized schedules. The second session, *The Skilled Researcher*, explored best practices for stellar research. To date, students who employed the strategies have reported countless victories!

Where fall topics highlighted key components for long-term success, the spring topic honed in on student wellness and resilience! Ms.Bailey crafted the "Self-Care as Soul Food" session to equip students to manage stress and to maintain their edge because ABA statistics show that as of 2023, 82% of newly minted lawyers leave the practice within the first five years! On February 5th Judge/ Prosecutor/ Professor/ Presenter Lydia Johnson invigorated students with tips on mindfulness and self-awareness during a hearty group discussion and even a meditation exercise! Each attendant left with a packet to guide them through assessments of their physical, mental, and emotional needs. We celebrate Judge Johnson as Black History in 3D!!

#### Questions?

Monique Bailey — Learning Resource Librarian 713.313.6233

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DeCarlous Spearman, Former Law Library
Director

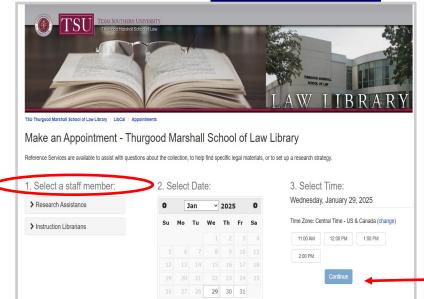
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# LibApps Appointments

Students, did you know that the you can make an appointment to see your favorite librarian? Our library is now utilizing the Springshare LibApps platform that provides a variety of tools for librarians to help users find resources and information, answer questions 24/7, promote library services, events and spaces, and maximize the use of library services. You're currently using it to reserve the study rooms online.

Our expansion in services now include a librarian appointment scheduler. These appointments can be in person or online and set to a time at your convenience.

Make an Appointment with a Librarian today!



### **Chat**

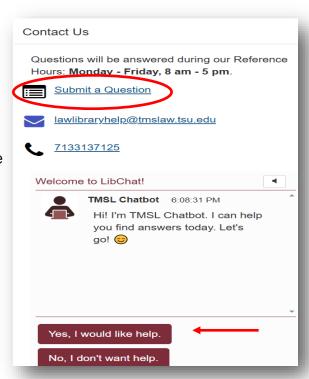
Our library is also happy with providing a new way for you to get help with your questions. **LibApps:** LibAnswers provides a ticketing system where users can submit questions, a FAQ page, as well as LibChat and "TMSL Chatbot" widget for direct communication with users.

For assistance with these services, contact us or find answers to frequently asked questions on our <u>TMSL LibAnswers</u> page, where you can also:

- Chat with a librarian.
- Submit a guestion.

These tools will be available for faculty, staff and students via the Library's home page under the Reference Hours section or embedded on other websites.

These services are forthcoming mid-February.



### **Texas Southern University**

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We're on the Web

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



### **Library Staff**

Karim Aldridge, Technical Services Director

Monique Bailey, Learning Resource Librarian

Denise Cebrun, Cataloging Clerk

Leslie Coleman, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian

Patrina Epperson-Emmanuel, Circulation Librarian

Maia Ford, Loose-leaf Services Supervisor

**Tara Long**, Faculty Resources Librarian & Appointed Library Director

Library Director

James Muldrew, Mail Clerk

### **Hours of Operation**



#### OPERATING HOURS

### REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

7:30AM-10PM

8AM-5PM

MONDAY- FRIDAY

**FRIDAY** 

7:30AM-6PM

**SATURDAY** 

9AM-2PM

**SATURDAY** 

9AM-9PM

**SUNDAY** 

12 NOON-4PM

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12 NOON-9PM