

Marshall News

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The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library staff is excited to welcome new and returning law students! We provide a space to study, resources to aid your research, and professional staff to answer your questions. For the Fall 2025 semester, the law library will be open:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Receive help from the reference librarians during the following hours:

- **Monday-Friday:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The reference librarians are also available remotely:

- **Email:** lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu
- **Telephone:** (713) 313-1108
- **By Appointment:** Virtual Appointments (Zoom) or In-Person Appointments.
- **Online Chat**

The Director's Welcome

The law library staff extends a special welcome to the class of 2028 and all new faculty members. We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. We are looking forward to an exciting academic 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! Vernon's!

Like all new law students, you will be inundated with information. Remember to breathe. It will all come with time! The librarians and the entire library staff are here to help you define some of these unfamiliar terms, answer your questions, and provide legal research help throughout your law school career.

Please stop by the reference and circulation desks to say hello to the law library staff. While you are there, pick up some of the library's helpful publications, including the Library Student Guide.

This newsletter will provide some answers and insights to enrich your law school experience. Updates are posted to the law library's webpage and social media. Make sure you are connected. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS VALUABLE INFORMATION.**

Again, welcome to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law!



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New Edition of the Bluebook

The 22nd edition of The Bluebook was released this summer. Specifically, it was released at the end of May, according to the UW Law Library. The 22nd edition is the most current edition and includes updates reflecting modern legal practice and changes in how court documents are filed electronically, how internet sources are used and archived, and how emerging authorities like podcasts and social media posts are cited, according to TypeLaw.

Notable changes in the 22nd edition are summarized below and in the online resources, Twenty-Second Edition Information (The Bluebook) and New to the Twenty-Second Edition (W.S. Hein). Users are encouraged to check the online version of The Bluebook for the most current updates. Notable changes include:

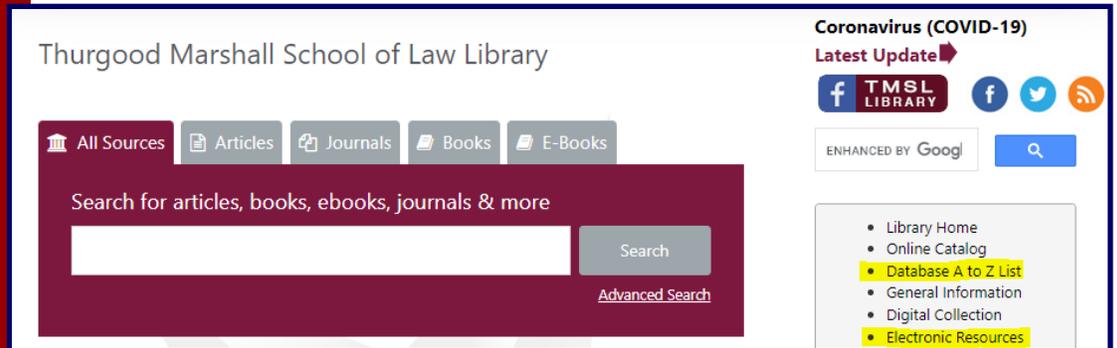
- Key revisions in the 22nd edition include the addition of the "contrast" signal in Rule 1.2
- Expanded guidance on citing tribal and archival sources (Rules 22 and 23)
- A substantial rewrite of Rule 18 to better address digital and AI-generated sources.
- Several Bluepages rules were updated or clarified, and new Bluepages rules (B22, B23) were added.
- Multiple citation tables -- especially Tables T1.3, T2, and T10 -- were revised to reflect jurisdictional changes, streamline abbreviations, and include new citation formats.
- Table T1.5, listing all federally recognized Tribal Nations, has been added and is freely available online.

The Bluebook, 22nd edition is available for purchase at the campus bookstore or in print or online directly from the publisher at legalbluebook.com. A limited number of print copies are also available on reserve at the law library for short-term use. The Reserve collection is behind the Circulation Desk. Ask a staff member for assistance. ALL Reserve materials are Library Use Only! Reference librarians can provide help with Bluebook citation.



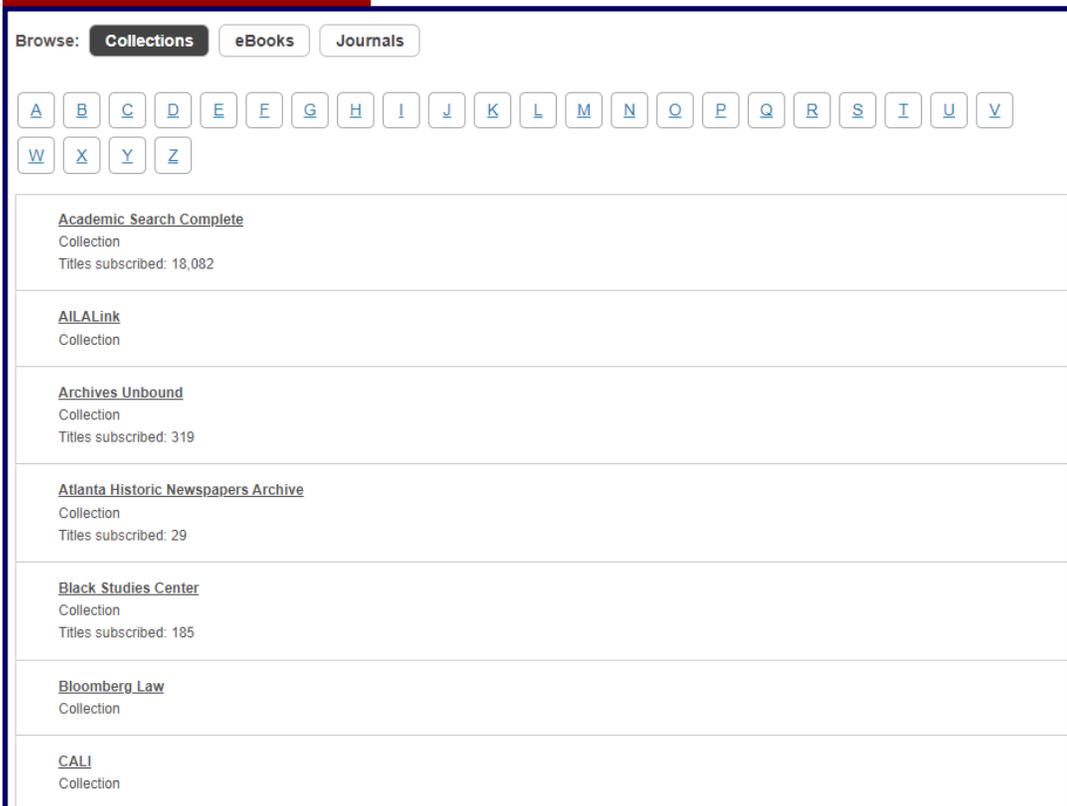
How to Access Electronic Resources

The law library offers a robust collection of electronic databases and resources to meet all your academic needs. Students, using their TSU email account login credentials, can access our electronic resources in two locations: the Database A-Z List and the Electronic Resources webpages. You can access both webpages from the [library's homepage](#):



DATABASE A-Z LIST

The [Database A-Z List](#) is a complete list of our electronic resources. Just select the database and when prompted login using your Texas Southern University login credentials.



Screenshot of our electronic Database A-Z List.

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Our [Electronic Resources](#) webpage consists of links to our most popular databases and electronic resources. Use this page if you want to quickly find a specific database. To access any database, click on the database name.

Law Library - Electronic Resources (A to Z List)

Accounting, Tax and Banking Collection
A subset of the ProQuest Business Premium Collection, this database contains essential publications for information about the financial services industry including accounting, tax, banking, and industry trends. [Remote Access](#)

AILALink
This is a resource from the American Immigration Lawyers Association designed for legal professionals who needs to access reliable and up to date immigration law information and guidance. [Remote Access](#)

Aspen Learning Library (ALL)
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 to enhance student understanding of difficult legal concepts. The Study Aids collection includes more than 200 titles plus video and audio lectures covering 30 topics. The ALL includes Examples &

[Click Here to Access the 2022-2023 Subscription Database Guide](#)

Please note that what follows are only the databases and resources acquired by the TMSL Law Library. Many more scholarly resources are available to TMSL students and faculty through the main library, the TSU Library Learning Center.

Accounting, Tax and Banking Collection
A subset of the ProQuest Business Premium Collection, this database contains essential publications for information about the financial services industry, including accounting, tax, banking, and industry trends.

AILALink
This is a resource from the American Immigration Lawyers Association designed for legal professionals who needs to access reliable and up to date immigration law information and guidance.

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Screenshot of our Electronic Resources webpage.

CATALOG

Our catalog is fully integrated where you can search for and access electronic resources such as articles and e-books. Select “View Full Text” or “View eBook” from the item’s record. For access you will be prompted to the SSO (Single Sign On) authentication screen. Login as TSU Student/Faculty/Staff and use your TSU email and password to sign in.

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CAPTIVE NATION
Black Prison Organizing in the Civil Rights Era

[Captive nation : Black prison organizing in the civil rights era](#)

Authors: [Dan Berger](#) 1981-

Print Book 2014, 1 edition.
Chapel Hill : University of North Carolina Press, [2014]

Summary: In this pathbreaking book, Dan Berger offers a bold reconsideration of 20th-century black activism, the prison system, and the origins of mass incarceration. In the civil rights era, black activists thrust the prison into public view, turning

[View eBook](#)

There are a few exceptions to this rule:

- **Westlaw.** Our Westlaw representative will issue an account for your TSU email address. If you experience any issues, please contact the Library by email at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu. If you missed training at Orientation, then you can receive a Westlaw Registration Key from the circulation desk.
- **Lexis.** Our Lexis representative will issue an account for your TSU email address. If you experience any issues, please contact the Library by email at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

Welcome Our Newest Staff Member!

Said Shafik, our Systems Librarian, is responsible for the functional management of the Integrated Library Management System (OCLC WorldShare Management Services) and coordinates the use and integration of electronic research resources and technology. His education includes a M.L.I.S. degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA and a B.S. in Art & Science from Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Shafik has a wealth of experience, holding various librarian positions internationally including academic libraries, the United States Army at the US European Command in Germany, and the Middle East Institute in Washington DC. He is fluent in English, Arabic, and has a working knowledge of French. Mr. Shafik is accomplished earning the 2023 United States Army award for excellence in servicing the Army’s library community worldwide and self-published a book titled “Sembach”. Welcome Said Shafik to TMSL!



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Basement Closing



The basement of Thurgood Marshall School of Law will be closing this semester. We anticipate this closure will approximately take 8 weeks. During this time our library’s basement will be completely off limits and therefore our study rooms will be unavailable. We pride ourselves on our customer service, and will continue to assist patrons needs with access to our collection, the computer lab, study carrels and open seating on the first floor and using online resources. Students that need study spaces will have access to the rooms in the TMSL Student Commons and the study rooms at TSU’s Library Learning Center (LLC). Visit tsu.libcal.com to book a room at the LLC. **Reservations at the LLC require at least two people, your TSU T-number, and there is a 2-hour time limit.* We deeply apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

***TSU Library Learning Center (LLC)**
<https://tsu.libcal.com/spaces>



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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We're on the Web

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