

# Marshall News

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## Virtual Research Assistance



For your convenience, our library is readily available to address your legal research needs no matter your location. 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? Access our collection as well as receive research assistance online!

### Virtual Reference is currently available via:

- **Email** at [lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu)
- **Telephone** at (713) 313-1108;
- **Virtual Appointments** (Zoom)
- **Submit a Question.** Ask a question online that will be submitted to our librarians. Responses are available within 24-48 hours.
- **Online Chat**

## Spring Holidays



### Spring Break Hours

Saturday - Sunday, March 7-8, 2026 (CLOSED)  
Monday - Friday, March 9-13, 2026 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)  
Saturday - Sunday, March 14-15, 2026 (CLOSED)

### Good Friday & Easter

Friday, April 3, 2026 (CLOSED)  
Saturday, April 4, 2026 (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM)  
Sunday, April 5, 2026 (CLOSED)





## Featured Library Events

### Crash Course in Legal Research

Saturday, March 28, 2026

10:00 am–12:00 pm



### DeCarlous Spearman Poetry Contest

*Submissions Accepted*

Monday, March 16–Thursday, April 2, 2026

*Open Mic Night*

TBD (Mid-April)

**Topic:** Civil Rights in an Ultra-Conservative Era

**Prizes and Food!!**



## Decarlous Spearman Poetry Contest

The Law Library has brought back its poetry contest in honor of our former director, and we will be accepting submissions after Spring Break. The Open Mic Night event is the end of the competition where the poems will be recited, the prizes will be awarded to the winners, and there will be food and entertainment. More details are forthcoming.

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY  
 Celebrates the Life & Legacy of our former Director

*DeCarlous Spearman*

# POETRY CONTEST

Contest is open to all LAW STUDENTS.  
 The poem must be related to the theme.  
 All entries must be original works no longer than 2 typed pages.  
 Entry forms? Circulation/Reference Desk.  
 Submissions? Law Library Administrative Offices

**DeCarlous Yvonne Spearman, Esq.**  
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 May 12, 1963 – December 12, 2023

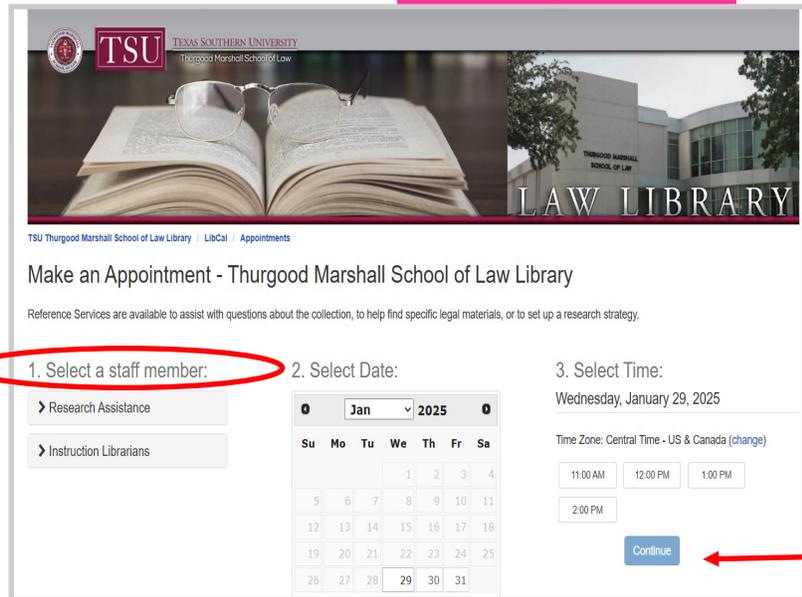
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## Virtual Library Services

### Appointments

Students, did you know that 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!



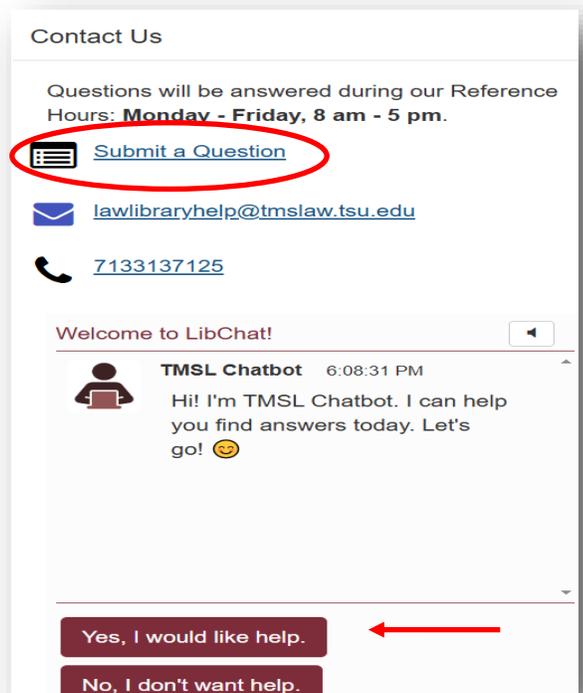
### Chat

Our library is also happy with providing a new way for you to get help with your questions. 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 [TMSL LibAnswers](#) page, where you can also:

- Chat with a librarian.
- Submit a question.

These tools are available via the Library's home page under the Reference Hours section or embedded on other websites.



## Black History Month 2026 I AM BLACK HISTORY

### *Associate Justice Henry Eman Doyle* Thurgood Marshall School of Law 1950

HENRY EMAN DOYLE was born March 15, 1910 in Austin, Texas. He received his Bachelors Degree from Samuel Huston College and taught in the Austin public school system. He did graduate study at Columbia University. Thereafter, he enrolled in Texas Southern University's School of Law and became its first graduate in 1950, having previously been admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1949.

Judge Doyle had a long and distinguished career in the legal profession, including service as legal counsel for the Houston Chapter of the NAACP. In 1977 Judge Doyle was appointed to the bench of Houston Municipal Court No.6. On December 1, 1978 he was appointed as an Associate justice of the First Court of Appeals of Texas. He retired from the bench on December 31, 1984.



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

# I AM BLACK HISTORY.

*In commemoration of Black History Month, Thurgood Marshall Law pays tribute to a distinguished man of firsts:*

## ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HENRY EMAN DOYLE

*(March 15, 1910 – March 2, 1985)*

- ★ FIRST and Only Graduate of Thurgood Marshall School of Law '50
- ★ FIRST African American to graduate from a Texas law school and pass the bar exam in '49
- ★ FIRST African American Associate Justice of a Texas Court of Appeals (1978-1984)

*“Did I ever tell you I was number one in my class?  
Did I ever tell you I was number last in my class?  
Did I ever tell you I was the only one in my class?”*







*Judge Henry E. Doyle conferring the Henry E. Doyle Moot Court Competition Award at Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1982.*

*Although Judge Doyle passed away in 1985, his passion for the law lives on through this competition each Spring at Thurgood Marshall Law.*

**PROTECT IT! IMPROVE IT. PASS IT ON! FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Sources:

Yearbook Photos courtesy of TSU Library Learning Center Special Collections—Texas Southern University Archives

[Thurgood Marshall Regustus](#)

[NEGRO OPENS TEXAS CLASS; He Is First to Enroll for Segregated Law Course](#) (New York Times, September 23, 1947)

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We're on the Web

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



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## Hours of Operation



### OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

7:30AM—10PM

FRIDAY

7:30AM—8PM

SATURDAY

9AM—6PM

SUNDAY

12 NOON—9PM

### REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY— FRIDAY

8AM—5PM

SATURDAY

9AM—2PM

SUNDAY

12 NOON—4PM