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OF THE
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MARSHALL
SCHOOL OF LAW
LIBRARY**



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Marshall News is the newsletter of record for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library. It serves the campus of Texas Southern University and the surrounding community. TMSL Library boasts a staff of 9 professional librarians and 7 support staff.

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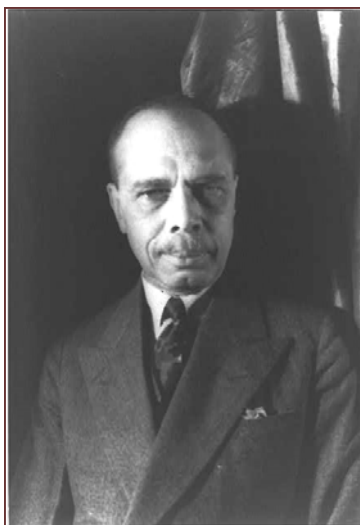
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James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest

Each year TMSL library holds its annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest.

The contest honors the life of the noted poet and attorney. Just to highlight a few of his achievements, James Weldon Johnson earned his bachelor's degree at Atlanta University in 1894. His career began in education. Yet, it was while he served as principal that he passed the Florida bar exam and built a successful law



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practice. Some years later he pursued poetry and songwriting, with one of his most famous songs being, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." James Weldon Johnson inspires TMSL students to write their own poetry each year.

This year's contest winners are:

Grand Prize: 3 Day PMBR Course

"Hunger No More" by Justin O. Higgs

2nd Prize: A Set of O'Connor's Civil Trials and Forms

"Victory" by Tinnea Catchings-Morales

3rd Prize: 500 Points from Westlaw / 500 Points from LexisNexis

"Wake of Passage" by DeSean A. Jones

Mr. Higgs' poem is reprinted in its entirety on page 3.

Summer Access to LexisNexis & Westlaw

CONTINUING STUDENTS

Full Summer Access for Educational Purposes:

- Summer School
- School-Related Research Assignment
- Moot Court Research
- Law Review/Journal Research
- Professor's Research Assistant
- Unpaid Internship/Externship
- Bar Review
- Non-Profit Externship (**Lexis only**)

You **cannot** use your Law School LEXIS AND WESTLAW access for summer employment.

MAY GRADUATES

LEXISNEXIS: Eligible for summer access up until August 1, 2009.

WESTLAW: Full access for two hours per month during June and July; Access to Career Services for 12 MONTHS after graduation.

For more information visit:
www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool
lawschool.westlaw.com



Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library hosted its Fourth Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research on Saturday, April 4, 2009. This year's theme was "Tools of the Trade." Through the course, students sharpened their research skills in preparation for summer clerkships and jobs.

The crash course reviewed techniques taught during the law students' first year and provided detailed analysis



of specific legal research strategies and resources.

The course presented a legal problem and solved it using Texas law.

Westlaw and LexisNexis representatives shared tips on cost-effective research. They also sponsored breakfast and lunch. And each student received a combined 900 points toward their Lexis and Westlaw accounts.

Lastly, attendees received a booklet for future review. Visit the Circulation Desk if you'd like a copy.

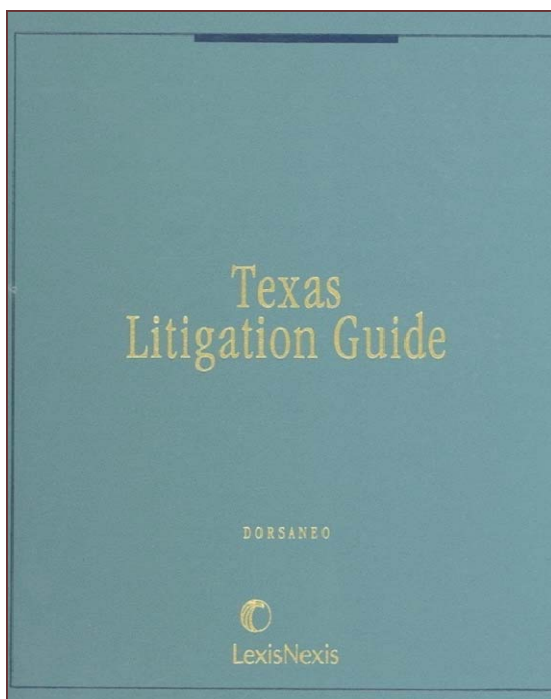


Arryghhh!! Check out the new "Hot Topic" display in the elevator lobby entitled, "Modern Day Pirates" containing books on admiralty and maritime law—with a special emphasis on pirates.

Recommended Reading by Nannette Collins, Reference Librarian

With summer jobs and internships fast approaching, the books I am recommending this month are the 26 volumes of Texas Litigation Guide, published by LexisNexis. This set is also called Dorsaneo's, after the author, William Dorsaneo, III, an SMU law professor.

For over two decades, the Texas Litigation Guide has served as the premier authority on Texas civil litigation. This step-by-step guide covers civil procedure from filing the petition through appellate



procedure, with substantive practice-area topics offering legal background discussion, checklists, forms and research

guides. Attorneys throughout the state utilize this essential guide for locating Texas litigation procedure and forms for virtually any legal situation. Also includes separate units on business entities, commercial law, real estate, family law, and much more.

In the Library, the litigation guide is located in the reserve area. Just ask the librarian at the circulation desk about it and he or

she will be happy to help you. This set is also available online through LexisNexis.



In addition to Reference Librarian, Collins teaches legal research in the fall as well as other library-sponsored seminars during the year. She also spearheads media and promotion and is responsible for the display cases throughout the library.

Hunger No More by Justin O. Higgs



Justin O. Higgs (2L) won the Grand Prize in this year's poetry contest—a 3-day PMBR course.

Summer Hours

Effective May 18 to Aug 6

**Mon - Thurs
7 AM - 10 PM**

**Friday
7 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday
9 AM - 8 PM**

**Sunday
NOON - 8 PM**

****Please see library postings throughout the summer as hours may be adjusted for holidays or exam periods.***

Tick. Tock.

They said only time would tell
Justice and equality, a gift from all those who fell
One day every man would be equal in due course
After so many years of being oppressed by force

In the land of rebirth, during the time of change
An event did occur, that seemed kind of strange
A man took control, which is not like the rest
A nation cried for reformation, now the time for the test

The real soul of the people, has come into the light
To make us believe, a long way to go, we have in this fight
The blood of hate and prejudice still run deep through our veins
So close to our hearts that purging would be insane
On the surface we claim to be equal and oh so true
But behind the closed doors everything is contrary to what we do

A nation moves on, a nation stays in the past
Some say the time is right, some say we are going too fast
Fear and misunderstanding cloud our view,
Leading us to commit the hateful acts we do
Heritage, not hate and freedom of expression,
These are the words that justify our lack of concession
The battle rages on, tried and true
With our hopes so high, that one day it will be through

So preach your words and remain true to your heart
What we have here is a beginning, a most gracious start
One day at a time, ignorance, hate, and prejudice slowly die
So many want to make a difference, to give this new life a try
We have become so much more, than was ever thought
These lessons have been learned; to our children they will be taught

This is the life, the life that we live
That so many before us, bleed and sweat to give
I stand before you, and equality I do not crave,
Because I live in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave

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TMSL Library Summer Hours

Date	Event	Open	Close
May 15	Last Day of Finals	7 am	5 pm
May 16-17	End of Spring Semester	Closed	Closed
May 18	Summer Hours & Turbo Classes Begin	7 am	10 pm
May 25	Memorial Day	Closed	Closed
June 5	Turbo Classes & Exams End	7 am	5 pm
June 6-7	End of Turbo Semester	Closed	Closed
June 8	Regular Summer Semester Begins	7 am	10 pm
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday	Closed	Closed
July 3-4	Independence Day Holiday	Closed	Closed
August 7	End of Regular Summer Finals	7 am	5 pm
August 8-9	End of Regular Summer Semester	Closed	Closed
August 10-14	Orientation Week	8 am	5 pm
August 15-16	End of Summer	Closed	Closed
August 17	Fall 2009 Classes Begin	7 am	Midnight