

# Monday August 11, 2025

**8:00 am** Check In / Breakfast / Networking

**Sponsored by Barbri**

**9:00 am** Welcome and Introduction of Thurgood Marshall Law Administrators and 1st Year Faculty

*McKen Carrington, Acting Dean and Professor of Law & 1L Faculty*

**9:30 am** Our History Our Legacy: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

*James M. Douglas, Distinguished Professor of Law*

**10:00 am** Student Bar Association: Navigating Law School Through the Student Lens

*Student Bar Association*

**10:30 am** **BREAK**

**10:40 am** The Future You: Building a Reputation with Intention

*Reem Haikal, Professor of Law*

**11:30 am** How to properly brief a case and understanding how this applies in your essays

*Reem Haikal, Professor of Law*

**12:00 pm** **LUNCH (SoPA Lobby)**

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**1:15 pm** Character and Fitness

*Dondraius Mayhew, Managing Attorney  
Texas Board of Law Examiners*

**1:45 pm** Character and Fitness Amendments for TMSL

*Caprice Wright, Assistant Director of Admissions  
Okezie Chukwumerije, Professor of Law*

**2:15 pm** Student Rules & Regulations and the First-Year Grading System: The First-Year Curve Explained

*Gabriel Aitsebaomo, Associate Dean of Academics*

**2:45 pm** Campus Police and Parking Management

*TSU DPS Representatives*

**3:15 pm** **BREAK**

**3:30 pm** Your Voice, Our Message: Law School Communications

*Susan Bynam, Assistant Dean of Marketing and Communications*

**4:00 pm** Registration, Exam Numbers, Instructional Support

*Pearly Pendenque, TMSL Registrar  
Amy Ratra, Associate Dean of Student Services and Instructional Support*

# Tuesday, August 12, 2025

8:00 am Check In / Breakfast / Networking

**Sponsored by Norton Rose Fulbright**

9:15 am

Review of Case Brief & Outline  
Garrett v. Dailey  
Wagner v. State

Daniel Dye, Sr. Assistant Director of Academic Success  
Ronda Harrison, Assistant Dean of Academic Success  
Lisa DeLaTorre, Associate Director, Office of Academic Success

9:50 am

Review and Outline  
*Ranson v. Kitner & Wallace v. Rosen*

*Daniel Dye, Sr. Assistant Director of Academic Success*

10:35am **BREAK**

10:50 am

Welcome from State Bar of Texas  
and Texas Young Lawyers  
Association (TYLA)

*Santos Vargas, SBOT President*  
*Alyson Martinez, TYLA President*  
*Tim Adams, TYLA Region 6*

11:30 am

Start Strong: Résumés, Professional  
Identity & the Power of Preparation

Reginald Wilson, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright  
Tamsin Woolley, Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright

12:00 pm **LUNCH (SoPA Lobby)**

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1:00pm

More Than Survival: How to Truly  
Thrive in Law School

*Bobby Caine, Staff Attorney and Professional,*  
*Texas Lawyers Assistance Program*  
*Tamsin Woolley, Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright*

1:40 pm

Centered & Strong: The Power of  
Mindfulness in Law School

*Lydia D. Johnson, Professor of Law and Director of Clinical*  
*Legal Studies*

2:30 pm **BREAK**

2:40 pm

Student Conduct: Your Character Is  
Your Credential

*Lydia D. Johnson, Professor of Law & Faculty Advisor, Honor Court*  
*Tanisha McDonald, Assistant Dean of Student Development*  
*Kevia Montgomery, Chief Justice, TMSL Honor Court*  
*Briana Littlejohn Chief Prosecutor, TMSL Honor Court*

3:15 pm

Your Rights, Your Responsibilities:  
Title IX Explained

*Teclesha Blanchard, Director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX*  
*College of Mainland*  
*Lydia D. Johnson, Professor of Law & Director of Clinical Legal*  
*Studies*

3:45 pm

Student Disability Services: Access,  
Accommodations, and Support

*Sharron Benavides, Student Accessibility Services*  
*Tanisha McDonald, Assistant Dean of Student Development*

# Wednesday, August 13, 2025

8:00 am

Check In /Breakfast / Networking

**Sponsored by Enbridge**

9:00 am

Review & Outline  
*Fisher v. Carrousel*

*Ronda Harrison, Assistant Dean of Academic Success*

9:40 am

1L Classes & the Bar Exam:  
Connecting the Dots Early

*Lisa DeLaTorre, Associate Director, Office of Academic Success and Bar Readiness*

10:10 am

Earl Carl Institute (ECI)

*Cheri A. Buggs, Assoc. Director for Special Projects & Student Development, ECI*  
*Sarah Guidry, Executive Director, ECI*

10:40 am

**BREAK**

10:50 am

TSU Counseling

*Markia Monroe, Counselor, TSU University Counseling Center*

11:30 am

Preparing Your Career From Day 1

*Jamina McFadden, Assistant Dean of Career Development Enbridge*

12:00 pm

**LUNCH (Law School)**

1:00 pm

Concurrent Session I – Maximizing Your Supplemental Resources  
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Balancing the Load: Effective Time Management in Law School –

*Lisa DeLaTorre, Associate Director, Office of Academic Success and Bar Readiness*  
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*Ronald Hopkins, Adjunct Professor, TMSL*

2:00 pm

Concurrent Session II  
Student Affairs  
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Office of Career and Professional Development Onboarding

*Tanisha McDonald, Assistant Dean of Student Development*  
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*Jamina McFadden, Assistant Dean of Career Development*

3:00 pm

**BREAK**

3:15 pm

Concurrent Session III  
Computer Research Training

*Sections (1 & 2) – Law School Room 202*  
*Sections (3 & 4) – Law School Room 203*

4:15 pm

Concurrent Session IV  
Computer Research Training

*Sections (1 & 2) - Law School Room 202*  
*Sections (3 & 4) - Law School Room 203*

# Thursday, August 14, 2025

8:00 am Check In /Breakfast/Networking

9:00 am Financial Planning for Law School *AccessLex*

9:45 am Wrap up & 1st Year Q & A *Academic Success*

10:30 am **BREAK**

10:45 am The Cool Down: What We Wish We Knew *Student Ambassadors, Board of Advocates, and Law Review*

11:15 am Wearing the Profession Well: Civility, Image, and Impact *Peter Clarke, Esq., VP TMSL Alumni Board  
Judge Vonda Bailey, 255<sup>th</sup> Family District Court, Dallas County*

11:50 am Law School Oath *Judge Vonda Bailey, 255<sup>th</sup> Family District Court, Dallas County*

12:15 pm Alumni Welcome and Introduction *TMSL Alumni Board*

12:30 pm **LUNCH Pick up at Law School and Transition** *Sponsored by:  
Attorney Ricardo (Rick) Palacios '99  
Attorney Ricardo (Rick) Rodriguez, Jr '99  
Attorney Rudy Moreno  
The Honorable Toribio (Terry) Palacios '92*

1:00 pm Concurrent Session V *Law School Classrooms*

2:00 pm Concurrent Session VI *Law School Classrooms*

3:00 pm Reception *Location To Be Announced*