



Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

October 22, 2004

Significant Activities, Requests, or Information

Highlights

The Law School celebrated the termination of the ABA show cause proceeding with respect to its accreditation. For two years, the Law School faced extraordinary scrutiny regarding its accreditation. Last week, the ABA notified Law School that current conditions at the institution warranted termination of the proceeding. A celebratory party took place in the snack bar of the law school on Friday, October 22, 2004.

On Tuesday, October 19, 2004, The Honorable Calvin Botley Distinguished Lecture Series featured Mr. Harry Reasoner, *of the Vinson & Elkins Legal Firm*. Mr. Reasoner's principal area of practice at Vinson & Elkins is complex civil litigation. He has served as lead trial counsel in litigation and arbitration involving antitrust, securities, insurance, contract and tort claims in the billions of dollars. Mr. Reasoner lectured on: "Living A Worthy life in the Law" Judge Botley moderated the lecture.

On Oct. 21, 2004, the Hispanic Law Students Association and the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston hosted a tribute in honor of the 43 years of judicial service of the late Reynaldo Garza. Professor Lupe Salinas coordinated the program. Speakers included Professors John Brittain, Professor Michael Olivas of the University of Houston, Professor and Former Chief Bankruptcy Judge Manual Leal, Professor and Former State District Judge Lupe Salinas. Judge Garza was remembered as pioneer of Mexican Americans in the federal judiciary, a mentor to Latina/o lawyers. Beyond his proud heritage, Judge Garza was remembered as a first generation American family man who achieved at the highest level "from student to lawyer, from advocate to judge, from leader to hero."

Office of Alumni Affairs

The Director of Alumni Affairs will host an Entertainment Law CLE on October 23, 2004.

Office of Admissions/Financial Aid

The Office made recruiting trips to Washington, D.C., Texas A&M College Station, University of Texas Austin, Houston-Tillotson, University of Texas San Antonio, Boston, Mass., and the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

***NOTE:** The Weekly Report is presented to the Provost each week to highlight the School of Law activities, events and accomplishments.