



Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

November 12, 2004

Significant Activities, Requests, or Information

- Highlights

The Student Bar Association presented its 2nd Annual Barrister's Ball on Friday, November 12, 2004 at The Grand Ballroom, 1521 Austin, in Houston.

Professor Charles H. Whitebread, the George and Harriet E. Pfleger Professor at the University of Southern California, spoke at the Law School on Thursday November 11, 2004. He spoke to first year students on "Maximizing First Year Exam Scores."

The Faculty Relations Committee and the State Bar of Texas presented The Golden Rule of Ethics: A Review of the Basics and Practical Way to Avoid A Grievance on Friday November 12, 2004. The Speaker was **Jennifer A. Hasley**, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas.

United States District **Judge Kenneth Hoyt** '72 served as chief judge in the final round of the Helen Dawn Williams Mock Trial Competition on Monday November 8, 2004.

Students **Daniel Chism** and **Jack Pemberton** were the winners with **Farah Gathright** and **Patrick Simon** placing second.

- Election. In the November 2, 2004 elections, a fifth law graduate, **Representative Joe Deshotel**, '78 was re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives. He won 93.7% of the vote in District 25 – the Beaumont area.

- Professor's Activities

On November 7, 2004 Professor **Thomas Kleven** delivered a lecture entitled "The Great American Empire and the New World Order" at the Radical Philosophy Association Conference on Philosophy against Empire, held at Howard University.

The Admissions Committee as well as the Rank and Tenure Committee met on Tuesday November 9, 2004.

- Office of Admissions

Assistant Dean of Admissions, **Edward Rene** recruited in Los Angeles, California this week.

- **Legal Aid Clinic**

There are a total of 47 pending cases in the clinic. In the Civil clinic there are nine (9) pending cases. In the Criminal Clinic there are ten (10) pending cases. In the Administrative Law Clinic, there are four pending environmental cases and twenty-four (24) pending immigration cases.

- **Office of Career Services**

This week, the Office of Career Services is preparing for the First-Year-Student Open House. During the Open House, the Office will introduce first year law students to services provided by the Office. Also, the Office is preparing for the Houston Bar Association's first year Mentoring Program.

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