



Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

November 4, 2004

Election Update

In the November 2, 2004 elections, three TMSL graduates were elected to public office in Texas. They were:

- **Zinetta Burney** '74 - County Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 2 (uncontested)
- **Marc Carter** '93 – Harris County 228 Criminal District Court (53.8%)
- **Alexander Green** '74 – United States House of Representatives Dist. 9 (70.8%)

Also, all four law graduates in the Texas House of Representatives were re-elected. They include:

- **Harold Dutton** '91 State Representative District 142 (80%)
- **Aron Pena** '87 State Representative District 40 (uncontested)
- **Jim Solis** '92 State Representative District 38 (uncontested)
- **Senfronia Thompson** '77 State Representative District 141 (uncontested)

The **Board of Advocates** conducted its annual Mock Trial Competition this week. Several TMSL alumni served as judges.

Faculty Recruiting

Four TMSL law professors and one student attended the annual Faculty Recruiting Conference in Washington D.C. from November 4 to November 6, 2004.

Bar Passage

The bar passage rate for July 2004 was 52.43%, up two percentage points from July 2003.

Staff Training

The IT Department will commence certification training in the following areas:

- Microsoft Certified System Administrator, Microsoft Office Specialist (1)
- Cisco Certified Network Administrator, Microsoft Certified System Administrator and Microsoft Certified System Engineer (1)
- Certified Wireless Network Administrator (1)
- Microsoft Certified System Engineer, Network + (1)

Lonnie Prothro and Zuotian Deng attended a training seminar on the library online system – Innovative Interfaces last week. The training was conducted in California.

Faculty Meeting

The monthly faculty meeting was held on November 3, 2004. Discussions included academic support initiatives, bar passage initiatives, and named professorships.

Dr. Okezie Chukwumerije was elected to represent the law school on the University's Grievance Committee. **Professor Colon Navarro** was elected as the alternate.

Office of Admissions

The Office of Admissions made contact with 375 potential students during its recruitment efforts in Atlanta, Georgia last week. This week, the Admissions staff will recruit at universities in North and South Carolina. Additionally, **Assistant Dean Rene** will recruit in New York at the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund's 22nd Annual Law & Public Policy Day.

Assistant Dean Edward Rene visited Hampton University and the Atlanta Forum. **Assistant Director Tiffany Simmons** visited Southern University, Tulane University and the Atlanta Forum during the week of November 1, 2004.

Clinical Legal Studies

As of Friday October 29, 2004 the Legal Clinic reported the following live-client case inventory: Immigration Law – 24; Environmental Law – 4; Civil Law Clinic – 12; Criminal Law - 9 pending, 4 completed cases one (1) by trial and three (3) by pleas.

Office of Career Services

This week, the Office of Career Services hosted one employer, Legal Watch, in the on-campus interview program.

The Office of Career Service and the Immigration and International Law Institute co-sponsored a seminar on Careers in International and immigration Law. Speakers included Mr. **Harry Gee** of Harry Gee and Associates, **Jean-Michel Malek** of the Law Offices of Jean-Michel Malek, P.C., **William Fong** of Fong and Associates and the Law School, **Lonnie Johnson** of Exxon/Mobil, and **Joe Perez** of Quan, Burdette and Perez.

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