



Texas Southern University  
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

**DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE**

January 15, 2008

**Significant Activities, Requests, or Information**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

The Office of Alumni Affairs and the Government Law Center are co-sponsors of the Legislative Update scheduled for January 17, 2008, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members from the Texas Democratic and Republican parties will discuss legislation from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. **Confirmed participants include:** Senator John Whitmire, 15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District (Democrat); Senator Dan Patrick, 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District (Republican); Senator Glen Hegar, 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District (Republican); Senator Royce West, 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District (Democrat); and Representative Harold Dutton.

The Legal Clinic has announced plans for a lecture on January 22, 2008. Barry Scheck co-founder and are Co-Director of the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, will be the guest speaker. The Innocence Project specializes in Post Conviction DNA exonerations.

**PROFESSOR'S ACTIVITIES**

Congratulations to the following professors on their achievements in rank and promotion. Associate Professor **Gabriel Aitsebaomo** and Professor **Okezie Chukwumerije** have been recommended for tenure. Associate Professors **Fernando Colon-Navarro** and **Deana Pollard** have been recommended for full professor. **Professor April Walker** has been recommended for promotion to associate professor

**CAREER SERVICES**

**Mary B. Richardson-Lowry**, an equity partner partner Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago offered a lecture to first year law students on *Thursday, January 10, 2008*. Richardson-Lowry, a 1985 graduate of the law school lectured on "*How a First-Year Student Can Create a Successful Law Career*"

Over 100 students attended the lecture. Richardson-Lowry practices areas include Telecommunications, Public Law, Commercial Transactions, Finance and Bonds, Emerging Markets.

**ANNUAL FUND** – Collected funds for the annual fund. The current balance in the annual fund is \$60,000 with 18 donors.

**CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT LAW** – The Center placed 10 students in semester long internships in Houston, Austin, New York and Washington with the assistance of State Senator Rodney Ellis and the Mickey Leland Center.

**LEGAL CLINIC** – The Legal Clinic received 95 new cases during the Fall 2007 school term and disposed of 102. The beginning case load was 86 and the ending case load as of December 2007 was 77.

**LIBRARY** – Updated library web page content and the Location Guide for 2006-07.

**TECHNOLOGY** – The technology department handled 123 service calls during the month of December and the first week in January. The department is feverishly working to update the law school's web page.

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