



Texas Southern University

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Jan. 17, 2007

Significant Activities, Requests, or Information

Highlights

- The law school welcomed back Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas after he spent nearly two years as the head of the Florida A&M College of Law in Orlando, Florida.
- On January 16, 2007, Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas gave the Thurgood Marshall lecture at the law school on the Role of the Lawyer in Society.
- State Senator Rodney Ellis has enlisted 18 law students in the Texas Legislative Internship Program. The students will work in both the House and the Senate, including the office of Speaker Craddick. This outstanding group of law students will represent the University well in the legislature.
- Adjunct Trial Practice Professor Ricky Raven was named litigation chief in Thompson and Knight's Houston Office. Thompson and Knight was founded in 1887 and has 420 lawyers in the United States, Algeria, London, Mexico, France, and Brazil.
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law mourns the passing of **Mrs. Lois L. Prestage Woods**, the first African American female to graduate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1951. Woods earned a bachelor's degree from Texas State University for Negroes (now Texas Southern University), and matriculated in Thurgood Marshall School of Law. **Woods** was the first African American female appointed to the American Arbitration Association of Texas, as well as the first African

American female to serve as a classroom teacher at the University of Houston - University Park, High School Equivalency Program. She exemplified a caring and compassionate spirit, and was always willing to help others succeed, which was evidenced by the establishment of the Lois P. Woods scholarship fund at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

- Professor Emeka Duruigbo served as an expert to the stakeholder's conference in Nigerian Environmental Law during the winter break.