



Texas Southern University  
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

**DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE**

October 14, 2006

**Significant Activities, Requests, or Information**

**Highlights**

The Law School held a forum to consider the New Houston Police Department's policy on questioning the immigration status of persons with whom they come into contact. Professors Colon-Navarro, Jason Dominguez, and Associate Dean Carroll Robinson made presentations. The event was well attended.

The Law School's Center for Legal Pedagogy presented a Faculty Teaching Lunch Forum on Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Synchronous Teaching and Learning with Clickers, Pod casts, and Interactive Teaching by Satellite. The presenter was Associate Professor/Associate Dean Fernando Colon-Navarro.

Professor Lupe Salinas presented Mr. George Parnham and the Yates Insanity Trial: The Battle of the Experts, on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 from 3 – 5 pm. Some 200 persons attended the presentation.

**Professor's Activities**

Professor Thomas Kleven's article IS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IMMORAL EVEN IF IT DETERS MURDER? was published in Santa Clara Law Review 2006. Prof. Kleven concluded in most circumstances that capital punishment is probably immoral even if deters crime because of its impact on minorities and other disadvantage members of society.

Professor Asmara Tekle Johnson has accepted an offer with the American University Law Review to publish the paper she worked on during summer 2006 entitled, "Privatizing Eminent Domain: The Delegation of a Very Public Power to Private, Non-Profit and Charitable Corporations." The article will appear in Volume 56, Book 3 of the Feb. 2007 edition of the Law Review.

Professor Eboni Nelson's latest article entitled "Parents Involved & Meredith: A Prediction Regarding the (Un)Constitutionality of Race-Conscious Student Assignment Plans" has been accepted for publication as the lead article by the Denver University Law

Review. The article addresses issues related to the two Supreme Court cases that will be argued on December 4, 2006.

The following professors made presentations at the LatCrit Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada this week: L. Darnell Weeden – Associate Dean Roberson King Professor – No-Spanish speaking rules in the job; Jason Dominguez – Assistant Professor of Law – Linguistic Discrimination in Criminal Proceedings; Lupe Salinas – Professor of Law – Linguaphobia, Language Rights & the Right to Privacy; Thomas Kleven Professor of Law – Cultural Bias in Bilingual Education; F. Colon Navarro, Associate Professor of Law – Language and Immigration.

L. Darnell Weeden – Associate Dean and Roberson King Professor of law has been invited by Marquette University Law School to present a paper on when English only rules in the workplace may constitute Employment Discrimination.

Professor Maurice Hew has accepted an invitation to speak at the Wal-Mart Symposium to be held at the University Of Connecticut School Of Law. Professor Hew, an immigration professor, will speak on a panel discussing Immigration Issues and Wal-Mart on Friday, October 20. After the symposium Professor Hew plans to submit his paper to the University of Connecticut for publication.

Prof. Samuel Jones accepted an invitation to speak about American Security Policy at a Prairie View town hall meeting sponsored by the Americans for Informed Democracy (AID)

### **Students' Activities**

The law school will send 10 students to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Institute Recruitment Conference, "The Roadmap to Excellence", in New York City, New York.

The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund sponsors five of the ten students while the law school is responsible for the remaining five students. At the conference, students will interview with several corporation, attend workshops, and a formal gala.

The Immigration and International Law Society presented a web cast on Lessons from the Saddam Trial. The web cast was an international conference co-sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association, the American Society of International Law, the International Association of Penal Law, the International Bar Association, the Irish Centre for Human Rights, and the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

### **Academic Support**

The Office has continued its contract to use the services of Barbri to assist students in their preparation for the February 2006 Bar Examination. The Office has established an online learning resources center.

**Admissions** – The office recruited in Chicago, IL. As part of the Law School Admissions Council's Law School Forum.

**Office of Alumni Affairs**

The Office presented a continuing education program on practice in municipal and traffic court. An alumnus wrote "I just wanted to let you know that we really had a great CLE yesterday. It was a very valuable resource, the speaker was competent, the event was well organized, it was quick in and out for busy lawyers. I thought the office did a great job and I am looking forward to the next one."

**Office of Career Services**

The Career Services Office (CSO) presented a "Careers in Federal Law Enforcement" panel on Thursday, October 12, 2006. Representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Secret Service, and Immigration & Customs Enforcement Agency made presentations to students. The office also hosted on-campus interviewers and conducted Atlanta area firm visits with the Southeastern Minority Job Fair.

**Law Clinics**

The Criminal Law Clinic handled 21 cases (assault, PCS, weapon, theft, DWI, driving with suspended license); Civil Law Clinic handled 17 cases (family, probate law, guardianship, and housing); Environmental Law Clinic provided research for four cases; and Immigration Law Clinic handled 20 cases (memos of law, form preparation).

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