



Texas Southern University
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

November 16, 2005

Significant Activities, Requests, or Information

Highlights

The Law School will host a symposium on the Human Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on Friday, November 18 2005. The program is an analysis of Federal, State, and Local Governmental Challenges; Race, Class and Gender Issues; First Amendment and Media Controversies; Immigration and International Law Implications. This program will be free and provide 5.5 MCLE credit hours.

The current issue of **LAW.COM** has an article about bar passage in Texas. Our school was mentioned in the article which stated that: "The pass rate of Thurgood Marshall's first-time test-takers continues an upward trend that began with the July 2001 exam...The pass rate has steadily increased each year since 2001 when 46.07 percent of the school's graduates passed." "...Dean McKen V. Carrington attributes the improvement to a continuing emphasis on preparing for the bar exam."

On Wednesday, November 16, 2005, the **Institute for International and Immigration Law** hosted Ms. Terry Weir , an alumna of Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Ms. Weir addressed several matters in the areas of asylum, naturalization and family-based immigration. She is also an active member of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association where she serves on the liaison committee with Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Student Highlights

Professor Palasota reports that "An essay written by Ms. Aiesha Dennis, a second-year law student who is one of the editors of our *Legal Writing Tips*, has won a \$4000 award from the Association of Corporate Counsel. The essay was about the importance of diversity in the legal profession.

Two third year students – Mr. Dipo Akin-Deko and Dr. Paul Orhii – were awarded prizes for their essays at the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund annual student leadership institute.

Faculty Highlights

On Monday, December 14, 2005, the Law School's Institute for Legal Pedagogy offered a faculty teaching forum on Measuring Student competencies: Short, effective Exercises to Assess Competencies. Professor Dannye Holley was the main presenter, assisted by Professor Anthony Palasota.

On Wednesday, December 16, 2005, the Law School's Institute for Legal Pedagogy presented Faculty Quodlibet III. There were two faculty scholarly presentations - *Global Burqas* presented by **Professor Edieth Wu** and **Prosecutorial Waiver in Adult Criminal Court: A Conflict of Interests Violation Amounting to the States' Legislative Abrogation of Juveniles' Due Process Rights** by **Professor Sally Green**.

Office of Student Affairs

December Commencement will take place on December 17, 2005. So far, there will be 11 students from the Law School participating. On November 17, 2005 at 6p.m., the December Graduates will be having a reception at TMSL in the First Floor Atrium.

Registrar

The Spring registration schedule is as follows:

November 21st and 22nd - second year law students may register

November 23rd – third year students may register

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