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- 6/05 **Professor Deana Pollard** testified before the Judiciary Committee in Boston on corporal punishment. She also appeared on a talk show in Boston regarding the disparate impact that school spankings have on racial minorities. Additionally, Professor Pollard testified in Austin on banning school paddlings in Texas.
- 7/05 The *HBA Bulletin* highlighted the endowment ceremony of the **Judge Andrew Jefferson, Jr.** The ceremony was held at TMSL in July. The Andrew Jefferson Chair in Trial Advocacy will provide support for a full-time faculty member who is nationally respected in the field of trial advocacy.
- 7/01/05 *The Temple Daily Telegram* highlighted **TMSL Alumnus Terence Norman** as the attorney for Christopher Gentry, who was charged in Bell County with capital murder of his one year old son.
- 7/09/05 **Professor Eboni Nelson** was a panelist in a discussion titled, “Chart Your Own Course” that was held during the HBA’s Minority Opportunities in the -Legal Profession Committee Summer Associate Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.
- 7/13/05 The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) honored **Professor Lupe Salinas** during its 40th Anniversary Committee Celebration. Professor Salinas was selected as one of 40 Houston citizens and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the area of civil and human rights.
- 8/13/05 In the obituary section of the *Houston Chronicle*, **George Washington Jr.**, a noted Houston civil rights attorney **and former law professor of Thurgood Marshall School of Law**, was mentioned for his contributions to the community. Washington was remembered as a kind, giving man who was passionately devoted to racial equality. **Professor Anna James** and **Stephan Honore, former TMSL visiting professor** provided comments on Mr. Washington.
- 8/24/05 **TMSL Alumnus Representative Al Green** saluted the Health Resources and Services Administration for awarding \$650,000 grant to Texas Southern University. The *Houston Defender* carried the story.
- 8/28/05 The *Austin American Statesmen* discussed the establishment of Thurgood Marshall School of Law and a possible consolidation between Thurgood

Marshall and the University of Houston Law Center. A graphic of first year student **LeJoi Toliver** was included.

- 09/03/05** *The Houston Defender* highlighted a reception sponsored by former Houston Mayor Bob Lanier. The reception held for **TMSL Alumnus Congressman Al Green** was held at the Hall Law Firm. Some of the attendees included Milton Carroll, Ernest Gibson, Michael Hoyt, Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell and **TMSL alums Lucinda Daniels and Levi Benton**. Congressman Green presented an update of his legislative activities to the attendees.
- 09/03/05** *The Houston Defender* spotlighted **Congressman Al Green, TMSL alum** as the guest speaker at a banquet held at the Westin Oaks Hotel for the Texas Conference of Black Mayors.
- 09/15/05** *The Houston Chronicle On Campus section* mentioned the **Sports and Entertainment Law Society** at Thurgood Marshall School of Law for hosting the Sports Law Conference in the Moot Court Room. Melinda Spaulding, Fox 26 News reporter was the mistress of ceremonies.
- 09/29/05** *The Houston Chronicle On Campus section* recognized **The Immigration and International Law Society** at Thurgood Marshall School of Law for hosting their international lecture series speaker. David Leebron, the seventh president and the first attorney of Rice University was the featured speaker.
- 10/01/05** **Former TMSL Dean John Brittain** was featured in the *ABA Journal* discussing the Voting Rights Act.
- 10/02/05** Pauline Higgins, named one of the 2005 Women on the Move by the *Houston Chronicle*, mentioned that she mentored students at **TMSL**. Higgins serves as vice president and assistant general counsel at J.P. Morgan Chase & Company.
- 10/04/05** **Monica Hardy** was mentioned in *The Arizona Republic* newspaper. Hardy, a 2000 graduate of TMSL, was featured in a discussion on cancer.
- 10/09/05** *The Houston Chronicle* remembered former state board of education member and **TMSL Alumnus Volly C. Bastine**, who played a vital role in the early political careers of former and current office holders in Houston.
- 10/10/05** **Juan Parras**, of TMSL Environmental Justice Clinic was featured on the *Clean Houston* website for his dedication to environmental and human rights issues. Juan is most noted for his work with the Cesar Chavez High School in which he argued to have the school relocated from three industrial facilities.
- 10/25/05** The October 25 issue of the *TSU Tigergram* listed upcoming events at TMSL. The events included: TMSL Lecture series speaker Judge Gabrielle McDonald, **Professor John Brittain's** lecture on the nomination process of the U.S. Supreme Court; the **Earl Carl Institute's** Conference on the

Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, and the Botley Distinguished Lecture Series.

- 10/27/05** **The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy** of Thurgood Marshall School of Law was recognized in *The Houston Chronicle On Campus* for hosting the World Hunger and Peace Public Policy Conference with the Mickey Leeland Center.
- 11/07/05** The Houston Young Lawyers Association presented the photo exhibit *American Justice Through Immigrant's Eyes* at **TMSL Law Library** from November 7- 20. The exhibit provided a rare glimpse inside the detention of immigrants as captured by photojournalist Steven Rubin.
- 11/14/05** **TMSL Alum Qwen Brown** was mentioned in the *Legal Times* for joining Williams Mullen law firm as an associate in the real estate and financial services section.
- 11/14/05** **Thurgood Marshall School of Law** was recognized in the *Texas Lawyer* for increased bar passage rate of the July 2005 first time Texas Bar Examinees.
- 11/21/05** *The Texas Lawyer* mentioned TMSL professor **Marcia Johnson** regarding the Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Professor Johnson remembered reading the book and intimated on how she perceived an undercurrent of white supremacy and condescending portrayal of minorities, even on the part of the so-called good guys.
- 12/09/05** *The Community Corpus Christi Caller-Times* recognized **TMSL Alumnus Cletus P. Ernster III**, who received a President's Award at the NAACP State Convention in Dallas for his commitment to addressing consumer racial profiling and racial injustice in the African American community.
- 12/09/05** *The Richmond Times Dispatch* mentioned **TMSL Alumnus David Baugh** for his role in a student protest at Hampton University 35 years ago. The article was entitled, "Protesters March Nears Full Circle."
- 12/15/05** **The Sports and Entertainment Law Conference** was mentioned in *TSU's Tigergram*. **The Immigration and International Law Society** lecture series was also mentioned. David Leebron, the seventh president and first attorney of Rice University was the featured speaker at the lecture series.
- 12/26/05** The *Texas Lawyer* magazine discussed the financing of the Innocence projects at Texas law schools. According to the article, the state legislature budgeted \$800,000 for FY 2006 and 2007 to finance the innocence projects at **Thurgood Marshall School of Law**, the University of Texas School of Law, University Law Center, and Texas Tech University School of Law. The bill enabled the school to seek up to \$100,000 in reimbursement for innocence-project costs per year.
- 12/27/05** *ABC News* and the *Texas Lawyer magazine* featured **TMSL Alumnus Charles Portz**, the attorney for Brandy Briggs. Briggs was convicted of the death of

her two month-old son and sentenced to 17 years in prison, which she has served five years. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the conviction on the grounds of ineffective legal representation. Briggs retained Portz for the appellate hearing.

- 12/31/05** *The Community Corpus Christi Caller-Times* mentioned **TMSL Alumnus Jerry J. Trevino** and his candidacy for the chairmanship of the Nueces County Democratic Party.
- 1/04/06** The Scholars' Forum on the nomination of Judge Alito sponsored by the nation's leading historically black colleges and universities law schools, was mentioned in the *Washington Times*. **Leonard Spearman**, director of the government law center was mentioned as a participant.
- 1/05/06** **Professor Deana Pollard** was cited by the Texas Court of Appeals regarding spanking.
- 1/16/06** The wedding ceremony of **TMSL Alumnus Torrey Paul** was noted in the January 16 issue of *Jet magazine*. Paul married the former Gail Gardner in a double-ring ceremony in Hawaii.
- 2/06** **Dean McKen Carrington** was featured and pictured in the *Houston Lawyer* with Nancy Rapoport, dean of The University of Houston and James Alfini, dean of South Texas College of Law. The section, "Profiles In Professionalism," presented an opportunity for the law deans to provide comments on professionalism.
- 2/03/06** In a news release disseminated by the Office of the Governor, **Cynthia A. Spooner, 2L student** was named a student regent. According to the release, student regents have the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents, with the exception of voting and being counted to determine a quorum.
- 2/08/06** The *HT Media Ltd.* provided information on the Congressional Tri Caucus scheduled to meet at **Thurgood Marshall School of Law** on Saturday, February 11, 2006.
- 2/12/06** *The Houston Chronicle* featured an article on Hurricane Katrina victims. The article highlighted the attendance of Katrina victims at the Congressional Tri Caucus meeting at **Thurgood Marshall School of Law**.
- 2/17/06** The February 17 issue of *TSU's Tigergram* covered the Investiture Ceremony of **McKen Carrington** as the seventh dean of TMSL.
- 2/19/06** *The Dallas Morning News* listed **Major Adams, TMSL alumnus** as the agent for football player Vince Young.
- 2/26/06** The *El Paso Times* listed **TMSL Alumnus Rick Olivo** as a candidate for County Commissioners Court in El Paso.

- 2/27/06** Former Visiting Professor **Alvin Chambliss** was appointed as the Charles Hamilton Houston Chair at North Carolina Central University School of Law. *The Herald Sun* provided background information on Chambliss and the Ayers lawsuit.
- 3/06** **TMSL** is listed as a member of the *Houston Bar Association's* 100 Club. Membership in the 100 Club is obtained by enrolling five or more attorneys.
- 3/2/06** **Michael Young, TMSL alumnus** was one of four candidates listed in the *Valley Morning Star* seeking the county judgeship in Brownville, Texas.
- 3/8/06** **Alma Garza, a TMSL graduate** was listed in *The Monitor* as a candidate in a run-off election for Hidalgo County District Attorney. **Ricardo Rodriguez, TMSL alumnus** was also listed as the new judge for the 92nd state District Court in Hidalgo County.
- 3/15/06** A campus wide announcement was sent by **TMSL's Office of Communications** highlighting Terdema Ussery, II as the guest speaker for the **Sports & Entertainment Law Society** meeting on March 15. Ussery is the president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Mavericks.
- 3/16/06** **Congressman Alexander Green, TMSL alumnus** was photographed in the *2006 Houston Style magazine*. Green held a Town Hall meeting at Fondren Middle School to discuss crime prevention and quality of life issues with members in his precinct.
- 3/17/06** *Houston Environmental News Update* announced the second Katrina Conference on environmental impact to be held on March 31 at the **Thurgood Marshall School of Law**.
- 3/20/06** **TMSL Graduate and TSU Regent Harry Johnson** was photographed in *Jet magazine* spotlighting the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial. Johnson serves as the president and CEO of the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation project.
- 3/22/06** The *TSU Tigergram* featured a story on **TMSL hosting of the American and Caribbean Law Initiative**. Students from Eugene Dupuch Law School, Hugh Wooding Law School, Stetson University College of Law, and the University of West Indies in Barbados participated in the law clinic. **Martina Cartwright, staff attorney for TMSL's** legal clinic represented TMSL on the executive council.
- 3/28/06** The second conference on Hurricane Katrina was announced in *TSU's Tigergram*.
- 3/29/06** The Katrina Conference on environmental impact was listed in the *TSU's Tigergram*.
- 4/06** The *TSU Times* promoted TMSL Botley Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture series is coordinated by **TMSL's Office of Communications**.

- 4/06 The *Houston Lawyer* published two articles by **TMSL Alumnus Gabriel Aitsebaomo**. Professor Aitsebaomo, CPA, LL.M is a member of the editorial board for the *Houston Lawyer*.
- 4/06 **TMSL Alumnus Volly C. Bastine** was mentioned in the Memorial Section of the *Texas Bar*. Bastine graduated from TMSL in 1975.
- 4/01/06 The *Houston Lawyer* listed TSU and **TMSL** as sites providing assistance to Hurricane Katrina victims.
- 4/7/06 The *PR Newswire Association* listed **Zahra Buck, TMSL alumna** as a member of the Homeland Security Committee headed by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.).
- 4/9/06 **Stana Donnelly and Robert Manuel** were married in December 2005. The *Vos-Kzmarzick Argus Leader* newspaper of Sioux Falls, South Dakota announced the wedding. Donnelly and Manuel graduated in May from **TMSL**.
- 4/14/06 The *Houston Chronicle* featured a story on **TMSL Alumnus Major Adams** and his representation of football player Vince Young.
- 4/17/06 According to *Roll Call*, **Zahra Buck, TMSL alumna** was hired to handle labor and personnel issues, faith-based initiatives and investigations in the Homeland Security Office. Previously, Buck served as a legislative assistant in Rep. Bennie Thompson's personal office.
- 4/17/06 The *Texas Lawyer* stated that **TMSL** is ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as a fourth tier law school.
- 4/27/06 **Major Adams, TMSL alumnus** is listed as the agent for Vince Young in *The Tennessean* newspaper.
- 5/06 The *Houston Bar Bulletin* covered the investiture ceremony of **McKen V. Carrington**. A photo of the dean was also included.
- 5/3/06 Bar results were posted on the website of the Texas Board of Law Examiners. **Thurgood Marshall School of Law** passage rate for first time examinees was 76.92.
- 5/9/06 *YahooNews.com* announced the hiring of **E. Leon Carter** to the Munck Butrus law firm. **Carter is a graduate of TMSL**. The firm provides full-service counsel in the areas of commercial litigation, intellectual property management and protection, corporate transactions and securities, employment, and international trade.
- 5/10/06 The *PRNewswire* announced the addition of **TMSL Alumnus E. Leon Carter** as a shareholder and lead trial attorney at the Munck Butrus law firm.

- 5/14/06 In the City Section of the *Houston Chronicle*, **Professor Ebony Nelson and Marye Dean, 3L student** provided comments on TSU's graduation and the controversy surrounding President Priscilla Slade.
- 5/15/06 **David Canales, 3L student** was interviewed by *KTSU Radio*. The interview was broadcasted live at 6:35 a.m.
- 5/17/06 The **3L Class Valedictorian David Canales** was interviewed by *Fox 26 News* on TMSL's bar passage rate. The interview aired at 9:00 p.m.
- 5/19/06 **TMSL Alumnus David Diaz** was featured in *TSU's Tigergram*. Diaz, a member of the TSU Board of Regents, is a 1975 graduate of TMSL.
- 5/19/06 TMSL's bar passage rate for February bar takers was highlighted in *TSU's Tigergram*. The article attributed the success to TMSL's implementation of several academic support programs by **TMSL's Office of Academic Support**.
- 5/25/06 *KPRC-TV Channel 2* featured **McKen Carrington and David Canales** in a story about TMSL's bar passage rate.
- 5/27/06 The *Houston Defender* highlighted the **3L Class Reception** held at the School of Law in May. Photographs of Remix Jazz Band, **Professor Lydia Johnson, Dean Carrington, and 3L graduates Rhoda Adusei, Dipo Akin Deko, Kirk Chargois, Glenda Clausell, Alexis Brown and Rashandra Hayes** were also displayed.