

**Spring 2008 Events Calendar of the Career Services Office of the
Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

Seminars, Workshops and Job Fairs, January – April 2008

All Students: You are encouraged to schedule one-on-one counseling. The Career Services Office processes materials for upcoming job fairs, fellowships, internships and conferences. We represent your most significant conduit to employment information and opportunity. Use us!

Special to 1L Students: You are encouraged to meet, early this semester, with CSO counselors to identify your career goals and visualize your career path. We also again urge you to register at the CSO website for password-protected access to the CSO Web Course.

JANUARY 2008

First Day of Classes – January 7, 2008

Interview and Dress for Success: Simulated Employer Interviews - January 8, 2008, 4-5 PM
Students will model and discuss appropriate interview behavior and attire.

How to Prepare Now for Career Success, Later - January 10, 2008

TMSL graduate Mary Richardson-Lowrey of Mayer Brown, Chicago, will offer suggestions to law students, particularly 1L students, on how they can start now to create for themselves a history of success in the legal profession. Time TBA

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Jackson Walker, LLP – January 11, 2008

Attorneys from the Houston office of Jackson-Walker will instruct 1ls and other interested students in the art and science of writing effective resumes and cover letters.

1L MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM – January 14 – 17, 2008

Opening with an instructional presentation by CSO staff on January 14, this program will allow 1L students to practice their interviewing skills and receive candid critiques of their performances from legal practitioners. TMSL professors and members of firms and government agencies serve as interviewers in these exercises. Last year's practitioners included attorneys from Shook Hardy & Bacon and the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office.

Houston Bar Association 1L Minority Clerkship Information Session (and Refreshments) – January 17, 2008

This will be the second opportunity for 1Ls to learn about the 2008 Summer Minority Law Clerkship and Mentoring Program. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain a PAID summer position with a large or medium size firm or corporation after only your first year in law school. Time: 4:00 PM – 5: 00 PM, Room 203

“A Day in the Life” Series: Lorraine Dixon, Managing Attorney, AML Policies, Procedures, Risk and Training, Anti-Money-Laundering Advisor (Americas), UBS Investment Bank – January 18, 2008

Ms. Dixon will describe her work with this employer whose website describes it as: “... a leading global wealth manager, top tier investment banking and securities firm, and one of the largest

global asset managers. With headquarters in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, UBS operates in over 50 countries and from all major international centers. UBS employs more than 80,000 people.”

Information Session: “What Is ‘Public Interest Law’ and How Could I Afford to Practice It?” – January 22, 2008

“Public interest law” embraces more forms of legal practice than many people imagine. With the new “College Cost Reduction Act of 2007” (see <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resource/ccraa> or Google “CCRAA”), a career in public interest law is even affordable to students with substantial education loans. Come and see if it could be the field for you!

Public Service Career Day Job Fair – January 31 - February 1, 2008 (Austin, TX)

The Annual Texas Public Service Career Day is always held at The UT School of Law. Open to students at all nine Texas law schools, it is the largest public service career fair in the State. Though the registration deadline for interview selection was December 3, 2007, all students and especially 1Ls should attend and informally interview with employers at the "Table Talk" portion of Public Service Career Day. Table Talk is open to all Texas law students.

FEBRUARY 2008 – PUBLIC INTEREST LAW MONTH, SPRING OCI MONTH

Public Service Career Day Job Fair (continued, see above) - January 31 - February 1, 2008 (Austin, TX)

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Information Session – February 2008

The Career Services Office and the TMSF will co-host an information session on the Annual Leadership Institute Recruitment Conference. Students are selected and prescreened by the CSO and the TMSF Planning Coordinator. The Annual Institute Recruitment Conference takes place in November.

Pullin, Fowler & Flanagan, PLLC, OCI – February 11, 2008

This West Virginia firm with offices in Charleston, Morgantown and Beckley, West Virginia is specifically recruiting summer associates from Thurgood Marshall. The primary recruiter will be senior partner Jeffrey W. Molenda, TMSL 1993. The firm’s practice is in civil trial work, with a substantial percentage of cases involving corporate and insurance defense. Attorneys handle litigation in areas of employment law, discrimination, products liability, automobile liability, business law, commercial liability, medical and legal malpractice, professional liability, general negligence, property damage, contractual claims, premises liability, toxic torts, manufactured housing, insurance bad faith cases, civil rights cases, asbestos cases, workers' compensation, admiralty, fire loss claims, and related areas. See www.pffvw.com.

First Annual Public Interest Law “Table Talk” Fair – February 12, 2008

Attorneys with Houston-area public interest law agencies will be on hand in the Atrium to meet and chat with you about their work. Though this is a casual event not requiring formal interview attire, have resumes handy and come in “business casual” dress.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – February 2008

Ms. Carolyn Mercer, TCEQ Director of Recruitment & Internship Programs, will describe the large number of available employment opportunities at this agency. This will be a great opportunity for all future public interest practitioners.

US ARMY JAG CORP - ON CAMPUS INTERVIEW – February 2008

MARCH 2008

Houston Bar Association Pro Bono Week – March 2008

So I'm Not In The Top 10% - March 2008

Students discouraged or curious about which employers will hire students who are not in the top 10% should attend.

Tarrant County District Attorney's Office Information Session – March 2008

Assistant District Attorneys will discuss their careers with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Open to all students, with special encouragement extended to third-year students and alumni. Speakers will discuss the Office in general, the application process, and the Tarrant County area. After the presentation, prosecutors will be available to answer student questions. Third-year students should bring their resumes!

U.S. Air Force JAG Corps – ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS – March 2008

U.S. Coast Guard JAG Corps – ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS – March 2008

Spring Texas Off-Campus Recruitment Program, Texas Young Lawyers Association – March 7, 2008

The Texas Off-Campus Recruitment Program is a unique recruitment opportunity for employers seeking to law students for summer clerkships. Through this program, employers can interview students from the nine Texas law schools in one location. This program is geared towards small to mid-size employers and governmental agencies.

ACC Minority Corporate Counsel-Houston Chapter – March 14, 2008

Attorneys from several Houston corporations will be at the law school to discuss the paths they took leading to in-house positions, including clerkships, law firms, and government agencies. Recommendations for improving your chances of getting an in-house position, and law school activities that will help you prepare for an in-house career, will be discussed. Pizza and drinks will be served! Mark your calendars for this important program and watch for an announcement of the specific date!

The Third Annual TMSL Akin Gump, LLP Writing Seminar - March 29, 2008

Due to the popularity of this program, the number of writing samples accepted for review will almost double. Time: 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM, Date and Room TBA. The first 40 1L writing samples submitted by the deadline to Akin Gump will be critiqued by Akin Gump associates. Students who have not met this deadline are still urged to attend, to hear key writing tips on style, grammar, and overall analysis and organization. This information will be extremely helpful to students preparing writing samples for the recruiting process.

The First Annual Thurgood Marshall Law School “Valley Days” Job Fair (McAllen, Texas) – March 28 – 29, 2008

This job fair exclusively for TMSL students will provide opportunities to interview with Valley law firms, judges and government employers and learn from these same sources in seminars and through informal networking settings.

APRIL 2008

Patent Law as a Career: Practicing Law Institute – April 2008

The Patent Law Practicing Law Institute, New York City, New York, will conduct an information session on patent law practice areas and the resources the Practicing Law Institute can provide.

How to Succeed in your Summer Clerkship – April 2008

"Tips for Succeeding in Your Summer Clerkship" The seminar will last approximately 45 minutes. The law firm of Shook Hardy & Bacon will be offering tips on succeeding as a summer intern. Prepare for your role as a legal associate, intern, volunteer, or clerk. Learn what your employer will expect from you, this summer.

Law Practice Management Group – Solo Practitioner Panel and Seminar – April 2008

A great seminar for students wanting to start their own practice! The information you will get from this seminar is invaluable.

Happy Hour with "HIPLA," Houston Intellectual Property Law Association - April 2008

The CSO invites students to the "HIPLA" Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, Houston Area Law School Reception. HIPLA attorneys will discuss careers in IP at this excellent networking opportunity that you won't want to miss!

LAST CLASS DAY, APRIL 29, 2008