

**CHANGE
IT UP!**

Lawyering for Social Change

Friday,
September 15, 2017
University of Texas
School of Law

Program

- 12:30-1:10 **Check-in and Lunch – TNH 2.140 Hallway**
Optional small group lunches with returning students; students who are in class until 1:00 pm may take their lunches into the event.
- 1:15 **Welcome and Keynote – TNH 2.140**
- Welcome: Tyler Somes, 3L
William E. Forbath, Associate Dean for Research,
Lloyd M. Bentsen Chair in Law
 - Introduction: Marissa Balonon-Rosen, 2L
 - Keynote: William Snowden, Supervising Staff Attorney, Orleans Public Defenders; Founder, The Juror Project, New Orleans, LA
- 2:15 **Break**
- 2:25 **Paths and Models – TNH 2.140**
Returning students and alumni who work in various fields will discuss their paths through law school and explore how lawyers across sectors of practice (non-profit, government, firms) participate in social change lawyering.
- Introduction: Caitlin Machell, '19
 - Moderator: Nicole Simmons, Career Services Office
- Panelists:**
- Caroline Carow, '14, Policy Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Austin, TX
 - Rhiannon Hamam, '16, Public Defender, Starr County, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Edinburg, TX
 - Luis Ortiz, 3L, Criminal Defense and Immigration
 - Claire Vaho, '16, Private Practice, Family Law; Participant, State Bar Incubator Program, Austin, TX
- Closing – Camille Fenton, 2L**
- 3:30 **Reception – TNH 2.140 Hallway**
Join returning students, alumni, faculty and staff for snacks and conversation in the hallway outside the event venue
- 4:15-? **Student Happy Hour – Haymaker, 2310 Manor Road**
Cosponsored by Getting Radical in the South (GRITS), the Human Rights Law Society (HRLS), and the Public Interest Law Association (PILA)

Keynote Speaker



William C. Snowden

Since 2013, Snowden has worked as a staff attorney at the Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a felony trial attorney, Snowden witnesses the discriminatory practices removing jurors from the jury panel. In response to these practices, Snowden created The Juror Project — an initiative aiming to increase the diversity of jury

panels while changing and challenging people's perspective of jury duty. The Juror Project engages the community through informative meetings and group discussions on the importance of jury service, the discriminatory practices of some prosecutors, and what citizens can do to get on a jury.

Snowden is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Seton Hall Law School where he served as president of the Black Law Students Association. Snowden was a Seton Hall Law Center for Social Justice Scholar, taught constitutional law at a local Newark, New Jersey, charter school, and was awarded the Elizabeth Ann Seton Student Servant Leader award.

Reception Tables

- Civil Rights & Education
- Criminal Justice
- Environment
- Family Law, Domestic Violence, & Children's Rights
- Immigrant Rights & Human Rights
- Labor & Employment Rights
- Legislature, Government, & Policy
- Where do I start?

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- Teaching students about the need to increase access to justice
- Supporting students and alumni engaged in public service
- Researching legal issues affecting the underserved
- Informing students, faculty and attorneys about public interest legal issues
- Creating opportunities for the Texas Law community to serve the public

Upcoming Events

- GRITS: Getting Radical In the South Conference, Sept. 22-23
- Intro to Public Service Law, Oct. 5, 11:45 - 12:45 pm, Eidman Courtroom
- Public Service Expo, Oct. 17, 11:00 - 1:30 pm, Atrium
- Texas Law Fellowships (TLF) Auction, Oct. 19, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Hotel Vegas
- Lives in the Law with Stephen Dixon, Nov. 7, 11:45 - 1:45 pm, Eidman Courtroom and Jury Room