

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**Texas Southern University (TSU)**  
**AND**  
**Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL)**

According to Standard 502 of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (a) A law school shall require for admission to its J.D. degree program a bachelor's degree, or successful completion of three-fourths of the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree, from an institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Department of Education.

The following agreement between Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TSU-TMSL) and Texas Southern University (TSU) provides a framework for developing a 3 plus 3 program designed to accelerate the attainment of a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree for qualified students initially enrolled in the university's undergraduate program. The agreement will accomplish this goal by reducing the number of hours of undergraduate study a student needs to complete his/her undergraduate degree by permitting course credit from law school courses to satisfy a portion of the bachelor's degree requirements. The agreement also provides for collaborative academic advising culminating in a qualified student entering the program.

The program authorizes undergraduate qualified students who have expressly opted into the program and who have completed at least ninety hours to be admitted to the school of law in the Fall semester of their 4<sup>th</sup> year of study. All successfully completed First Year Law Classes shall be used to satisfy the requirements for the bachelor's degree. Students enrolled in the 3 plus 3 Program will earn, upon completion of graduation requirements of the school of law both a bachelors degree and the Juris Doctorate, provided that a student who ceases attendance at the school of law after completing his first year of law school may, for extraordinary circumstances and upon petition, be awarded the requisite bachelor's degree at the next commencement following his ceasing attendance. The admission requirements are as follows:

1. A student must have completed all general education requirements.
2. A student must have a strong academic background as evidenced by his/her undergraduate academic performance.
3. A student must have strong analytical and writing skills.
4. A student must have a combined performance of their undergraduate grade point average and their LSAT score to produce a Thurgood Marshall School of Law, predicted first year law school average (law school index) of at least 3.0.
5. This agreement will become effective in the Academic year 2011-2012.

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Dannye Holley  
Dean & Professor of Law

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