

## Thurgood Marshall Law School Speaker's Series Features RRC Chairman Williams

Houston, TX. - Marshall School of Law Government Law Society Speaker's Series event on Thursday featured Railroad Commission of Texas Chairman Michael L. Williams.

"The public sector has a need for bright young minds to fill legal positions," said Williams. "I encourage students to pursue legal careers in public service and to take advantage of opportunities to participate in the public policy process. The wide variety of available positions allows recent graduates to find careers that match their special talents and interests, which makes for a very rewarding experience."

Williams speaks from an experience rich in public service. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush appointed Williams to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. Previously, Williams served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Law Enforcement at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In that capacity, he had policy oversight responsibility for

the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Customs Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (Aug '89 - Jun '90). He also served as Special Assistant to Attorney General Richard Thornburgh at the U.S. Department of Justice (Jan '88 - Jun '89). In 1988, former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese awarded Williams the Attorney General's "Special Achievement Award" for the conviction of six Ku Klux Klan members on federal weapons charges. He is a former federal prosecutor from 1984-1988 and a former assistant district attorney in his hometown of Midland, Texas. Williams currently chairs the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry, pipeline safety, surface mining, gas utilities and alternative fuels research and education. The agency's Office of General Counsel has 20 attorneys on staff. Williams continued, "Law students and recent graduates might also consider legal positions associated with

the booming energy industry. For young people with an interest in mineral law, this is an especially exciting time in the oil and gas industry. The growth of the industry has created a huge demand for employees of all skill sets, including legal expertise."

Texas leads the nation in both oil and natural gas production. The Barnett Shale field in North Texas is one of the largest and most active fields in the U.S.

### Railroad Commission:

### Engineers Needed in Energy Industry

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Williams was elected statewide most recently in November 2002 to a six-year term expiring in 2008. the first African-American in Texas history to hold an elected position in the executive branch of Texas state government. In December 2002, Governor Rick Perry appointed Williams to chair the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council. In March 2006, U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Bodman appointed Williams to the National Coal Council.

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an equally powerful street gang led by her cousin Tajo. Tajo and Rico refuse to let Nina and Juan run off into the sunset. Tajo and Rico will do anything to keep the war between the gangs solid and anything within their power to keep Juan and Nina apart.

Things become even more complicated for Juan and Nina when Chino, a jealous Bronx Gangsta admirer determined to be with Nina enters the picture. Despite the intervention of their families, friends and utter violence of the gangs' retribution, Juan and Nina learn the hard way that true love is definitely worth fighting for.

### Charles VanZandt Releases CD

Tyler, TX. - Charles VanZandt recently returned from a recording session in Washington. His latest CD can be purchased by calling (903) 593-7810, (903) 683-2786 or (903) 683-8543. See

complete article December 07.



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, was inducted into the Rusk High School *Wall of Honor* Friday night September 8, 2007. He is pictured here with Nabraska Runing Back, Cody Glenn, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the bank. RSH provides 936 jobs to East Texas.

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