

THE NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



2023-2024



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF: NO FEAR, NO LIMITS

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIR



I am honored to serve as your 57th National Chair. As we navigate this year, we have to understand the issues before us. Black law students are facing unprecedented challenges due to ongoing attacks on Affirmative Action and DEI funding. NBLSA 56 stands in solidarity with our chapters as we focus on key issues facing the Black community – advocacy, and equity in criminal justice, institutional representation, and global citizenship. We are dedicated to providing programming that cultivates a strong sense of community, fosters personal and academic success, and positively impacts our law school communities. NBLSA’s 56th National Board is working hard to ensure Black law students are at the forefront of national conversations.

This year’s theme, “Believe in Yourself: No Fear, No Limits,” embodies our individual commitment to ourselves and our broader commitment to our community. Join us in Washington, D.C., for the CBC's Annual Legislative Conference from September 21st -24th, 2024. We will host the Annual Charles Hamilton Houston Leadership Retreat to give our local leaders an opportunity to discover their leadership and service paths.

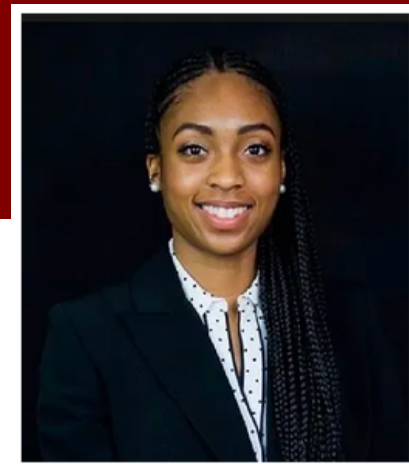
Celebrate with us at the 56th National Convention in Houston, TX, from March 5th-10th, 2024. We will host a pre-law symposium, three advocacy competitions, topical programming focused on current legal issues, and so much more. During the gala, we will recognize the achievements of our members, present awards and scholarships, and pay tribute to our esteemed alumni and sponsors.

NBLSA will continue to seek opportunities to make positive social change and serve our community by developing student leaders, diversifying the legal profession, and serving as a voice for the voiceless. We are excited to steward this incomparable organization and to offer you helpful communication, increased transparency, and exceptional service. We welcome your feedback throughout the year, and I personally invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with me directly at "email and contact info."

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Jarrius Adams | 57th National Chair
National Black Law Students Association

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP



Dear NBLSA,

As the 56th National Director of Membership and on behalf of NBLSA's membership team, it is our privilege and honor to extend to you the most heartfelt of greetings.

Our foremost commitment is to ensure unwavering support and attentive responsiveness to the needs of our Black and minority pre-law students, law students, and alumni as we embark on the journey throughout the 2023-2024 school year that not only fortifies your sense of belonging but also instills the utmost confidence in your role as a valued member of NBLSA. The heart of NBLSA thrives within our local chapters, and our mission lies in the well-being and empowerment of our membership. I take immense pride in leading a membership team devoted to supporting your journey, crafting initiatives, resources, and opportunities tailored to your unique needs within our organization. Our dedication extends beyond mere words; it encompasses a comprehensive commitment to your growth, success, and fulfillment within our dynamic legal community.

Considering our theme, "Believe in Yourself: No Fear, no Limits," I encourage you to proudly share your thoughts, suggestions, and aspirations, so that together, we can continue to shape the future of our organization.

Thank you once again for being an essential part of NBLSA and committed to helping us reach new heights and members. I am confident that this will be a year full of innovation, growth, and shared success for NBLSA! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at membership@nblsa.org or your Regional Director of Membership.

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Nandi Person | National Director of Membership
National Black Law Students Association

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ABOUT
NBLSA



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ACROSS
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NATION**

**209
CHAPTERS**

**7,000+
MEMBERS**



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WHY NBLSA

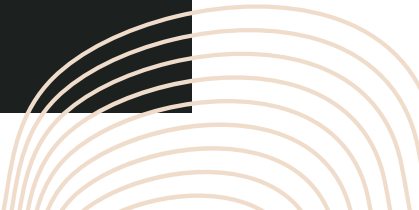
For 57 years, The National Black Law Students Association has worked to develop culturally responsible Black and minority law students that excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community. Our members are activists, thought leaders, and strategic thinkers. Our alumni are general counsel, judges, non-profit executives, and business operatives. We connect our members and alumni with unparalleled opportunities to network, seek new professional avenues, and develop life-long friendships.



OUR HISTORY

In 1968, Algernon Johnson ("A.J.") Cooper founded the Black American Law Students Association on the campus of New York University Law School in order to promote the interests of Black and Minority law students entering the legal profession. The organization renamed the National Black Law Students Association ("NBLSA"), was established as a non-profit organization on

December 19, 1969. Today, NBLSA is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) organization and the largest student-run Association in the country. NBLSA's structure flows from the National to the Regional and Local levels. The National Black Law Student Association now consists of 6 regions: Southwestern Region, Mid-Atlantic Region, Northeastern Region, Midwestern Region, and Western Region. .



NBLSA PRINCIPLES

NBLSA's programming, events, and initiatives center around four principles that we believe are critical to the development of Black and minority attorneys. NBLSA members work to exemplify, defend, and promote these goals and ensure through oversight that our work is aligned with our mission.

CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

NBLSA operates with a profound awareness and deep understanding of the rich history, enduring struggle, and unwavering determination of the Black experience.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NBLSA endeavors to empower every Black and minority law student, equipping them with resources, hosting impactful programs, and instilling the confidence needed to not only excel but also to conquer the academic challenges of law school.

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

NBLSA is dedicated to fostering connections, nurturing skill development, and facilitating opportunities for our members, enabling them to pursue their dream careers.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

NBLSA is committed to nurturing a sense of community engagement by addressing contemporary issues and consistently dedicating our time and talent to serve and uplift the community.

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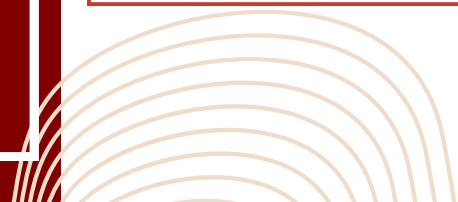
Guided by the National Chair, steered by the National Executive Board, Board of Directors, and overseen by the National General Assembly, The National Board operates as the compass for policy and programmatic orientation across the entire organization while also furnishing chapters with resources for the advancement of their programs.

REGIONAL

Under the guidance of a Regional Chair, orchestrated by the Regional Board, and supervised by a Regional Assembly, the six NBLSA Regions dedicate themselves to furnishing vital networking opportunities and programming to distinct geographical areas.

LOCAL

The chapter at the law school level is the heart of NBLSA and where its work is most tangibly recognized. Led by a president, an executive board, and overseen by the local membership, it works on behalf of students locally.



NATIONAL BOARD

Eligibility for a position on the National Board of NBLSA is open to all members in good standing with active dues. The selection process varies depending on the role, with candidates either elected or appointed. Those interested in either option must submit their application materials through the NBLSA website.

The National Board comprises two essential bodies: the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. The Board of Directors holds the authority for voting and governance within NBLSA, and candidates must run for election during the National Convention to be part of this group.

The Executive Board comprises officers entrusted with the leadership of organization-wide programmatic initiatives. To join the Executive Board, candidates must undergo an interview process and receive nominations from the Audit Committee. Appointments are made by the National Chair and voted on by the Board of Directors.

For a comprehensive understanding of both selection processes and more detailed information, we invite you to consult the NBLSA governing documents, including the NBLSA Constitution and Bylaws, which are readily available on our website at www.nblsa.org.

REGIONAL BOARD

NBLSA is organized into six distinct regions, and the procedure for seeking a position on a Regional Board closely mirrors that of the National Board. However, the primary distinction lies in the nature of positions open for election or appointment within each region. Elections are conducted during the respective regional conventions of each region, followed by a call for interested individuals to apply for appointed positions once the convention concludes.

To serve on a Regional Board, individuals must maintain active NBLSA membership and are ineligible to hold positions on both the National and Regional Boards concurrently. This ensures a robust and dedicated commitment to the organization's mission and goals.



NATIONAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

- September 07: AccessLex Series (Pre-law)
- September 28: CLEO Event
- September 28: October 2 NBSA 51st Legislative Conference

OCTOBER 2023

- October 5: Public Health: Eating Healthy and Limiting Stress Through Our Habits
- October 12: Public Health: Alcohol Awareness
- October 13: Charles Hamilton Houston Symposium
- October 19: AccessLex: Paying
- October 27: Pauli Murray Symposium

NOVEMBER 2023

- November 3: Blueprint Events (Pre-law)
- November 4th & November 19th: Academic Affairs: The Road To Licensure and Financing the Bar

JANUARY 2024

- January 11: AccessLex: Choosing the School For You
- January 12-14: Western Region Convention
- January 17-21: Southwest Regional Convention
- January 18: Blueprint Events (Pre-law)
- January 31-February 4: Midwest Regional Convention

FEBRUARY 2024

- January 31-February 4: Midwest Regional Convention
- February 7-11: Northeast Regional Convention
- February 14-18: Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention
- February 15-18: Canada Convention
- February 20-25: Southern Regional Convention
- February 29: AccessLex: Building Your Law School Budget

MARCH 2024

- March 5 -10: NBSA National Convention



REGIONAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

- September 8-10: MWBLSA Academic & Leadership Retreat
- September 9: MWBLSA Academic & Leadership Retreat
- September 9: NEBLSA NJ Academic Retreat
- September 14-15: SRBLSA Job Fair
- September 14-15: SWBLSA: Pre-Law Symposium
- September 15-16: SRBLSA Sub-Region 1 Academic Retreat
- September 16th: NEBLSA NY Metro Academic Retreat
- September 30: NEBLSA Upstate NY Academic Retreat
- September 30: SRBLSA Sub-Region 3 Academic Retreat

OCTOBER 2023

- October 6-8: SWBLSA Academic Leadership Retreat
- October 7: NEBLSA CT Academic Retreat
- October 14: NEBLSA CNNE Academic Retreat
- October 14-15: MABLSA Academic Leadership Retreat
- October 24: SRBLSA Mock Trial Boot Camp

JANUARY 2024

- January 12-14: WRBLSA Convention
- January 15: MABLSA Journal Symposium
- January 17-21: SWBLSA Convention
- January 27: WRBLSA Job Fair

FEBURARY 2024

- January 31-February 4: MWBLSA Convention
- February 7-11: NEBLSA Regional Convention
- February 14-18: MABLSA Regional Convention
- February 17-18: MABLSA Pre-Law Symposium
- February 20-25: SRBLSA Convention

MARCH 2024

- March 5 -10 - NBLSA National Convention



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MEMBERSHIP



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Policies & Procedures



Policies

Prospective members eligible for NBLSA membership include matriculated JD candidates, LLM candidates, Pre-Law students, and the Alumni of the association. These membership privileges are extended to eligible students who fulfill their dues payment obligations in accordance with the Membership Dues Policy and Procedures. NBLSA is firmly committed to non-discrimination and does not discriminate based on factors such as sex, race, religion, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or residence.

Procedures

NBLSA operates on a three-tier membership structure encompassing chapter, regional, and national levels. To hold an active NBLSA membership status, individuals are required to fulfill two key criteria: payment of NBLSA membership dues and completion of any administrative processes mandated by the NBLSA National Board. Furthermore, a chapter may establish its own dues for admission into the organization. Meeting these conditions grants individuals full entitlement to the privileges associated with active membership.

KEEPING MEMBERS INFORMED



NBLSA is dedicated to keeping members informed through the monthly NBLSA Newsletter, which is available to all active members. This resource offers important updates like deadlines, event announcements, programs, internship opportunities, job openings, and resources to enrich your membership experience.

LAW STUDENTS

- One-Year Membership: \$50
- Two-Year Membership: \$60
- Three-Year Membership: \$90

PRELAW

One-year Membership: \$10

LLM STUDENTS

- One-year Membership: \$35
- Two-year Membership: \$50

ALUMNI

One time Membership Fee: \$90

CHAPTER VOTING STRENGTH

- One Vote: 10 members or less
- Two Votes: 11 to 24 members
- Three Votes: 25 to 49 members
- Four Votes: 50 to 74 members
- Five Votes: 75+ members

**NBLSA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III.
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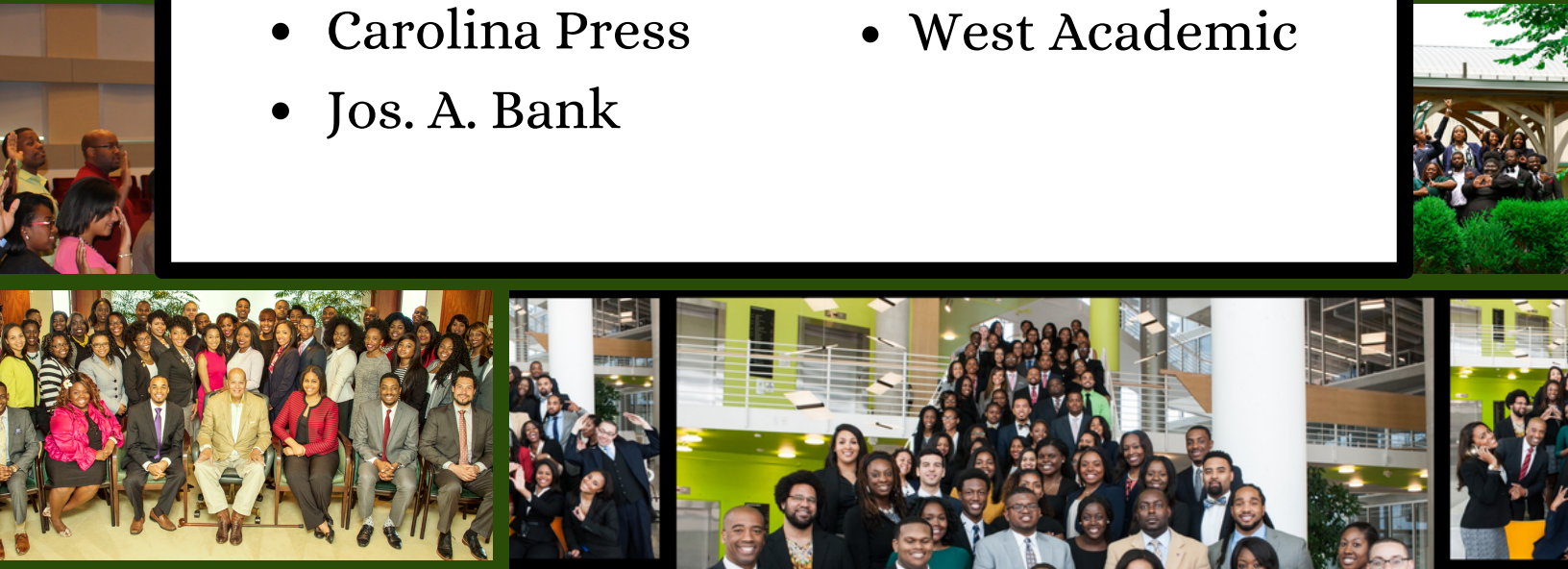




NBLSA BENEFITS

As a dues-paying member of the National Black Law Student Association, you receive exclusive discounts on products and services. More benefits may be added later. For access codes or inquiries, contact the National Director of Membership at membership@nblsa.org.

- AccessLex
- AdaptiBar
- BARBRI
- Barrister Books
- Blueprint Test Preparation LLC
- Brooks Brothers
- Carolina Press
- Jos. A. Bank
- K&G
- Kaplan Bar Review
- Men's Wearhouse
- Modern Papier Chaser
- Themis
- West Academic



NBSA BENEFITS

ACCESSLEX

AccessLex will provide NBSA with digital resources associated with law school admissions, financial aid, loan repayment, personal finance, and academic and bar success for distribution at national and regional events.

ADAPTIBAR

AdaptiBar stands as a premier Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) review program. NBSA members are entitled to an exclusive 10% discount encompassing AdaptiBar's comprehensive offerings, which include the MBE Simulator, Writing Guide, Video Lectures, and Re-Enrollment.

BARBRI

BARBRI extends an exclusive offer to NBSA members, granting them access to substantial discounts on our Bar Review course options. Through this special opportunity, members can utilize the BARBRI Bar Review Public Interest discount.

BARRISTER BOOKS

Barrister Books is the internet's oldest independent discount law bookstore. Barrister Books is offering NBSA members \$15 OFF any \$99+ purchase, which expires 10/31/23..

BLUEPRINT TEST PREPARATION LLC

Blueprint offers a 20% discount to all active NBSA general members. Please note that the discount can be applied to all Blueprint LSAT Live Self-Paced courses but cannot be applied to monthly subscription options, one-on-one tutoring, or course extension fees.

BROOKS BROTHERS

Brooks Brothers offers a diverse selection of business attire. NBSA members can acquire a Brooks Brothers Corporate Membership Card for exclusive discounts on merchandise at U.S. and Canadian stores, as well as phone and online orders.

CAROLINA PRESS

Carolina Academic Press stands as a prominent publisher specializing in law school and academic texts. As an exclusive offer, Carolina Press extends a generous 20% discount to NBSA members.

NBLSA BENEFITS

JOS. A. BANK

JoS. A. Bank Clothiers specializes in professional, formal, corporate, and casual men's clothing. Members of NBLSA will receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise. The discount is valid for in-store, catalog, and online orders until 12/31/23.

K&G

K&G is a fashion superstore that offers department store brand names such as, but not limited to, Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, Sean Jean, and Nine West for discount prices. Members of NBLSA will receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise until 12/31/23.

KAPLAN BAR REVIEW

Kaplan is pleased to offer NBLSA members an exclusive fixed rate of \$1699 for enrollment in either the Kaplan Bar Review course or the Kaplan Bar Review Flex course, originally priced at \$2499. This fixed rate covers both tuition and books.

MEN'S WEARHOUSE

Men's Wearhouse offers men's suits, dress shirts, ties, dress shoes, tuxedos, tuxedo rentals, accessories and more. Members of NBLSA will receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise until 12/31/23.

MODERN PAPIER CHASER

Modern Papier Chaser offers carefully curated planners and workbooks designed to help students stay organized and focused. NBLSA members can take advantage of an exclusive 20% discount on these valuable services.

THEMIS

For the price of \$1695, Themis is offering NBLSA a discount on its services, which includes all textbooks (with no book deposit or return), unlimited graded essays, and access to UWorld QBank (a supplement program with over 1375 MBE questions valued at \$529).

WEST ACADEMIC

West Academic is your comprehensive source for essential law school and practice resources, ranging from renowned casebooks and textbooks to valuable online study aids. NBLSA members can enjoy a special 15% discount on textbooks.



NBA BENEFITS

The National Bar Association is the nation's oldest and largest association of African American lawyers and judges. NBLSA members receive complimentary membership of the National Bar Association. To become a law student member of the National Bar Association please visit <http://www.nationalbar.net/joinnow>. The National Bar Association offers the following discounts to NBLSA members:

- Aflac
- AHT Services
- Avis
- Budget
- Lenovo
- MemD & RivaCare Health
- mypayroll.hr.com
- TrueCar Up
- TSYS
- UPS
- Wyndham Hotel Group
- YRC



NBA BENEFITS

AFLAC

Aflac and the NBA have teamed up to provide an extensive array of supplemental insurance policies designed to provide cash benefits to employees if they ever become injured or sick.

AHT SERVICES

Choose from a broad range of competitively priced solutions with a dedicated client representative. Visit <http://www.ememberbenefits.com/NBA> to learn more about the above insurance resources.

AVIS

NBA members enjoy exclusive advantages, including discounts of up to 25% on rentals, along with enticing perks like complimentary upgrades and bonus weekend days. With a complimentary Avis Preferred® membership, you'll experience time-saving benefits.

BUDGET

NBA members always save up to 25% off Budget base rates, plus get other great offers like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day. Plus, with a complimentary membership in Budget Fastbreak, enjoy our fastest, easiest rental experience!

LENOVO

Members are able to save up to 30% off the everyday public web price of Lenovo's entire line of PC products and accessories for the home and off.

MEMD & RIVACARE HEALTH

MeMD and RivaCare Health offer comprehensive telehealth solutions, providing convenient online care for common illnesses, injuries, and behavioral health issues. Enjoy an ongoing 30% discount with unlimited calls, with the added benefit of no copays required.

MYPAYROLL.HR.COM

MyPayrollHR brings members the best on-demand web-based payroll software, including HR functionality and support, payroll services such as direct deposit and tax w2 filings, real-time customer, and more! Members receive a 20% discount with all-inclusive pricing, so there are never extra charges or hidden fees.

NBA BENEFITS

TRUECAR UP

TrueCar Up offers up front pricing and advanced market reviews. Members are able to have peace of mind without the anxiety that can come with haggling dealers.

TSYS

TSYS offers members substantial savings on any easy-to-use mobile credit card reader and application that is packed with all the functionality of a standard credit card machine without tethering you to a location.

UPS

UPS Freight provides competitive rates on UPSA shipping services. Members can save up to 34% on a portfolio of things. Savings begin at 75% on UPSA Freight shipments over 150lb.

WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP

Members save up to 20% off the Best Available Rate with easy booking online or via our special member benefits hotline.

YRC

Members can save at least 70% on qualifying LTL shipments.

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PROGRAMMING



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Our programs are meticulously designed to align with our overarching purpose and mission. On the external front, our initiatives span youth advocacy, the pursuit of justice equity, the facilitation of political and legal access, and the cultivation of a global citizenship perspective. Within our organization, we prioritize the cultivation of alumni networks, the development of crucial skills, and the provision of comprehensive support to our chapters. Furthermore, we are actively involved in enhancing our infrastructure to ensure seamless and continuous growth and expansion.



PRELAW PROGRAMS

Our Pre-Law division provides proactive pipeline support for college students, offering law school admissions information, LSAT prep, academic retreats, and empowerment resources. With over 60 pre-law chapters and a dedicated Membership Outreach team, we establish new chapters annually. The Annual Pre-Law Symposium at our National Convention facilitates valuable engagement between undergraduate students and law school representatives.



This year, our prelaw division proudly announces strategic partnerships with Blueprint Test Preparation LLC, AccessLex Institute, and LSAT Engine, enabling us to offer exclusive discounts on LSAT preparation courses, enriching workshops, and a comprehensive array of digital resources tailored to assist with your journey through law school admissions, financial aid, and loan repayment.

To learn more about all of these wonderful benefits, please email our National Pre-Law Director at prelaw@nblsa.org

Pre-Law Symposium

The Pre-law Symposium is designed for all pre-law students affiliated with a recognized NBLSA Chapter, as well as those considering law school and interested in gaining insights into what it takes to succeed in law school and the legal profession. We extend an invitation to pre-law students to seize the opportunity to network with fellow aspiring law students, current law students, and lawyers who were once in your position. During the event, you will also receive valuable advice on excelling on the LSAT, navigating the admissions process, selecting your preferred law school, and forging a path to becoming a prominent legal professional. The Pre-Law Symposium will feature expert panels, networking sessions with admissions officers, LSAT prep scholarship giveaways, and an exciting inaugural law school scholarship award.

Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition National + Regional Level

Since its inception in 1975, the National Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition (TMMCC) has been a cornerstone of NBLSA programming, offering high-caliber competition to showcase oral advocacy and brief writing talents among law students nationwide. Each year, law students compete at our six regional competitions. The top three teams from each region advance to the national competition, which is held during the NBLSA National Convention in March.

Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition National + Regional Level

The National Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition (CBMMTC) provides law students with a platform to improve their oral advocacy skills, legal research, and writing ability and enhance their knowledge of substantive and procedural law. Participants have the opportunity to compete against teams within their respective NBLSA regions. The winning teams from each of NBLSA's six regions are invited to compete at the national competition held during the NBLSA National Convention.

Nelson Mandela International Negotiations Competition National Level

The Nelson Mandela International Negotiations Competition (INC) provides NBLSA members with realistic exposure to alternative dispute resolution. The competition is designed to promote NBLSA's international relations and foster positive relationships between NBLSA members and other law students around the world. The competition is held during the National Convention and requires participants to demonstrate oral advocacy and bargaining skills in a competitive environment.

NBLSA NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Letitia James HBCU Law School Scholarship

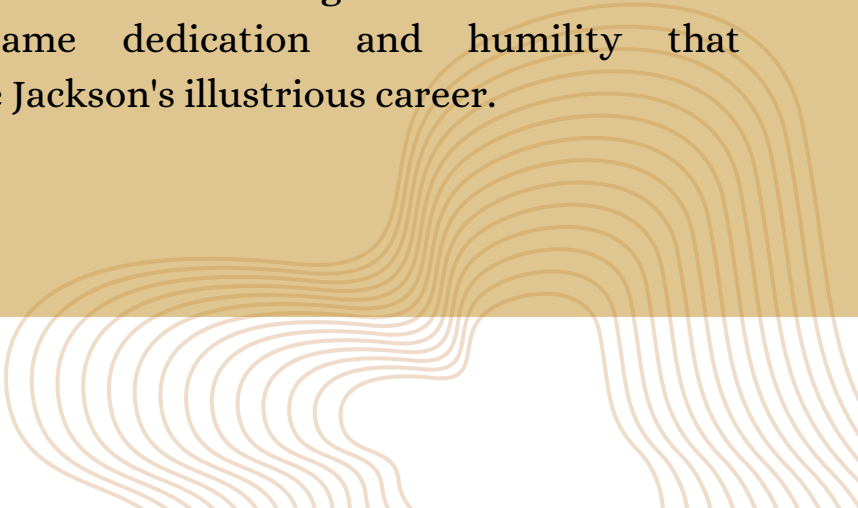
The Letitia James HBCU Law School Scholarship is named after the first woman and Black person to be elected to serve as the Attorney General of New York; this scholarship was created to support HBCU law students who are committed to social justice through public service.

Changemaker Scholarships:

The Charles James Ogletree Scholarship is named after NBLSA's 9th National Chair & CEO, a distinguished American legal scholar, and the visionary founder of Harvard Law School's Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. This scholarship will recognize an NBLSA member who exemplifies Ogletree's dedication to social action and sustainable advocacy.

Ketanji Brown Jackson Impact Scholarship:

This prestigious award, bearing the name of the trailblazing first Black woman to serve as a United States Supreme Court Justice, seeks to honor an outstanding NBLSA member who exemplifies the same dedication and humility that characterized Justice Jackson's illustrious career.



Baker McKenzie Tax Program

The Baker McKenzie & NBLSA Tax Career Mentor Program was established with the aim of enlightening NBLSA members about the opportunities in tax law careers. This 10-month program pairs students with associates from Baker McKenzie to serve as mentors.

NBLSA Mentorship program

The NBLSA x NBA mentorship program is a joint collaboration that will offer a catered mentor-mentee to NBLSA members. Mentors are members of the National Bar Association who are dedicated to developing long-term relationships, advice, networking opportunities, support, and guidance to NBLSA's pre-law and law students. Each mentee will be partnered with a mentor that best resonates with their goals and aspirations within the legal field.

Senate Program

NBLSA has joined forces with the United States Senate to offer exceptional referral opportunities for positions within diverse congressional offices. After you've submitted your application to an office, kindly reach out to us via email, and we will promptly inform them of your NBLSA membership status. This program offers invaluable hands-on experience for members who harbor a passion for policy-making and wish to immerse themselves in the legislative process.

National and Regional Job Fairs

National and Regional Job Fairs offer students exceptional year-round opportunities to connect with a diverse array of employers who actively champion diversity. These events pave the way for interviews with prestigious law firms, corporate giants, and government agencies, making them pivotal in connecting students with potential employers. For organizations, these fairs serve as a crucial avenue to identify and recruit diverse talent from law schools nationwide.

Charles Hamilton Houston Chapter Leadership Retreat

The Charles Hamilton Houston (CHH) Leadership Retreat brings together national, regional, and chapter leadership. While the retreat has traditionally focused on sharing national and regional programming initiatives, the event also encompasses workshops on fundraising and leadership. Chapter leaders will also have an opportunity to share their feedback and target areas for increased national and regional support.

Charles Hamilton Houston Symposium

The Charles Hamilton Houston Advocacy Symposium honors the legacy of Charles Hamilton Houston who was the first General Counsel of the NAACP who crafted a legal strategy that helped bring about the end of Jim Crow. Join us for a discussion about the importance of Black law students and Black lawyers as advocates. This year we look to honor the legacy of Charles Hamilton Houston at UC Berkeley School of Law while discussing the importance of Affirmative Action, its historical importance to California, and the current status of our Nation following the Supreme Court's recent decision.

Innocence Project Program

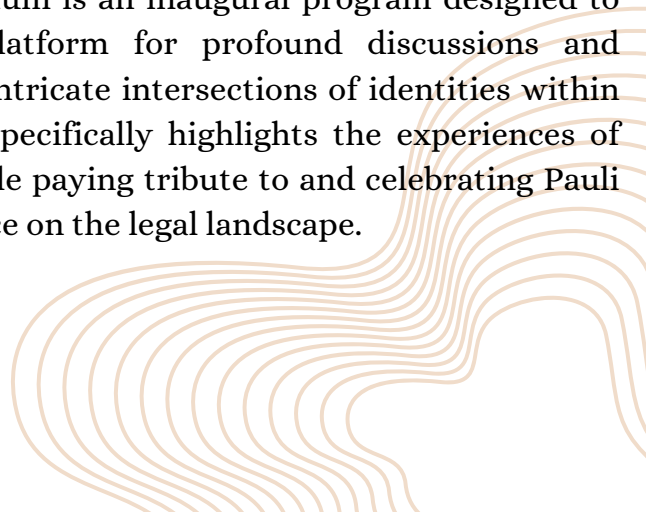
NBSA and The Innocence Project are working together to empower Black law students nationwide, offering mentorship, support, and networking opportunities in criminal justice and civil rights law, along with diverse internship placements in their regional offices.

NBSA goes to CBC's ALC: Chapter Leadership Retreat

This year, NBSA is thrilled to reintroduce our annual Chapter Leadership Retreat, taking place in the vibrant heart of Washington, D.C. Spanning four days, this retreat offers a unique platform for chapter leaders to come together, fully engage in the NBSA ethos, and cultivate a strong sense of camaraderie. All of this unfolds in the nation's capital, coinciding with the prestigious Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference. As part of the experience, NBSA organizes mixers and panels featuring congressional leaders, facilitating enlightening discussions on issues that have a profound impact on the Black community.

Pauli Murray Symposium

The Pauli Murray Symposium is an inaugural program designed to establish a prominent platform for profound discussions and dialogue delving into the intricate intersections of identities within the Black legal realm. It specifically highlights the experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals while paying tribute to and celebrating Pauli Murray's enduring influence on the legal landscape.



SERVICE PROGRAMS

MLK Day of Service

Annually, in homage to the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., NBLSA orchestrates a Spring Day of Service. This initiative serves as a profound homage to Dr. King's lasting influence by encouraging chapters to engage wholeheartedly in service projects of their choosing within their local communities. These efforts align with NBLSA's core principles and contribute to the promotion of its values and objectives.

C.A.R.E.S. Program

In 2007, NBLSA introduced the C.A.R.E.S. (Contributing through Advocacy, Resources, Education, and Service) program with the aim of offering NBLSA members opportunities to delve into international legal matters while participating in volunteer work abroad. This year marks the relaunch of the program, which involves sending NBLSA students from various law schools across the nation to engage in international volunteer work, including our first-ever trip to Ghana. To date, NBLSA has collectively contributed over 2,000 hours in volunteer service dedicated to addressing international issues.



Chapter of the Year Competition

The Chapter of the Year Competition presents an annual platform for BLSA chapters and pre-law chapters to highlight their year-long programming and accomplishments, offering the prospect of receiving monetary awards. These coveted Chapter of the Year distinctions are granted at both the National and Regional levels, contingent upon adherence to the comprehensive Chapter of the Year Application packet and associated rubric, which serves as the criteria for eligibility.

NATIONAL CONVENTION



The National Convention not only serves as a valuable opportunity for personal growth and enrichment but also as a dynamic platform for connecting with NBLSA peers from across the nation. Attendees can actively engage in competitions and workshops, fostering meaningful connections with attorneys, legal professionals, and esteemed figures within the legal field. These workshops delve into in-depth discussions surrounding recent legal developments and issues that significantly impact the Black community and Black attorneys.

The primary purpose of NBLSA's National Convention is to efficiently oversee the critical affairs of the organization. This encompasses pivotal responsibilities such as the election of officers, reception of comprehensive reports, appointment of board members, and the establishment of essential committees. Delegates assemble in focused and streamlined plenary sessions, intent on gaining insights into the organization's current status and collaboratively charting a forward-looking course for its future.



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LEADERSHIP



THE CHAIR'S CABINET



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Howard University
School of Law



National Vice-Chair
Jasmine Marchbanks-
Owens

Howard University
School of Law



National Treasurer
Adam Fane

Vermont Law School



**National
Secretary**
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Paul M. Hebert Law Center



**National Attorney
General**
Mekkah Husamadeen

Louisiana State University
Paul M. Hebert Law Center



**National Chief of
Staff**
Shaniece Hunter

Albany School of Law



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