



The 14th Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair 2018

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**Friday, November 9th, 2018 and Saturday, November 10th, 2018
Harvard University | Cambridge, Massachusetts**

**Friday, November 9th, 2018 - Harvard Graduate School of Education
Saturday, November 10th, 2018 - Harvard Law School**

Pre-Conference Optional Bonus Day for Boston Area Law Schools Tour: Thursday, November 8th, 2018

Post-Conference Optional Bonus Day for Boston African-American/Black History Walking Tour Day: Sunday, November 11th, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 8, 2018

BONUS/OPTIONAL: BOSTON LAW SCHOOL TOURS DAY

TIME	LAW SCHOOL	MEETING LOCATION
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Harvard Law School *Meet your tour guide in front of Austin Hall at 7:45 a.m. Be prepared to bring money for public transportation and for ride sharing services such as Uber and Lyft where needed.	Austin Hall 1515 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138 Tour Guide Contact: Ralph Vieux rvieux@law.harvard.edu Contact: Alex Feinson E-Mail: afeinson@law.harvard.edu Meet Inside Austin Hall in Room 100.
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	Travel to Boston College Law School	Time Distance Between Law Schools By Car - Approx. 21 to 26

		minutes
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Boston College Law School	<p>Boston College Law School Office of Admissions & Financial Aid 885 Centre Street Newton, MA</p> <p>Contact: Laura Timmerman Phone Number: 617-552-4351 E-Mail: bclawadm@bc.edu</p> <p>Meet inside the entrance of Stuart House-Administration Building (in the circular driveway with white column facing Trinity Chapel)</p>
11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	Travel to Northeastern University School of Law	Time Distance Between Law Schools By Car - Approx. 22 to 24 minutes
11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.	Northeastern University School of Law	<p>Northeastern University School of Law 416 Huntington Avenue Boston, MA</p> <p>Contact: Sarah Rethage Phone Number: 617-373-2395 E-Mail: s.rethage@northeastern.edu</p> <p>Meet at Dockster Hall (at the corner of Forsyth Street and Greenleaf Street). It is at the other end of the law school from the given address. Right inside the main door, there is a mezzanine area where the guide will greet the group.</p>
12:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.	LUNCH BREAK and Travel to Boston University School of Law	Time Distance Between Law Schools By Car - Approx. 12 to 17 minutes
1:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.	Boston University School of Law	<p>Boston University School of Law Butler Atrium 765 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA</p> <p>Contact: Anne Taylor Phone Number: 617-353-3100 E-Mail: taylor@bu.edu</p>

		Meet in the Butler Atrium. Please note that the law complex is set back from Commonwealth Avenue to the left of Marsh Chapel.
2:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	Travel to Suffolk University Law School	Time Distance Between Law Schools By Car - Approx. 13 minutes
3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.	Suffolk University Law School	Suffolk University Law School 120 Tremont Street Boston, MA Contact: Cherina Clark, Esq. Phone Number: 617-573-8157 E-Mail: cdclark@suffolk.edu Meet on the first floor in the lobby.
4:15 P.M. - 4:40 P.M.	Travel to New England Law Boston	Time Distance Between Law Schools By Car - Approx. 7-9 minutes
4:40 P.M. - 5:40 P.M.	New England Law Boston *****OFFICIAL END OF BOSTON AREA TOURS.***** YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO CONTINUE WITH A TOUR TO A LAW SCHOOL IN EITHER DARTMOUTH, MA OR SPRINGFIELD, MA.	New England Law Boston 154 Stuart Street Boston, MA Contact: Michelle L'Etoile Phone Number: 617-422-7210 E-Mail: mletoile@nesl.edu Meet inside the main building located at 154 Stuart Street.
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	MOCK LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT) ADMINISTRATION	Harvard University Graduate School of Education 13 Appian Way Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 Larsen Hall Room - Larsen G06
5:40 P.M. - 7:40 P.M.	Travel to Optional Tours to Massachusetts School of Law Dartmouth (Dartmouth, MA) OR Western New England School of Law (Springfield, MA) <i>To participate in the law school tours outside</i>	Time Distance Between New England Law Boston and Massachusetts School of Law Dartmouth By Car - Approx. 1 hour 9 minutes to 1 hour 22 minutes

	<i>of Boston, you will have to go on our own with your own transportation. At this time, we are unable to provide tour guides for these tours unless there is strong interest. Once you make it to the law schools, the law school will provide guides to show you around the law school and they will answer any questions you might have.</i>	Time Distance Between New England Law Boston and Western New England School of Law By Car - Approx. 1 hour 27 minutes to 1 hour 46 minutes
7:45 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.	University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth	<p>University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth 333 Fauce Corner Road Dartmouth, MA</p> <p>Contact: Nancy or Melissa Phone Number: 508-985-1110 E-Mail: nhebert@umassd.edu Meet in the lobby of the building. Please sign in.</p> <p>Parking: Visitors should park in the visitor lot, and enter the building through the main entrance.</p>
7:45 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.	Western New England University School of Law	<p>Western New England University School of Law 1215 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA</p> <p>Contact: Anthony J. Orlando, Esq., Director of Admissions Phone Number: 800-782-6665 or 413-782-1406 E-Mail: anthony.orlando@law.wne.edu</p> <p>Meeting place to be determined.</p>

Friday, November 9, 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/ROOM
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Complimentary Continental Breakfast</i></p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education 13 Appian Way Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138</p> <p>Longfellow Hall</p> <p>Askwith Hallway on the side of Askwith Lecture Hall</p>
8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	FOCUS: THE CASE METHOD AND THE SOCRATIC METHOD	<p>Harvard Law School 1585 Massachusetts Avenue (Northwest corner of Harvard Yard</p>

	<p>The Law School Classroom Experience</p> <p>Mock Law School Class</p> <p>Taught By Ronald Sullivan Jr., Esq., <i>Jesse Climenko Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Criminal Justice Institute, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts)</i></p> <p>Case reading: <i>Terry v. Ohio</i>, 923 U.S. 1 (1968) Please come prepared. You may be called on by the law professor.</p>	<p>bordered by Mass. Ave and Everett Street) Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138</p> <p>Classroom 100 North</p> <p>Austin Hall</p> <p>First Floor</p>
8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	<p>One-on-One Pre-Law Advisement/Practical Assistance Session (Personal Statement, Diversity Statement, Resume and Addendum Quick Review) 15-Minute Time Blocks</p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Gutman Conference Center</p> <p>Ground Floor</p>
10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	<p>Welcoming Ceremony and Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Special Guest Speakers</p> <p>Sheriece M. Perry, Esq., <i>President, Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association (Boston, Massachusetts)</i></p> <p>Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law (Boston, Massachusetts)</i></p> <p>Brandon Cahee, <i>National Chairperson, National Black Law Students Association (Baltimore, Maryland)</i></p> <p>Featured Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Jessica Soban, Esq., <i>Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Admissions, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts)</i></p> <p>Dennis W. Archer, Esq., <i>Chairman and CEO, Dennis W. Archer PLLC, Chairman Emeritus, Dickinson Wright PLLC; Former Mayor of Detroit, National Bar Association President, Michigan Supreme Court Justice and First Black American Bar Association President</i> <i>Legacy Builder Honoree (Detroit, Michigan)</i></p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Longfellow Hall</p> <p>Askwith Auditorium/Lecture Hall</p> <p>First Floor</p>
11:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>On Your Own</p> <p>HGSE Cafe, Food Trucks Near Harvard Yard, or Various Restaurant Options in Harvard Square</p>
12:45 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: MANDATORY SOFT SKILLS, ETIQUETTE, KEYS TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS</p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p>

	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Critical Things They Don't Teach You But You Really Need to Know to Succeed in Life, Law School and the Professional World</p>	<p>Longfellow Hall</p> <p>Askwith Auditorium/Lecture Hall</p> <p>First Floor</p>
1:50 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	<i>Networking Break</i>	Lobby
2:00 P.M. – 3:25 P.M.	<p>Friday Afternoon Keynote Power Session</p> <p>Special Guest Speakers</p> <p>Christopher A. Kenney, Esq., <i>President</i>, Massachusetts Bar Association (Boston, Massachusetts)</p> <p>James R. Hackney, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, Northeastern University School of Law (Boston, Massachusetts)</p> <p>Featured Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Stephanie Robinson, Esq., <i>Lecturer on Law</i>, Harvard Law School and <i>Faculty Dean</i>, Harvard College (Cambridge, Massachusetts)</p> <p>Charles R. Davidson, Esq., Ph.D., <i>Director</i>, Pre-Law Institute and Center for Post-Graduate Opportunities, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York, New York)</p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Longfellow Hall</p> <p>Askwith Auditorium/Lecture Hall</p> <p>First Floor</p>
3:25 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.	<i>Short Break</i>	Lobby
3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>What “Competitive” Looks Like: Law School Admissions Professionals at Top-Ranked Law Schools Share How the Admissions Process Works, Examples of Outstanding Candidates, and How Prospective Law Students Can Make Themselves Stand Out Among Fierce Competition</p>	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Longfellow Hall</p> <p>Askwith Auditorium/Askwith Lecture Hall</p> <p>First Floor</p>
4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	<i>GROUP PHOTO (Business casual and professional attire)</i>	<p>Outside/Courtyard</p> <p>Outside of Longfellow Hall</p>
5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	LAW SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR	<p>Harvard University Graduate School of Education</p> <p>Gutman Conference Center</p>

		Ground Floor
7:15 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.	Networking Reception <i>Complimentary Light Refreshments Provided</i>	Harvard University Graduate School of Education Longfellow Hall Lobby First Floor
7:45 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.	FOCUS: RACE, CULTURE AND THE LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE PANEL DISCUSSION <i>The Successful Black Law Student Experience: Tips and Strategies on How to Not Only Survive But Thrive in the Challenging Law School Environment (Where Race Still Matters)</i>	Harvard University Graduate School of Education Longfellow Hall Askwith Auditorium/Askwith Lecture Hall First Floor
9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	Harvard Black Law Students Association (HBLSA) Presents A Q&A Session with Current Harvard Law Students <i>Complimentary Dessert/Sweets Provided</i>	Harvard Law School 1585 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 Milstein Conference Center Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
10:00 P.M. -	Networking Opportunity	To Be Announced

Saturday, November 10, 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/ROOM
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Harvard Law School 1585 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 Lobby Area Milstein Conference Center East Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.	One-on-One Pre-Law Advisement/Personal Statement, Diversity Statement, Resume and	Harvard Law School

	Addendum Review	TBA
8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.	Professional Headshots	Outside in front of Langdell Library
8:45 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.	FOCUS: THE LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION WORKSHOP SESSION How to Get into Law School: A Strategic Approach Presented by AccessLex Institute(R)	Harvard Law School Milstein Conference Center East Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Saturday Morning Plenary Session Special Guest Speakers Jonathan M. Albano, Esq., <i>President</i>, Boston Bar Association (Boston, Massachusetts) Vincent Rougeau, Esq., <i>Dean</i>, Boston College Law School (Newton, Massachusetts) Stesha Emmanuel, Esq., <i>Vice President</i>, Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association (Boston, Massachusetts) Tinia Snow, Esq., <i>President</i>, Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys (Boston, Massachusetts) Christopher Escobedo Hart, Esq., <i>Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair</i>, Boston Bar Association (Boston, Massachusetts) Featured Keynote Speakers Nichole Francis Reynolds, Esq., <i>Vice President - Public Policy</i>, Mastercard (Washington, DC) Lisa E. Davis, Esq., <i>Partner (Entertainment Group)</i>, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein + Selz PC (New York, New York) Conway Ekpo, Esq., <i>Executive Director</i>, Legal Counsel, Morgan Stanley, <i>Adjunct Professor of Law</i>, Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, and <i>Founding Member, 1844</i> (New York, New York)	Harvard Law School Milstein Conference Center East Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
12:30 P.M. – 12:45 P.M.	GROUP PHOTO with “I AM WHAT AN ASPIRING LAWYER LOOKS LIKE” and “I AM WHAT A LAWYER LOOKS LIKE” T-Shirts <i>Public Statement of Solidarity: Expression of Our Collective Support for Laws, Policies, Practices and Initiatives Designed to Promote Greater Diversity and Inclusion and Increase the Representation of Black Law Students and Lawyers in</i>	Outside of Harvard Law School’s Langdell Library and Harvard Yard

	<p><i>America; and Our Expression That We Are Committed to “Doing the Work” Necessary to Make Sure That Our Young People, Community and Nation See That Black People Can Be, Will Be and Are Now Lawyers Committed to Paying It Forward and Serving Others.</i></p> <p>CALL TO ACTION: <i>A Call to Action for Every Black Lawyer to Pledge to Mentor At Least One Aspiring Black Lawyer, for Every Black Law Student to Pledge to Mentor At Least One Aspiring Black Law Student, and for Every Aspiring Black Law Student to Pledge to Mentor Others Once They Become Law Students and Lawyers Take the Pledge! #blacklawyerpledge</i></p>	
12:45 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.	LUNCH BREAK	<p>On Your Own</p> <p>Food Trucks Near Harvard Yard and Various Restaurant Options in Harvard Square</p>
1:50 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS</p> <p>WORKSHOP SESSION</p> <p>Writing Your Law School Personal Statement</p> <p>Presented by Collins B. Byrd, MBA, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management, University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, Iowa)</p>	<p>Harvard Law School</p> <p>Milstein Conference Center East</p> <p>Wasserstein Hall</p> <p>Second Floor</p>
2:50 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Networking Break	Lobby
3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: RACE, CULTURE AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Black Lawyers As Difference Makers: How Black Lawyers Can Utilize Their Legal Training to Do Meaningful Work and Contribute to the Uplift of the Black Community Locally, Nationally and Globally</p>	<p>Harvard Law School</p> <p>Milstein Conference Center East</p> <p>Wasserstein Hall</p> <p>Second Floor</p>
4:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Networking Break	Lobby
4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: LEGAL CAREER OPTIONS</p> <p>ATTORNEY-LED CAREER NETWORKING ROUND TABLES/SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS</p> <p>Pre-law students meet with attorneys in small groups based on their individual career interests and potential areas of specialization.</p>	<p>Harvard Law School</p> <p>Wasserstein Hall</p> <p>Third Floor</p> <p>Various seminar rooms depending on areas of interest</p> <p>WCC 3008 WCC 3009 WCC 3011 WCC 3012</p>

		WCC 3013 WCC 3015 WCC 3016 WCC 3034 WCC 3036 WCC 3038 V&E
5:30 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.	<i>Networking Break</i>	Lobby
5:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.	FOCUS: PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL WORKSHOP SESSION Financing Legal Education Presented by AccessLex Institute(R)	Harvard Law School Milstein Conference Center East Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
6:45 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	<i>Networking Break</i>	Lobby
7:00 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.	FOCUS: STANDARDIZED LAW SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS: THE LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT) AND THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) SPECIAL PRESENTATION Presented by Arun Alagappan, Esq., Founder, Advantage Testing, Inc., Advantage Testing Foundation and TRIALS: Training and Recruitment Initiative for Admission to Leading Law Schools (New York, New York)	Harvard Law School Milstein Conference Center East Wasserstein Hall Second Floor
7:45 P.M. - 8:15 P.M.	Networking Reception <i>Complimentary Light Refreshments Provided</i>	Harvard Law School Austin Hall Lobby First Floor
8:15 P.M SHARP – 10:00 P.M.	Closing Plenary Session The Pursuit of Justice Awards & Aspiring Lawyers Pinning Ceremony Featured Keynote Speakers Karen Wishart, Esq., MBA, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Urban One Media (Washington, DC) Marlen D. Whitley, Esq., Senior Corporate Counsel, Weedmaps (Irvine, California) Honorees	Harvard Law School Austin Hall Ames Courtroom Second Floor

	<p>Dennis W. Archer, Esq., <i>Chairman and CEO</i>, Dennis W. Archer PLLC, <i>Chairman Emeritus</i>, Dickinson Wright PLLC; Former Mayor of Detroit, National Bar Association President, Michigan Supreme Court Justice and First Black American Bar Association President <i>Legacy Builder Honoree</i> Detroit, Michigan</p> <p>Kathleen N. Cleaver, Esq. <i>Senior Lecturer in Law</i> Emory University School of Law Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Cornell William Brooks, Esq. <i>Professor of Practice in Public Leadership and Social Justice</i> Harvard Kennedy School of Government Cambridge, Massachusetts</p> <p>The Honorable Arthur L. Burnett Sr., <i>National Executive Director</i>, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc. and <i>Retired Senior Judge</i>, Superior Court of the District of Columbia The First African American U.S. Magistrate Judge in U.S. History Washington, DC</p>	
10:30 P.M. -	After Conference Networking Opportunity	To Be Announced

Sunday, November 11, 2018

BONUS/OPTIONAL: BOSTON BLACK HISTORY WALKING TOUR DAY

TIME	EVENT	MEETING LOCATION
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. NOON	Breakfast/Sunday Brunch	Restaurant Options to Be Provided
12:00 P.M. NOON – 12:30 P.M.	Commute to Group Self-Guided Walking Tour – The Black Heritage Trail® Map Provided/Audio Available for Download	
12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	<p>The Black Heritage Trail® explores the history of the 19th century African American community in Boston.</p> <p>Stops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Regiment Memorial, Beacon and Park Streets, Boston Common ● George Middleton House, 5-7 Pinckney Street ● The Phillips School, Anderson and Pinckney Streets ● John J. Smith House, 86 Pinckney Street 	Group should meet in front of the Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Regiment Memorial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Charles Street Meeting House, Mt. Vernon and Charles Street● Lewis and Harriet Hayden House, 66 Phillips Street● John Coburn House, 2 Phillips Street● Smith Court Residences, 3-10 Smith Court● Abiel Smith School, Museum of African American History, 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill● The African Meeting House, Museum of African American History, 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill	
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