



**The 15th Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and
Law Fair 2019
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**Friday, November 8th, 2019 and Saturday, November 9th, 2019
Columbia Law School | New York City, New York**

Optional Bonus Day for New York Law Schools Tour and Team-Building Scavenger Hunt: Thursday, November 7th, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 7, 2019

**BONUS/OPTIONAL: NEW YORK CITY LAW SCHOOL TOURS DAY AND
SCAVENGER HUNT TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITY**

TIME	EVENT	MEETING LOCATION
9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	* Those students participating in the Scavenger Hunt will form groups beginning at 9:00 a.m. and must take photos at specific places listed at each law school location. The group that completes all tasks will win law school related prizes.	Meet in the lobby of the law school in front of the Fordham University seal @ 150 W 62nd Street, New York, New York 10023
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Fordham University School of Law	Meet in the lobby of the law school in front of the Fordham University seal @ 150 W 62nd Street, New York, New York 10023
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Yeshiva University	Meet at the security desk at 55 5th Avenue, New York, New York 10003
12:00 P.M. – 12:45 P.M.	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Consider lunch suggestions provided on detailed tour itinerary
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	New York Law School	Meet in the lobby at 185 W Broadway, New York, New York 10013
2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	New York University School of Law	Meet in the lobby near the security desk at 40 Washington

		Square South, New York, New York 10012
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Brooklyn Law School	Meet in lobby at 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201
5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	City University of New York CUNY School of Law	Meet at security desk in lobby area at 2 Court Square West, Long Island City, New York 11101
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	St. John's University School of Law	8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, New York 11439

Friday, November 8, 2019

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/ROOM
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall 435 West 116th Street New York, NY 10027 Entrance/Lobby Area
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<i>Complimentary Continental Breakfast</i> <i>Informal Networking with Fellow Pre-Law Students and Current Law Students</i>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Drapkin Lounge, Second Floor
8:15 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Personal Statement and Diversity Statement Workshop Presented by Collins B. Byrd Jr., MBA, <i>Asst. Dean for Enrollment Management</i> , University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, Iowa)	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 101/103
9:10 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	Concurrent Session FOCUS: THE CASE METHOD AND THE SOCRATIC METHOD The Law School Classroom Experience/Mock Law School Class	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106
9:10 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	Concurrent Session One-on-One Pre-Law Advisement/Question and Answer Session 15-Minute Time Blocks	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 101/103
10:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Welcome Ceremony and Opening Plenary Session Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M., <i>Founder</i> , National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair and <i>Founder & Executive Director</i> , National Pre-Law Diversity Initiatives, Inc. (Cambridge, Massachusetts and Houston, Texas) Columbia Law School Leaders	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106

	<p align="center">Remarks from Black Lawyer and Law Student Association Leaders</p> <p align="center">Special Guest Speaker: Veronica N. Dunlap, Esq., M.B.A., <i>Director of Strategic Initiatives, National Network for Safe Communities (New York, New York)</i></p> <p align="center">Keynote Speaker: Kathleen Neal Cleaver, Esq. <i>Human Rights Activist and Icon, Well-Known for Leadership in the Black Panther Party, Retired Law Professor</i> Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p align="center">Overview of Weekend's Conference Programming</p>	
11:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	<p>GROUP PHOTO</p> <p><i>Business casual and professional attire</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Rooms 104/106</p>
11:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (NOON)	<p><i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i></p> <p><i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106</p>
12:00 P.M (NOON). – 1:15 P.M.	<p>BLACK PRE-LAW TALKS™</p> <p>Featuring Black Law School Deans Sharing Short, Engaging Talks on a Variety of Topics</p> <p>Session One</p> <p>Speaker One: Marcilynn A. Burke, Esq., <i>Dean and David Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law, University of Oregon School of Law (Eugene, Oregon)</i></p> <p>Speaker Two: Felecia Epps, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, University of North Texas Dallas College of Law (Dallas, Texas)</i></p> <p>Speaker Three: Carla D. Pratt, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law (Topeka, Kansas)</i></p> <p>Speaker Four: Kimberly Mutcherson, Esq., <i>Co-Dean and Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School (Camden, New Jersey)</i></p> <p>Speaker Five: Patricia W. Bennett, Esq., <i>Dean and Henry Vaughan Watkins and Selby Watkins McRae Professor of Law, Mississippi College School of Law (Jackson, Mississippi)</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Rooms 104/106</p>

<p>1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Informal Networking with Fellow Pre-Law Students and Current Law Students</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On Your Own</p>
<p>2:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.</p>	<p>FOCUS: THE BLACK LAW STUDENT EXPERIENCE</p> <p>FEATURED PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>The Black Law Students Survival Guide: Tips on How to Navigate the Additional Challenges of Being Black (Prejudice, Bias and Daily Microaggressions) in the Law School Environment - and Not Only Survive, But Thrive</p> <p>Featuring Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Presidents from the Northeast Region:</p> <p>Apriele Minott, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Cornell Law School (Ithaca, New York)</p> <p>Emahunn Raheem Ali Campbell, Ph.D., <i>President</i>, Association of Black Law Students, Rutgers Law School (Newark, New Jersey)</p> <p>Darius Johnson, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Fordham University School of Law (New York, New York)</p> <p>Tatiana LAinge, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Seton Hall University School of Law (Newark, New Jersey)</p> <p>Briana S. Pryce, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University (White Plains, New York)</p> <p>Michele Jackson, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Brooklyn Law School (Brooklyn, New York)</p> <p>Romerlyns Alberic, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, St. John's University School of Law (Jamaica, New York)</p> <p>MyAsia Terry, <i>President</i>, TouroBLSA, Touro Law Center (Central Islip, New York)</p> <p>Emmanuel Belizaire Fils-Aime, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (Hempstead, New York)</p> <p>Maya Kouassi, <i>President</i>, CUNY School of Law (New York, New York)</p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Rooms 104/106</p>

	<p>Chizoba Ukairo, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students Association, Columbia Law School (New York, New York)</p> <p>Georgia A. Sackey, <i>President</i>, Black Law Students' Association, Albany Law School (Albany, New York)</p> <p>Max J. Markham, <i>Co-President</i>, Black Allied Law Students Association, New York University School of Law (New York, New York)</p>	
3:45 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.	<p><i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i></p> <p><i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106</p>
4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.	<p>BLACK PRE-LAW TALKS™</p> <p>Featuring Black Law School Deans Sharing Short, Engaging Talks on a Variety of Topics</p> <p>Session Two</p> <p>Speaker Six: Danielle M. Conway, Esq., LL.M., <i>Dean & Donald J. Farage Professor of Law</i>, Dickinson Law The Pennsylvania State University (Carlisle, Pennsylvania)</p> <p>Speaker Seven: David A. Brennen, Esq., LL.M., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, University of Kentucky College of Law (Lexington, Kentucky)</p> <p>Speaker Eight: Michele Alexandre, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, Stetson University College of Law (Gulfport, Florida)</p> <p>Speaker Nine: Verna L. Williams, Esq., <i>Dean and Nippert Professor of Law</i>, University of Cincinnati College of Law (Cincinnati, Ohio)</p> <p>Speaker Ten: Camille Nelson, Esq., LL.M., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, American University Washington College of Law (Washington, DC)</p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Rooms 104/106</p>
5:15 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	<p><i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i></p> <p><i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106</p>
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	BREAK - Travel to Awards and Networking Event	
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	<p>Networking Reception</p> <p>View Black and White Photos of the Deans and Book Unveiling</p>	<p>Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Blvd. New York, New York 10037</p>

	<i>Heavy appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.</i>	Langston Hughes Lobby & Mezzanine
8:45 P.M. SHARP – 10:45 P.M. <i>Event must end and guests must vacate property promptly by 11:00 P.M. according to Schomburg's policies.</i>	<p align="center">LEGAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS <i>Honoring</i> All Black Law School Deans</p> <p align="center"><i>and</i></p> <p align="center">Q&A With The Deans Panel</p> <p>Confirmed Panelists Include:</p> <p>Horace E. Anderson, Jr., Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, Pace Elisabeth Haub School of Law (White Plains, New York)</i></p> <p>Nicky A. Boothe Perry, Esq., <i>Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law (Orlando, Florida)</i></p> <p>Renee McDonalds Hutchins, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (Washington, DC)</i></p> <p>Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Esq., LL.M., M.Phil., Ph.D., <i>Dean and Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law (Boston, Massachusetts)</i></p> <p>L. Song Richardson, Esq., <i>Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law, University of California Irvine School of Law (Irvine, California)</i></p> <p>Vincent D. Rougeau, Esq., <i>Dean, Boston College Law School (Newton Centre, Massachusetts)</i></p>	<p>Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Blvd. New York, New York 10037</p> <p>Langston Hughes Auditorium</p>

Saturday, November 9, 2019

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/ROOM
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Entrance/Lobby
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<i>Complimentary Continental Breakfast</i>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Drapkin Lounge, Second Floor
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<p align="center">Special Presentation "Become a Lawyer" Presented by Kent D. Lollis, Esq., <i>Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Law School Admission Council (LSAC) (Newtown, Pennsylvania)</i></p>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106

9:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.	<i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i> <i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106
9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.	Saturday Morning Plenary Session Keynote Speaker: Willie E. Gary, Esq., <i>Partner</i> , Gary, Williams, Parenti, Watson & Gary, P.L.L.C. Celebrated Trial Attorney Known as “The Giant Killer” Stuart, Florida	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106
10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	<i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i> <i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	FOCUS: THE LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCESS WORKSHOP SESSION How to Get into Law School: A Strategic Approach Presented by AccessLex Institute®	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106
12:00 P.M. - 12:15 P.M.	<i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i> <i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i>	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Lobby Outside of Rooms 104/106
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	FOCUS: PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL Financing Legal Education Presented by AccessLex Institute®	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106
1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own
2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.	FOCUS: RACE, CULTURE AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION FEATURED PANEL DISCUSSION Black Lawyers For Black People: How Black Lawyers Utilize Their Legal Training to Do Meaningful Work and Contribute to the Uplift of the Black Community Featuring: Dr. Artika Tyner, Esq., <i>Director</i>, Center for Race, Leadership and Social Justice, University of St. Thomas School of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota) Dr. Carlton Waterhouse, Esq., <i>Professor of Law</i>, Howard University School of Law (Washington, DC)	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106

	Soffiyah Elijah, Esq., National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL); Executive Director, Alliance of Families for Justice (New York, New York)	
3:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.	ASPIRING LAWYERS PINNING CEREMONY	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 104/106
3:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Walk from Columbia Law School to Columbia University Low Memorial Library	To access Low Library, enter the main Columbia gates at 116th Street and Broadway, and follow the main steps up to the building's main entrance.
4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	***LAW SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR*** Featuring Over 100 Law Schools	Columbia University Low Memorial Library
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	Travel to 15th Anniversary Celebration	
7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	15th Anniversary Celebration Networking Reception <i>Appetizers and Beverages Provided.</i>	Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space 15 West 38th Street New York, New York
8:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.	15th Anniversary Celebration Special Guest Speakers: Adrien Katherine Wing, Esq., M.A., <i>Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs and the Bessie Dutton Murray Professor, University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, Iowa)</i> Joseph Youngblood II, J.D., Ph.D., <i>Dean and Vice Provost, John S. Watson School of Public Service, Thomas Edison State University (Trenton, New Jersey)</i> Keynote Speaker: Cannon D. Lambert, Sr., Esq., <i>Attorney, Karchmar & Lambert P.C.</i> Sandra Bland's Attorney Featured in HBO Documentary <i>Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland</i> Chicago, Illinois ***15th Anniversary Legal Education Access and Diversity Champion Awards Presentations, Special Recognitions (Most Committed Sponsors, Partners and Law School Participants) and Thank You***	Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space 15 West 38th Street New York, New York

10:30 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.	Toast to 15 Years Celebratory Cake and Sparkling Cider	Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space 15 West 38th Street New York, New York