



**The 15th Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and
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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>	We suggest that you get to New York Law School first, and then choose a restaurant close to the law school for lunch since time is limited.
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 Sullivan Hall 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
7:15 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.	St. John’s University School of Law <i>***Transportation from CUNY School of Law and dinner will be provided.</i>	There will be a shuttle/van/bus available to pick up students at CUNY School of Law to take them to St. John’s. For those not riding with the group, please meet in the lobby at 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
8:10 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	FOCUS: MOCK LAW SCHOOL CLASS/LEGAL EDUCATION PEDAGOGY Introduction to Law School Teaching Methods: What to Expect in Law School Course Offerings (Traditional Classes, Seminars and Experiential Settings) Presented by Conrad Johnson, Esq., <i>Clinical Professor of Law</i>, Columbia Law School (New York, New York)	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor
9:10 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	SPECIAL PRESENTATION Next Step: Become a Lawyer Presented by Kent D. Lollis, Esq., <i>Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer</i>, Law School Admission Council (LSAC) (Newtown, Pennsylvania)	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor
8:10 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	Concurrent Session One-on-One Pre-Law Advisement/Question and Answer Session	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Rooms 102A and 102B

	15-Minute Time Blocks	First Floor
10:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	<p>Welcome Ceremony and Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Special Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Veronica N. Dunlap, Esq., M.B.A., <i>Director of Strategic Initiatives</i>, National Network for Safe Communities (New York, New York)</p> <p>Joseph Youngblood II, J.D., Ph.D., <i>Dean and Vice Provost</i>, John S. Watson School of Public Service, Thomas Edison State University (Trenton, New Jersey)</p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</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>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</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 and 106 First Floor</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>Master of Ceremonies – Hawk Newsome, J.D., <i>Chairman</i>, Black Lives Matter - New York (New York, New York)</p> <p>Mistress of Ceremonies - Ifeoma Ike, M.A., J.D., LL.M., <i>Partner</i>, Think Rubix and <i>Visionary</i>, Black Policy Lab (New York, New York)</p> <p>SESSION ONE:</p> <p>Speaker One: Marcilynn A. Burke, Esq., <i>Dean and David Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law</i>, University of Oregon School of Law (Eugene, Oregon)</p> <p>Speaker Two: Felecia Epps, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, University of North Texas Dallas College of Law (Dallas, Texas)</p> <p>Speaker Three: Carla D. Pratt, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, Washburn University School of Law (Topeka, Kansas)</p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</p>

	<p>Speaker Four: Kimberly Mutcherson, Esq., <i>Co-Dean and Professor of Law</i>, Rutgers Law School (Camden, New Jersey)</p> <p>Speaker Five: Patricia W. Bennett, Esq., <i>Dean and Henry Vaughan Watkins and Selby Watkins McRae Professor of Law</i>, Mississippi College School of Law (Jackson, Mississippi)</p>	
1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Informal Networking with Fellow Pre-Law Students and Current Law Students</i></p>	ON YOUR OWN
2:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: THE BLACK LAW STUDENT EXPERIENCE</p> <p>FEATURED PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>The Black Law Students Success 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>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106</p>
3:45 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Networking Break and Refreshments</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Open Snack Bar Provided.</i></p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Lobby Outside of Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</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>Master of Ceremonies – Xavier Donaldson, Esq., <i>Partner</i>, Donaldson & Chilliast, LLP (New York, New York)</p> <p>Mistress of Ceremonies - Raychelle Tasher, Esq., <i>Associate</i>, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (New York, New York) and <i>Founder</i>, Young Black and Lawyered (New York, New York)</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>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</p>

	<p>Speaker Seven: Michele Alexandre, Esq., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, Stetson University College of Law (Gulfport, Florida)</p> <p>Speaker Eight: Verna L. Williams, Esq., <i>Dean and Nippert Professor of Law</i>, University of Cincinnati College of Law (Cincinnati, Ohio)</p> <p>Speaker Nine: Camille Nelson, Esq., LL.M., <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>, American University Washington College of Law (Washington, DC)</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 and 106 First Floor</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><i>Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.</i></p>	<p>Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Blvd. New York, New York 10037</p> <p>Langston Hughes Lobby & Mezzanine</p>
8:30 P.M. SHARP – 10:45 P.M.	<p>THE JOHN MERCER LANGSTON LEGAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS</p> <p><i>Honoring All Current Black Law School Deans</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>
8:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M./9:45 P.M. – 10:45 P.M.	Q&A With The Deans Panel	<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	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Entrance/Lobby</p>
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<i>Complimentary Continental Breakfast</i>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Drapkin Lounge, Second Floor</p>
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	FOCUS: PERSONAL AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p>

	Personal Statement and Diversity Statement Workshop Presented by Collins B. Byrd Jr., MBA, Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management, University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, Iowa)	Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Concurrent Session One-on-One Pre-Law Advisement/Question and Answer Session 15-Minute Time Blocks	Rooms 102A and 102B First Floor
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 and 106
9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.	Saturday Morning Plenary Session Keynote Speaker: Willie E. Gary, Esq., Partner, 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 Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor
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 and 106 First Floor
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 Rachel W. Patterson, J.D., M.S.T., Director, Programs for Diversity, AccessLex Institute® (Washington, DC)	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor
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 and 106 First Floor
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	FOCUS: PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL WORKSHOP SESSION	Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall

	<p>Financing Legal Education</p> <p>Presented by Teria Thornton, Esq., AFC®, AccessLex Institute®, <i>Manager</i>, Pre-Law and Education Services AccessLex Institute® (Charlotte, North Carolina)</p>	<p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</p>
1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	On Your Own
2:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.	<p>FOCUS: RACE, CULTURE AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION</p> <p>FEATURED PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Black Lawyers As Difference Makers: How Black Lawyers Utilize Their Legal Training to Do Meaningful Work and Contribute to the Uplift of the Black Community</p>	<p>Columbia Law School Jerome Greene Hall</p> <p>Combined Rooms 104 and 106 First Floor</p>
3:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	<p>Walk from Columbia Law School to Columbia University Low Memorial Library</p>	<p>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.</p>
4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;">***LAW SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Featuring 120+ Law Schools and Organizations</p>	<p>Columbia University Low Memorial Library 535 West 116th Street New York, New York</p>
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	Travel to 15th Anniversary Celebration	
7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;">15th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Networking Reception</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Appetizers and Beverages Provided.</i></p>	<p>Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space Second Floor 15 West 38th Street New York, New York</p>
8:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;">15th Anniversary Honors and Aspiring Lawyers Pinning Ceremony</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Guest Speaker:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adrien Katherine Wing, Esq., M.A., Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs and the Bessie Dutton Murray Professor, University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, Iowa)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Speaker:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cannon D. Lambert, Sr., Esq., Attorney, Karchmar & Lambert P.C.</p>	<p>Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space Second Floor 15 West 38th Street New York, New York</p>

	<p>Sandra Bland's and Sandra Bland's Family's Attorney Featured in HBO Documentary <i>Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland</i> Chicago, Illinois</p> <p>***15th Anniversary Legal Education Access and Diversity Champion Awards Presentations, Special Recognitions (Most Committed Sponsors, Partners and Law School Participants) and Thank You***</p> <p>ASPIRING LAWYERS PINNING CEREMONY</p>	
<p>10:30 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Toast to 15 Years</p> <p>Celebratory Cake and Sparkling Cider</p>	<p>Jay Conference – Sinatra Meeting Space Second Floor 15 West 38th Street New York, New York</p>