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Membership Information Packet

2011-2012

REGIONAL CHAIR WELCOME

Prospective Chapters and Returning Chapters,

Greetings from SRBLSA! As you begin the 2011-2012 academic year, I hope that you consider membership in the National Black Law Students Association as a top priority. In the Southern Region there are numerous great and beneficial events planned throughout the year. This year's theme is, "Advancing to the Next Level, Fulfilling the Dream, Advocating for the Future," and the regional board is committed to exhibiting this mantra in every program.

Not only is the executive board working hard to take SRBLSA to the next level, but we are working hard to provide our members with professional development opportunities to equip them to become more marketable in the next level of their lives during this economy.

One of my goals this year is to increase active participation and excitement surrounding SRBLSA. We have re-vamped our programs and events so that more students will be involved this year. Also, I encourage all law students, chapters, and schools to become involved with SRBLSA this year!



SRBLSA members have access to participate in the Moot Court, Mock Trial, and the International Negotiation Competition. The competitions help improve writing, oral advocacy, and research skills. Also, members can either become a part of the SRBLSA Law Journal or have their articles published.

The Southern Region has the largest membership in NBLSA with over 2,000 students from over 41 chapters. Currently, we hold the title NBLSA Chapter of the Year as well as our members placing in the top for both the NBLSA Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition and NBLSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition.

Being a service to the region is very important to the executive board this year. Due to the devastation in Alabama we created community service initiatives for the tornado victims. Also, SRBLSA worked together and provided relief for the three SRBLSA members who were homeless due to the tornado in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Indeed, SRBLSA should be proud of its accomplishments! I encourage our chapters to allow SRBLSA to become a purposeful partner in your academic experience this year. We have several events that will be vital to your success: two job fairs, academic retreats, networking receptions, SRBLSA Advocacy Weekend and the regional convention.

The 41st Regional Convention is hosted by Samford University, Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. The convention will take place January 17-22, 2012, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. Please make sure that you take advantage of our early bird special and book your hotel room early. This will be an amazing convention that you will not want to miss!

Again thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2011-2012 Regional Chair. I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve the most dynamic and innovative region in NBLSA. I look forward to serving SRBLSA this year! If at any point you have suggestions, questions, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at southern@nblsa.org

2011-2012 SRBLSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jamie Davis, Regional Chair



Jamie Davis was born in Tampa, Florida, but grew up in Arlington (Dallas), Texas. She attended the University of Florida where she received her Bachelor's of Science in Journalism with double minors in African Studies and Leadership. At UF, she was tapped into the oldest and most prestigious leadership honorary in the state of Florida, Florida Blue Key, during her senior year. Jamie held almost every position in the Iota Lambda chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In 2008, she was selected for the Outstanding Leadership Award for Graduating Seniors and was the only African-American to hold the distinctive honor that year. In 2009, Ms. Davis received her Master's of Science in Management with a specialization in New Venture/Entrepreneurship from the University of Florida Warrington College of Business. Jamie currently attends North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina and may be reached at southern@nblsa.org

Danny Patterson, Vice Chair

Danny D. Patterson, Jr., a native of Macon, Georgia is currently a second year law student at Samford University, Cumberland School of Law. He studied political science at Morehouse College, earning a Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude* in 2009. While at Morehouse, Patterson served as Senior Justice of the Student Judicial Committee, Honor Court, and Conduct Review Board. He was also an active member of the Morehouse/Spelman Pre-Law Society, and the Morehouse Mock Trial Association. At Cumberland, Patterson is a Scholar of Merit and serves his class as their Student Bar Association Representative. He is also a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, junior member of the Cumberland Trial Board, and a BARBRI representative. Additionally, Mr. Patterson has served as a Justice on the Cumberland Honor Court. He remains a committed member of Cumberland BLSA as Social Chair. Danny may be reached at vicechair.srblsa@gmail.com



Pavielle Bookman, Recording Secretary



Pavielle was born in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from Florida State University. She is now a second year law student at Stetson University's College of Law. Pavielle is a member of several service organizations with BLSA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Boys and Girls Club of America being some. Pavielle may be reached at recsecretary.srblsa@gmail.com

Jennito Simon, Treasurer

Jennito Simon was born in Cite Soleil, Haiti and migrated to Florida as a young child. He graduated from Florida State University's honors college, *cum laude*, with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. While at Florida State University, Jennito was a founding member of Black Law Student Association College Students Division, a Phi Alpha Delta member, and Undergraduate Mock Trial team captain for two consecutive years. He matriculated to the Florida State University College of Law in fall 2010 and is an active member of BLSA. Jennito may be reached at srblsafinancial@gmail.com



Kimel Fryer, Sub-Region I Director (Arkansas & Tennessee)

Kimel Fryer, originally from Memphis, TN, received her Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Memphis in 2009. She is a rising 3L at the University of Tennessee College of Law and is very active in the law school community. Currently, she is the Regional Director of Sub-Region 1 in the Southern Region of BLSA, 3L Representative of the UT Marilyn Yarbrough BLSA chapter, and founder of RGSJ: The Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender, & Social Justice; an upcoming legal journal at the University of Tennessee. Kimel may be reached at subregion1.srblsa@gmail.com



Atoyia Scott, Sub-Region II Director (Louisiana & Mississippi)



Atoyia Scott is from Denham Springs, Louisiana. She attended Loyola University New Orleans and graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Music. She majored in Music Industry Studies with emphasis in piano. While at Loyola, she was a point guard for Loyola Women's Basketball Team, heavily involved in Student Government Association, and a Black Student Union Executive Board Member. After graduating, she decided to attend Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She is heavily involved in the Black Law Students' Association, Honor Board, Moot Court, and various other organizations. Atoyia may be reached at srblsa2@gmail.com

Brian Tyson, Sub-Region III Director (North Carolina & South Carolina)

Brian W. Tyson was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. Brian graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Brian is a licensed Real Estate and Insurance Broker in North and South Carolina and is currently a third year law student at the Charlotte School of Law. He has served on many committees and organizations at Charlotte Law. Upon completing law school, he plans to start a non-profit organization to help develop young minority males. Brian may be reached at sub.region.3@gmail.com



Kendra Stephen, Sub-Region IV Director (Florida & Puerto Rico)



Kendra Stephen was born in Guyana, a country located in South America. However, she considers herself to be a Floridian because she has lived in Florida since she was 11 years old. Kendra graduated from Florida Atlantic University, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Marketing. As a law student at Nova Southeastern University- Shepard Broad Law Center, Kendra is very active on campus. She was the President of the Black Law Students Association and the Treasurer for the Caribbean Law Students Association. Additionally, Kendra is dual degree student, pursuing a Masters degree in International Business Administration while studying law. Kendra has been a judicial intern for Judge Merrilee Ehrlich and a fellow at Legal Aid of Broward County. She continues to volunteer her time at Legal Aid helping defend consumers facing foreclosure. Additionally, Kendra is a volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Broward County, and she enjoys spending time with her little sister. Kendra may be reached at subregion4.srblsa@gmail.com

Veronica Williams, Sub-Region V Director (Alabama & Georgia)



Veronica Williams is a rising 2L at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. As an active member of BLSA, she has served as treasurer at her local chapter and Sub Region 5 Director for SRBLSA.

She strives to become a judge and has wanted to practice law since childhood. Veronica graduated *magna cum laude* from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee with a joint major in English and Spanish as well as received her Teacher's Certificate. As an army brat, she has lived several places, calling Memphis, Tennessee and Madison, Wisconsin home. She believes that

knowledge is power and that the best way to lead is to first learn to follow. Veronica may be reached at subregion5.srblsa@gmail.com

Charlyn Stanberry, Attorney General

Charlyn M. Stanberry is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and a proud alumnus of the University of Central Florida where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing and a Master's degree in Public Administration. While at UCF, Charlyn was named a National Leadership Fellow with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, and served as the Chairwoman for the President's Leadership Council. Charlyn is currently a 2L at Florida International University College of Law (FIU). At FIU Law, she serves as a Governor for the Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division and the NBLSA Liaison for the FIU BLSA Chapter. She is a CLEO Fellow and a member of Junior League of Miami. After graduation, Charlyn has plans to pursue a career in health law and administration. Charlyn may be reached at attorneygen.srblsa@gmail.com



Miaya McCray, Director of Community Service



Miaya McCray was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida. She attended Florida State University (FSU) where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and English Literature, *magna cum laude*. Miaya's love for BLSA was born as a member of the Black Law Students Association College Student Division at FSU. Miaya is now a second year law student at the University of Florida Levin College of Law and the President of the W. George Allen Chapter of BLSA. Miaya is thrilled to serve you as the Director of Community Service for the Southern Region and may be reached at

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G.C. Murray, Jr., Director of Social Action

G.C. Murray, Jr. is a native Floridian. He attended Florida International University (FIU), graduating *cum laude* in three years with his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities. At FIU, he was a President's Scholar and received the school's most prestigious service award: the Excellence in Civic Engagement Medallion of Distinction. In Spring 2006 became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., becoming a *Life Member* in 2010. He served the fraternity as the Assistant Southern Area Director for two years and has received such honors as: Florida Federation's College Brother of the Year; Southern Region College Brother Leadership Award; and the Augustus Witherspoon Leadership Award winner. Mr. Murray is also a Free and Accepted Mason. Mr. Murray is currently a third-year, Mason Ladd scholar at the Florida State University College of Law, in Tallahassee, FL. Mr. Murray has served as President of the 2010-2011 NBLSA Chapter of the Year and as National Elections Specialist.



Terrelle Bynum, Director of Programming

Terrelle was raised in Stafford, Virginia and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Morehouse College. He is now a second year law student at Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law. Terrelle is a member of organizations such as BLSA, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and the Talented Tenth Mentorship Program. Terrelle serves his local BLSA chapter as Coordinator of Events. Terrell may be reached at programming.srblsa@gmail.com



Maximillan Sprinkle, Director of Communication



Maximillan Sprinkle is from Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Marketing from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He established and operated several small businesses prior to entering the legal field, where he is now a third year student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. Max actively participates in BLSA, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, the Bowen Business Law Group, and the school's Moot Court and Mock Trial teams. Max may be reached at communications.srblsa@gmail.com

Jessica Davis, Director of Membership

Jessica Davis, a third year law student at Charlotte School of Law, was born in Evanston, Illinois and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. She attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC and graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts. Prior to law school she worked in marketing and sales for the Charlotte Bobcats and for several professional athletes. In addition to holding leadership positions with her local BLSA chapter, and participating on various BLSA committees, she is Vice President of the Trial Advocacy Team, Student Leader for Charlotte School of Law's Divorce and Custody Clinics, a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, a Street Law Instructor, and a Research Assistant. Jessica is also an active court-appointed volunteer with the Mecklenburg County Guardian ad Litem program. Jessica may be reached at southblsamembership@gmail.com



Harold Pryor, Director of the Pre-Law Division



Harold Pryor was born and raised in the Tampa Bay area. He attended the University of Florida and received a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science *cum laude* with a Public Affairs certificate. In 2009, he was awarded the Department of Political Science's distinguished "Multi-Cultural Scholar of the Year" award and he is a member of Florida Blue Key. Harold now attends Nova Southeastern University-Shepard Broad Law Center where he is a member of Nova Trial Association, ILSA International & Comparative Law Journal, and an active member of his BLSA Chapter. Harold has represented his chapter in both regional and national Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions. Harold currently serves as Director of SRBLSA's Pre-Law Division. Harold may be reached at collegestudentdiv.srblsa@gmail.com

Christopher Bruce, Corporate Relations Director



Christopher Bruce was born in Baltimore, Maryland and grew up in Stone Mountain Georgia. He graduated *cum laude* from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a concentration in Government Affairs and a minor in sociology. As the immediate past President of the University of Georgia's BLSA Executive Board, he is now the chapter's Student Advisor. He also serves his community through other organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Hands on Atlanta.

Lauren Wilson, Corporate Relations Director

Lauren Elaina Wilson was born in Atlanta, Georgia and attended the University of Florida where she graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. While at the University of Florida, Lauren was active with the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity as well as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upon graduation, Lauren joined McCurdy & Candler, LLC, in Atlanta, Georgia, as a Post Sale Foreclosure Paralegal before enrolling at the University of Georgia School of Law in the fall of 2010. Lauren is currently the Corporate Relations Specialist of SRBLSA for Alabama and Georgia and is also an active student member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys as well as the Gates City Bar Association.



All of the Corporate Relations Directors may be reached at corprelations.srblsa@gmail.com

Corporate Relations Directors not featured: Raquel Thomas & Lauren Elizabeth Wilson

Frederick Douglas, Job Fair Coordinator



Frederick "Rick" Douglas was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his Civil Engineering degree from North Carolina State University in 2006. From there, Rick moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and worked as a designer for an architecture & engineering firm. He is currently pursuing his Juris Doctor at Charlotte School of Law, where he serves as President of the Black Law Students Association and as the student representative on the Charlotte Law Strategic Planning Team. Additionally, Rick is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and an avid golfer. Rick may be reached at

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Donnalee Donaldson, Editor in Chief of the SRBLSA Law Journal

Donnalee is a third year student at the Emory University School of Law. She grew up in Montego Bay, Jamaica and graduated *cum laude* from Seton Hall University in New Jersey. Her legal experience includes internships with: New York City Department of Health, American Civil Liberties Union, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Atlanta Legal Aid Society and the New York City Law Department. She is a member of the Emory Moot Court Society and has held leadership roles in the Emory Public Interest Committee, Black Law Students Association and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. Donnalee may be reached at eic@srblsalawjournal.org



Breauna Peterson, Convention Co-Coordinator

Breauna Peterson was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated Valedictorian of her class from E.B. Erwin High School then matriculated to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa where she graduated *magna cum laude*, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. She presently attends Samford University Cumberland School of Law, where she is a second year student, Vice President of the school's BLSA Chapter, and member of Cumberland's various service organizations.



Caroline Douglas, Convention Co-Coordinator



Caroline W. Douglas was born in Nairobi, Kenya and raised in California. She graduated *cum laude* from Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL with a B.A. in English and was awarded the distinct honor of being named a Presidential Scholar, College Ambassador, and Dean's List recipient. She is currently a third year law student at the Samford University, Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, AL. Caroline is engaged to her best friend, Kenada K. Jackson, who is a fourth year Pharmacy student at Samford University. Caroline is an active member of her BLSA chapter.

The 41st Regional Convention Co-Coordinator may be reached at: conventioncoordinator.srblsa@gmail.com

Jenna Gailliard, Thurgood Marshal Mock Trial Director

Jenna Gailliard was born in Danville, Illinois and graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Pre-Law. She is now a third-year law student at Florida Coastal School of Law. Jenna serves as an active member in FCSL's local BLSA chapter and Moot Court Honor Board and has participated in several competitions including BLSA's regional and national FDMCC. Jenna may be reached at mocktrial.srblsa@gmail.com



Shakiva Ruff, Fredrick Douglass Moot Court Director



Shakiva Ruff is a Florida resident who graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Florida Atlantic University. Due to her passion in research and debate, Shakiva decided to enroll in law school. While attending Florida Coastal School of Law, Shakiva has had the opportunity to intern for a magistrate judge in the Middle District of Florida and will be interning in the Florida Supreme Court in Fall of 2011. Shakiva is a member of Florida Coastal's Moot Court Honor Board and has competed in a few competitions. She competed in SRBLSA's 2011 Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition where she received the "Best Advocate" award. Shakiva now serves as the Director of the SRBLSA Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Shakiva may be reached at srblsamootcourt@gmail.com

Buki Baruwa, Parliamentarian

Buki Baruwa was born and raised in North Carolina. She attended Western Carolina University on a soccer scholarship where she won two Southern Conference Championships and made two NCAA appearances. She now attends University of Tennessee College of Law where she serves as the 2L representative. Buki may be reached at parliamentarian.srblsa@gmail.com

Tamorra Buchanon, Alumni Director/Historian

Tamorra Buchanon was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana as a child. She has a Bachelors and MBA from Florida A&M University in Management and Marketing. Prior to attending law school, she lived in Philadelphia and worked for pharmaceutical and medical device companies in Business Development and Product Management. Tamorra is a rising 2L at Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law. She is currently serving as Vice President of Technology for the Macon Chapter of Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA), Treasurer of the International Law Society and Vice President of Mercer University BLSA chapter. She is serving as Marketing Executive for the SRBLSA Journal, as well as Alumni Director and Historian for the Southern Region. Tamorra may be reached at AlumniDir.SRBLSA@gmail.com



NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - NBLSA

In 1968, Algernon Johnson ("AJ") Cooper, former mayor of Prichard, Alabama, founded the first Black American Law Students Association at the New York University Law School. In 1983, BALSAs revised its name and the word "American" was deleted to encompass all blacks, including those not of American nationality. Later, the word "National" was added to reflect the organization's national expansion, which now includes representation in the law schools of forty-eight states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Today, the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA), is a national organization formed to articulate and promote the needs and goals of black law students and effectuate change in the legal community. As the largest student run organization in the United States with nearly 6,000 members, NBLSA is also comprised of chapters or affiliates in six different countries including The Bahamas, Nigeria, and South Africa. Organized into six regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and Western Region), the organization has over 200 chapters and is present in all but a few of the nation's accredited law schools, as well as unaccredited law schools. The headquarters of NBLSA is located in Washington, DC NBLSA encourages the development of talented, social conscious lawyers of tomorrow. Each year, the organization holds an annual convention to engage in legal activism and prepare new generations of black lawyers to "effectuate change."

Additionally, the Frederick Douglass Moot Court , Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial and International Negotiations Competitions are held during its annual convention. Notably, NBLSA assisted in the formation of the Black Law Students Association of Canada (BLSAC), The National Latino/Latina Student Association (NLLSA), National Association of Law Students with Disabilities (NALSD), and The National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (NAPALSA).

Mission

The purpose of NBLSA is to utilize the collective resources of the member chapters to:

- Articulate and promote the educational, professional, political, and social needs and goals of Black students;
- Foster and encourage professional competence;
- Improve the relationship between Black law students, Black attorneys, and the American legal structure;
- Instill in the Black attorney and law student a greater awareness and commitment to the needs of the Black community;
- Influence the legal community by bringing about meaningful legal and political change that addresses the needs and concerns of the Black community;
- Adopt and implement policies of economic independence;
- Encourage Black law students to pursue careers in the judiciary; and
- Do all things necessary and appropriate to accomplish these purpose.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a member of NBLSA you are part of an established and esteemed organization that has numerous benefits:

Networking Opportunities

In addition to being national members, NBLSA members are members of one of the respective six regions: Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, Rocky Mountain, Southern and Western. Members also belong to one of the 200 chapters at their respective ABA accredited law schools. Thus, the NBLSA network is not only national but tailored by the regional and the local communities too. NBLSA is thankful that it's network includes experiences such as top legal organizations interviewing NBLSA members at NBLSA job fairs, top Fortune 500 companies sharing their legal experiences with NBLSA members at conventions, and illustrious legal servants mentoring NBLSA members.

Practical Legal Experience

Many opportunities are provided for members to hone their legal skills through our prestigious annual competitions: Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition and the International Negotiations Competition. NBLSA also provides students with the opportunity to write actual amicus briefs and publish their works in legal journals.

Academic and Career Support

Education and scholastic achievement are part of the core of the NBLSA mission. Each year Academic Retreats are held on the regional level, and scholarships are given to both pre-law and law students. NBLSA also hosts job fairs throughout the United States.

Community Service in the Black Legal Community

As legal professionals it is especially important for us to give back to the communities that helped raise us through community service. This year the community service team will continue their Founder's Day of Service, MLK Day of Service and Youth Empowerment. Additionally, this year, the community service team has launched the Innocence Project.

Participating in Tomorrow's History

NBLSA strives to effectuate legal change in the community. Through sincere advocacy and social action, NBLSA continues to be at the forefront of legal activism. NBLSA participates in grassroots work, voter protection, legislative outreach, environmental justice and judicial advocacy.

Leadership Development

Considering NBLSA is the largest student-run organization, NBLSA offers individuals an opportunity to professionally serve their peers on the local, regional, and national level. Regional and National elections are held at their respective conventions in the spring academic semester. Apportionments to leadership positions are generally made after the regional and national conventions. As of July 2011, NBLSA had 181 regional and national servant leaders (this number does not include the local servant leaders) and this number may grow.

Recognition

Individuals may be recognized for their achievements, for example, scholarships are rewarded to those that succeed academically and those exhibiting the theme of NBLSA may be granted the esteemed title of "NBLSA Member of the Month."

Individual and team rewards are also given in the annual competitions. Chapters may be recognized as the Regional or National Chapter of the Year for their commitment to the NBLSA mission. Additionally, each year one of the six regions is also granted the title of region of the year due to their accomplishments and dedication to NBLSA that term.

Significant Discounts

NBLSA members have the pleasure of receiving discounts on a plethora of products and services. Currently members may receive discounts with the following companies:

AdaptiBar
Alamo
Avis
Barrister Books
Brooks Brothers
Budget Rent A Car
Dell
Execucar
HP
JoS. A. Bank
Kaplan PMBR
K&G
LaQuinta
Men's Wearhouse
Moores Clothing
MultistateEdge
National Bar Association
National Car Rental
SuperShuttle
Themis Bar Review

Financially active NBLSA law student members may retrieve their exclusive offers from K&G, Moores Clothing, and/or Men's Wearhouse.

In addition, the following companies are exclusive service providers to NBLSA members:

GL Advisor

More discounts will be added throughout the year. If you have a particular suggestion about a new membership discount or, if you have any questions about how to receive a discount please contact the National Director of Membership at membership@nblsa.org

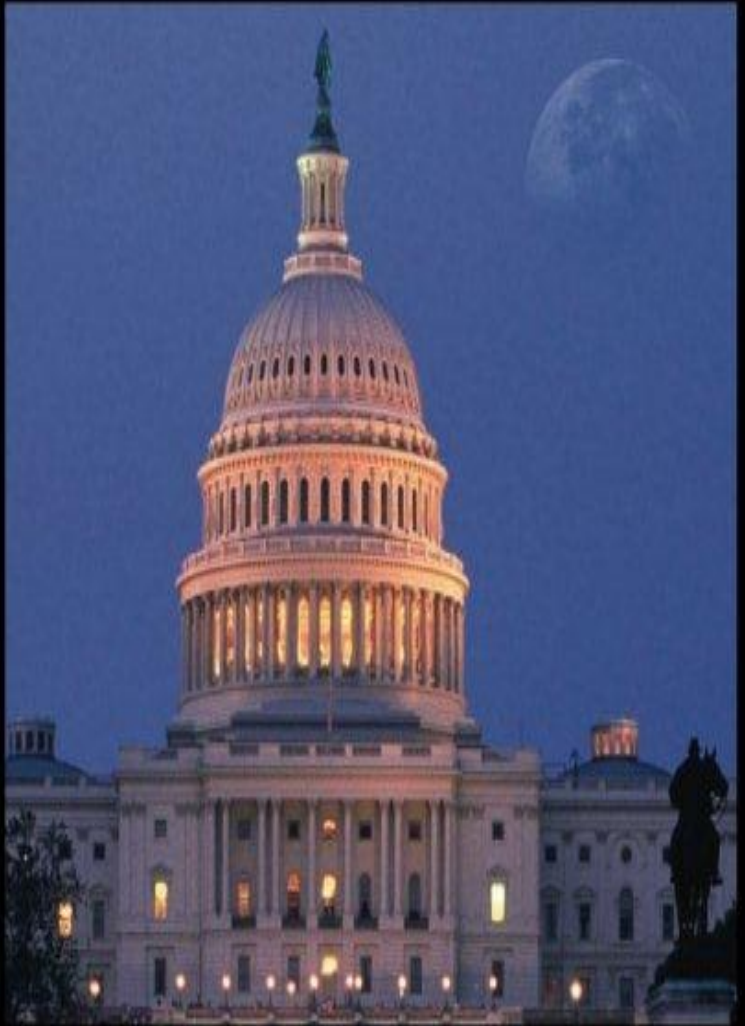
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NBLSA SCHOLASHIPS

Rodney Pulliam Memorial Scholarship

The Executive Board of the National Black Law Students Association is pleased to announce the annual Rodney Pulliam Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Pulliam served as our National Chair for the 1998-1999 academic year. Mr. Pulliam was an inspiration to all who knew him as a husband, father, minister, attorney and community activist. This award will recognize a NBLSA member who exemplifies Mr. Pulliam's dedication to social action and community service and is intended to be used exclusively toward a bar preparation course. To be eligible for an award, entrants must be a third year law student who plans to work in the public interest sector following graduation.

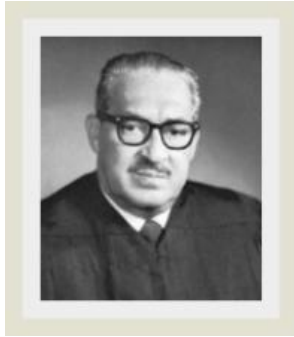
The Sandy Brown Memorial Scholarship

The Executive Board of the National Black Law Students Association is pleased to announce the annual Sandy Brown Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is named after the late Sandy Brown, a past NBLSA western regional director and will be given in her honor. To be eligible for this award, entrants must currently be in their first or second year of law school.

NBLSA Outstanding Student Leadership Award

The Executive Board of the National Black Law Students Association is pleased to announce the annual Most Outstanding Student Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize the NBLSA member who has excelled academically, in addition to being active in their BLSA chapter and community. To be eligible for an award, entrants must be first, second, or third year law students.

NBLSA COMPETITIONS

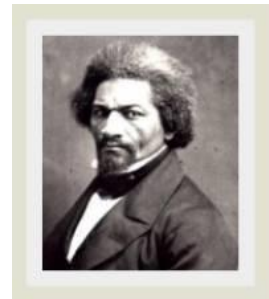


Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition

The Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition has become one of the most respected competitions available to law students. The competition offers its participants an exemplary experience in which to discover or hone their trial advocacy skills and capabilities. It has provided a training ground for some of the most accomplished litigators in this country. Due to the assistance of practicing judges, attorneys, and law professors, the prestige of this competition has been recognized across the nation. Each year, hundreds of competitors compete on the regional levels hoping to ultimately become one of the top three teams in the Nation.

Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition

Since its inception in 1975, the FDMCC has consistently provided NBLSA members with excellent training in appellate advocacy through oral argument and brief writing. Each year, the FDMCC provides competitors with the opportunity to argue issues that are at the forefront of debate in the legal profession and this year will prove to be no different. This year marks the 37th anniversary of this competition and the theme for this year will be "1975-2012: Building Pipelines That Will Foster and Cultivate Our Emerging Leaders in Academia and their Careers".



International Negotiation Competition



The International Negotiations Competition (INC) is the only non-litigation based competition opportunity within NBLSA. The program hones negotiation skills that are vital to a legal career while creating awareness of global issues. Participants will partner with a classmate, forming two person teams to negotiate a cross-border conflict based on current issues in our global community. No prior experience is necessary and first-year students are encouraged to participate. There is no writing requirement, but teams are encouraged to prepare based

on the general facts given to all competitors at the close of registration. This upcoming year will mark the 6th Annual NBLSA International Negotiations Competition.

More information may be found at <http://www.nblsa.org/competitions/>

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Visit www.nblsa.org/competitions for more details.



NBLSA – MEMBER OF THE MONTH

NBLSA will select six financially active members to become Members of the Month; one Member of the Month from each respective region. The Members of the Month will be selected based on an essay of no more than 500 words that describes how the nominee has contributed to their community, contributed to their fellow NBLSA members, and implemented this year's National Theme "Building Pipelines for the Future".

National Members of the Month Nomination forms must be submitted by the 20th of each month per the timeline below. *Please note both the nominator and nominee must be financially active.*

Timeline

- October WRBLSA Member of the Month submissions are due September 20, 2011
- November SRBLSA Member of the Month submissions are due October 20, 2011
- December NEBLSA Member of the Month submissions are due November 20, 2011
- January MABLSA Member of the Month submissions are due December 20, 2011
- February RMBLSA Member of the Month submissions are due January 20, 2012
- March MWBLSA Member of the Month submissions are due February 20, 2012

All members are encouraged to nominate themselves or fellow NBLSA members. Please note that members are on the National Executive Board and the Regional Directors of Membership are not eligible to be nominated.

The selected members will be recognized on the NBLSA website, in a NBLSA Communication Blast, and again in Washington, D.C. at the National Convention. The selected Members of the Month will need to submit a professional headshot of themselves to accompany the publications.

Please visit <http://www.nblsa.org/memberofthemoth>

CHAPTER GRANT PROGRAM

Program Information | The Chapter Grant Program is an initiative to help local law school and college student division chapters fund new and innovative programs that align with NBLSA programming initiatives.

Eligibility | Local law school chapters and college student division chapters of BLSA are eligible to apply.

Deadline | Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Funding | Chapters can request up to \$500 to implement a program under NBLSA initiatives: Child advocacy (juvenile justice), Equity in the Criminal Justice System, Global Citizenship, Institutional Representation (voter rights), Improve ourselves (education and professional development programs/receptions), Change our profession, Ensure a lasting legacy (College Student Division mentor-mentee programs).

Application | A complete application will include basic chapter contact information, a budget request, a program description, and chapter funding information for the program. Please provide information on how much funding the chapter currently has to put toward this program. Chapter programs that require a matching grant will receive first preference, i.e. programs/projects that already have funding allocated to them, but require a dollar for dollar match of their current funding. However, in cases of extreme need, the Chapter Grant Committee will also consider fully funding projects/programs.

Application Evaluation | The Chapter Grant Ad Hoc Committee will review applications at least twice a month. The Committee will evaluate applications based on financial need, the number of members served, and event ingenuity/how well the event aligns with a NBLSA initiative. The funds will be released within 5 business days of the approved application. Checks will be mailed to the chapter's mailing address and made payable to the chapter. NBLSA's Treasurer needs all receipts within 30 days of the event, accounting for the use of funds via a spreadsheet. Further any unused funds from the grant are to be returned to NBLSA no later than 30 days after the event.

After Action Report | All grant recipients will be expected to submit an after action report (AAR) within 30 days of the program event. The AAR should include a 500-word summary of the chapter's event that includes the date, time, location, and the number of members who attended the event. Additionally, the recipients should submit photographs to the Chapter Grant Ad Hoc Committee. Grant recipients that default on their After Action Report will be responsible for refunding the full amount of the grant.

Please visit <http://www.nblsa.org/programsponsorship/>

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION



Founded in 1925, the National Bar Association (NBA) is the nation's oldest and largest national network of predominantly African American attorneys and judges. It represents approximately 44,000 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students and has over 80 affiliate chapters throughout the United States and around the world.

The objective of the NBA “. . . shall be to advance the science of jurisprudence; improve the administration of justice; preserve the independence of the judiciary and to uphold the honor and integrity of the of the legal profession; to promote professional and social intercourse among the members of the American and international bars; to promote legislation that will improve the economic condition of all American citizens, regardless of race, sex or creed in their efforts to secure a free and untrammled use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; and to protect the civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States.”

Membership benefits include:

- Extensive networking opportunities
- National Directory of African-American Attorneys
- Continuing Legal Education
- The Annual Convention
- Convention and Meeting Discounts
- The NBA Magazine
- Business Discounts (ex. Airlines, shipping, insurance)

Please visit: www.nationalbar.org

41st SRBLSA Regional Convention

January 18-22, 2012

Birmingham, Alabama

Registration opens October 3, 2011

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
205.324.5000

Early Bird Room Rate \$99/night valid October 3rd-24th 2011

Career Fair | Chapter Awards | Community Service | Frederick Douglass Moot Court
Competition | Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition | Networking | Regional
Board Elections

For up to date information, visit www.nblsa.org/



SRBLSA 2011-2012

The Southern Region of the National Black Law Students Association consists of chapters in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico.

The Southern Region consists of five sub-regions:

- Sub-Region I: Tennessee & Arkansas
- Sub-Region II: Louisiana & Mississippi
- Sub-Region III: South Carolina & North Carolina
- Sub-Region IV: Florida & Puerto Rico
- Sub-Region V: Alabama & Georgia

THEME

“Advancing to the Next Level, Fulfilling the Dream, Advocating for the Future”

VISION

Igniting SRBLSA through partnerships, participation and professionalism

PURPOSE

The purpose of SRBLSA shall be to utilize the collective resources of the member sub-regions and chapters to:

- Articulate and promote the educational, professional, political, and social needs and goals of Black law students;
- Foster and encourage professional competence;
- Improve the relationship between Black law students, Black attorneys, and the American legal structure;
- Instill in the Black attorney and law student a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black community;
- Influence the legal community by bringing about meaningful legal and political change that addresses the needs and concerns of the Black community;
- Adopt and implement policies of economic independence;
- Encourage Black law students to pursue careers in the judiciary; and
- Do all things necessary and appropriate to accomplish these purposes

OBJECTIVES

1. To increase active participation and excitement surrounding SRBLSA.
2. To build stronger relationships with alumni.
3. To increase partnerships & develop a better relationship with sponsors.
4. To ensure effective communication and strengthen relationships.
5. To increase programming and actively recruit new Pre-Law Division chapters in our region.
6. To strengthen relationships between the SRBLSA Executive Board and the local chapter presidents, ensuring SRBLSA's presence at a local level.
7. To reach out directly to members to keep them abreast on all of the events and opportunities.
8. To ensure that SRBLA's image in the legal community continues to be positive and increase our presence in certain states in the region.
9. To provide members with professional development opportunities to equip them to become more marketable in this economy.
10. To explore grant proposals to fund SRBLSA programs and initiatives.



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SRBLSA PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND BAHAMAS CRUISE

Cruise Contact Information:

Southern Region Chair, Jamie Davis: southern@nblsa.org

Yippie Travel Agent, Edrick Young: edricky@yippietravelweb.com | (718) 577 - 2041



Cruise from Miami to the Bahamas February 24-27, 2012

SRBLSA is having a party and you are invited! We're taking a few days out of our law school schedule to aboard the beautiful Carnival Imagination cruise ship. Over the course of three days we'll cruise from vibrant Miami to the relaxing Bahamas.

Need a reason to come? While in the colorful mecca known as Miami you may engage in the diverse Miami culture at South Beach, the open-air Bayside Marketplace shops, or by enjoying "un cortadito" in Little Havana. Once aboard the cruise ship you may enjoy the SRBLSA Private Cocktail Party, spa treatments, casino, mini-golf course, delicious dining, and much more. If you choose to cruise, you'll witness unforgettable ocean views and near-perfect tropical weather in both Miami and the Bahamas. In fact, Nassau is known for its miles of perfect white-sand beaches, graceful coconut palms, and crystal-clear waters. While in Nassau, you may also shop for duty-free gifts and mementos, take carriage rides past sorbet-colored buildings or tour the capital of the Bahamas in a glass-bottom boat.

Cabin price starting at \$314 per person double occupancy

\$25 INITIAL DEPOSIT DUE BY OCTOBER 7, 2011

\$75 PAYMENT DUE BY OCTOBER 27, 2011

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY DECEMBER 26, 2011

3 Day Cruise Itinerary

Friday, February 24, 2012

Miami, Florida | 4 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Nassau, Bahamas | 10 am

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Day at Sea | all day

Monday, February 27, 2012

Miami, Florida | 8 am



www.nblsa.org/srblsa

SRBLSA SWEATSHIRT



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Please send a check or money order to:

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Sweatshirts may be picked up during Advocacy Weekend or during the 2012 Regional Convention

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Birmingham School of Law
Campbell University School of Law
Charleston School of Law
Charlotte School of Law
Duke Law School
Elon University School of Law
Emory University School of Law
Faulkner University--Thomas Goode Jones School of Law
Florida A & M University College of Law
Florida Coastal School of Law
Florida International University College of Law
Florida State University
Georgia State University College of Law
John Marshall Law School- Atlanta
Louisiana State University Law Center
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law
Miles Law School
Mississippi College School of Law
Nashville School of Law
North Carolina Central University School of Law
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
Samford University Cumberland School of Law
Southern University Law Center
St. Thomas University School of Law
Stetson University College of Law
Tulane University Law School
University of Alabama School of Law
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law
University of Georgia School of Law
University of Memphis
University of Miami School of Law
University of Mississippi School of Law
University of North Carolina School of Law
University of South Carolina School of Law
University of Tennessee College of Law
Vanderbilt University Law School
Wake Forest University School of Law

SRBLSA/NBLSA DATES TO REMEMBER

□ **August 26-28, 2011**

SRBLSA Job Fair & Chapter President's Retreat
Florida Coastal School of Law (Jacksonville, FL)

□ **September 9-10, 2011**

Sub-Region V Academic Retreat
Cumberland School of Law (Birmingham, AL)

□ **September 10, 2011**

Sub-Region III Academic Retreat
Charlotte School of Law (Charlotte, NC)

□ **September 17, 2011**

Sub-Region I Academic Retreat
University of Tennessee College of Law (Knoxville, TN)

□ **September 21-25, 2011**

Charles Hamilton Houston/Congressional Black Caucus Weekend (Washington, D.C.)

□ **October 1, 2011**

Sub-Region IV Academic Retreat
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

□ **October 8, 2011**

Sub-Region II Academic Retreat
Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)

□ **October 22, 2011**

Regional Community Service Day (Various Locations)

□ **November 3-5, 2011**

SRBLSA Advocacy Weekend
Emory University (Atlanta, GA)

□ **January 18-22, 2012**

SRBLSA Regional Convention (Birmingham, AL)

□ **February 24-26, 2012**

SRBLSA Cruise (Miami, FL/Bahamas)

□ **March 7-11, 2012**

NBLSA National Convention (Washington, D.C.)