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WELCOME!!

We hope you are as excited about the 2021-2022 academic year as we are. This monthly newsletter will be your resource for BLSA news and important information, upcoming events, opportunities and more!

****If you are a returning member, please make sure you renew your membership by paying your 2021-2022 dues****





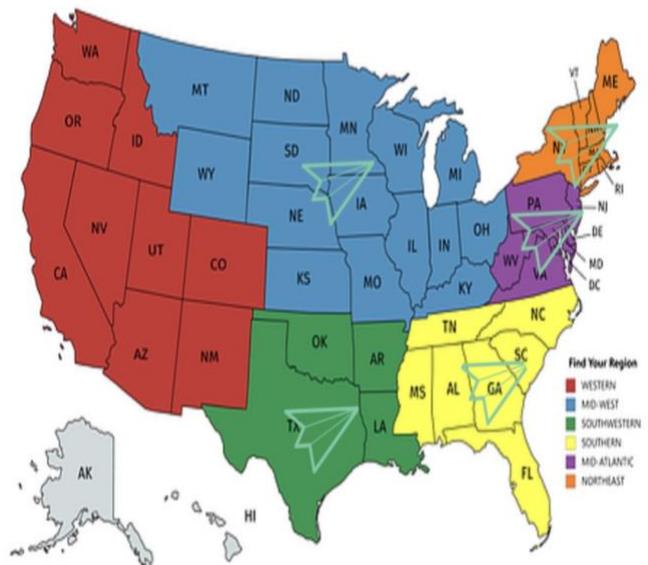
National Black Law Students Association

Striving to Balance Since 1968

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 nation's largest student-run organization representing nearly 6,000 minority law students from over 200 chapters and affiliates throughout the United States and six other countries.

NBLSA has over 200 chapters organized into six regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and Western Regions). These regions are then divided up into sub-regions. BSOL's chapter is in the Southern Region, Sub-Region 5.

With its headquarters 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.



**The Black Law Students Association Southern
Region Website www.nblsa.org/srblsa**

**The National Black Law Students Association
Website www.nblsa.org**

2021-2022 E - BOARD MEMBERS



MEET THE E-BOARD

PRESIDENT, Latrice Lee



My name is Latrice Lee and I am more than excited to be serving as your 2021-2022 BLSA President. I hope to pick up where my amazing predecessor left off and build on the blocks left before me. 2020-2021 was an unprecedented year. It hindered our ability to be as active as we had hoped and forced us to cancel/forgo some traditions/events that BLSA members look forward to every year. With some light appearing at the end of this tunnel, it is my goal to get back to the basics and reemerge better than ever.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Niaya Nelms



My name is Niaya T. Nelms, it is a pleasure and honor to serve as your 2021-2022 Vice President. I am a 3L student at Birmingham School of law. I hold various leadership roles within my community as well as within our BSLA chapter. Although, this upcoming school year may still be challenging, BSLA will still continue to bring informational events to our student body.

Here is affirmation for upcoming school year, ***"Its always seem impossible, until it's done."*** Nelson Mandela.

**SECRETARY,
Keshia Johnson**



**TREASURER,
Shannon Eady**



**PARLIAMENTARIAN,
Trynatera Foster**



**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR,
LaKrista Knox**



**SOCIAL CHAIR,
Erin Sheppard**



**ALUMNI CHAIR,
Patrick Bishop**



AVAILABALE POSITIONS



1L Liaison

- _Introduce incoming students to the BSL chapter.
- _Encourage 1L attendance at meetings
- _Poll 1L's on any issues of concern.

Membership Chair

- _Encourage students to join BLSA
- _Encourage students to pay dues
- _Encourage students to attend community service and other BLSA events
- _Keep records of membership applications and financially active members
- _Keep track of individual members activities with the chapter for awards/scholarship qualifications
- _Gain familiarity with TWEN to encourage and assist new students with adding BSL chapter to their course listing.
- _Create possible ice breakers before some meetings

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please reach out to Latrice Lee at Latricerlee@outlook.com

WHY JOIN?

CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

BLSA works with an awareness and understanding of the history, the struggle, and the determination of our people. We also know that "Black law student" is reflective of the full range of the diaspora.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

BLSA works to create resources, hold programs, and build confidence in every Black and minority law student to excel and overcome the academic rigor of law school to become attorneys of the highest caliber.

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

BLSA works to help our members and our students build connections, develop skills, and take opportunities to pursue the career of their dreams and provide access to others who may follow.

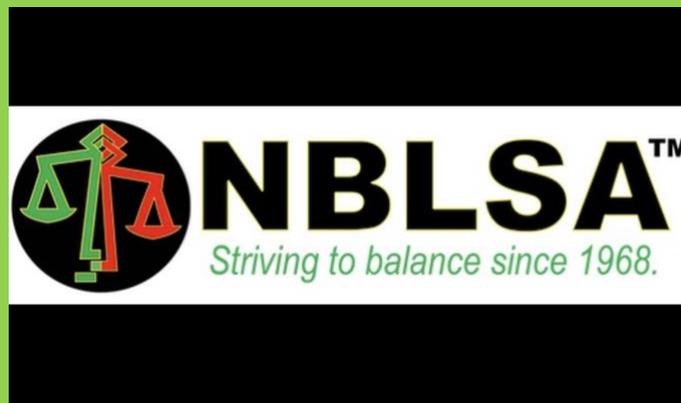
COMMUNITY IMPACT

BLSA works to instill community commitment through facing the issues of our time and investing our time and talent into the community regularly.

JOINING IS EASY!



Simply complete the application and email it to Latricerlee@outlook.com. Once you have submitted the application, you will need to submit your annual dues of \$25.00 via Cash App to \$blsa2. These dues are for one academic school year and must be paid in the fall of each year.



We encourage you to join the national organization as well. Their dues are \$50.00 and must be paid directly to them on their website.

<https://www.nblsa.org/membership>

**FIRST GENERAL BODY
MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

**GENERAL BODY MEETINGS WILL BE THE FIRST
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5PM.**

ZOOM INFO WILL BE GIVEN VIA TWEN