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50th NBLSA National Convention Symposium Agenda-at-a-Glance

“NBLSA at 50: Celebrating Our Legacy, Advancing Our Mission”

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

“NBLSA on the Cutting Edge: Technology and the Law”

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm General Session	Welcome & Opening General Session Control, Alt, Diverse: Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal & Technology Spaces
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Breakout Session	Career Hack: Breaking Into Cybersecurity and Privacy Law
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Breakout Session	The Download: The Black Tech Influencers of 2017
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm Breakout Session	Booting Up: Black Attorneys and the Technology Start Up Wave
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm Breakout Session	TBA
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm General Session	NBLSA 50th National Convention Opening Ceremonies
8:45 pm – 9:45 pm Reception	NBLSA National Convention Welcome Reception

Thursday, March 15, 2018

“Increasing the Number: Championing Diversity and Inclusion”

9:15 am – 10:00 am Breakout Session	Black, Unapologetically: Navigating Cultural Identity in the Corporate and Legal Context
9:15 am – 10:00 am Breakout Session	Making the Business Case for Diversity
10:15 am – 11:00 am General Session	How Far We've Come: A Conversation with Elder Trailblazers in Integrating the Legal Profession
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Breakout Session	Still We Rise: Understanding Intersectionality and Unconscious Bias in Diversifying the Legal Profession
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Breakout Session	NBLSA Legacy Sponsor Workshop
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm NBLSA Luncheon	Sadie T. M. Alexander Women in Leadership Luncheon
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Breakout Session	Action Behind the Camera: Black Advocates for Artists and Artistry
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Breakout Session	Advocacy in the Arena: Lawyers in the Sporting Field
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Breakout Session	Speaking Out: LGBT Attorneys of Color in the Legal Profession
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Breakout Session	NBLSA Legacy Sponsor Workshop

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Thursday, March 15, 2018 (continued)

“Increasing the Number: Championing Diversity and Inclusion”

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm General Session	Attorneys of Color on the Global Stage
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Networking Session	#NBLSAConnects – Student Networking Session
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm NBLSA Reception	NBLSA National Chair’s Welcome Reception – Sponsored by Sullivan and Cromwell LLP

Friday, March 16, 2018

“#Power50: Advocacy on the Front Lines”

9:00 am – 10:00 am CLE Session	Labor & Employment
9:00 am – 10:00 am CLE Session	Policing in Public Schools
9:00 am – 10:00 am Student Session	Positive Political Impact: Cultivating the Next Generation of Culturally Conscious Lawmakers
9:00 am – 10:00 am Student Session	Conquering the Courtroom: Impact of Litigation and Access to Justice
10:15 am – 11:15 am General Session	Topic To Be Announced
11:30 am – 12:30 pm CLE Session	Privacy & Cybersecurity
11:30 am – 12:30 pm CLE Session	CLE: Lawyering in Support of Social Justice Movements
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Student Session	A Dollar Short and Freedom Denied: A Critical Discussion on the Money Bail System
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Student Session	A Pledge to Serve: The Role of Civic Organizations in Community Advocacy
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm NBLSA Luncheon	A. Leon Higginbotham Judicial Legacy Luncheon
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm CLE Session	Litigation & Trial Advocacy
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm CLE Session	Alumni-Led CLE Workshop
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm General Session	Women on the Front Lines: Velmannelle Montgomery, Yvette Clarke, Nydia Velazquez, Opal Tometi
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm General Session	Democracy Under Siege: Black Political Resistance in the Age of #45
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm General Session	Ethics & Professional Responsibility
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Competition Event	NBLSA Finals Night: Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Negotiations Finals
8:45 pm – 9:30 pm NBLSA Reception	NBLSA National Finals Reception

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Saturday, March 17, 2018

“A Celebration of Our Legacy and Our Future”

9:15 am – 10:15 am Pre-Law Conference	NBLSA Pre-Law Conference Kick-Off and Workshop
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Exposition Space	NBLSA Legal Community Showcase & Exposition
10:30 am - 11:15 am Pre-Law Conference	Pre-Law Conference Workshop #2 (Topic TBA)
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Pre-Law Conference Keynote Address
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm NBLSA Luncheon	NBLSA Trailblazer Award Luncheon: Celebrating Ten Years of Engagement with the U.S. Military Judge Advocate General Corps
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Pre-Law Conference	Pre-Law Conference Workshop #3 (Topic TBA)
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Engagement Session	Brother to Brother - Led by 1844
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Engagement Session	Sister to Sister - Led by the Association of Black Women Attorneys
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Pre-Law Conference	Pre-Law Conference Workshop #3 (Topic TBA)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Pre-Law Conference	Pre-Law Conference Closing Session
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm NBLSA Banquet	NBLSA 50th Anniversary A.J. Cooper Legacy Banquet & Hall of Fame Induction
10:00 pm – Until NBLSA Afterglow	#NBLSAReunion – Legacy Decades Reception