Regional Convention JOB FAIR
January 11, 2019 – New Orleans, LA

STUDENT REGISTRATION
December 9th - 17th, 2018
Dear SWBLSA Members and Interested Students,

On behalf of the Southwest Region of the National Black Law Students Association (SWBLSA), I cordially invite you to participate in the 2019 SWBLSA Regional Convention Job Fair. The Job Fair will be held in New Orleans, LA on Friday, January 11th, 2019.

The National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) was established in 1968 and is the largest student-run organization in the United States, with over 200 chapters at law schools throughout the country and more than 6,000 active members. The Southwest Region is comprised of four states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

The SWBLSA Job Fair is a unique opportunity for us as black law students to be matched with employers that share our commitment to diversifying the legal community. Furthermore, this is an opportunity for each of us to find a work environment that is actively interested in helping us grow as practitioners and allow us to pave the way for our community.

In addition to our traditional in-person interviews, we are proud to introduce this year our virtual video-interview process. This makes it more affordable and thus attractive for employers to participate, which ultimately will attract more and a broader range of employers from across the country. This provides you with more exposure and opportunities to find jobs for next summer.

If you are interested in participating in this year’s Job Fair, please sign up on Symplicity or update your existing page, update your cover letters and resume, and place bids on participating employers between **Sunday, December 9th, 2018 and Monday, December 17th, 2018**. Registration for students has been extended to **Monday, December 17th, 2018** to allow ample time for employers to select applicants they wish to interview. Please note that students with existing Symplicity profiles must update their registration to now reflect their most current year. If you participated last year as 2L, you must update to reflect that you’re now in your 3L year.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email at swblsa.jobfair@nblsa.org or via phone at (954) 756-2933. We look forward to your participation in this year’s Job Fair.

Best Regards,

**Marie Vertus**  
SWBLSA Job Fair Coordinator 2018-2019  
National Black Law Students Association  
Southern University Law Center  
Juris Doctor Candidate 2021
STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students who have paid their 2018 – 2019 dues must register by using Symplicity by visiting: https://law-nblsa-csm.symplicity.com/students/?signin_tab=0

Once you have registered through the link, please contact our Marie Vertus, SWBLSA Job Fair Coordinator to make sure that your Symplicity profile has been approved in the system. After your approval, you can begin to submit your bids. If you have previously submitted bids through NBLSA’s Symplicity then you do not need approval through the system. For any questions, please contact our Job Fair Coordinator at swblsa.jobfair@nblsa.org.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SWBLSA JOB FAIR YOU MUST BE A DUES PAYING MEMBER.

If you would like to pay your dues, please use the link below: https://nblsa.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp

JOB FAIR IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 – Employer Registration Opens

Friday, November 30, 2018 – Employer Registration Ends

Sunday, December 9, 2018 – Student Bidding Begins

Monday, December 17, 2018 – Student Bidding Ends

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – Employer Selection Period Begins

Friday, December 21, 2018 – Employer Selection Period Ends

Monday, December 24, 2018 – Registration for Tabling Begins

Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, December 28, 2018 – Student Interview Acceptance Period

Monday, December 31, 2018 – Thursday, January 3, 2018 – Alternate Student Interview Acceptance Period

Friday, January 2, 2019 – Registration for Tabling Ends

Friday, January 4, 2019 – Final Interview Schedule Released

Friday, January 11, 2019 – SWBLSA Job Fair

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Friday, January 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Student / Employer Registration Opens

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. – Employer Interviews
PARTICIPATING SWBLSA CHAPTERS

Louisiana State University Law Center
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
Oklahoma City University School of Law
South Texas College of Law Houston
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
Southern University Law Center
St. Mary's University School of Law
Texas A&M University School of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University
Texas Tech University School of Law
Tulane University Law School
University of Arkansas School of Law at Fayetteville
University of Arkansas School of Law at Little Rock
University of Houston Law Center
University of North Texas Dallas College of Law
University of Oklahoma College of Law
The University of Texas School of Law
University of Tulsa College of Law

In addition to the law schools in the SWBLSA region, all NBLSA members in law schools across the nation can bid in the SWBLSA Job Fair.
PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

Barraso Usdin Kupperman Freeman, & Sarver, LLC

Jackson Walker, LLP

Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett, LLC

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP
RESUME AND INTERVIEW RESOURCES

Visit the websites below to read valuable tips on formatting your resume and having a strong interview. Check with the career services office at your campus for information that is more specific to your school/region and resume review. Good luck!

Resume Tips

- [https://law.yale.edu/student-life/career-development/students/toolkit-student-job-seekers/resume-advice-samples](https://law.yale.edu/student-life/career-development/students/toolkit-student-job-seekers/resume-advice-samples)
- [http://abovethelaw.com/2015/01/10/resume-tips-from-a-legal-recruiter/](http://abovethelaw.com/2015/01/10/resume-tips-from-a-legal-recruiter/)
- [http://law.wisc.edu/career/sampleresumes.html](http://law.wisc.edu/career/sampleresumes.html)
- [http://www.law.uga.edu/creating-legal-resume](http://www.law.uga.edu/creating-legal-resume)
- [http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/careers/students/ResumesAndAppMaterials/resume.cfm](http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/careers/students/ResumesAndAppMaterials/resume.cfm)

Interview Tips

- [https://law.yale.edu/student-life/career-development/students/toolkit-student-job-seekers/interviewing](https://law.yale.edu/student-life/career-development/students/toolkit-student-job-seekers/interviewing)
- [https://www.wcl.american.edu/career/interviewtips_questions.cfm](https://www.wcl.american.edu/career/interviewtips_questions.cfm)
- [https://law.stanford.edu/careers/alumni-career-resources/preparing-for-your-interview/](https://law.stanford.edu/careers/alumni-career-resources/preparing-for-your-interview/)
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The Job Fair Coordinator will assign employers an interview room.

- Please arrange to bring all interview materials needed with you to the fair, as there is limited printing and copying capabilities at the job fair host site.

- Please let us know in advance if you have mobility limitations by emailing swblsa.jobfair@nblsa.org.

- Your registration is considered incomplete if any of the requested information is not provided. Please be prepared to upload a professional resume, legible scan of your law school transcript (showing courses, grades earned, and cumulative GPA), writing samples, and cover letters as requested by employers. **You will be required to submit as minimum a resume and transcript to be considered for an interview with an employer.**

- Please do additional research on employers at their websites, and on their NALP page.

- **STUDENTS WITH SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND JOB FAIR** – If you must cancel for any reason, *you are expected to contact the employer directly*, and notify the Job Fair Coordinator. Please make every effort to cancel interviewed by the end of the student acceptance period, **Friday, December 28, 2018**.

- Registration for the Job Fair is open to **ALL** student members of NBLSA.

- The job fair will not select student interviews by lottery; employers are permitted to pre-select students they are interested in interviewing.

- Students are not permitted to interrupt interviews or enter the employer hospitality suite. If you are unable to obtain an interview with a desired employer, please contact that employer using the recruitment information provided on Symplicity or the employer’s website.

- Following the fair, participants will be contacted to provide information on their interviewing experience, as well as results of the fair, including the number of callback interviews, and job offers made to fair participants.