Mid-Atlantic Black Law Students Association

NEWSLETTER

Reclaiming Our Power: Rising Through Connection, Clarity, and Collective Growth

Meet the MABLSA 59 Executive Board

The MABLSA 59 Executive Board is honored to serve the Mid-Atlantic Region this year. Together, we are dedicated to building a stronger, more connected region across DC/MD, Greater Philadelphia/DE, PA/WV, and VA.

WELCOME FROM MABLSA 59!

Welcome to the third edition of the MABLSA Monthly Newsletter! Each month, this newsletter will keep you connected to regional programming, chapter events, and opportunities across our four sub-regions. Every edition will highlight regional initiatives, upcoming events, chapter accomplishments, leadership opportunities, professional development resources, and the incredible work taking place across the Mid-Atlantic.

This publication is more than a collection of updates. It is our commitment to reclaiming our power as a region: strengthening communication, fostering connection, and making sure every member has access to the resources and information needed to succeed. Whether you are a current member, a chapter leader, or an alum, there is a place for you here.

MABLSA

57th Annual REGIONAL CONVENTION

Join us in Bethesda, Maryland!

March 3 - March 7, 2027

Regional Convention is the culmination of our 28 local chapter's hard work and dedication over the 2026-2027 school year!
Registration for Moot court and Mock trial competitions are now open!
General convention registration and hotel block information will be released in early November 2026!

2027 NBLSA Census

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The 2027 NBLSA Census is ***NOW LIVE***! Building on the momentum of last year's census, NBLSA is working to accurately capture the presence of Black law students across legal education. Your participation helps strengthen NBLSA's ability to advocate for the resources, recognition, and representation our community deserves.

Complete the Census & Support Your Chapter! Chapters that achieve 100% participation in the NBLSA Census may qualify to receive micro-grants from NBLSA Nationals to provide additional *financial support* for their chapter.

All law students are encouraged to complete the Census and submit only one response. Please do not forward or independently share the Census link, as NBLSA is coordinating distribution through designated Census Points of Contact.

Questions about Census distribution? Contact the NBLSA Member-at-Large at memberatlarge1@nblsa.org.

One student. One story. One census at a time.

COMPLETE CENSUS HERE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

Virtual

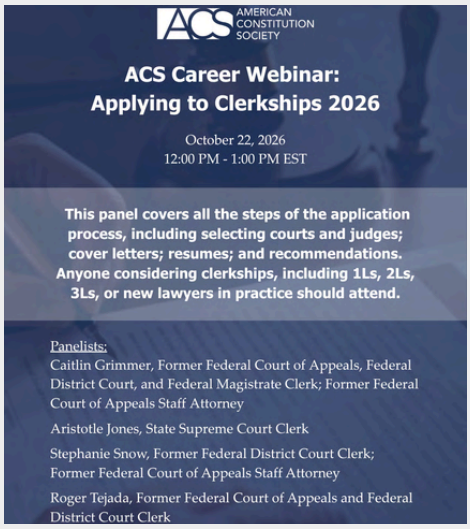
ACS Career Webinar: Applying to Clerkships 2026

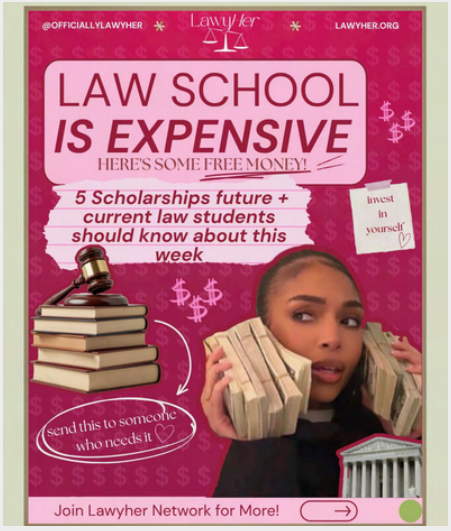
Thursday, October 22nd | 6:00–8:00 PM

Zoom

Join ACS on October 22 for a career webinar on applying to judicial clerkships, featuring experienced former clerks who will share insights on the application process, including selecting judges, preparing application materials, and securing recommendations.

RSVP HERE





IN PERSON

Washinton Bar Association Annual Career Fair

Saturday, October 31st| 8:30 AM–1:30 PM

American University

Washington College of Law

Meet employers across many industries, get advice on your reume, join an interview session, and more!

REGISTER HERE

Scholarship

@officiallylawyher shares weekly scholarship opportunities for pre-law students, current law students, and aspiring attorneys. Follow @officiallylawyher and comment "SCHOLARSHIPS" on their latest Scholarship Saturday post to receive direct links to featured opportunities!

CLICK HERE

SCENES FROM HBCU PRE LAW Summit - Durham, NC
Annual Leadership Retreat - Liberty Law School

Follow @mablsastrong on Instagram for event updates and RSVP links.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Competition

Regional Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition

Deadline: Octover 23, 2026

Registration is open for MABLSA's Regional Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition, taking place March 3–7, 2027, in Bethesda, Maryland. Teams must register by October 23, 2026; scan the QR code on the flyer for registration details.

Competition

Regional Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Deadline: November 6, 2026

Registration is open for MABLSA's Regional Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition, taking place March 3–7, 2027, in Bethesda, Maryland. Teams must register by November 6, 2026; scan the QR code on the flyer for registration details.

Fellowship

LawyHer Fellowship Program – Applications Open

Deadline: October 20, 2026

Applications are open for the LawyHer Fellowship Program, an opportunity for aspiring women attorneys to further their professional development and legal careers. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply by October 20, 2026.

SCENES FROM the HBCU Pre-Law Summit - Durham, NC

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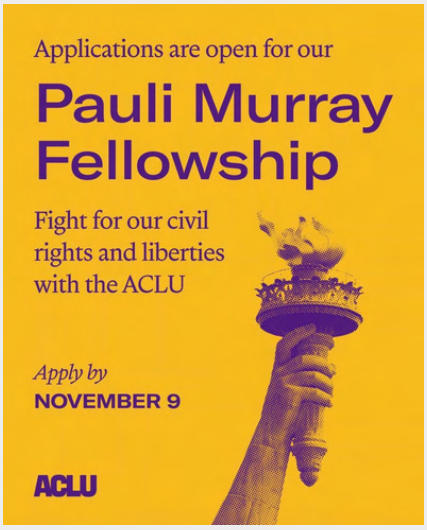
ACLU PAULI MURRAY FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 9, 2026



Fight for Civil Rights. Build a More Just Future.

Applications are now open for the ACLU's Pauli Murray Fellowship, an opportunity for aspiring advocates to contribute to the fight for civil rights and civil liberties. Named in honor of Pauli Murray, the pioneering civil rights lawyer, legal scholar, and activist whose work helped shape the fight for racial and gender equality, the fellowship offers an opportunity to support the ACLU's ongoing mission to protect individual rights and advance justice.
Through its commitment to civil liberties and equal protection, the ACLU works to defend the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and ensure that these protections extend to all communities. Students and emerging legal professionals interested in civil rights advocacy and public interest law are encouraged to explore this opportunity.

Application Deadline: November 9

Organization: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

LEARN MORE & APPLY to explore the fellowship and review application requirements before the deadline.

Your resource for career opportunities across the legal profession. Stay up to date with internship and employment deadlines, fellowship opportunities, judicial clerkships, career resources, and professional development opportunities designed to support your success throughout law school and beyond.

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D.C. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ROBERT R. RIGSBY – SPRING & SUMMER 2027 INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The chambers of the Honorable Robert R. Rigsby, Associate Judge of the D.C. Superior Court, are accepting applications for Spring and Summer 2027 internship and externship opportunities. Judge Rigsby has served on the bench since 2002 and previously served as Attorney General for the District of Columbia, an Assistant United States Attorney, and a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army.

Students will have the opportunity to observe court proceedings, brief the Judge on upcoming matters, and assist with legal research and writing assignments. These positions offer valuable firsthand experience with judicial decision-making, trial-level litigation, and courtroom practice. Students of all law school class years are eligible to apply.

Spring 2027 Internship/Externship

- Dates: Late January through early-to-mid April 2027 (approximately 10 weeks, with possible extension)
- Hours: 10–15 hours per week, ideally across two full days
- Application Deadline: December 1, 2026

Summer 2027 Internship/Externship

- Dates: Flexible
- Hours: Approximately 40 hours per week
- Application Deadline: February 1, 2027

Application Requirements: Applicants should submit a one-page cover letter, resume, and law school transcript. Spring 2027 applicants who are 1Ls without available law school grades may submit a brief statement explaining that their grades will not be available until late January.

Apply: Email application materials to JudgeRigsbyChambers@dcsc.gov, using the appropriate subject line:

- Spring: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME - Judge Rigsby (Internship or Externship) Application - Spring 2027
- Summer: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME - Judge Rigsby (Internship or Externship) Application - Summer 2027

Students interested in litigation, government service, trial advocacy, judicial decision-making, or future judicial clerkships are encouraged to apply.

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ON THE HORIZON

Bar Association Showcase | November 7 | Location & Details to come!

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NBLSA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

35% MABLSA BULK MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

NON-BULK CHAPTERS

The Bulk membership discount has now passed. Chapters opting out of bulk payment must instruct individual members to pay via their NBLSA platform accounts. These chapters do not receive automated Hivebrite uploads and are **fully responsible** for submitting their standardized roster directly to **mablsa.membership@nblsa.org**.

- **Membership Roster Template**

WHY MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE IMPORTANT:

- **National Benefits**: Only dues-paying national members can access NBLSA-specific perks, including the job board, internship postings, national/regional competitions, scholarships, and convention discounts.
- **Chapter Voting Power**: Per Article III, Section B, Subsection 2 of the NBLSA Constitution, your chapter's voting strength at the annual General Assembly increases with the number of registered dues-paying members you have (ranging from 1 vote for 10 or fewer members up to 5 votes for 75+ members). Local chapter e-boards must all pay dues to vote in plenary.
- **Accessing Perks**: Discount codes and exclusive perks can be accessed directly on the NBLSA website by active, dues-paying members.
  - Perk Suggestions: We are actively striving to bring even more value and perks to our membership this term! If you or your local chapter leaders have any ideas or suggestions for new membership benefits, please let us know!

Non-Bulk Membership Schools:

DC/MD Subregion

- **Howard University School of Law**
- **University of Maryland**
- **Catholic - Columbus School of Law***
- **George Washington University Law School**

Virginia Subregion

- **Appalachian School of Law***
- **George Mason - Scalia Law School***
- **Regent University School of Law**
- **University of Richmond School of Law**
- **Washington and Lee School of Law**
- **William & Mary Law School**

Greater Philly Subregion

- **Drexel***
- **Temple***
- **UPenn**
- **Villanova**
- **Widerner Delaware Law School**

PA/WV Subregion

- **Duquesne Kline School of Law**
- **West Virginia University College of Law**

Dormant Chapters & Rechartering*: Chapters that have been dormant for more than two NBLSA fiscal years must submit a chapter recharter application and pay the required chapter charter fee.

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BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Each month we spotlight a board member going above and beyond for the region. Because of the immense success for the MABLSA Cookout, we are recognizing two.

October

Jai Shy

Director of Career & Professional Development

Howard University School of Law

Jai showed up for ALR planning and was such a joy to work with during the planning process. She had everything prepared; she was super responsive, and she was making sure that everything was in its proper place and everyone knew what they were supposed to be doing. She went above and beyond! Jai is now a two time board member of the month! Thank you for your dedication to MABLSA!

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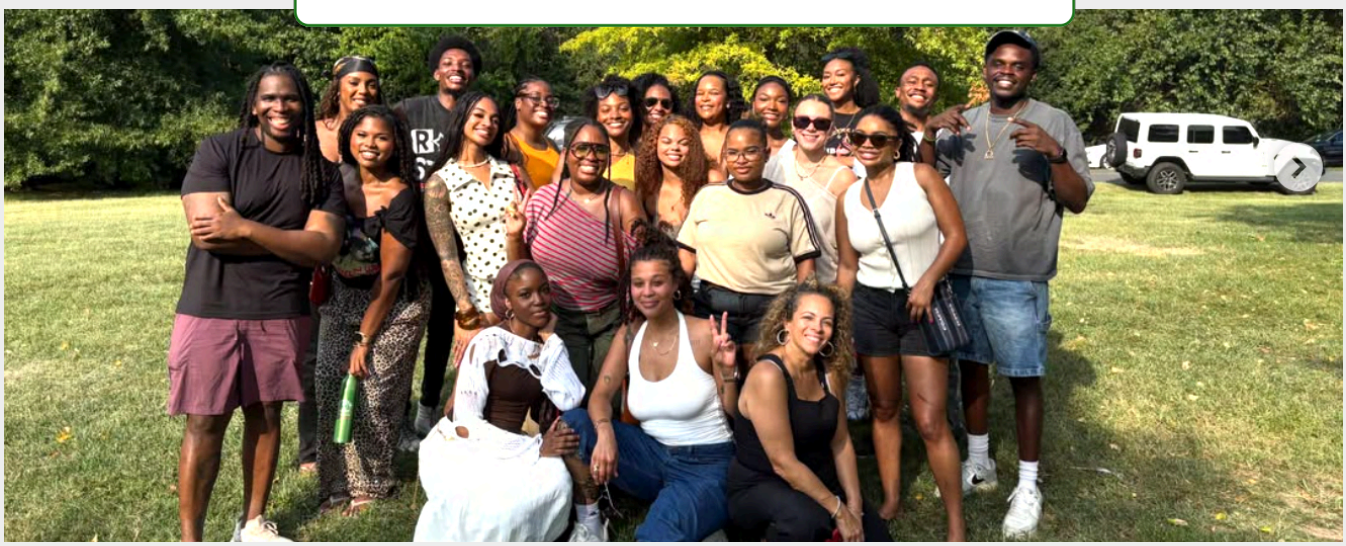
CHAPTER OF THE MONTH

UDC David A. Clarke School of Law



The University of the District of Columbia has consistently shown up for the MABLSA community, representing its chapter and demonstrating a continued commitment to connection, engagement, and regional solidarity. Through its participation and presence, UDC helps strengthen the bonds between chapters and reinforces the importance of showing up for one another throughout the law school journey.

We are proud of UDC for its continued presence, representation, and commitment to strengthening the MABLSA community!

GET YOUR CHAPTER'S EVENTS FEATURED

Chapter leaders, this space is for you! Starting next issue, every newsletter will include a Local Chapter Calendar highlighting programming from BLSA chapters across the region.

Planning a welcome back mixer, a 1L orientation event, or a general body meeting? We want the whole region to know.

Submit your chapter's events to your Subregional Director:

DC/MD: Samari Price | mablsa.dcmd@nblsa.org
Greater Philadelphia/DE: mablsa.philly@nblsa.org
PA/WV: Barbara Garcia Powell | mablsa.pawv@nblsa.org
VA: Alesia Miles | mablsa.va@nblsa.org

PRESIDENTS, INTRODUCE YOURSELVES!

Are you the president of your school's BLSA chapter? We want the region to know who you are. Each month we will feature chapter presidents from across the Mid-Atlantic, including your photo, school, and what your chapter has planned for the year.

Submit your information and headshot to you sub-regional director by **October 30** to be featured in the October edition.

> **New this year:** MABLSA 59 will publish a semester programming calendar and this monthly newsletter on **mablsa.org**, so every chapter has clear and consistent access to regional updates.

Know a MABLSA chapter going above and beyond? Nominations for next month's spotlight are welcome. Message your Sub-Regional Director listed above or reach out to the Communications team at **mablsa.communications@nblsa.org**.

Submit Your Chapter Spotlight

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: TABIUS WILSON, JR.

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3L George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School | Virginia

Each month, the MABLSA Newsletter highlights a student whose journey and contributions reflect the diversity of experiences and leadership within our region. This month, we spotlight Tabius Wilson, Jr., a student at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School whose path to legal education began at Hampton University, a historically Black university with a longstanding legacy of developing leaders.

Tabius continued his academic journey at Scalia Law through the Hampton University–Scalia Law pipeline program, an initiative designed to expand access to legal education by connecting Hampton undergraduates with a pathway to law school.

At Scalia Law, Tabius has continued to distinguish himself through his involvement in student leadership. He currently serves as President of the Student Bar Association (SBA) for the 2026–2027 academic year, where he represents the student body and helps advance the academic, professional, and community interests of his peers. In this role, he takes on the responsibility of supporting a diverse student community and working to strengthen the law school experience for those he represents. He is Scalia's second Black president in the school's history. Before assuming the presidency, Tabius also served as Parliamentarian for Scalia Law's Black Law Students Association, further demonstrating his commitment to student governance and organizational leadership.

Beyond his academic and leadership commitments, Tabius is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., an organization with a rich tradition of scholarship, leadership, and service. His involvement reflects an additional connection to a broader community committed to personal development and collective advancement.

From Hampton University to the presidency of Scalia Law's Student Bar Association, Tabius's journey illustrates the importance of educational pathways, institutional support, and student leadership in shaping the next generation of legal professionals.

Thank you, Tabius, for your continued commitment to leadership, service, and the advancement of the legal community!

ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL
George Mason University

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

We are currently seeking students from our **PA/WV, DC/MD,** and **Philly/DE** sub-regions for the Student of the Month Spotlight. Share the achievements of your friends and classmates across the region!

Submissions are due by the 30th of each month to be featured in the following issue.

Submit Your Student of the Month Spotlight

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PRE-LAW STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Pre-Law Division Highlight

Oluwatamilore "Tami" Adejumo

Each month, MABLSA recognizes an exceptional pre-law student who is making a difference in their community through leadership, service, and a commitment to the legal profession. This month, we are proud to recognize Oluwatamilore "Tami" Adejumo!

Tami is a Government and International Politics major with a minor in Communication at George Mason University, where she serves as President of the undergraduate chapter of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA). This semester, Tami has led her chapter in coordinating an admissions event with Howard University School of Law and hosting an attorney Q&A featuring Harvard Law School graduate Attorney Kennedy Mackey. Through these initiatives, Tami continues to create meaningful opportunities for students to explore legal education, connect with legal professionals, and take steps toward their future careers in law.MABLSA celebrates Tami's dedication to leadership, mentorship, and expanding access to the legal profession.

Thank you, Tami, for your dedication and hard work!

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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

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Stacey Anderson, Esq.

Citizens Police Oversight Commission | Philadelphia

Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Class of 2020

MABLSA Regional Chair, 2019–2020
MABLSA Alumni Advisory Board Member

Each month, the Alumni Hub honors an alum whose leadership, service, and continued commitment to our region make a lasting impact. This month, we are proud to recognize Attorney Stacey Anderson, former MABLSA Regional Chair for the 2019–2020 term and a dedicated member of our alumni community.

Stacey continues to demonstrate her commitment to the BLSA community through her service on MABLSA's Alumni Advisory Board, where she provides valuable insight, feedback, and guidance to help strengthen the organization and support its leadership.
Her dedication extends beyond the advisory role. Stacey helped make MABLSA's Alumni Homecoming event a success by serving as a co-sponsor, connecting the team with Lydia on H Street in Washington, D.C., and facilitating a connection with guest speaker Daraja Carroll. She also continues to support MABLSA's strategic fundraising efforts and expand opportunities for meaningful connections within our network.

Thank you, Attorney Anderson, for your continued leadership, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the MABLSA community!

CALLING PA/WV AND VA ALUMNI!

We are currently seeking alumni from our **PA/WV** and **VA** sub-regions for the Alumni Newsletter Spotlight. Share a new job, let members know your firm is hiring legal interns, highlight legal issues you are addressing, or promote community events across the region.
Submissions are due by the 30th of each month to be featured in the following issue.

Submit Your Alumni Spotlight

Email **Jaya Bruce** at **mablsa.alumni@nblsa.org** for questions or to join.

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JOIN THE REGIONAL BOARD!

AVAILIABLE POSITIONS

ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE FOR THE 2026 - 2027 BOARD

- Subregional Director of Greater Philadelphia
- Director of Corporate Relations
- Director of Corporate Relations Specialist (4) – 1 per sub-region
- Mock Trial Support Staff (2)
- Moot Court Support Staff (1)
- Grievance Committee Non-Board Member (2)

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OPPORTUNITY BOARD

ACLU-NBLSA Southern Legal Internship Program 2027

ACLU National Offices | Locations Vary Across 13 Southern States

The ACLU-NBLSA Southern Legal Internship Program offers law students the opportunity to work with ACLU affiliates across the 13 states of the Southern Collective, contributing to civil rights and social justice initiatives throughout the region.

Interns will support legal, policy, and organizing campaigns addressing issues that disproportionately affect Black and Brown communities, including voting rights, educational equity, gender justice, and criminal legal reform. This program offers students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in civil rights advocacy while working alongside attorneys and advocates committed to advancing justice across the South.

- **Eligibility:** Law students; review the official posting for specific requirements.
- **Duration:** 10 weeks starting June 1 or 14.

PRIORITY deadline*: Sunday, November 1, 2026
FINAL deadline: Sunday, November 22, 2026

https://www.aclu.org/careers/internships/apply/?job=8755531002&type=internships

Save Our Smithsonian Internship

Open to undergraduate students

Save Our Smithsonian (SOS) was launched to protect the Smithsonian, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAHHC), following the recent Executive Order targeting its existence.

Interns will support SOS's digital presence, and update the SOS website and social media with information from important legal documents, orders, and reports from the White House.

- **Eligibility**: Undergraduate student
- **Duration**: 5–7 hours per week during the Fall 2026 semester

Questions about the opportunity? Email **mablsa.ag@nblsa.org**

ROLLING BASIS

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COMMUNITY BOARD

This section belongs to you! Current law students and BLSA alumni can submit:

Small Businesses

Own or operate a business? We will feature your logo, a short description, and a link so the region can support you.

Scholarships

Know of a scholarship open to Black law students? Share it here and help a classmate fund their legal education.

Awards & Honors

Did you or a classmate recently receive an award, honor, or recognition? Let us celebrate your wins region-wide.

Support Black-owned businesses, share opportunities, and celebrate each other.

Email mablsa.communications@nblsa.org

Send your submission to the Communications team
First submissions will be featured in next month's issue.

A COMMUNITY OF LEADERS: MABLSA MEMBERS, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS ACROSS THE REGION

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 SPONSORS

Our programming runs on the generosity of partners who invest in Black law students. MABLSA 59 is grateful to the organizations standing with us this year.

MGC

MGC's support helped make the NEBLSA x MABLSA Job Fair possible, from the event itself to breakfast and professional photos for the students who attended. Thank you for investing in our members' careers.

The Reparations Project

The Reparations Project stands with MABLSA in building opportunity and community across the Mid-Atlantic. We are grateful for their partnership and their commitment to our region this year.

Bradley

Bradley's support helps make the MABLSA Annual Leadership Retreat possible, on October 3rd in Lynchburg, Virginia. Thank you for investing in our members' careers.

McGuireWoods

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CAPITAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

$10,000 raised of our $50,000 goal

Every dollar expands what this region can do for its chapters: more programming, more support, more opportunity. A special shoutout to **Khadijatu Jackson**, our Chief of Staff, for her work driving this campaign forward.

Want to give, or know an organization that should partner with us? Reach out to the board and we will get you connected.