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2017 National Convention

Election Rules and Procedures

March 7-12, 2017

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I. POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION

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Any member of a 2016-2017 active NBLSA chapter¹ or an individual identified as a member-at-large² may run for office. The following NBLSA positions are eligible for election:

- National Chair
- National Vice Chair
- National Secretary
- National Treasurer
- National Director of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition
- National Director of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition
- National Director of Community Service
- National Director of Programming
- National Attorney General

To learn more about the duties of each elected position, please refer to the NBLSA Constitution and Bylaws or reach out to the person currently occupying the position. We will also be a live teleconference including a candid Q&A session with the current National Board Members. The schedule will be posted on the National website once available.

¹ An active chapter is a chapter who has paid membership dues and uploaded a membership roster to the NBLSA Membership database. In order to be considered a member of a chapter, your name must be included in the chapter's membership roster.

² A member-at-large is an individual who has no chapter affiliation, but is still currently a dues paying member within the NBLSA Membership database.



II. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

There are two ways to certify yourself as a candidate for a position on the NBLSA Executive Board:

- 1) Pre-Certification; and
- 2) As a nomination from the floor.

This section will cover the rules and procedures for both.

A. PRE-CERTIFICATION PROCESS

i. **In General.**

Any active member who completes the documentation and requirements of the pre-certification phase and the final certification phase will qualify as a candidate for the NBLSA Executive Board.

ii. **Purpose of Pre-Certification Process.**

Pre-Certification allows for candidates to begin campaigning early through social media outlets as well as at National Convention.

iii. **Pre-Certification Deadline.**

If a candidate wants an opportunity to cure any deficiencies, all materials must be submitted online as one PDF document no later than **11:59 PM EST on Monday, February 27, 2017** via e-mail to elections@nblsa.org. After **Monday, February 27, 2017**, each candidate will have **until Friday, March 3rd at 11:59 PM EST** to cure any deficiencies. No applications will be accepted beyond that deadline.

iv. **Pre-Certified Candidates Meeting.**

All Pre-Certified Candidates must attend a pre-certified candidates meeting in Houston on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**.

v. **Further Information on Pre-Certification.**

Further details will be announced at the following link:
<http://nblsa.org/convention>



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Pre-Certification Submission Requirements.

There are 7 pre-certification submission requirements. Each member must declare his or her intent to run for a national position by submitting the documents below. Items 1-3 will be included in the delegate's packet.

1. Candidate Statement.

One page Statement of Intent with photograph in top left corner;

2. Résumé.

One page résumé, including NBLSA positions held at the local, regional, or national level;

3. Completed Application

4. Signed statement of understanding.

Signed statement of understanding of financial obligation for office;

5. Signed Acknowledgement of the Required Duties.

Signed acknowledgement of the duties and obligations associated with the office sought. Interested parties may apply for only one position and must plan to enroll at his/her institution for the complete ensuing academic year;

6. Letter of Good Standing.

Letter from your law school registrar or dean certifying your enrollment and good academic standing; and

7. Signature from Local Chapter.

Form signed by the President of the local NBLSA chapter in which you are a member, certifying your good standing with the chapter. If you are the President of your local chapter, your form must be signed by the Vice-President. You may not sign the form for your own candidacy.



II.

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B. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

In General.

Members who do not submit the required materials as per the pre-certification process may still become a candidate via a nomination from the floor. The rules and procedures regarding floor nominations are as follows:

1. **Who May be Nominated from the Floor.** Members who do not submit the required materials by the deadline may still run for election. Nominations from the floor are subject to the following rules:
 - a. If two (2) or more candidates are pre-certified, there will be no floor nominations.
 - b. This means that an elected National officer position with one (1) or no pre-certified candidates is open for floor nominations.
2. **Time of Floor Nominations.** Floor nominations will occur during the first plenary session unless a proper motion to reconsider floor nominations is brought before the General Assembly.
3. **How to Make Floor Nomination.** To make the nomination, a Chapter's Delegate need only rise and state "I nominate _____ for the position of _____. " No second is required. Members are only permitted to nominate one person for each officer position. Each nominee must be present at the plenary session to accept the nomination.
4. **Submission Requirements upon Accepting a Nomination from the Floor.** In the event that a candidate is nominated from the floor, the candidate must meet requirements 1- 5 set forth above in the pre-certification requirements **within 24 hours of accepting nomination.**
5. **Submission Requirement Upon Election.** All candidates who are nominated from the floor and elected must submit all of remaining the documents listed under items 6 and 7 of the pre-certification requirements to the National Elections Committee, elections@nblsa.org, by **Friday, March 17, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST** in order to maintain your office.



II.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

C. FINAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS

In General. All candidates must meet the following criteria to seek National Office:

1. Mandatory Candidate's Meeting.

o **Mandatory Pre-Certified Candidate's Meeting.** All pre-certified candidates for office are required to attend a mandatory candidate's meeting to be held at the 2017 National Convention from **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.**

o **Mandatory Floor-Nominated Candidate's Meeting.** All candidates who are nominated from the floor must attend a mandatory candidates meeting to be held at the 2017 National Convention from **5:15PM CST – 6:00 PM CST on Thursday, March 9, 2017.**

3. Running for More than One Office.

a. No candidate may run for more than one National Office.
b. No individual who has been elected to a regional position will be permitted to campaign or run for a position on the National Executive Board unless they resign immediately from their regional position before submitting their name for a National position.

4. Transition Meeting.

Any candidate who wins election to a NBLSA National Office is required to attend the Transitional Meeting on **Sunday, March 12, 2017, 11:30 AM EST– 2:00 PM EST.** This meeting is mandatory, so please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

5. Important Considerations.

a. Serving on the NBLSA National Executive Board is a significant commitment which requires a substantial amount of travel and extracurricular work. Please factor this into your considerations when deciding whether to run for office.
b. For most positions, NBLSA does not fund required travel; thus, it is important that you consider available financial resources before running for a position. The estimated cost of travel for an officer (excluding Chair and Vice-Chair) is roughly \$5,000-\$7,500 dollars. National Chair and Vice-Chair candidates should project travel expenses of approximately \$10,000 each.



III. CAMPAIGNING

A. CAMPAIGN FUND LIMITATIONS

- a. Accounting of Expenditures.** All candidates must submit a detailed accounting for all expenditures associated with their candidacy for a NBLSA National Office at the relevant mandatory candidate's meeting.
- b. National Chair Limit.** No candidate for the office of National Chair shall expend more than \$1,500 total, excluding travel expenses.
- c. Limit for all other Positions.** Candidates for all other positions shall not expend more than \$1,000, excluding travel expenses.
- d. In-Kind Donations.** In-kind donations will be counted toward the budget limit at their fair market value.
- e.** In the event that a candidate is under budget, they may expend additional monies up to the budget limit during the National Convention and must submit final receipts at the pre-election meeting.

B. CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR PERIOD BEFORE CONVENTION CAMPAIGN MEETING

- a. Verbal Announcements are allowed.**
Pre-certified candidates **ARE** permitted to verbally announce their intent to run for office prior to the Pre-Certified Candidates Meeting to any NBLSA member in any region.
 - i.** Only the candidate may endorse himself or herself prior to the candidate's meeting. (See Section III.D.a.i-ii. for definition of endorsement)
 - ii.** Chapter and regions are prevented from making endorsements prior to the National Convention. (See Section III.D.a.i-ii. for definition of endorsement)
- b. No Dissemination of Campaign Material prior to the Candidates Meeting.**
No candidate for NBLSA National Office shall disseminate printed material before the mandatory Pre-Certified Candidates meeting on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**.
- c. Social Media Limitations on Campaigning.** After a Candidate has received notification from the Elections Committee that his or her application has been accepted, he or she may use Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, blogs, websites, or any other electronic method to advertise his or her candidacy.



C. CAMPAIGN MATERIAL APPROVAL & FURTHER LIMITATIONS

III.

CAMPAINING

Approval of All Campaign Materials. All candidates for National Office must submit all campaign materials and correspondence related to their candidacy to the Elections Committee for approval BEFORE disseminating to the electorate. In all cases, all materials must be submitted for approval by **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST.** **All Floor-Nominated Candidates must have their campaign materials approved by the Elections Committee prior to displaying or distributing any materials.** Candidates will submit materials to the Elections Committee at elections@nblsa.org.

- a. **Candidates must account for social media expenses.** If the candidate incurs any cost related to the use of electronic mediums, these expenses must be included in his or her budget.
- b. **Campaign Team.** Candidates must submit a list of campaign team members to elections@nblsa.org, if any, by **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST.**
- c. **Candidates may not use the official NBLSA** Regional or National Listserv or logo and may not post any campaign material to the NBLSA-branded social networking sites (e.g. local, regional, or national Facebook groups, YouTube Channels, or Twitter Pages).

D. CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES.

- a. **Endorsement Defined.**
 - i. A statement or act in support of or an approval of a candidate in relation to their candidacy. This approval can be advocating for a candidate verbally or through social media, displaying, wearing or distributing campaign materials, recruiting and otherwise validating or promoting a candidacy.
 - ii. Any statement or act whatsoever of giving one's approval or support of any candidacy will be subject to the evaluation of the election committee.
- b. **Local Chapter Endorsement Rules.**
 - i. Local chapters may not publicly endorse a candidate prior to the National Convention. Local chapters may only endorse candidates after the commencement of the National Convention.
 - ii. Chapters endorsing a candidate are permitted to hold a chapter-specific reception at the National Convention, but this expenditure will count toward the candidate's campaign fund limit.
- c. **Current National and Regional Board Member Endorsement Rules.**

III. CAMPAIGNING (cont'd)

- i. Current National and Regional Board members, as well as Regional-Elect Board members, are prohibited from endorsing any candidate for National office at any time prior to or during convention.
- ii. This rule does not include past national or regional board members. Violation of this rule may lead to disqualification.

E. CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR PERIOD AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CAMPAIGNING

- a. **Campaign Materials.** Candidates are permitted to wear and distribute approved campaign materials (flyers, buttons, etc.) to attendees at the National Convention.
- b. **No Campaigning or Material Distribution Inside a Plenary Session.** Candidates may not campaign or distribute campaign material inside the plenary room at any time.
- c. **Unfair Campaign Practices.** No candidate shall engage in any unfair campaign practice including, but not limited to, infraction or contempt of any campaign rule, libeling, or slandering another candidate, improper endorsing, and/or maliciously disrupting another campaign.
- d. **Responsibility for Others Campaigning on Candidate's Behalf.** Each candidate is responsible for the activity that another undertakes directly on behalf of the candidate, as if the candidate is undertaking the activity himself or herself, unless the candidate clearly and unambiguously discourages such activity publicly.



IV. ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONS RULES & PROCEDURES

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A. Complaints. Any NBLSA member may file a complaint with any Elections Committee member for violation of election rules and procedures by sending an email to elections@nblsa.org.

B. Enforceability. These rules will be enforced by the Elections Committee. Investigation into any violation is the sole responsibility of the Elections Committee and Election Coordinator. If a violation is found to have merit, the offending candidate will be **disqualified immediately**. The rules are an effort to achieve the goals and principles of NBLSA.

C. Campaign Violation Review Procedure. Upon notification of an alleged violation by a candidate, the Election Coordinator will call a meeting of the Elections Committee within 24 hours to review the complaint. If, on its face, the Committee determines by majority vote that the complaint may have merit, the Election Coordinator will solicit a response within 24 hours from the accused member to explain their conduct. During this time, the Election Committee will continue investigating the matter.

Following the submission of the accused candidate's response, the Elections Committee will determine by a preponderance of the evidence through a majority vote as to whether the candidate in question may proceed or if they will be disqualified. Disqualification decisions by the Elections Committee.

D. Amendment of Election Rules and Procedures. The Elections Committee reserves the right to amend or add to the election procedures at any time before the annual meeting, with the exception of procedures outlined in the National Constitution and Bylaws.



V.

DEBATES AND SPEECHES

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- A. **Debate for Candidates for National Chair.** All candidates for the position of National Chair must participate in at least one debate.
- B. **Questions by Elections Committee.** All candidates for positions of the NBLSA National Executive Board must stand for at least one question by the Elections Committee after the candidate's speeches.
- C. **Candidate Speeches.** All candidates for office are required to give a speech and stand for questions during the Plenary Elections session.
- D. **Order of Speeches.** The order of Candidate Speeches and Questions and Answers (Q&A) will be determined by the Election Coordinator after the Mandatory Candidates Meeting(s), but prior to the day of speeches in order to best accommodate the needs of all candidates.

VI.

DELEGATE VOTING PROCEDURES

A. VOTING VIA ATTENDANCE

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 - a. Any active chapter with a registered delegate or proxy for the National Convention who attends at least seventy-five (75) percent of the plenary sessions during the 2017 National Convention is entitled to participate in the election of the 2017-2018 NBLSA National Officers.
 - b. All delegates will receive their chapter ballot and all relevant proxy ballots prior to the commencement of candidate speeches.
- B. VOTING VIA PROXY**
 - a. In order to utilize the proxy vote procedure, please refer to the 2017 National Convention Proxy Certification Form.



VII. **BALLOT COUNT**

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A. Secret Ballot.

The election of officers is determined by secret ballot.

B. Winner.

The candidate that receives the largest percentage of votes for the position will be declared the winner of the position. If a candidate is unopposed, he or she must receive a majority of the votes in order to be declared the winner of the position.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2017-2018 NBLSA ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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The names of elected officers will be announced during the 2017 NBLSA National Awards Gala, held on March 11, 2017 in Houston, Texas.

IX. **INSPECTION OF BALLOTS**

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Every candidate has a right to inspect all of the physical ballots submitted for the position to which (s)he was a candidate, before the close of the National Convention.



X. ELECTION PROCEDURES CALENDAR*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2/26	27 Final Deadline to submit pre-certification application materials at 11:59 PM EST	28	3/1	2	3 Deadline to cure deficiencies in pre-certification applications at 11:59 PM EST	4
5	6 Deadline to Submit Campaign Team Members and Campaign Materials at 11:59 PM EST	7 First Day of 2017 National Convention Activities	8 Mandatory Candidates Meeting – Pre Certified Candidates 10:00 AM CST-12:00 PM CST	9 National Board Floor Nominations at 2:00 PM CST during Plenary Session I <hr/> Mandatory Candidates Meeting - Floor Nominees 5:15 PM CST – 6:00 PM CST	10	11 Candidates Speeches, Q&A and Voting during Plenary Session IV <hr/> Election winners announced at Annual Gala at 7:00 PM CST
12 Appointed Position Meeting at 11:00 – 11:30 AM CST <hr/> NBLSA Transition Meeting at 11:30 AM CST-2:00 PM CST	13	14	15	16	17 Deadline to complete election applications following election at 11:59 PM EST	18
19	14	15	16	17	18	19

*The Election Committee reserves the right to extend or alter the dates above if deemed necessary.

XI.

APPOINTED POSITION INFORMATION SESSION

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All persons interested in being appointed to the following positions should attend an information session, which will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 11:00 AM CST – 11:30 AM CST.

- National Director of Communications
- National Director of Corporate Relations
- National Director of Membership
- National Director of Education & Career Development
- National Financial Secretary
- National Convention Coordinator
- National Parliamentarian
- National Director of Academic Retreat
- National Historian
- National Pre Law Division Director
- National Director of International Negotiations Competition
- National Director of Public Relations
- National Internal Chief of Staff
- National External Chief of Staff
- National Director of Social Action
- Director of International Relations

To learn more about the duties of each appointed position, please refer to the NBLSA Constitution and Bylaws or reach out to the person currently occupying the position.



NATIONAL OFFICER APPLICATION

NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Statement of Intent (goals and agenda) with photograph in top left corner (one 8.5x11 page). You may include any experience that may be related to the position, any honors and awards, and any other additional information that you would like people to learn about you. There is a 1000 word limit on statements. Included in Delegate's Packet.
- ✓ One 8.5x11 page résumé, including NBLSA positions held (local, regional, or national). Please do not include any sensitive information such as grades or class ranking. You may include academic honors. Included in Delegate's Packet.
- ✓ Completed Online Application, which includes the signed statement of understanding of the financial obligation for office and the signed acknowledgement of the duties and obligations associated with the office sought.
- ✓ Letter from your law school registrar or dean certifying your enrollment and good academic standing.
- ✓ Form signed by Chapter President of an active NBLSA chapter in which you are a member, certifying your good standing with the chapter and the chapter's endorsement of your candidacy for the NBLSA office sought.
- ✓ Accounting of candidacy related expenses, excluding traveling expenses. Bring with you to the mandatory Candidate's Meeting.

Please submit all documents in the aforementioned order as one PDF document along with the online submission of your application by 11:59 PM EST on Monday, February 27, 2017.



2017 NBLSA ELECTION APPLICATION

National Black Law Students Association
1225 11th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20001

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All Materials are due February 27, 2017 11:59 EST (NO EXCEPTIONS)
Please e-mail application to elections@nblsa.org

Name: _____ School: _____

Phone: _____ Year: _____ Email: _____

Position applying for: _____

What other positions will you hold, apply, or run for election in any organization for 2017-2018?

Have you ever run for or held an office on the local, regional, or national level? If so, which position(s)?

What are your plans for the summer of 2017? Where will you be located?



2017 NBLSA ELECTION APPLICATION

National Black Law Students Association
1225 11th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20001

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Statement of Understanding of Financial Obligation

Serving on the National Executive Board of the National Black Law Student Association requires extensive travel. By signing this statement of understanding, you are certifying that you are aware that travel is an essential part of your position and that associated costs are not covered by NBLSA. Estimated Cost is \$10,000 for Chair and Vice-Chair, and \$5,000 for all other positions.

Signature of the Candidate

Please use the space below to describe how you plan to fund your travel.



CHAPTER ENDORSMENT OF CANDIDATE FORM

CANDIDATE NAME:

CHAPTER OFFICIAL:

POSITION APPLYING FOR:

EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NO. FOR CHAPTER OFFICIAL:

CHAPTER NAME:

CHAPTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

I, <List Chapter Official Name and Position Here _____>, an elected official of <_____> BLSA chapter, hereby certify that <_____> is a member in good standing of our chapter. I further acknowledge that I read the duties and obligations associated with the position for which <_____> seeks a National NBLSA office and confidently endorse him/her for election to this position. Typing your name below indicates that you, as a representative of your local chapter, have read the certification form and relevant portions of the NBLSA Constitution & Bylaws and therefore, based upon this understanding have endorsed the above candidate for NBLSA office.

<_____>

Signature (Simply type name)

<_____>

Date

***If you choose not to endorse the candidate listed above,
please do not sign the statement and attach a document
stating your reasons.**



NATIONAL CHAIR CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, < _____ >, am applying for the position of National Chair. I understand that the duties of the National Chair include but are not limited to the following:

- To exercise general authority over the business and activities of NBLSA;
- To coordinate the activities of the National Executive Board to ensure implementation of all internal and external tasks;
- To chair all National Executive Board Meetings;
- Present ideas and propose directions for the organization;
- To preside over the General Assembly;
- To co-sign with the National Treasurer and/or regularly review, all checks issued by NBLSA;
- To produce a quarterly report to be distributed to the National Executive Board that details the status of NBLSA;
- To attend Regional Conferences as the National Executive Board representative whenever financially and logically feasible;

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the duties and obligations of the National Chair of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated in the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial < ___ > I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial < ___ > I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA's Board of Directors. Please initial < ___ >.

Typing your name below indicates that you have read the acknowledgement and pledge and will abide by them to the best of your ability.



Signature (Simply type name)

Date

NATIONAL VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, <_____>, am applying for the position of National Vice- Chair. I understand that the duties of the National Vice-Chair include but are not limited to the following:

- To exercise general executive authority over the business and activities of NBLSA, and chair all National Executive Board meetings and other functions in the event of the incapacity or absence of the National Chair;
- To serve as an internal manager to the National Executive Board and oversee all intraboard relations;
- To ensure that the annual Regional Conventions reflect the National ideas and focus;
- To attend Regional Conventions as the National Executive Board representative when the Chair is unable to attend,
- whenever financially and logically feasible;
- To develop and finalize the National Executive Board meeting agendas in accordance with the ideas and input of the National Chair;
- To serve as Chair of the Grievance Committee and present periodic reports to the National Chair;
- To evaluate National projects, programs, and initiatives proposed by National Executive Board members;
- To perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the duties and obligations of the National Vice-Chair of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated in the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial <____> I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial <____> I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA's Board of Directors. Please initial <____>.

Typing your name below indicates that you have read the acknowledgement and pledge and will abide by them to the best of your ability.



Signature (Simply type name)

Date

NATIONAL SECRETARY CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, < _____ >, am applying for the position of National Secretary. I understand that the duties of the National Secretary include but are not limited to the following:

- To maintain and distribute the minutes and agenda for all meetings of the National Executive Board and the General Assembly;
- To develop an operational calendar of National events;
- To disseminate a copy of the National calendar to the Regional Chairs and the Chapter Presidents;
- To maintain adequate distribution of the official NBLSA stationary to all National Executive Board members;
- To coordinate the National Executive Board meetings, including the meeting sites;
- To collect and maintain the officers' reports for the National Executive Board meetings;
- To utilize audio and/or video technology to record Plenary sessions at the National Convention;
- To maintain frequent communication with Regional Secretaries;
- To perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the duties and obligations of the National Secretary of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated in the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial < ___ > I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial < ___ > I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA's Board of Directors. Please initial < ___ >.

Typing your name below indicates that you have read the acknowledgement and
pledge and will abide by them to the best of your ability.



Signature (Simply type name)

Date

NATIONAL DIRECTOR FREDERICK DOUGLASS MOOT COURT COMPETITION CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, <_____>, am applying for the position of National Moot Court Director. I understand that the duties of the National Moot Court Director include but are not limited to the following:

1. Appoint a National Moot Court Review Board ("NMCRB") made up of at least one law school professor, at least three but no more than five practitioners of at least one year of appellate experience, and one NBLSA alumnus who has competed within the last five years. At the conclusion of each round on the regional and national level competitors are entitled to view their score sheets. Neither the National nor Regional Moot Court Directors may refuse to provide competitors with their score sheets.
2. Appoint a National Moot Court Specialist ("NMCS"). The NMCS must be a NBLSA member in good standing to serve, and his/her appointment is subject to approval by the National Executive Board;
3. Coordinate the Annual Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition according to the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition Handbook.
4. Actively seek accreditation and recognition for the FDMCC among legal institutions, organizations, and the legal community;
5. Determine the initial registration fee for the FDMCC and present it to the National Executive Board for approval.
6. Conduct an Annual Directors of FDMCC meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Directors of TMMTC meeting prior to September 15th each year where the Regional Directors of the FDMCC (or persons charged with the administration of the FDMCC at the regional level, if none then the Regional Chair) will be charged to attend.
7. Maintain frequent communication with Regional Directors of FDMCC;
8. Perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;
9. Compile a brief synopsis of his/her yearly activities for the NBLSA National Annual Report;
10. Produce an official transition report at the close of the term of office and;
11. Attend the regional competitions.

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the duties and obligations of the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition Director of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial <____> I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial <____> I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA's Board of Directors. Please initial <____>.

Typing your name below indicates that you have read the acknowledgement and pledge and will abide by them to the best of your ability.



Signature (Simply type name)

Date

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THURGOOD MARSHALL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, <_____>, am applying for the position of National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Director. I understand that the duties of the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Director include but are not limited to the following:

1. Appoint a National Mock Trial Review Board (“NMTRB”).
2. Appoint a National Mock Trial Specialist (“NMTS”).
3. Coordinate the Annual Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition according to the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Handbook, which includes:
4. Actively seek accreditation and recognition for the TMMTC among legal institutions, organizations, and the legal community.
5. Determine the initial registration fee for the TMMTC and present it to the National Executive Board for approval.
6. Conduct an annual Directors of TMMTC meeting
7. Maintain frequent communication with Regional Directors of TMMTC;
8. Perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;
9. Attend Regional competitions.

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the duties and obligations of the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Director of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial <____> I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial <____> I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA’s Board of Directors. Please initial <____>.

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Signature (Simply type name)

Date

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, <_____>, am applying for the position of National Director of Community Service. I understand that the duties of the National Director of Community Service include but are not limited to the following:

1. Coordinate and execute all community affairs project undertaken on a National or multi-Regional level;
2. Provide for the recognition of six chapters, one from each region, who have developed model community service programs;
3. Publicize the Annual Community Service Handbook or supplement to be distributed to all chapters upon receipt of National membership dues, a. An outline of the model programs recognized during the National Convention.
4. Organize the Community Service project to be conducted during the National Convention;
5. Maintain frequent communication with Regional Directors of Community Service;
6. Perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;
7. Compile a brief synopsis of his/her yearly activities for the NBLSA National Annual Report; and
8. Produce an official transition report at the close of the term of office.

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Date

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE

NAME:

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, < _____ >, am applying for the position of National Director of Programming. I understand that the duties of the National Director of Programming include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Develop and evaluate National programs that keep with the goals of NBLSA;
- 2. Work with the Regional Chairs to develop and coordinate uniform programs to maintain the goals of NBLSA;
- 3. Serve on the National Convention Committee and work with the National Convention Coordinator to coordinate National program activities for the National Convention;
- 4. Oversee both the Regional programs funded as National projects, and other programs including: Regional Academic Retreats; and Regional Dean Roundtables
- 5. Develop methods to facilitate the implementation of National programs at the local level;
- 6. Maintain frequent communication with liaisons from each Region;
- 7. Perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;
- 8. Compile a brief synopsis of his/her yearly activities for the NBLSA National Annual Report; and
- 9. Produce an official transition report at the close of the term of office.

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the duties and obligations of the National Director of Programming of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as stated the National Bylaws. I recognize as a National Board Member, I have a fiduciary duty to the Association. Please initial < ___ > I hereby pledge to serve the purposes as set forth in Article II of the NBLSA Constitution. Please initial < ___ > I further pledge that if elected I will undertake any further preparation necessary to serve competently as a member of NBLSA's Board of Directors. Please initial < ___ >.

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Date

**NATIONAL ATTORNEY GENERAL
CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE**

NAME: _____

CLASSIFICATION (1L, 2L, etc.):

SCHOOL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I, <_____,>, am applying for the position of National Attorney General. I understand that the duties of the National Attorney General include but are not limited to the following:

1. Research current legal issues facing the African-American Community;
2. Prepare memoranda to increase NBLSA awareness of legal issues;
3. Prepare Amicus Curiae briefs to support cases affecting the African-American Community;
4. Coordinate with members of Congress to define issues affecting the African American community;
5. Prepare memoranda to be distributed nationally regarding Congressional issues that affect the African American community;
6. Coordinate NBLSA participation regarding such issues;
7. Plan NBLSA participation in the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Conference;
8. Make official statements on behalf of NBLSA with the approval of the National Chair;
9. Maintain frequent communication with liaisons from each Region;
10. Perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as the National Chair, the National Executive Board, or the General Assembly may assign;
11. Compile a brief synopsis of his/her yearly activities for the NBLSA National Annual Report; and
12. Produce an official transition report at the close of the term of office.

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