



*Greeting from the National Director of the College Student Division*

Dear Pre-Law Student,

I am extremely excited to announce that on March 10-14, 2010 the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) will be holding our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA. The College Student Division (CSD) of NBLSA will be hosting exciting events for pre-law students.

CSD is a subsidiary of NBLSA which informs pre-law students about the law school application process, law school, and the legal profession.

CSD will be hosting a law fair during the convention with law school recruiters from around the country on Friday, March 12. Immediately following the law fair, we will be holding a networking reception with law school recruiters, exclusively for our members. This reception will offer CSD members a chance to speak with recruiters individually in a more casual setting. On March 13, CSD will be hosting a panel with students from various graduate and professional schools, including, but not limited to law school. NBLSA conventions have always been an enjoyable event for all who attend. Attending the convention will allow you to network with law students, attorneys, and law school recruiters from around the country. Additionally, you will be able to attend a variety of the informative panels and workshops addressing contemporary issues that affect the black legal community.

Registration for regular admission to the Convention is \$75.00. This fee includes admission to all Convention workshops (including, but not limited to, CSD workshops), luncheons, and our awards Gala. This fee does not include hotel accommodations, flight accommodations, or admission to special events at the Convention (i.e. the Winter Wonderland Reception, an off-site event open only to members 21 years old and older). However, you are welcome to attend this event at an additional cost, if you are 21 or older.

Convention registration is now open online. To register, visit

[http://a3.acteva.com/orderbooking/loadEventRegistration.action?skuId=4B65DD560125ED15A545423800A129AC&catalogId=4B65DD5601250417537918F70081CB85&catalogGoWord=&emailAttendeeId=.](http://a3.acteva.com/orderbooking/loadEventRegistration.action?skuId=4B65DD560125ED15A545423800A129AC&catalogId=4B65DD5601250417537918F70081CB85&catalogGoWord=&emailAttendeeId=)

Please see registration instructions on page 2 of this newsletter.

I sincerely hope to see each of you in Cambridge. Encourage those interested in attending the Convention to register online, even if they are not CSD members. Students who are interested in attending must be CSD members before the Convention date, but they can submit their CSD applications at the same time that they register for the convention. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more information regarding the Convention, and email me if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Jessica Childress  
[collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org](mailto:collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org)



## College Student Division of NBLSA

### *National Convention Information*

- **When and where is the Convention?**

1. March 10-14, 2010
2. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, MA
3. All events will be held at the Hyatt Regency, except for the Winter Wonderland Reception and the NBLSA community service event

- **How do I register for Convention?**

1. Go to <http://a3.acteva.com/orderbooking/loadEventRegistration.action?skuId=4B65DD560125ED15A545423800A129AC&catalogId=4B65DD5601250417537918F70081CB85&catalogGoWord=&emailAttendeeId=>.
2. Type your email address in the 2<sup>nd</sup> box.
3. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> box, on the drop-down menu, select “College Student Division Member” as Attendee Type.
4. Click on the Regular Admission option. This will cost \$75.00. (This option includes admission to the Leon Higginbotham Luncheon, the Awards Gala, the Sadie Alexander Luncheon, and the Welcome to Boston Reception).
5. Fill in Participant Information.
6. Under Participant Questions, in the field asking for your BLSA/CSD Chapter, if you are not affiliated with a CSD Chapter, please write your name and “General Member” in this box.
7. Answer the remaining questions.
8. On the next page, there is NO promo code to enter.
9. Enter your credit card information.

- **When are the CSD Events?**

- CSD National Law Fair: Friday, March 12 (1-4 PM)
- CSD Recruiter/Student Networking Reception: Friday, March 12 (4-6 PM)
- CSD Workshop: Saturday, March 13, 2010 (11AM-12 PM)

- **What does the cost of regular admission include?**

- All convention workshops and panels, including all CSD workshops and panels
- Leon Higginbotham Luncheon
- Awards Gala
- Sadie Alexander Luncheon
- Welcome to Boston Reception

- **What is the registration deadline?**

- There is no deadline, but the sooner the better. I will be sending Convention updates as the date of Convention approaches. Therefore, if you are on the convention member mailing list, you will receive all the latest updates regarding the National Convention.

- **Where should I stay during the Convention?**

- All events will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge, so this is the most convenient place to stay. You can book reservations online at <http://cambridge.hyatt.com> or you can call the hotel at (617) 492-1234. You are welcome to stay at another hotel in the Cambridge/Boston area; however, you will have to provide your own transportation to and from Convention events. If you need a roommate, please

let me know, and I will try my best to match you with another CSD member who is also in need of a roommate.

- **What is the convention attire?**
  - Business casual (Ex: Suits, slacks and nice blouse, trousers, blazer, skirt, dress, etc.)
- **Do participants have to attend the entire convention?**
  - No, participants are allowed to come for all or just some parts of the convention. It is entirely within the discretion of the participant. However, please note that the College Student Division events are planned for Friday and Saturday (March 12-13).
- **Can I register at the Convention?**
  - Yes, there will be on-site registration.
- **Are meals included in the price of Regular Admission?**
  - Tickets to two luncheons are included, which will be held on Friday and Saturday. A light breakfast will be served on a first come-first serve basis during the convention.
- **Do I have to be a member of the College Student Division to Register?**
  - No, you can *register* without being a member of CSD but if you are planning on attending the convention, please apply to become a member of CSD before the actual date of convention.
- **How do I become a member of CSD?**
  - Fill out the membership form on page 4. Send an electronic copy of this form to [collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org](mailto:collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org) and a hard copy to NBLSA, P.O. Box 300399, St. Louis, Missouri 63130-0399. Submit dues in the amount of \$10.00 along with your hard copy application.
  - You can also apply to become a CSD member when you arrive at the convention.
- **Am I required to attend the community service event?**
  - No, you can attend as many or as little events as you choose, but we hope you will attend all of the events that you can.
- **Do I have to prepare anything for the Convention?**
  - No. All you need to do is bring yourself. However, you might want to have some questions prepared for law school admissions representatives and law students whom you meet.
- **Who should I contact for more information?**
  1. Jessica Childress, National Director of the College Student Division
    - [collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org](mailto:collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org)
  2. Althea Udo-Inyang, National Convention Coordinator
    - [convention@nblsa.org](mailto:convention@nblsa.org)



# NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COLLEGE STUDENT DIVISION (CSD) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

School Name

City, State, Zip

Amount Enclosed

Please list name exactly as it is to appear on membership certificate. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. Forms will not be processed until membership fees are received.

Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Current Address	City, State	Zip Code
Permanent Address	City, State	Zip Code
Graduation Year		

Please send an ***electronic copy*** of the completed membership application and mentee form to [collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org](mailto:collegestudentdivision@nblsa.org). Please send a ***hard copy*** of the completed membership application and your membership dues in the amount of \$10.00 to the following address:

NBLSA Membership Dues  
P.O. Box 300399  
St. Louis, MO 63130-0399



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**COLLEGE STUDENT DIVISION (CSD)**

**MENTEE FORM**

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**PERMANENT ADDRESS**

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**UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS**

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**MAJOR AND EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE**

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**LSAT TEST DATE**

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**EXPECTED LAW SCHOOL START DATE**

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**LAW SCHOOLS OF INTEREST**

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