



22nd Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair

Schedule of Events: November 12 to 14, 2026

Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts. All times Eastern.

Tentative schedule. Subject to change. Revised October 9, 2026.

Day 1: Thursday, November 12, 2026

See It: Exposure + Inspiration Day

Boston-Area Law School Tours and Test Planning at Boston College Law

Thursday tour participants gather at Suffolk University Law School from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.; the meeting point is to be confirmed. All tours are optional, subject to school confirmation and capacity. Sign up through the Registrant Hub. Participants pay their own subway (T) and rideshare costs. There is no Harvard GSE evening check-in on Thursday.

Hosted at Boston-area law schools (tours) and Boston College Law School, Newton Campus (proposed panel)

Thursday has no Harvard GSE evening check-in. Daytime tours take place at the listed law schools; the proposed LSAT/GRE panel is at Boston College Law School. Schools, venue arrangements, speakers, volunteers, and times remain subject to confirmation.

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Tour Participant Gathering & Check-In (Optional)

Gather for the optional Suffolk tour. The meeting point will be confirmed before the conference.

Location: Suffolk University Law School; meeting point to be confirmed

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Suffolk University Law School Tour (Optional)

Tour Suffolk Law in downtown Boston. Subject to school confirmation and capacity.

Location: Suffolk University Law School

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Walk & Transition to New England Law | Boston

Allow 30 minutes to exit Suffolk, gather, walk, and check in at New England Law | Boston.

Location: Downtown Boston

10:30 - 11:30 AM

New England Law | Boston Tour (Optional)

Explore the law school. Subject to school confirmation and capacity.

Location: New England Law | Boston

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch on Your Own

Enjoy nearby dining options before traveling to Northeastern.

Location: Nearby dining options

12:30 - 1:15 PM

Travel to Northeastern & Check-In

Travel to Northeastern University School of Law and gather for the tour. Attendees pay their own transportation costs.

Location: Boston

1:15 - 2:15 PM

Northeastern University School of Law Tour (Optional)

Proposed earlier tour time, subject to school approval and capacity. The previously confirmed slot was 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Location: Northeastern University School of Law

2:15 - 3:30 PM

Travel to Boston College Law School

Travel to BC Law's Newton Campus, not Boston College's main Chestnut Hill campus. Allow time for traffic; attendees pay their own rideshare or transit costs.

Location: Boston College Law School, Newton Campus

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Boston College Law School Tour (Optional)

Explore BC Law's Newton Campus. This proposed earlier tour time requires school approval and is subject to capacity.

Location: Boston College Law School, Newton Campus

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4:30 - 5:30 PM

Your Test, Your Timeline: Making a Strategic LSAT or GRE Plan

Understand how the LSAT and GRE fit into your plans and build a realistic, confident preparation schedule.

Choosing an admissions test and preparing for it can feel overwhelming, especially when you are balancing school, work, family, and application deadlines. This conversation will help you understand how the LSAT and GRE may fit into your law school plans, how to research each school's testing requirements, and how to develop a realistic preparation schedule. Explore ways to assess your starting point, evaluate preparation resources, monitor progress, and make thoughtful decisions about when to test. The goal is to help you approach preparation with a clear plan and greater confidence.

Topics include:

- Researching which tests your prospective law schools accept.
- Using a diagnostic assessment to guide preparation.
- Choosing resources that fit your learning needs and budget.
- Building a sustainable study schedule around other commitments.
- Planning test dates in relation to application deadlines.
- Identifying when additional preparation or a revised timeline may be helpful.

Proposed time and location; subject to Boston College's approval and panelist availability. Please note: Test acceptance policies vary by law school. Applicants should verify current requirements directly with each school.

Location: Proposed: Boston College Law School, Newton Campus

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Return to Cambridge, Dinner on Your Own, and Personal Break

Return to Cambridge, arrange your own dinner, and take a personal break before the evening welcome program. Attendees pay their own transportation costs.

Location: Cambridge

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Welcome to Cambridge & Boston Opening Program and Film Screenings

Kick off opening night with a warm welcome, remarks from speakers, and screenings of films about the journey into the legal profession.

Start your conference experience with a warm welcome to Cambridge and Boston, remarks from speakers, and film screenings, followed by relaxed time to meet fellow attendees, student leaders, and conference organizers before the main program begins on Friday.

Featured films:

- Mr. Advocate, directed by Stacie McClam
- Becoming Black Lawyers, directed by Evangeline M. Mitchell
- Bar Daddy, directed by Jay Gerren

Venue, speakers, and screening details will be announced; all arrangements remain subject to confirmation.

Location: Cambridge; venue to be announced

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Details to Be Announced

Thursday VIP & Platinum Welcome & Networking

A welcome and networking opportunity for VIP and Platinum registrants.

Time, venue, and access details will be announced through the Registrant Hub. This is separate from the opening program and film screenings.

Location: To be announced

Thursday concludes with the Welcome to Cambridge & Boston Opening Program and Film Screenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (venue to be announced). One-on-one advising has moved to Friday afternoon.

Travel planning

Getting Between Law Schools

Thursday begins at Suffolk University Law School, not Harvard Law School. The Suffolk meeting point will be confirmed. Plan for walking time, transit waits, and traffic.

Suffolk University Law School to New England Law | Boston:

Allow 30 minutes (10:00–10:30 a.m.) to exit Suffolk, gather, walk, and check in. Travel through downtown Boston to New England Law | Boston at 154 Stuart Street.

New England Law | Boston to Northeastern University School of Law:

After lunch, allow 12:30–1:15 p.m. for travel and check-in. Public transit or rideshare may be used; arrival instructions will be confirmed.

Northeastern University School of Law to Boston College Law School:

Allow 2:15–3:30 p.m. for travel to BC Law's Newton Campus, separate from the main Chestnut Hill campus. Earlier Northeastern and Boston College tour times require school approval.

Boston College Law School to Cambridge:

After the tour and the proposed LSAT/GRE panel at BC Law, return to Cambridge from 5:30–7:00 p.m. and have dinner on your own before the Welcome to Cambridge & Boston Opening Program and Film Screenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Participants are responsible for all transportation costs, including subway (T) and rideshare fares; the conference cannot cover these costs. All times Eastern and tentative. Confirmed meeting points and travel instructions will be shared before the event.

Day 2: Friday, November 13, 2026

Understand It: Law School Strategy Intensive

Harvard Law Experience, Admissions Strategy, and Law Fair

Hosted at Harvard University Graduate School of Education

Friday's main conference sessions are proposed at Harvard University Graduate School of Education. The morning tour and mock class take place at Harvard Law School. The Law School Recruitment Fair takes place at Harvard GSE in two parts — Part I from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Part II from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — with a dinner break from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in between. Refreshments are provided at the fair and pre-law advising is available throughout both parts; specific rooms are to be announced. The Real Cost of Becoming a Lawyer funding session follows from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m., and a Friday networking opportunity for all registrants may follow after the last session concludes, with details to be announced. Saturday remains at Boston University School of Law. All arrangements remain subject to confirmation.
13 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138

7:30 - 8:00 AM

Harvard Tour Participant Gathering & Check-In (Optional)

Gather at the designated meeting point before the optional tour; arrival instructions will be confirmed.

Location: Harvard Law School; designated meeting point

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Harvard Law School Tour (Optional)

Explore Harvard Law School. Subject to school confirmation and capacity.

Location: Harvard Law School

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Classroom Access & Seating

Enter the classroom and take your seat for the mock class.

Location: Harvard Law School

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Mock Law School Class with Professor Ronald Sullivan (Optional)

Experience a mock law school class with Professor Ronald Sullivan, subject to confirmation.

Location: Harvard Law School

10:15 - 10:45 AM

Travel to HGSE, Check-In & Seating

Travel from Harvard Law School to Harvard Graduate School of Education, check in, and take your seat.

Location: Harvard Law School to Harvard GSE

9:30 - 10:45 AM

General Conference Registration

Separately staffed registration for attendees not participating in the Harvard tour or mock class. This runs concurrently with the morning Harvard Law experience.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

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Understand It: Law School Strategy Intensive

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday Morning Opening Keynote Session

Featuring bar association leaders, student leaders, special guests, and keynote speakers.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

12:00 - 12:15 PM

Break

Take a short break before the application strategy session.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Your Story, Your Strategy: Building a Compelling Law School Application

Learn how admissions professionals evaluate applicants and how to approach each part of your application with purpose.

How do you turn your academic record, experiences, and aspirations into an application that helps a law school understand who you are and what you could contribute? This candid conversation explores how admissions professionals evaluate applicants and how to approach each part of the application with purpose. Learn how to develop a thoughtful school list, select recommenders, craft meaningful written materials, and present your experiences clearly and authentically. Whether you are applying directly from college, changing careers, or returning to school with an established academic record, discover how to build a strategy grounded in your starting point and goals.

Topics include:

- Understanding how application components work together.
- Developing a personal statement with substance and direction.
- Choosing recommenders who can speak meaningfully about your readiness.
- Deciding when an addendum provides useful context.
- Presenting employment, leadership, service, and life experience.
- Planning your application timeline and avoiding common mistakes.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

1:15 - 2:15 PM

Lunch on Your Own

Enjoy nearby dining options and return ready for the Law School Recruitment Fair.

Location: Harvard Square

2:15 - 2:30 PM

Walk to the Law Fair & Check In

Walk to the Law School Recruitment Fair area, check in, and get ready to meet exhibitors.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

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2:30 - 4:30 PM

Law School Recruitment Fair — Part I

Meet law school admissions representatives and law-related organizations, ask questions, and explore programs, admissions requirements, and opportunities. Use what you have learned during the conference to have informed conversations about your next steps. Refreshments are provided, and 15-minute one-on-one pre-law advising is available throughout the fair.

Pre-law advising is available on a drop-in basis during the entire fair; advance appointment signup is recommended, and availability is limited. Specific rooms and any additional space within Harvard GSE will be announced.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education, 13 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Dinner Break (On Your Own)

Take a break between the two parts of the Law School Recruitment Fair and enjoy dinner on your own in Harvard Square or nearby before Part II begins. Refreshments are provided at the fair, so a quick bite is all you need.

Location: Harvard Square and surrounding area

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Law School Recruitment Fair — Part II

The fair resumes after the dinner break with more time to meet law school admissions representatives and law-related organizations, ask questions, and explore programs, admissions requirements, and opportunities. Refreshments are provided, and 15-minute one-on-one pre-law advising remains available throughout the fair.

Pre-law advising is available on a drop-in basis during both parts of the fair; advance appointment signup is recommended, and availability is limited. Specific rooms and any additional space within Harvard GSE will be announced.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education, 13 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Break

Take a short break and transition to the evening funding session.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

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Understand It: Law School Strategy Intensive

7:45 - 8:45 PM

The Real Cost of Becoming a Lawyer: Funding Law School and Evaluating Your Investment

Look beyond tuition to understand the full cost of law school, compare aid offers, and build a financial plan that supports your goals.

A law school acceptance opens a door. Understanding the financial commitment helps you decide whether and how to walk through it. This practical conversation looks beyond tuition to examine the full cost of legal education, how to compare scholarship and financial aid offers, and how borrowing decisions can shape life after graduation. Explore the relationship between school costs, employment outcomes, career goals, and personal responsibilities. Leave better prepared to ask informed questions, evaluate your options, and build a financial plan that supports your ambitions.

Topics include:

- Looking beyond tuition to living expenses and other educational costs.
- Comparing scholarship offers and understanding renewal requirements.
- Understanding available financing options and their terms.
- Evaluating employment outcomes alongside anticipated debt.
- Planning for the financial transition from law school to bar preparation and employment.
- Recognizing how career goals and family responsibilities affect affordability.

Location: Harvard University Graduate School of Education

**After the Last
Session Concludes**

Friday Networking Opportunity

Following the conclusion of the last session, all registrants are invited to an informal networking opportunity to connect with fellow attendees, speakers, and law school representatives as you build relationships that support your journey.

Included with Regular, VIP, and Platinum registration. Time, location, and access details will be announced.

Location: To be announced

Not an in-person time slot

Separate Opportunity: Remote Application Materials Review

Receive thoughtful feedback on your written law school application materials through a separate remote review opportunity. This service is designed to give reviewers time to consider your writing and offer suggestions that help you strengthen your materials while preserving your voice.

The Remote Application Materials Review is distinct from the conference's 15-minute in-person pre-law advising appointments, which focus on conversation, questions, and advice.

You must attend the conference to take advantage of this service. Participation requirements, eligible materials, submission instructions, deadlines, and review timelines will be sent to attendees after the event.

Day 3: Saturday, November 14, 2026

Prepare for It: Your Path Into the Profession

Hosted at Boston University School of Law

Proposed Saturday schedule. Times and room assignments are subject to confirmation by Boston University School of Law. All Saturday programming takes place at Boston University School of Law; rooms to be announced.

765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Registration & Check-In

Registration continues during the optional tour. Tour participants should check in by 9:00 a.m. Coffee and tea will be available on Saturday morning, sponsored by Boston University School of Law.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

9:00 - 9:40 AM

Optional Boston University School of Law Tour

Explore BU Law's facilities and get a closer look at the environment where law students learn and connect. Subject to confirmation by BU Law. Advance signup, capacity, meeting location, and accessibility details will be provided through the Registrant Hub once confirmed. Tour participants should check in by 9:00 a.m.

Location: Boston University School of Law; meeting location to be announced

9:40 - 10:00 AM

Tour Return, Break & Seating

Time for tour participants to return, take a break, and take their seats.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

10:00 - 11:15 AM

Opening Keynote Session

Featuring bar association leaders, law student leaders, and keynote speakers.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

11:15 - 11:30 AM

Break

Take a short break before the next session.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Black Law Student Experience Panel

Current law students discuss academic expectations, community, belonging, support systems, and navigating law school.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

12:30 - 12:45 PM

Conference Group Photo

Join fellow attendees for a conference group photo before lunch. Location and gathering instructions will be announced. Accessible participation will be accommodated, including the option to remain seated.

Location: Boston University School of Law; location to be announced

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Prepare for It: Your Path Into the Profession

12:45 - 1:45 PM

Lunch Provided by Boston University School of Law

Boston University School of Law will provide lunch for all conference attendees. Enjoy a meal and connect with fellow participants before afternoon programming resumes at 1:45 p.m. Specific dining location and service details will be announced.

Location: Boston University School of Law; location to be announced

1:45 - 2:45 PM

From Aspiring Lawyer to Licensed Attorney: Preparing for the Bar and Beyond

An introduction to the bar exam, admission to legal practice, and the preparation the journey requires.

Getting into law school is an important milestone. Understanding the path to becoming a licensed attorney helps you prepare for what comes next. This conversation introduces prospective law students to the bar exam, the broader admissions process for legal practice, and the academic, financial, and personal preparation that the journey requires. Learn what questions to ask law schools about student support and bar preparation, which habits to develop early, and how to plan with confidence and realistic expectations.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

2:45 - 3:00 PM

Break

Take a short break before the next session.

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Your JD, Your Possibilities: Exploring Legal Career Paths

Attorneys across law firms, government, public interest, and business share their paths, and how AI is changing legal work.

What could your future in law look like? Hear from attorneys whose experiences reveal the possibilities across law firms, government, public interest, business, and other professional settings. Through candid stories about their choices, transitions, and unexpected opportunities, panelists will explore the daily realities of their work, the skills their roles demand, and how mentorship and relationships shaped their paths. The conversation will also examine artificial intelligence and the future of law, including how emerging tools are changing legal work, what employers may expect of new lawyers, and why sound judgment, strong writing, ethical responsibility, and human connection remain essential. Leave with a broader understanding of your options and practical questions to guide your next steps.

Topics include:

- Exploring different practice areas and professional settings
- Understanding attorneys' daily responsibilities and career transitions
- Building relationships and finding mentors
- How AI is influencing legal work and professional expectations
- Developing skills for a changing legal profession

Format: Moderated panel with audience Q&A.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

Day 3: Saturday, November 14, 2026 (continued)

Prepare for It: Your Path Into the Profession

4:00 - 4:15 PM

Break

Take a short break before the next session.

4:15 - 5:15 PM

Building a Firm, Creating a Legacy: Black Lawyers on Ownership and Entrepreneurship

Black law firm owners share the decisions, risks, and successes behind building practices that last, including responsible use of AI.

What does it take to put your name on the door and build a practice that lasts? Black law firm owners share the decisions, risks, setbacks, and successes behind their entrepreneurial journeys. Explore how lawyers attract their first clients, earn trust, finance operations, set fees, build teams, and balance excellent legal work with the demands of running a business. Panelists will also discuss how they evaluate technology and artificial intelligence for their practices, including potential benefits, costs, client confidentiality, accuracy, and the need for attorney oversight. This candid conversation will explore the opportunities and barriers Black legal entrepreneurs encounter, the communities they serve, and the legacies they hope to build.

Topics include:

- Starting and sustaining a law practice
- Attracting clients and building a professional reputation
- Managing finances, fees, staffing, and growth
- Evaluating AI and other tools responsibly
- Creating opportunities for others through ownership and leadership

Format: Moderated panel with audience Q&A.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

5:15 - 5:30 PM

Break & Ceremony Preparation

Take your seat for the closing ceremony.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Closing Plenary & Aspiring Lawyers Pinning Ceremony

Conclude the conference's formal programming with reflections, the Aspiring Lawyers Success Pledge, and the pinning of eagle pins by current lawyers. Celebrate your commitment to pursuing a legal education and the relationships that will support your journey. Participation instructions will be provided.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced

6:30 - 6:45 PM

Break & Transition

Take a short break before the VIP & Platinum Closing Reception.

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Prepare for It: Your Path Into the Profession

6:45 - 8:15 PM

VIP & Platinum Closing Reception

A light networking reception for VIP and Platinum registrants. Close out conference weekend with conversation, connection, and opportunities to build lasting professional relationships. Refreshments only will be provided; this reception is not a meal. Please plan your evening meal separately. Specific room and reservation instructions will be announced.

Location: Boston University School of Law; room to be announced