

## **National Black Pre-Law Conference Provides Game-Changing Connections and Insider Knowledge to Aspiring Black Lawyers**

*The 8th Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair 2012 will be held from Friday, November 2, 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012 at The Westin Galleria Houston. This event, the nation's only comprehensive pre-law conference, reaches out to African Americans interested in becoming lawyers in order to provide them with game-changing information, contacts, and resources to help ensure their success.*

July 10, 2012 (FPRC) -- Thinking about exploring law school but need to get the facts and connect with those who are currently going through or have already been through it in order to make a more fully informed decision? This fall, Houston, the fourth largest city and one of the most diverse cities in the country, hosts the only comprehensive national pre-law conference in the country. The Eighth Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair 2012 will be held from Friday, November 2, 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012 at The Westin Galleria Houston. This event focuses on reaching out to African Americans interested in becoming lawyers in order to provide them with game-changing information, resources, and contacts to increase their chances of success.

This year's schedule is jam-packed with powerful workshop sessions, panels and town hall meetings/forums covering everything any aspiring lawyer would need to know to make an educated decision regarding pursuing a professional legal education and career. There will be thought-provoking panel discussions made up of expert law school administrators and accomplished and knowledgeable law students, law graduates, lawyers and judges from across the nation.

Key 'insider' information will be shared about navigating the admissions process, conquering the Law School Admission Test, writing personal and diversity statements, financing a legal education, selecting a law school, preparing for and making the most of the law school experience, intelligently coping with diversity issues, passing the bar exam, managing student loan debt, considering different legal career options and paths, finding success in the legal job search, and advancing in one's career. Special workshops will train participants on effective networking and relationship building, etiquette and business image, leadership and service, and strategic planning. The event even delves into the more controversial issues including whether law school is worth the investment with the looming debt load and fewer jobs in this unstable economy, the unique challenges and concerns African Americans face in legal education and in the profession, as well as the legal education reform movement.

The conference will showcase keynote speakers and guest speakers who will share words of encouragement and their own personal journeys to lawyerhood. This year's keynote addresses will be given by Angela Rye, Executive Director and General Counsel of The Congressional Black Caucus and Director of Strategic Partnerships for IMPACT, Cassandra Sneed Ogden, Executive Director of The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), Brian Tippens, Director of Hewlett-Packard's Global Procurement Sustainability & Innovation organization, Carla D. Pratt, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law, Leonard Baynes, Professor of Law and Director of The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development at St. John's University School of Law, and Sherry D.

Williams, Senior Vice President and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer at Halliburton.

The conference will also feature two signature events, an advice clinic and a practical assistance session where participants can receive help from law students and attorneys. Furthermore, the popular Law School Recruitment Fair will give pre-law students the opportunity to talk to law school representatives from approximately 100 law schools at all tier levels from across the country. The event will close on a high note with special recognition and a pinning ceremony dedicated to aspiring Black lawyers in attendance.

With only 7% of law students and 5% of all lawyers being African American, the need for greater representation remains high. This groundbreaking 'must attend' event is free of charge and open to the public. A nominal seat deposit is required to reserve your seat, and secure the conference bag, e-books, resources and materials.

High school students, college students and graduates, working professionals, career changers, college multicultural, career and pre-law advisors, as well as supporters and parents are all encouraged to take advantage of the amazing benefits this world-class conference offers. Further information and updates regarding the conference schedule and featured speakers and panelists can be found at the official conference website at <http://www.BlackPreLawConference.com>. You may also call 281-247-4026 or 281-944-LAW4 (5294).

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