



NAPALSA

THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION



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What is NAPALSA?

NAPALSA was established in 1981. We are a completely student-led organization. Our Board of Directors consists of 12 diverse and dedicated law students across the country.

NAPALSA was created to support, to advocate for, and to provide a voice for Asian Pacific Americans in the legal community. We provide extensive networking opportunities for our law students to observe and learn from practicing attorneys and judges. In addition to governing local affiliate APALSA chapters, we also jointly hold a national conference each November in conjunction with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention.

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CONFERENCE RECAPS

Hear about the 2018 NAPABA Conference from student attendees!

James Wong, 1L at Tulane University Law School

The 2018 NAPABA Conference was my first conference, so I did not really know what to expect. However, it ended up being an incredible experience as it allowed me to network with lawyers and other law students from all over the country. I was particularly excited to be able to talk to a couple attorneys from California as I plan to work there upon completing my J.D. NAPABA also had several NAPALSA-run panels that I felt were extremely useful to law students. For example, the Judicial Clerkship panel explained the application process for a clerkship and discussed what judges are looking for in an applicant. There was also a law student workshop that gave me the opportunity to learn about traditional and non-traditional pathways in law, ranging from big law to non-profit and government fields. All in all, the NAPABA convention is an amazing opportunity for a law student to expand his or her network and knowledge about various aspects of law. I'm really looking forward to the 2019 Conference in Austin!

Amanda Pham Haines, 1L at Lewis & Clark Law

This year's NAPABA Convention was my first ever and it was an experience that I will never forget. From meeting and connecting to my First-Time NAPABA Buddy to running for an elected position, attending NAPABA was one of the best decisions I have made for myself personally and professionally. I mostly grew up in Boise, Idaho which is not well-known for its diverse population. In coming to NAPABA, I was nervous at first that I would not fit in but I was welcomed with open arms to a community that I never before knew existed. There were a wide array of panels including one on Implicit Bias in the Courtroom that I found particularly interesting. Regardless of your field or background, NAPABA hosts panelists that range legal fields and interests. I particularly found the keynote speakers to be wonderful and cannot wait to see what they have in store for next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and I hope to see you in Austin at NAPALBA 2019!

YLN & NAPALSA PARTNERSHIP

The Young Lawyers Network (YLN) is looking for volunteers to assist in NAPABA's new Law School Outreach initiative. The Law School Outreach program was established to help expand NAPABA's network of support to assist law students and young attorneys. This is a great opportunity to help increase NAPALSA's visibility at law schools throughout the country while providing APIA law students with resources and support. Volunteers will be responsible for identifying and emailing contacts at law school. To those interested in remaining involved in the initiative, there will be further opportunities to volunteer during the "follow-up" stage.

Please contact Ali at AHakusui@hunton.com to sign up or if you have any additional questions about the initiative.

DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Firms from around the country are offering summer positions and scholarships to diverse law students!

BakerHostetler (Atlanta) - Paul D. White Scholarship Program

BakerHostetler's Atlanta office is accepting applications from 1L students for their Paul D. White Scholarship, which is awarded annually to law students of Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian, American Indian, or Alaska Native descent. The scholarship includes a paid summer clerkship and a \$7,500 cash award. Applications must be received no later than **February 28, 2019**. The application and additional information can be found at <https://www.bakerlaw.com/diversity/firmdiversityscholarship>. For questions, please contact Ashley Buben at abuben@bakerlaw.com.

Ward Greenberg – Diversity Scholar Program

The Ward Greenberg Diversity Scholar Program is an innovative initiative that seeks talented law students in their first year who intend to pursue a litigation track. Selected scholars will (1) receive a 10-week appointment as a summer associate in either our Rochester or Philadelphia offices, (2) be seconded to one of our corporate clients to begin to form important professional ties with in-house counsel, (3) a \$7,500 bonus, and (4) primary consideration for a 2020 summer associate position at Ward Greenberg, and with it, an additional \$10,000 bonus. To be eligible, a candidate must be a first-year student at an ABA-accredited law school with demonstrated academic and leadership achievements, and a desire to practice at a sophisticated litigation firm and contribute to its diversity objectives. While there are no restrictions on eligibility, students from historically underrepresented populations in the legal profession are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received no later than **January 18, 2019**. For more information please visit <http://www.wardgreenberg.com>. For questions, please contact Jeffrey Harradine at diversity@wardgreenberg.com.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (New York) – Civil Rights Internship Program

The Council on American Islamic Relations – New York (CAIR-NY) accepts applications year-round for its Civil Rights Internship Program. CAIR-NY seeks law students with a documented commitment to civil rights work and to issues affecting the American Muslim community. Because of the broad mix of work, it is crucial that applicants have strong legal research and writing skills, as well as excellent interpersonal and phone skills. CAIR-NY accepts applications for both the Semester and Summer internships on a rolling basis. To apply, please email a copy of your cover letter, CV, transcript, and writing sample to info@ny.cair.com with a subject: "Civil Rights Intern." For questions, please contact Princess Masilungan at pMasilungan@cair.com.

REMINDERS

Dates • Deadlines

2019 NAPABA Convention:
November 7-10, 2019
JW Marriott Austin
110 East Second Street
Austin, TX

Registration opens on June 15!

Application opens in June!

2019 NAPABA Convention
Scholarship Application

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