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## Black Law Students Association

Tomorrow, Black communities across the country will commemorate June 19, 1865—the day Union General Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that freed all previously enslaved people in the state. On Juneteenth, communities reflect together on the sacrifices that led to the liberties Black people have today. **But now more than ever, it is evident there is more work to do.**

The Black Law Student Association community has been indispensable to Emory Law's success for decades—by recruiting, advising, mentoring, speaking, and sponsoring student activities. In honor of Juneteenth, we invite you, as members and allies of BLSA, to join us in continuing this time-honored tradition.

Below are ways you can help strengthen the BLSA network!

—*BLSA Alumni Advisory Board*

## BLSA Scholarship Announcement



Attending law school is a dream for many students. To realize that dream requires years of focus and dedication to rigorous academic study. But acceptance to law school is only one part of the battle for Black students. After that, finances often become the deciding factor. Currently, the cost of one year of law school at Emory (with living expenses) is more than \$75,000. That cost, combined with the demands of being a full-time student, creates economic hurdles that often prevent students from attending Emory Law.

The number of Black students who apply and are accepted to Emory Law has remained consistent. Yet the number of Black students, specifically Black men, who actually attend remains disproportionately low. **Most years less than 10 percent of the class is comprised of Black students among a class of 250.**

Many students have chosen not to enroll because of uncertainty about affording their education (and related expenses, such as moving across the country). The low percentage of Black students who attend law school greatly concerns us. We know our Black students sometimes feel isolated and alienated at Emory Law. We want to see Black students who have been accepted choose to attend because of the financial support and community we can provide. There is strength in numbers.

We, the Black law alumni, started a fund to [endow a new scholarship](#) for admitted Black Students who need additional financial assistance to turn their dreams of attending Emory Law into a reality. Your generous contribution to this endowment will help us achieve that.

Let's tackle systemic disparity in higher education together!

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## Ways to Engage



### **BLSA LinkedIn Group**

Stay connected to BLSA through our new LinkedIn group. Learn about BLSA

initiatives, interact with each other and current students, and strengthen our community by joining Emory BLSA – Student and Alumni on LinkedIn.

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### Emory Connects

Do you remember that overwhelming feeling of learning how to navigate the professional world after graduation or making a career change? Wondering how to move up the ladder, find the right job, or decide on a graduate program? Emory students and alumni are in need of guidance, and now there is an easy way for you to advise and open doors for Emory professionals.

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## BLSA Alumni News



Congratulations to **Judge Cynthia D. Stephens 76L** for being named the 2020 Eléonore Raoul Trailblazer Award recipient. The award honors Eléonore Raoul 1920L, the first woman admitted to Emory University and a national leader in the women's suffrage movement. It is given to an Emory Law alumna who has blazed a trail for others through her own professional and personal endeavors.

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