



**2018** PRELIMINARY  
AGENDA

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93RD ANNUAL  
CONVENTION  
& EXHIBITS

JULY 28 - AUGUST 3, 2018  
NEW ORLEANS, LA



## BRILLIANCE IN THE BIG EASY

New Orleans is a city rich with culture, history and traditions. Between sessions, get your fill of award-winning cuisine, soak up the art, architecture and music. After the sun goes down, you can network with members into the night with the many events we have planned. Let's get down to business then get down in the Big Easy!

### NBA 93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITS

The National Bar Association (NBA) Annual Convention & Exhibits is the largest gathering of African-American lawyers, judges and law students in the United States. It is the premier showcase to establish professional relationships, discuss trending legal, social justice and economic issues. In addition, the convention offers professional development through a robust NBA sponsored Continuing Legal Education Program.



## YOU'RE INVITED

On behalf of the National Bar Association ("NBA"), I extend to you a warm invitation to join myself and the Board of Governors during the 93rd NBA Annual Convention at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside! With New Orleans celebrating its 300th Anniversary, our Convention this year will be a truly special event!

The Presidential theme for this bar year is "Protecting our Progress by Building the Future." The programs and initiatives the Board and I have designed and launched this year, build on our proud legacy and enable the NBA to continue its work in advancing the mission of our community and our Association. This year's Convention will be a culmination of our work.

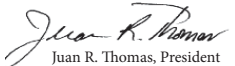
Each year we gather at our Annual Convention to hone our legal skills, network, fellowship, celebrate member's accomplishments, and advance the mission of the NBA. In the preliminary agenda, you will see our hallmark programs and events:

- 5 days of CLEs led by a faculty of leading authorities from across the country on the hot topics facing our members, clients and the legal community;
- Our various networking events - Judicial Council Thurgood Marshall Luncheon, Hall of Fame Luncheon, YLD Junius W. Williams Awards Lunch, 40 Under 40 Awards Gala and Annual Gala Reception & Dinner - where we fellowship and celebrate the accomplishments of leaders in the profession;
- Our Presidential Showcases that provide thought leadership on key NBA initiatives; and finally
- Our pipeline programs - the Youth Enrichment Program and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy Competition.

This year, we are introducing a few changes to the Convention. These changes will create a more unified, streamlined, cost-effective, member-driven Convention experience:

1. The Convention Schedule is streamlined: CLE, events and programs will minimally overlap so you do not have to rush to each activity.
2. The Exhibit Hall will feature member-driven services including: a Member Lounge where members can recharge, network and attend professional development focused sessions (how to improve your LinkedIn profile, tips to improve your resume, professional photo sessions) and an NBA Member Services Booth featuring the NBA Store.
3. We will host a Leadership Development Workshop for Board members and future leaders of the NBA.
4. Members will be able to participate in a two-day Career Fair.
5. Attendees will be able to find all Convention information on the NBA Convention App; limited edition Souvenir Convention Books will be available for purchase.
6. In advance of the Plenary Session on Monday, July 30th, you will be able to attend an Information Session to learn about the Amendments of the By-Laws and Constitution and the Resolutions;
7. Instead of an Opening and Closing Plenary Session, you will attend one Plenary Session on Monday; There will be a special session on Sunday to learn about amendments to the By-Laws and Resolutions.

For questions about the Convention, please e-mail [annual.convention@nationalbar.org](mailto:annual.convention@nationalbar.org). I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

  
Juan R. Thomas, President

# JULY 28TH SAT

## ARRIVE

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration
- 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM ADR / Dispute Resolution  
Civil Trial Advocacy Boot Camp

# JULY 29TH SUN

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Exhibit Hall/Registration/Member Lounge/  
Lifetime Member Lounge
- 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Breakfast/Necrology
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Nominations Committee Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM First Time Attendees Orientation
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Information Session about By-Laws and Resolutions
- 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Board of Governors Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Continuing Legal Education
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Presidential Showcase (CLE)
- 4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Division Meetings
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Welcome to New Orleans Reception



# JULY 30TH MON

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Exhibit Hall/Registration/Member Lounge/  
Lifetime Member Lounge
- 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Fraternities/Sororities/Law School Breakfasts
- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Continuing Legal Education
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Presidential Showcase
- 11:30AM - 12:30PM Section Meetings
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Plenary Session - Annual Meeting; Candidates Forum
- 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Regional Meetings
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Opening Session and Reception
- 10:00 PM - UNTIL Candidates' Party

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# JULY 31ST TUES

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall/Registration/Member Lounge/ Lifetime Member Lounge
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Fraternities/Sororities/Law School Breakfasts
TBD	Energy Forum/ Civil Rights Forum/ Corporate Counsel Leadership Summit
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	NBA Elections
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Continuing Legal Education
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Continuing Legal Education
12:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Judicial Council Thurgood Marshall Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Continuing Legal Education
7:00PM - 9:30PM	President's Reception & Presidential Showcase

# AUGUST 1ST WED

6:00 AM - 2:00 PM	NBI Golf Tournament
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall/Registration/Member Lounge/ Lifetime Member Lounge
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Fraternities/Sororities/Law School Breakfasts
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Continuing Legal Education
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Career Fair
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Continuing Legal Education
12:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Young Lawyers Junius W. Williams Awards Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Continuing Legal Education
TBD	International Law Forum/ Health Law Forum
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	40 Under 40 Awards Gala





# AUGUST 2ND THURS

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Exhibit Hall/Registration/Member Lounge/ Lifetime Member Lounge
7:00 AM - 9:00AM	Fraternities/Sororities/Law School Breakfasts
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Continuing Legal Education
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Career Fair
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Continuing Legal Education
12:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Hall of Fame Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Presidential Showcase
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	NBSA Speed Networking Event/Dr. Martin Luther King Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Gala Reception & Dinner
10:30 PM - UNTIL	Afterglow <i>Hosted by the New York City Tourism Board</i>

# AUGUST 3RD FRI

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Board of Governors Meeting

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## HOTEL

Please reserve your room today at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, located at Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70140.\* Reserve online at <https://bit.ly/2GrV44Z> or by phone at 504-561-0500 by Saturday, June 24, 2018.

### ROOM RATES:

Room Type	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Standard	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00
View	\$ 179.00	\$ 179.00	\$ 179.00	\$ 179.00
1 Bedroom Suite	\$ 339.00	\$ 339.00	\$ 339.00	\$ 339.00

Suites are reserved for NBA dignitaries and are granted only by NBA headquarters.

*\*One night's deposit required. Deposit is refundable up to 72 hours before start of reservation.*