

NCBL

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DETAILED PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Studio Museum of Harlem Tour

- Studio Museum of Harlem - 144 W 125th St, New York, NY 10027
- Join Studio Museum Educators for an engaging, conversation-based tour that invites visitors to explore art through inquiry and shared dialogue.

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Happy Hour

- Vinateria Restaurant - 2211 Frederick Douglass Blvd, New York, NY 10026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

- All Friday Events will take place at CUNY School of Law
- CUNY School of Law - 2 Ct. Square W. Queens, Long Island City, NY

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Conference Gardening Activity: Planting the Seed of Expectation

- Take a moment to plant your intentions for the conference! Participants will reflect on what they hope to learn, contribute, and grow, writing down key topics, expectations, and areas they hope to highlight or improve throughout the conference.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Conference Opening and Welcome

OPENING REMARKS: CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW CLINIC LEADERSHIP

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10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Libation

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

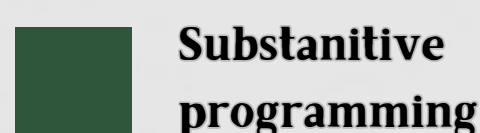
Beyond the Ballot: Felony Disenfranchisement and the Continuing Struggle Against Racialized

- This session explores the history and ongoing impact of felony disenfranchisement, including its disproportionate effects on Black political participation and its connection to broader systems of racialized political exclusion. Participants will examine current legal and legislative developments and explore how movement lawyers, advocates, and directly impacted communities can work together through litigation, organizing, voter education, and legislative advocacy to advance full democratic participation.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Break

KEYNOTE: REV. KEYANNA JONES MOORE



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026 Continued...**2:15 PM - 6:15 PM****IN THE FIRE - NCBL and Movement Lawyers Litigation and Trial Training**

In the Fire brings together movement lawyers engaged in significant civil litigation, criminal defense, intellectual property disputes, and post-conviction advocacy in 2026. Through four training presentations, attorneys will use actual cases and litigation experiences to examine legal doctrine, litigation strategy, client development, and the relationship between legal advocacy and the Movement for Black Liberation. The program also exposes law students and pre-law students to the range of work socially conscious lawyers can undertake in service to our people.

2:20-3:10 PM**HUMANIZING YOUR CLIENT IN COMPLEX CIVIL LITIGATION**

- The presentation will explore techniques for developing meaningful attorney-client relationships and incorporating the client's complete human story into case development, damages, mediation, and trial.

3:20-4:10 PM**PROTECTING THE CULTURE? BLACK CREATORS, TRADEMARK RIGHTS, AND THE FIGHT TO PROTECT WHAT WE BUILD**

- Using pending federal trademark litigation involving the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) as a case study, this training will examine competing claims involving intellectual property rights associated with the modern reparations movement and the broader challenges Black creators and organizations face in protecting what they build.

4:20-5:10 PM**THE UHURU 3: FIGHTING FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

- Drawing upon frontline litigation experience involving the Uhuru 3, the presentation will examine constitutional protections, government investigative powers, evidentiary strategy, and the responsibilities of movement lawyers representing politically active clients.

5:20-6:10 PM**JAMIL AL-AMIN AND THE PEACHTREE 5 DEFENDING POLITICAL PRISONERS AND MOVEMENT ACTIVISTS**

- The presentation will explore the lawyer's role when litigation intersects with community organizing, constitutional advocacy, appellate and post-conviction strategy, and campaigns seeking justice for individuals whose cases carry significance beyond the courtroom.

6:10-6:15 PM**Closing Remarks****2:15 PM - 4:00 PM****Concurrent Session 1: Intergenerational Lawyering: Building the next Generation of legal warriors - Room 3301**

- This NCBL Intergenerational roundtable will bring together legal educators, lawyers, organizers, Movement elders, law students, and pre-law students for a collective conversation about our responsibility to develop the next generation of legal warriors.

4:15 PM - 6:15 PM**Concurrent Session 2: Porchlight Panel Discussion: The Role of Black Lawyers in Protecting the Vote at This Moment in History- Room 3301**

- Porch Light will organize and prepare Black lawyers to be on the ground in communities—observing, documenting, educating, responding, and helping protect voters when problems arise. The name Porch Light reflects a simple tradition in our communities: when our people are still out there, we keep the light on.

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**Dinner Break****NCBL TRIBUTE: STAN WILLIS****NCBL TRIBUTE: JOAN P. GIBBS****7:30 PM - 9:00 PM****Poets 4 Political Prisoners: The Law for the Culture Edition**

- Experience a performance from an initiative that brings poets together to study the cases of political prisoners in the United States and help raise awareness through poems, songs, and spoken word.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Walk of the Block

Take a mindful walk around the block in Long Island City with a guided meditation of your choice. Walk at your own pace while using the meditation to pause, reflect and reconnect before returning to the conference.

Intergenerational Networking Session

Participants will network through this bingo-style activity. Each person must seek signatures from other attorneys who qualify under a bingo tile until they have completed the entire sheet.

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

International Affairs: US International and Domestic Criminality: Middle East, Caribbean and Venezuela - A Call to Action

This panel examines U.S. foreign policy and its impact on communities in the Middle East, the Caribbean and Venezuela. The discussion will explore issues of accountability and the role of advocates in responding to these challenges and advancing meaningful action.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

KEYNOTE: GREG CARR

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Reparations: The Reality of Obtaining Reparations from the United States

This panel examines U.S. foreign policy and its impact on communities in the Middle East, the Caribbean and Venezuela. The discussion will explore issues of accountability and the role of advocates in responding to these challenges and advancing meaningful action.

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Cuba: The Helms-Burton Act: How the U.S. Law Was Designed to Wage Economic Warfare Against Cuba.

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7:00 - 11:00 PM

Banquet

- ALOFT Hotel, 2745 Jackson Ave, Long Island City, NY

OPENING REMARKS: PRESIDENT HIGH CHIEF IBRAHIM MARK

KEYNOTE: DR. JOY JAMES

NCBL TRIBUTE: ANNETTE ENSLEY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Quarter 4 Board Meeting