1L Member Spotlight

Aldiama Anthony

Law School: University of Buffalo School of Law

Law School Graduation Year: 2021

Undergraduate Institution: Monroe College, New Rochelle, NY (2016)

Hometown: Portsmouth, Commonwealth of Dominica (W.I.)

NBLSA Region: NEBLSA

What was your motivation for attending law school?

My motivation to attend law school stemmed from the lack of opportunities in the legal field for women in my home country, Dominica. Aside from my interest in legal advocacy, my motivation to become an attorney, is ultimately to be an inspiration to all the Black Caribbean/West Indian females in similar situations where underlying social stigmas exists.

Why is NBLSA important to you?

NBLSA is important to me because this organization has surrounded me with individuals who face the same, if not, similar social stigmas as I have. This organization, along with the many seminars and mentorship programs have created a platform for students of color in a way where we can effectuate change in the legal community. Ultimately, the goals of NBLSA works hand in hand with my motivation for attending law school.

What are your career interests?

Family Law, Criminal Law and Civil Rights
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Maraya Aboly-Brown

Law School: New York Law School
Law School Graduation Year: 2021
Undergraduate Institution: Spelman College, Atlanta, GA (2018)
Hometown: Harlem, NY
NBLSA Region: NEBLSA

What was your motivation for attending law school?
My reason is simple, I aspire to be a judge. In order to be a judge, I must be a lawyer. In order to be a lawyer (in most states), I must attend law school. I have seen people incarcerated and deported because a lack of decent representation. I have also seen judges stare at people of color in disdain and stop listening before the trial even begins. I was motivated to attend and motivated to finish law school because everyone deserves to be heard.

Why is NBLSA important to you?
It is critical for under-served individuals to understand they have a place in the field of law where there is a low representation. As a Black woman, I knew NBLSA was the first
organization I needed to join because law school is a task that can only be accomplished with a support system. The people I have met became my friends, my mentors, and my confidants.

**What are your career interests?**

I know I am going to pursue a career in litigation. From past experiences and talks with current attorneys, I have seen that there are many avenues in law that will allow me to litigate. As of now, I am still reaching my options to determine what best fits my skill set. Hopefully, my future internships and externships will help solidify my choice.

I would love to stay in New York City but am willing to relocate to any city with efficient and reliable public transportation. aw School: Loyola University New Orleans College of Law