



How to Participate in The The BLG Job Fair for Students of Color



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- All participating Students of Color must be entering their second or third year of law school in the Fall of 2009.
- Students are not allowed to bid, instead participating BLG Members select the students they wish to interview.
- Student Registration begins April 1, 2009 and ends on July 8, 2009.
- Students can register for only one Fair.
- Employer selection process commences on July 13, 2009 and ends on July 17, 2009.
- Each student's registration will remain suspended in Symplicity's database, pending the BLG's receipt of all requested documents. Documents are: a current resume and law school transcript (including Spring 2009 grades).
- Student registration must be completed by July 8, 2009. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Final interview schedules will be available online on August 3, 2009.
- To register for a BLG Job Fair, go to <https://law-blg-csm.symplicity.com/students> between April 1, 2009 and midnight, July 8, 2009.
- For additional details please visit the BLG website at www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com.

We encourage you to research the employer(s) with whom you will interview; and schedule a mock interview with your school's career services office.



The Boston Lawyers Group Job Fairs

For 2L & 3L Law Students of Color

BOSTON

Thursday, August 13, 2009
The InterContinental Hotel
510 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, August 20, 2009
Renaissance Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.



*Seize the opportunity to interview with
large law firms and government
agencies located in Boston!*

THE BOSTON LAWYERS GROUP JOB FAIRS FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

The Boston Lawyers Group (BLG) is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government agencies, and corporations in Boston. Its mission is to promote the hiring, retention, and professional development of attorneys of color in its member organizations.

A primary goal of the BLG is to increase the number of law students of color that member organizations hire for their **Boston** office. One of the significant ways in which this goal is accomplished, is through member participation in the annual BLG Job Fairs in Boston and D.C.

Employers who participate in either job fair, hire for positions in their **Boston office**.

Employers will interview second year law students for 2010 summer associate/law clerk positions, and in a limited number of cases, employers will interview third year law students for Fall 2010 first year associate positions.

Both second and third year law students of color are welcome and encouraged to participate in one of the fairs.



Law Firms' General Hiring Criteria

The hiring process is highly competitive; therefore, the firms will adhere to the same hiring criteria that they use when seeking candidates through the on-campus interview process or otherwise. The hiring criteria might include:

- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher;
- Law Review/Law Journal/Mock Trial or Moot Court Experience;
- Prior employment experience; and
- Strong legal research, writing, and analytical skills.

Ultimately the firms determine the qualifications that best meet their hiring requirements.

Government Employers' General Hiring Criteria

Government Employer members generally evaluate each candidate's academic performance, along with the individual's personal qualities and work experience. As a result, law students who might not typically meet the traditional hiring criteria of the large law firm, could potentially be a strong candidate for the government employer.



Lottery Selections

The BLG hopes that every participating student will receive at least one interview.* Students who have been selected for one or more interviews can potentially obtain additional interviews through the lottery selection process. The opportunity for additional interviews might occur during the scheduling process, prior to the student receiving a final schedule, or on the day of the job fair. The availability of a lottery interview on the day of the job fair is based on a first come, first served basis.

Please Note: If only one employer selects a student for an interview and the student withdraws from that interview, the student will not receive additional interviews through the lottery selection process.

The Job Fair is a great opportunity for employers to interview a large pool of qualified applicants of color. Further, students gain valuable interview experience and have the chance to market their credentials to employers. Take advantage of this great opportunity!!

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* The BLG cannot guarantee that every student who registers will receive an interview.