

# GMU Law Black Law Student Association

Alumni Newsletter

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An Evolving Legacy

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tamira Roberson  
2013-2014  
Chapter President

Welcome Fellow BLSA Members, Alumni, and Friends, on behalf of the Executive Board, it is my honor to introduce to you to our first Alumni Newsletter. It is my pleasure to serve as the BLSA President for the 2013-2014 academic year. We are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to actively engaging each of you. As a student, I have watched BLSA establish a foundation of academic and professional success. This year, we look to continue that success and begin new initiatives focused on a platform of service and diversity. The Executive Board has worked tirelessly this summer to map out a calendar of events that will promote service within the area and broaden our network with alumni. As we embark on the conversation surrounding diversity at George Mason, we look for your input and support. We cannot wait to meet each of you and hope to see you at future events. This will definitely be a fantastic year and I look forward to sharing in the journey with the BLSA family!

## Meet the 2013 - 2014 Board Members

The 2013 - 2014 board members are a group of talented leaders dedicated to bringing visibility to BLSA's interests on the Law School campus

### **Chinenye Okafor (3L/3E)**

Vice President  
Yale University  
Hometown: Rolla, MO  
Intends to practice Patent Law



### **Temitope Odusami (3L)**

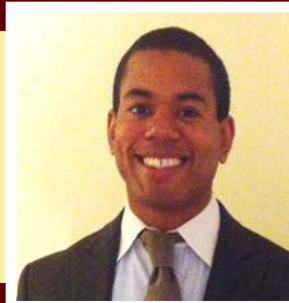
Treasurer  
University of Maryland—College Park  
Hometown: Lagos, Nigeria  
Intends to practice Patent Law



*"... I want to help catapult the black law students' presence and vision here at GMU."*

### **David Clark (2L)**

Secretary  
Princeton University  
Hometown: Washington, DC  
Intends to practice Criminal Law



### **Lucy Twimasi (3L/3E)**

Pre-Law Liaison  
Old Dominion University  
Hometown: Accra, Ghana  
Intends to practice Immigration Law



*"I hope we can contribute to the school culture as a whole with our presence on campus and hopefully as a resource to black students considering GMU."*

*"...we can create a symbiotic relationship with diverse students on the undergraduate campus interested in a legal education at GMU Law."*

### **Tiffanii Woolfolk (2L)**

Programming Chair  
American Military University  
Hometown: Bakersfield, CA  
Intends to practice Tax Law





## Mason Law's Pre-Law Initiative

Tiffany Williams started as Director of Diversity Services at Mason Law in January 2013. Part of her charge has been to increase the number of qualified diverse applicants—and ultimately matriculants—into Mason Law. When Ms. Williams attended law school at the University of Kentucky, she was an active member of the law school's BLSA chapter. At the University of Kentucky, she helped the pre-law students establish a multicultural pre-law organization to which the law students provided mentorship. All students involved found the organization beneficial and several of the undergraduate members of the organization were able to successfully gain admission into the university's law school.

Ms. Williams wanted to recreate something similar between Mason's undergraduate school and law school with hopes that the diverse law students and Ms. Williams could provide mentorship to the diverse pre-law students. And as a result of that mentorship, many undergraduate students might ultimately gain admission to Mason Law—or, secondarily, to another law school of their choice. Ms. Williams approached Mason Law's BLSA chapter and several other multicultural organizations at Mason Law about this initiative. The law student leaders were all interested in helping with the pre-law organization and were receptive to providing mentorship. Ms. Williams then brought the idea to the leaders at ODIME (Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Education) on the undergraduate campus, who were also welcoming to the idea.

Ms. Williams believes that students who become involved in the organization will find it tremendously beneficial. The groups at the law school are pushing for the organization to be formed and they are extraordinarily interested in providing quality mentorship to interested Mason pre-law students. The pre-law students will have direct access to current Mason Law students as well as Ms. Williams. In fact, the groups involved in this initiative believe the mentorship will be helpful to undergraduate students interested in attending *any* law school.

Tiffany Williams has been in the law admissions field for years and has worked with several law schools. Prior to joining Mason, Ms. Williams was an admissions officer at Florida Coastal School of Law.

## New Director of Diversity Services



Tiffany Williams  
Director of Diversity Services

Tiffany Williams joined Mason Law in January 2013 as Director of Diversity Services. In her role, she seeks to serve as a resource to enhance the law school experience for all members of the Mason Law community in areas of diversity that include, but are not limited to: ethnic/cultural, gender, sexual orientation, age, and religion.

Ms. Williams also carries out some admissions functions in the Office of Admissions. Prior to entering the law admissions and diversity services fields, Ms. Williams practiced education law at English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She received her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her J.D. From the University of Kentucky.

She is originally from Caroline County, Virginia- home of the Loving v. Virginia, 388 U.S. 1 (1967), anti-miscegenation case and is a relative of Mildred Jeter Loving. She can be reached at [twilli29@gmu.edu](mailto:twilli29@gmu.edu), 703-993-8197, or in the Office of Admissions (Suite 237).



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## Upcoming Events

### October 2013 : Mixer with the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Social event with APALSA with the main goal of highlighting two of Mason's diverse student organizations and to create camaraderie. All Mason students are welcome to attend.

### November 2/3, 2013 : Habitat Build Community Service Project

Community service event that will allow the Mason community to join BLSA in providing assistance to the Northern Virginia and DC areas.

### December 2013 : Faculty Christmas Mixer

This festive mixer is an opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with their faculty members and other students at the Law School.

### February 27, 2014 : Diversity in Education Summit

This comprehensive conference will be held at Mason Law with the goal of educating students on issues pertaining to disparities in education. The conference will present leading speakers on the topic including the Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee (U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia). We will present topics such as cultural inclusion and educational disparities. This conference will be open to community leaders, faculty members, the Mason Law administration and all students.

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