



NEBLSA Convention

North East Black Law Student Association
February 13 - February 17, 2008 Newark, New Jersey
Destini K. Bowman & Phillip McKie

Greetings

Albany Law first year students Destini K. Bowman and Phillip McKie represented Albany Law School as Delegates at the Northeast Black Law Student Association Convention in Newark, NJ from February 14th - 17th.

Destini and Phillip networked with firm representatives and fellow law students. They handed out business cards and learned from other student leaders how to refashion the current BLSA chapter at Albany Law School. In the future, the students will host a reception connecting alumni with current students, effectively contribute to diversity by collaborating with other student groups, and increase BLSA's involvement in community service.

In addition to what they learned from networking and other BLSA chapters, Destini and Phillip will incorporate resources they gained from attending the workshops into future BLSA events. They learned about working in the public sector, labor and employment law, and what it means to work in a firm (from Bingham McCutchen LLP). Furthermore, the IL's interacted with a panel of Black women attorney's regarding career and personal growth and participated in plenary session to make amendments to NEBLSA's constitution. They also learned simple ways to effectuate voter registration in and outside of school.

In efforts to bridge a connection with BLSA chapters outside of Albany Law School, our very own Destini K. Bowman will be the **Upstate NY Sub-Regional Director for the NEBLSA 2008-2009 E-Board**. Correlating with the goals of external involvement, Phillip McKie is committed to competing in one of the famous competitions offered through NBLSA.

Finally, Destini and Phillip danced the night away with fellow law students and actually completed some school work before heading back to Albany, NY.

THANK YOU for your monetary support!
Pershia Wilkins, Albany Law School
Richard Ludwick, Albany Law School
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Rochester, NY
Debbie Lee & Shelley Clements & Portia Given
Randy and Valerie Brown
Monsanto Wright & Shenise Williams
Zola B. Brown & ADLP

Networking



Phillip McKie, Eddie L. Koen Jr., and Destini K. Bowman. Mr. Koen is the NBLSA National Chair.



Phillip McKie, Roger Toussaint, and Destini K. Bowman. Mr. Toussaint is the President of the Transit Union Workers in NYC.



Destini K. Bowman, Kimberly N. Kelley, Phillip McKie, Samantha A. Holloway, and NBLSA Board Member. Ms. Kelley is the National Vice Chair and Ms. Holloway is the National Secretary for NBLSA.



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NEBLSA Welcoming, Judicial Dinner, & Banquet



Destini K. Bowman is sworn in as an officer of NEBLSA.

Phillip McKie,
Diana
Dessources
(NEBLSA
Regional Chair),
& Destini K.
Bowman.



Siana Mclean
(U@Buffalo
Law)
Phillip McKie,
& Destini K.
Bowman.

Phillip McKie
& Touro
Law student.



Workshops



Destini K.
Bowman
& representatives
from the firm
Bingham.

Phillip McKie
& Cornell ILR
Adjunct Professor
Hanan B. Kolko
from Meyer,
Souzzi, English
& Klein,P.C.



Phillip McKie
&
Destini K.
Bowman at
the plenary session.



Destini K. Bowman
addressing delegates
about why she
should be elected as
the Upstate
Sub-Regional Director.

