

THE HBCU ASPIRING LAWYER SUCCESS PLEDGE

I Pledge to Do the Following to Become the Most Excellent, Strategic, and Competitive Law School Applicant Possible:

I will recognize that success is a habit and results from the positive actions that I take each and every day.

I will create a written strategic action plan and take the necessary steps to carry out and follow through with my plan.

I will take the time to invest in my personal development and do the types of things that will help me progress, improve and grow.

I will take care of my spirit and physical body so that I am able to maintain high performance on a regular basis.

I will work on creating, building, and maintaining positive and healthy relationships with people so that they will WANT to support me.

I will work to be indispensable and incredibly dependable in whatever jobs and internships that I hold.

I will try to socialize and associate with other achievement-oriented peers that are making things happen so that we can serve as accountability partners and a support system to one another in becoming even better and achieving high goals.

I will look at what other successful people have done and learn from them.

I will take risks and get out of my comfort zone, as I realize that this is the only way I can stretch myself and become better.

 $I \ will \ seek \ out \ law \ student \ and \ lawyer \ mentors \ who \ have \ already \ succeeded \ in \ doing \ what \ I \ aim \ to \ do \ because \ success \ leaves \ footprints \ and \ clues.$

I will work to distinguish myself from the many other highly intelligent and involved students across the nation so I can compete against these people on a national level.

I will take advantage of all of the opportunities made available to me, and create them where none currently exist.

I will demand excellence from myself in everything I do, and work to exhibit the qualities of a world-class scholar, student, leader, and human being.

Most importantly, once I achieve my goals and while I am in the process of trying to achieve them, I will recognize that I have a responsibility to give back and pay it forward to those I can help with whatever it is that I know and can give.

I will be an excellent, competitive and strategic law school applicant, law student and lawyer. I will be successful as success is the ONLY option. I have everything it is within me to succeed in this and in any endeavor. It is my job to do all I can to bring it out. I will do whatever it takes, no matter what. No excuses. I have declared it. I believe it, and I receive it. I will achieve my goal of becoming a law student and lawyer once I make the decision that it is something I really want to do. I am an aspiring lawyer and I make this pledge publicly and proudly. I will succeed.