



Access Law Summit – Winter Series
AGENDA
Friday, January 30, 2026 | 12:45 – 4:15 pm ET

Deadline to Register: January 26, 2026

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The Access Law Summit is a biannual virtual program designed by the Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) to provide guidance, advice, mentorship and resources to law school students. The 2026 Winter Series is targeted at students who have an interest in pursuing a job at a leading law firm. The program is free and open to all law students.

There are three virtual panels for students to attend. Each panel will be comprised of big law attorneys from various practice areas, law firms, and geographic locations across the U.S., and each will be followed by a 15-minute virtual breakout room, where students will be able to engage directly with practicing attorneys and ask questions.

PANEL INFORMATION

12:45–1:00 PM ET | Opening Remarks

1:00–1:45 PM ET | ***“You’re Hired! Now What? Making A Good Summer and Junior Associate”***

Hear from current associates about their experience recruiting for and working as big law summer associates and full-time associates. Gain insight into what how you can excel and become a successful associate.

Moderator:

- [Delia Arias](#) – Associate, White Collar – **Debevoise & Plimpton** | [HNBF Treasurer](#)

Panelists:

- [Helen Formoso-Murias](#) – Associate, Banking/Finance – **Haynes Boone** | [HNBF Advisory Board](#)
- [Jonathan \(Jack\) Klaren](#) – Law Clerk, Technology Disputes – **White & Case**
- [Diana Milton](#) – Associate, IP & Technology Transactions – **BakerHostetler** | [HNBF Advisory Board](#)
- [Fabiola Urdaneta](#) – Associate, Corporate – **Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz**
- [Christina Zaldivar](#) – Associate, Commercial Litigation – **Winston & Strawn** | [HNBF Advisory Board](#)

1:45 PM ET | Breakout Room

2:00–2:45 PM ET | ***“What Do I Want to Practice? Exploring Different Practice Areas”***

Hear from attorneys about their experience working in their specific practice area(s) and their path to finding/selecting such practice area.

Moderator:

- [Janelle Rodriguez-Mena](#) – Associate, Finance – **Winston & Strawn** | [HNBF Board of Directors](#)

Panelists:

- [Maria Aguilar Rocha](#) – Associate, FinTech, Crypto, Trading & Markets – **Lowenstein Sandler**
- [Gabriela Baca](#) – Senior Associate, Antitrust – **White & Case**
- [Matthew Delja](#) – Counsel, Corporate / M&A – **Debevoise & Plimpton**
- [Maya Reeves](#) – Partner, Corporate / Funds & Private Equity – **Simpson Thacher**
- [Jordan Teti](#) – Partner, Litigation, Arbitration & Employment – **Hogan Lovells**

2:45–3:00 PM ET | Breakout Room

3:00–3:45 PM ET | “The Business Behind Law Firms”

Hear from top management at leading law firms about their experience rising through the ranks of law firms and gain insight into how law firms are managed, considering the business behind the legal services curtain. By understanding the path to promotions and eventual partnership, as well as what makes a law firm “tick,” students will learn how associates slot into firms’ business models and be better equipped to succeed at the law firms they join.

Moderator:

- [Vassi Iliadis](#) – Partner, Litigation, Arbitration & Employment – **Hogan Lovells** | [HNBF Board of Directors](#)

Panelists:

- [Ricardo Fischer](#) – Partner & International Group Co-Founder – **ArentFox Schiff**
- [Peter Furci](#) – Presiding Partner – **Debevoise & Plimpton**
- [Elizabeth Mendoza](#) – Partner & Co-Chair, Immersive Technology Industry Group and Product Innovation Counsel Practice Group – **Perkins Coie**
- [Miguel Zaldivar](#) – CEO – **Hogan Lovells**

3:45–4:00 ET | Breakout Room

4:00–4:15 PM ET | Closing Remarks
