

Agenda



October 13, 2020
Live Virtual Webinar

International Law Fall Symposium: Understanding, Developing and Implementing HBCU Globalization

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Moderator: Terry Olsen, Olsen Law Firm

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The Symposium will bring together faculty, administrators, and practitioners from Nashville area HBCUs, and private practice law firms to explore how global programs — such as education outreach, medical research, and other types of international business engagement — can be leveraged to understand, develop, and implement HBCU globalization, and in turn spun economic growth both locally, and nationally in the United States.

9:00 – 10:00 am

Vaccines and Antivirals for COVID-19: Implications for Underserved Communities

*Donald J. Alcendor, Ph.D.
Meharry Medical College*

The presentation will review SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 disease manifestations and racial disparities associated with COVID-19 mortality among minority populations as well current antivirals and vaccines being developed. The presentation will also focus on vaccine hesitancy and the level of mistrust in underserved communities.

10:00 - 11:00 am

Virtual support of International Students Scholar Services (ISSS) and International Education (IE) Innovations for COVID – 19

*Mark Gunter, Tennessee State University
Mark Binkley, Tennessee State University*

This presentation will cover the structure, and functions of virtual support services for international scholars, and international education innovations. Specifically, international exchange ambassador programs will be discussed along with branding of Nashville & Tennessee via virtual exchanges.

11:00 - 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am -12:15 pm

International Student Employment and US Workforce Culture amid COVID

Duwon S. Clark, Fisk University

Latreace Wells, Fisk University

This presentation will address the employment of foreign nationals, and U.S. workforce culture during the COVID pandemic. Specially, the rules & regulations of Curricular Practical Training, and Optional Practical Training will be explored, and explained. Additionally, we will cover how to prepare for a virtual work environment—both nationally & internationally.

12:15 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Research & Innovation—National & International

Anil Shanker, Ph.D.

Meharry Medical College

Human migration has been a driver of research and innovation from time immemorial. Based on the analysis of ancient human genomes, the seminar will trace the routes of human migration on Earth and discuss the diversity of modern human societies with implications on human health. The talk will highlight the importance of inclusion and diversity in the workforce and study cohorts for advancing research and innovation in biomedical sciences.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Introduction to Building and Enforcing a Global Patent Portfolio

Stephen Kabakoff, Miller & Martin

Pharan Evans, Miller & Martin

A robust patent portfolio can be an incredibly valuable asset, but the process of obtaining patents worldwide and enforcing them can seem like a black box. This presentation will provide an introduction to the basics of building and enforcing a global patent portfolio. We will cover how to apply for patent protection, with a focus on U.S. law. We will also discuss international patent protection in accordance with both the Paris Convention and the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Finally, we will discuss some of the tools for enforcing a patent once it is granted.