

**National Association of Muslim Lawyers
2019 Annual Conference**

**Shaping Our Future: Innovation and Social
Responsibility**

Planned Program

(Speaker details and some scheduling adjustments to be announced later)
(Childcare available on request)

Friday, November 1, 2019

1:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Registration
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Jum'aa Prayer
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Regional Muslim Bar Associations Meet & Greet
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	NAML Members Meeting
6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Dinner at Disney Springs

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Plenary Session: From Tech Disruption to Techlash Join us for an engaging discussion on the promise and challenges associated with technology companies that lead various sectors into a new era, including internet search, online financial and retail services, and social media platforms. Even traditional industries now utilize technology as a major driver of their business activities. What are the political and legal issues at stake in relation to fair competition, personal data collection, ethical use of artificial intelligence, censorship, and digital election manipulation? The panel will consider whether increased regulatory scrutiny can – or should – rein in the perceived dominance of Big Tech.
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10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Exhibit Hall and Networking Break
11:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Parallel Sessions:

A New Generation of Prosecutors

The Criminal Justice system is undergoing reform. Up until recently, this reform has focused on judges, defense attorneys, juries, and police officers. What about the prosecutor? Join us to explore ways in which prosecutors can use their power for social change.

Free Speech and Foreign Nations: The Proliferation of Anti-BDS Laws Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Laws

As the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement grows in size and prominence, a proliferation of state laws--and a few federal bills --have emerged as a legislative effort to make such activism more difficult. An MSA in Arizona, state employees in Kansas and Texas, and public school students have all fallen within the scope of so-called anti-BDS laws. This panel will survey the state of play of this issue, exploring the free speech implications of these laws and how courts have, so far, responded.

Civil Rights Enforcement from the Perspective of the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ)

Come hear how the Department of Justice is enforcing the civil rights of Muslim Americans in the areas of hate crimes, religious land use, education and more, and how it is protecting the human rights of Muslims abroad. This panel features NAML members who are career attorneys from the DOJ's Civil Rights Division, Criminal Division's Human Rights Prosecution section, and a U.S. Attorney's office.

Beyond the Resume: Creating Career Opportunities

Whether seeking an entry-level position or lateral partnership, career success is more than having a strong resume. Attorneys from diverse practice areas will discuss their career progression, challenges faced, and hiring tips. Panelists will also provide insight into opaque topics, such as firm culture, transitioning between the public and private sectors, and identity politics.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

Remarks from Representative Darren Soto, U.S. House of Representatives

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Parallel Sessions:

Civil Rights: From Everyday Discrimination to Interrogations

Our panel of experts will cover discrimination that Muslim communities face in their everyday lives, including being denied permits to build mosques, interrogated at airports, harassed by law enforcement to spy on mosques, and asked to remove their hijab. The panel will also address the legal resources and avenues available to respond to these challenges.

“How can you defend those people?” and other Ramadan Iftar Questions

Hear Muslim defenders discuss their motivations to work in criminal defense, how and why they represent the criminally accused including the guilty, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendment jurisprudence, shared values between American and Islamic law on crime and punishment, and hot button topics like Serial/Adnan Syed, the Central Park 5, ending mass incarceration and criminal justice reform.

What's the Trumplate? Understanding the Immigration Chaos

Immigration law has always been a creature of politics and the times, but there has been perhaps no time when matters of immigration have assumed a more central role in the national discourse. This panel of expert practitioners will take a deep dive on the most significant legal developments in the field--from ever-growing issues regarding naturalization, to the Trump Administration's public charge rule, and the latest on the Muslim Ban. The panel will also address systemic efforts underway to change the way immigration in the United States works for immigrants and the many Muslim lawyers who represent them.

Not Running Scared: Muslim Americans and Public Office

For years, Muslim Americans were simultaneously among the easiest political targets and the least represented groups in American politics. Recently, there's been a thawing of the political environment for Muslim Americans. From outspoken members of the United States House of Representatives to mayors of small cities, a record number of Muslims have run and been elected to office over the last few years. This panel will include former Muslim American candidates and successful elected officials from within the Muslim community imparting wisdom based on their experiences. Panelists will also present a frank explanation of what it takes to get elected and how to organize local blocs of Muslim voters.

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Plenary Session: #MeToo: Legal Remedies and Social Responsibilities

The #MeToo movement amplified dialogue about sexual assault and sexual harassment in virtually every industry and community, and American Muslims are no exception. The growing awareness led the ABA to amend its Model Rules. Some mosques are considering new codes of conduct. This panel will provide a legal update and explore best practices for addressing sex-based assault and harassment.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice Group Receptions

- Public Interest/Civil Rights/Academia
- In-house and Big Law
- Solos and Small Firms
- Criminal Law (defense and prosecution)

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Closing Dinner and Keynote Address by Professor Sherman Jackson, King Faisal Chair in Islamic Thought and Culture and Professor of Religion and American Studies and Ethnicity, University of Southern California

Introduction by **Asifa Quraishi-Landes**, *Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School*

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Muslim Lawyers' Theme Park Day!

(special group rates available at Disney or Universal Studios, TBA)