

Law and Muslims:
The First MuslimJD Conference for American Muslim Lawyers
October 2, 1999
Northwestern University Law School

PROGRAM

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Reception and On-Site Registration**
(McCormick Building Foyer)
- 10:00 - 10:15 AM **Welcome Remarks**
(Wiebolt Building, Room 147)
Asifa Quraishi, S.J.D. Student, Harvard Law School
- 10:15 - 11:00 AM **Current Legal Threats to Muslims in the United States**
(Weibolt Building, Room 147)
Abdeen Jabara, Board Member, Center for Constitutional Rights
Moderator: *Sadiq Reza, Associate Professor, New York Law School*
- 11:00 - 11:15 AM Coffee Break
- 11:15 - 12:45 PM **Legal Issues of Importance to the American Muslim Community**
Breakout Sessions by Practice Area
- 1) **Criminal and Civil Litigation**
(Wiebolt Building, Room 147)
Panelists: *Junaid Afeef, Cook County Public Defender's Office, Chicago*
Ahmed Taha, Trial Attorney, Anti-Trust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
- 2) **Legal Issues for Muslim Community Institutions**
(Wiebolt Building, Room 247, 2nd Floor)
Panelists: *Mohammad Fadel, J.D. U. Virginia, Ph.D. U. Chicago*
Walid Iqbal, Associate, Arnold & Porter, New York
- 3) **Domestic Relations**
(Wiebolt Building Room 250, 2nd Floor)
Panelists: *Valerie Curtis-Diop, Law Office of Valerie Curtis-Diop*
Nasser Nubani, Partner, Idrizi & Nubani, Chicago
- 12:45 - 1:00 PM Dhuhr Prayer
(Staff Lounge, McCormick Building, Law School)
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch
(Lowden Hall, Levy Mayer Building, Law School)
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Honored Special Guest Speaker: Cherif Bassiouni**
(Rubloff Building, Law School, Room 150)
Moderator: *Asifa Quraishi, S.J.D. Student, Harvard Law School*
- 3:00 - 3:15 PM Coffee Break

- 3:15 - 4:15 **Career Paths of Muslim Lawyers**
(Rubloff Building, Law School, Room 150)
Panelists:
Zafar Hassan, Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, Chicago
Farhana Khera, Minority Counsel, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the
Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights, United States
Congress
Kamran Memon, Civil Rights Attorney, Chicago
Asifa Quraishi, S.J.D. Student, Harvard Law School
Sadiq Reza, Associate Professor, New York Law School, New York City
Naimah Said, Naima Said & Associates, P.C., Columbia, MD
David Shaheed, Judge, Marion Superior Court, Indianapolis
Chair: *Arshi Siddiqui, Staff, Congressman Xavier Becerra, Washington, D.C.*
- 4:15 - 4:30 PM Break
- 4:30 - 5:15 PM **Mentoring Program (Optional)**
(Parillo Courtroom, Rubloff Building, Law School, Room 155)
Asifa Quraishi, S.J.D. Student, Harvard Law School
Najeeba Syeed, Indiana University Law School
- 5:30 - 5:45 PM ‘Asr Prayer
(Staff Lounge, McCormick Building, Law School)
- 5:45 - 6:00 PM Break
- 6:00 - 6:30 PM **“Getting Organized” Breakout Sessions (Optional)**
- 1) **Regional Muslim Bar Associations**
Experiences and Advice from Chicago, Washington, D.C.
(Rubloff Building, Law School, Room 150)
Panelists: *Ahmed Taha, Trial Attorney, Anti-Trust Division, U.S. Justice*
Department, Washington, D.C.
Kamran Memon, Civil Rights Attorney, Chicago
Chair: *Ijaz Chaudhry, Bell Atlantic, Pennsylvania*
- 2) **Muslim Law Student Associations**
Experiences at Northwestern, Chicago, and MLSN National
(Rubloff Building, Law School, Room 339)
Panelists: *Mazen Asbahi, Northwestern Law School*
Uzma Sattar, University of Chicago Law School
Najeeba Syeed, Indiana University Law School, MLSN National
Chair: *Mustafa Hashmi, University of Illinois*
- 6:30 - 7:00 PM **General Regional Networking by City (Optional)**
(Rubloff Building, Rooms 339 and Room 155; McCormick Building, Getz Courtroom)
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner
(Lowden Hall, Levy Mayer Building, Law School)
Presentations from Breakout Sessions
Comments from the Floor
Closing Remarks, Mohammad Fadel, J.D. U. VA, Ph.D. U. Chicago