



**The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys
presents**

THE GABWA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce the Spring 2019 Session of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Professional Development Academy (PDA). The purpose of the Academy is to provide serious and intense professional and personal development to both women and men beginning their careers in the legal profession.

The Academy is open to GABWA members who are studying for the bar exam or waiting for bar exam results; and those GABWA members who have been practicing law for less than four (4) years.

You must be a GABWA member to be accepted into the Academy, therefore if you are not a current GABWA member you must join GABWA by paying your dues prior to submitting your application materials. Please go to www.gabwa.org to pay your dues online.

The Academy is free of charge and offers CLE credits.

We have an exciting course schedule planned for the Fall session. Some of the classes offered will include:

- Social Etiquette
- Dressing for Success
- Diversity in the Legal Practice
- Hanging Your Own Shingle
- and More!

The Fall session of PDA will begin the week of October 14th, 2019 and conclude November 6th, 2019. There will be two to three sessions per week and each session will last for two hours.

If you are interested in applying for the Academy, you must submit a complete application package via email to gabwa.pda@gmail.com by Monday, September 23, 2019.

The application package must contain the following:

1. A one-page, typed, double spaced cover letter discussing your interest in participating in GABWA's Professional Development Academy as if it were a job for which you are applying. Please include a statement confirming that you are current in your GABWA dues in your cover letter.**

**GABWA membership/dues payment is mandatory for acceptance into the Academy.

2. Your resume.

3. Two references – Name and contact information are sufficient. Letters of recommendation are NOT required.

4. Single paragraph answers to the following:

- a. In what area of law do you wish to practice? What skills do you currently possess which make you an attractive candidate for that practice area?
- b. What is a strength of yours? How do you use that strength to your advantage?
- c. What is a weakness of yours? How do you ensure that weakness does not negatively affect you and your work product.
- d. What is a skill that you wish to strengthen through guidance and support?

Please *save the documents as a single PDF* with the title "[Your Name].PDA Application." Email your application package to gabwa.pda@gmail.com no later than Monday, September 23, 2019.

We look forward to receiving your application package for the GABWA Professional Development Academy. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at gabwa.pda@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Mecca Anderson, Esq.
Dean, GABWA PDA

GABWA PDA PERTINENT DATES

Application Deadline

Monday, September 23, 2019

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Dates for the 2019 Spring Session

Monday, October 14 – Wednesday, November 6, 2019

CLASS DATES AND TIMES

Monday, **October 14th** – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, **October 16th** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Monday, **October 21st** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, **October 23rd** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday, **October 26th** – 9:00 am – 11:00am

Monday, **October 28th** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, **October 30th** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Monday, **November 4th** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, **November 6th** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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