

Darius T. Johnson is a distinguished professional in education and career development with a robust law, higher education, and community leadership background. As the Associate Director of Employment Placement at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., Darius plays a pivotal role in guiding students through their career development processes. He provides professional development, training, and enablement to equip third-year law students with the skills, knowledge, and connections necessary to secure legal employment. By bridging the gap between academic learning and career readiness, Darius empowers students to navigate the job market, improve their employability, and secure competitive positions in the legal field. His work includes fostering strategic relationships with employers, alumni, and faculty and driving innovative initiatives that enhance student career outcomes.

Prior to his tenure at George Washington University, Darius served as the Academic Programs Manager II at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 2022 to 2024, where he successfully managed complex student internship programs. In this senior role, Darius was responsible for tracking program alumni, facilitating partnerships with academic institutions, and managing multimillion-dollar budgets to ensure the seamless operation of internship initiatives. His deep commitment to fostering long-term professional relationships and providing personalized career pathways contributed to his outstanding success in aligning program outcomes with broader organizational goals.

Before his work at NOAA, Darius served as a Senior Education Program Specialist at Georgia State University, where he led the Veterans Upward Bound program from 2017 to 2022. There, he spearheaded recruitment efforts, designed targeted professional development workshops for underrepresented and veteran students, and forged impactful collaborations with community partners to enhance career opportunities for program participants. His ability to integrate diverse learning methodologies and create individualized career development plans was instrumental in advancing the professional growth of hundreds of students, many of whom went on to successful careers in law and other sectors.

Darius holds a Juris Doctor (JD) from Atlanta John Marshall Law School, where he was honored as a Dean's Fellow and served as Treasurer Chair of the Student Bar Association. He also earned a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Adult Education and Community Leadership from Georgia Southern University and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Mass Communications from Savannah State University. Darius is an active member of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) since 2024, continually advancing his professional development and contributing to the evolving field of legal career services.

With an extensive foundation in education, career services, and leadership, Darius is unwaveringly dedicated to empowering students and professionals, particularly those from historically underserved communities, to achieve their fullest potential in the legal profession. His work is a testament to his belief in the transformative power of education, mentorship, and equitable opportunity.

Statement of Interest

I am committed to creating environments where legal professionals, regardless of background, have equitable opportunities to thrive and make meaningful contributions. This dedication drives my interest in the Regional Position with the National Association for Law Placement (NALP).

I understand the barriers to equitable access in legal practice and society. My work focuses on initiatives that provide fair access to career development and foster inclusivity. I have successfully led programs that promote equitable opportunities for underrepresented groups in the legal field. I believe in collective accountability and cross-sector partnerships to dismantle inequities and create a diverse legal workforce.