

## **Student Contributor Program**

### **Georgetown University Law Center 2026 Law Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit**

This summer and fall, selected law students will have an opportunity to be Student Contributors to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit (HLLS) at Georgetown University Law Center, in Washington, D.C. This opportunity is available to students from **all law schools** who have completed their 1L year. Student Contributors will work with panels of attorneys from law firms and hotel companies to prepare presentations at a conference to be held on the campus of Georgetown Law October 22-23, 2026. The total commitment will be 10-12 hours spread over a period of two months beginning in late August or early September, and no travel will be required. Student Contributors will be recognized during their panels' presentations and invited to attend as much of the conference as their schedules permit, including networking receptions and luncheons. There is no registration fee for Student Contributors to attend the conference. This is a unique and valuable networking opportunity for students interested in the global hotel and lodging industry.

The Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit is the world's leading continuing education and networking conference for hotel industry attorneys. Each year, HLLS brings together hundreds of attorneys from the legal departments of hotel companies throughout North America and the law firms that serve them. The conference's Advisory Board includes the chief legal officers of most of the world's largest hotel companies, including Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Hyatt Hotels Corporation, Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (the world's largest hotel owner) and Aimbridge Hospitality (the world's largest hotel operator); as well the leaders of hospitality practice groups within law firms throughout North America (ranging from Am Law 100 firms to boutiques). The Advisory Board works with Georgetown Law to assemble panels that explore the most pressing legal issues challenging the industry in a variety of fields of practice, including real estate, litigation, corporate law, labor and employment, securities law, environmental law and legislation. Keynote speakers at the conference have included CEOs of global hotel companies, well-known entrepreneurs, a U.S. Senator and presidential candidate, the U.S. Solicitor of Labor, and an SEC Commissioner.

Each Student Contributor will be teamed with a panel of four or five attorneys from hotel companies and law firms and will work closely with the panel to develop content for its presentation during the conference. Student Contributors will conduct research, help draft outlines and PowerPoint presentations, and help identify and select previously written content to include in materials distributed to conference attendees.

Student Contributors will receive at least three benefits from HLLS.

1. Participation will offer a window into how attorneys with different perspectives grapple with a developing legal issue and its real-world implications for their clients in an industry.
2. Participation will offer insights into the hotel and lodging industry itself. In the United States alone, the industry employs over two million people and contributes

about \$894 billion to the Gross Domestic Product each year. It implements sophisticated business models of which most guests are unaware and continually improves itself by applying new technologies, all while providing various forms of hospitality and entertainment that we all enjoy. The Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area is the now world's largest center for the hotel industry, as home to the headquarters of several of the largest hotel companies in the world, including Marriott, Hilton, Choice and Host.

3. Most importantly, HLLS offers Student Contributors a rare opportunity for an early start to the career-long endeavor of networking. (Law firms that participate in HLLS pay thousands of dollars and volunteer hundreds of hours each year for the opportunity to network and demonstrate their knowledge at this conference.)

Georgetown Law is offering this opportunity to students from law schools worldwide through its Office of Career Exploration & Professional Development and Office of Executive and Continuing Legal Education.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity and, if you are interested, to email a copy of your resume to HLLS Co-Chair Robert Lannan at [robert.lannan@lannanlegal.com](mailto:robert.lannan@lannanlegal.com) **no later than August 21, 2026** under the subject line "HLLS Student Application."

*"[This is] an incredible opportunity for law students I had the privilege of participating as a Student Contributor [in 2024] . . . . It was an outstanding experience. I learned directly from subject matter experts, connected with professionals who became mentors, and had the opportunity to attend the two-day summit myself. Opportunities like this are instrumental in helping one explore areas of law that spark your interest and lead to meaningful career paths. If you are a law student interested in the hotel and lodging industry, I highly encourage you to apply. This is truly a one-of-a-kind learning and networking opportunity."*

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