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As the President of the Touro Law Black Law Students Association, my goal for the organization was to educate, build and unify students of color under our mission, “Walking the Path to Social Justice.” Throughout the year, we hosted various events and programs in pursuit of this mission, including our hot topic panel discussion, “The Path to Justice Through the Eye of the Black Prosecutor,” where the Bronx County District Attorney, Darcel D. Clark, and Assistant District Attorneys from Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Nassau County candidly spoke of the importance of black prosecutors to the criminal justice system in the wake of mass incarceration rates of people of color. Our 22nd Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Gala was a culminated celebration of not only Touro BLSA’s success over the past year, but of the achievements and strides we have made as a community to improve the quality of social circumstance within the African-American community and tip the scale to racial equality. Our speakers for the evening exemplified this very premise. Each has in his or her individual capacity, rethread the social fabric of our society into one that is more empowered, more diverse, more self-aware and more active. On this night, we recognized and honored four individuals who through law and circumstance have served our community: our Keynote Speaker, Edward Pichardo, Chief of Youth Diversion Programs at Kings County District Attorney’s Office; The Honorable William G. Ford, Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice and recipient of the Distinguished Jurist Award; Hawk Newsome, President of Black Lives Matter of Greater New York and recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award; and Sheila Boston, Partner at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, LLP and recipient of the Trailblazer Award. As my tenure as President comes to a close, I am proud of the impact we have made on our community in Touro Law and abroad, and I look forward to the chapter’s continued success in the next year and years to come.

Alexis Bullard is set to begin her career as an Assistant District Attorney at the New York County District Attorney’s Office this fall.