

ROADBLOCKS TO REPAYMENT

Black Law Students Face Disproportionate Obstacles

From lower household wealth, to taking on more debt to finance higher education, to having the most severe debt burden after graduation, to disproportionate struggles during repayment – the road to achieve legal education for Black students can often be filled with obstacles.



The data shows...

that Black law school students face disproportionate headwinds related to borrowing and repaying law school debt.

Black prospective law school students are more likely to come from a family with less wealth compared to their White peers, which can price students out of some schools, prolong repayment, and exacerbate repayment difficulty.

Black law students are more likely to come from a family where neither parent has obtained a college degree, and that dearth of experience can put students at a disadvantage before and after entering repayment.

Black law students suffer the heaviest education debt burdens and leave school with significantly more debt than their White classmates, making them more prone to default and other negative outcomes.

Lastly, attorney employment is disproportionately lower for Black individuals, producing an opportunity gap that increases inequality in our society.

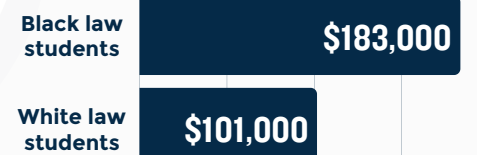
White household wealth is **10X** that of Black household wealth



40% of Black law school students come from a home where neither parent obtained an undergraduate degree



Black law students leave school with close to **DOUBLE** the debt of their White classmates



2 in 3 Black law school students hold an average of over **\$100K** in education debt



Only **5%** of lawyers in the U.S. are Black



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