



The State Energy &
Environmental Impact Center
NYU School of Law

Advice to Thrive By – Book Talk

February 16th, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Speaker Bios

Portia Allen-Kyle

Portia Allen-Kyle is a civil rights attorney, public policy expert and author of the book, *Advice to Thrive By: How to Use Your Résumé and Cover Letter to Build Your Brand and Launch a Dynamic Public Interest Career*. Portia has broad experience working on racial equity and social justice issues across government and nonprofit public interest organizations.

We are excited to have three law students guide our discussion and facilitate our Q&A at this event.

Samantha Blend

Samantha Blend is a 2L at Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law and is working on getting her environmental law certificate. She is also a Junior Associate on the Pace Environmental Law Review, as well as the Vice President of the Environmental Law Society, all while challenging the [underrepresentation of Latinas in the legal field](#).

Fatima Ibrahiem

Fatima Ibrahiem is a 2L at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and was the 2021 recipient of the BARBRI One Lawyer Can Change the World Scholarship. She is interested in environmental law, and is a Board Member on Penn's Environmental Law Project, is the Sadie Conference Co-Chair in the Black Law Students Association, and is an Associate Editor on Penn's Journal of Business Law.

Tatiana Zapata

Tatiana Zapata is a part-time 4L at St. John's University School of Law and serves as the Vice President of the school's Environmental Law Society; she is also a student member of the NYCBA Committee on Environmental Law. Tatiana is a first-generation law student and first-generation Colombian immigrant dedicated to advocating on behalf of historically marginalized communities.