

# Joe Tacopina headlines legal panel for Sharpton's National Action Network

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Power lawyer Joe Tacopina — who's representing jailed rapper Meek Mill in Philadelphia — used his time away from court to headline a legal

panel Wednesday kicking off Al Sharpton's National Action Network Convention at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel.

The event welcomes civil rights and other leaders from around the country.

Tacopina remarked that he met Sharpton 20 years ago and that they've "been on different sides of the fence" in some prominent legal cases. "We've had some fierce debates."

Sharpton's visited Meek in prison and urged for his release, as have supporters Jay-Z and Drake.