



# WSBA Diversity Announcements

*We are pleased to share news about current happenings within our wider community of diversity stakeholders. Please feel free to send relevant announcements directly to the list serve at any time or to [diversity@wsba.org](mailto:diversity@wsba.org) to be added to the calendar. If you have questions or ideas about this list serve or if you want to subscribe or unsubscribe from it, please contact us at [diversity@wsba.org](mailto:diversity@wsba.org).*

A message from our team:

The WSBA Equity and Justice Team works to deliver on the WSBA mission by advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in the legal profession and promoting equity and justice especially for those who experience poverty and other forms of marginalization. Part of our work is to develop this Diversity Newsletter, which we hope is a resource for you.

**The Equity and Justice Team expressly condemns anti-Black racism and white supremacy.** Below are the values that guide our work. We invite you to hold us accountable to these values:

- We listen to, follow the leadership of, and amplify the voices of the most marginalized in the profession and the communities we serve.
- We believe as gatekeepers with access to information, we must open the gates of the legal profession to share resources, provide training, advocate for best model practices, and coalition-build with a broad group of stakeholders that includes both legal professionals and the public.
- We build space for solidarity and support efforts to dismantle systems of oppression that ultimately allows each of us to bring our whole selves to the profession and to the community.
- We hold ourselves accountable to our race equity values by continuing to examine our work and unlearn behaviors that are rooted in white dominant culture — which includes actively and expressly challenging the use of racist language and behaviors.

-The Equity and Justice Team (Dana Barnett, Paige Hardy, Laura Sanford, Diana Singleton, Bonnie Sterken, and Tyler Washington )

## **Minority Bar Association Statements of Solidarity with Black Lives**

[Loren Miller Bar Association](#)

[Filipino Lawyers of Washington](#)

[Korean American Bar Association](#)

[Latina/o Bar Association of Washington](#)

[QLAW Association and QLAW Foundation](#)

[South Asian Bar Association of Washington](#)

[Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington](#)

**UPDATED EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

Ongoing:

**George Floyd Teach In Part 1 |** "George Floyd Teach In" (part 1 recorded) Join Professor Bryan Adamson as he moderates an online teach-in with criminal law experts Professor Deborah Ahrens (Seattle University School of Law) and Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway (Case Western Reserve University) about the factual and legal aspects of George Floyd’s death at the hands of Minneapolis police, and the resulting demonstrations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBbMLo3r2SM>

**George Floyd Teach in Part 2 |** Join Professor Bryan Adamson as we continue our Zoom Teach-In series surrounding the George Floyd killing. This week we will discuss officer-involved killings, police responses to demonstrations across the nation, and what can be done to change police department practices. Our featured guests are civil rights attorney Lisa Daugaard of Public Defender Association in Seattle and Shakyra Diaz, managing director of partnerships and Ohio state director for the Alliance for Safety and Justice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeV1OmdshfE>

**Free Bystander Intervention Training:** In response to the rise in Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment, Hollaback! partnered with Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC to adapt our free bystander intervention training to meet this moment. For more information and training dates visit [here](#).

**JustLead WA’s state-wide Virtual People of Color Caucus in 2020:** [JustLead](#) is planning to hold virtual meeting spaces for People of Color across the state to connect. If you do not have in-person caucusing opportunities near you or who simply would like to connect with folks across the state, let us know and sign-up [here](#). Please contact Omid Bagheri (omidb@justleadwa.org) with any questions.

**JustLead WA’s Bi-Monthly Racial Justice Caucus for White Women (Seattle)**

Contact [jenniferw@justleadwa.org](mailto:jenniferw@justleadwa.org) for information on the next meeting that will take place in Seattle, WA.

Upcoming Events	
June 11 <i>Webinar</i>	<b>Three-Part Webinar Series - Part III: Planning for the Future: Life After COVID-19  </b> This session will be designed based on needs that surface during the first two workshops and the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. In addition to addressing continued urgent needs we will also explore how we can bring the energy, innovation, and commitment to solidarity that has been generated

	forward to create continued support for communities that are most harmed by oppression and public health crises and to help build a new and more equitable future. <a href="#">Register here.</a>
<b>June 12</b> <i>Statewide</i>	<b>Statewide General Strike and March for Black Lives</b>   Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County is calling for a statewide day of action in support of all Black lives in Washington State on Friday, June 12th. The day of action will include a general strike and a silent march to honor lives lost and send a powerful message that Washingtonians no longer tolerate the racism that is built into so many of our institutions. For those who can't march in Seattle, we encourage local groups to <a href="#">organize a march in their communities</a> . <a href="#">More info</a>
<b>June 13- 21</b> <i>Online</i>	<b>Juneteenth Week 2020</b>   A week of virtual events hosted by Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle and FW Black Collective. <a href="#">For more info.</a>
<b>June 18</b> <b>CLE</b> <i>Webinar</i>	<b>Evaluating and Proving Damages in Discrimination Cases</b>   The mini-CLE will answer the following questions: what should I look for in the initial investigation with a client? How do I prove damages at trial? How do I navigate ethical considerations? <a href="#">Register here.</a>
<b>June 26-27</b> <i>Bellingham and Teleconference</i>	<b>WSBA Board of Governors Meeting</b>   The Board of Governors is the governing body of the WSBA that determines the general policies of the Bar and approves its budget each year. Meeting materials and more information can be found <a href="#">here.</a>
<b>July 8</b> <b>CLE</b> <i>Webinar</i>	<b>Trauma-Informed Representation and Litigation</b>   This program explores some of the complex aspects of trauma and how it plays out in the practice of law, with clients and opposing parties, and its impacts on legal practitioners as it relates to wellness. Join this diverse panel of experts as they discuss their approach to trauma-informed advocacy through different perspectives, settings, and scenarios. <a href="#">Register here</a>