



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 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.

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](#)

READING AND RESOURCES

NYT | [State supreme court judges are starting to grapple publicly with the racial injustices in the criminal justice systems they oversee.](#)

Teen Vogue | [What Is Juneteenth, How Is It Celebrated, and Why Does It Matter?](#)

The Root | [Juneteenth Is Finally Entering the Mainstream American Consciousness. Now Make It An Official Federal Holiday](#)

Adweek | [Why LGBTQ Pride Festivals Are Becoming Black Lives Matter Protests](#)

Lavendar Rights Project | [Demanding Justice for Black Communities](#)

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 for information on the next meeting that will take place in Seattle, WA.

Upcoming Events

<p>June 13- 21 <i>Online</i></p>	<p>Juneteenth Week 2020 A week of virtual events hosted by Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle and FW Black Collective. For more info.</p>
<p>June 18 CLE <i>Webinar</i></p>	<p>Evaluating and Proving Damages in Discrimination Cases 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? Register here.</p>
<p>June 18 <i>Seattle</i></p>	<p>Charleena Lyles Remembrance Vigil Join families from across the nation as they stand in solidarity with Charleena Lyles' family and other families in Washington State who have lost loved ones to police violence. More info</p>
<p>June 19 <i>Seattle</i></p>	<p>Juneteenth Freedom March & Celebration Hosted by King County Equity Now—a coalition of long-standing, accountable, Black-led community-based organizations in King County. Event will include: Black Graduation Procession, Black Business Promotion, Food for the Soul, Teach-In, March for Black Lives, Musical Performances More info</p>
<p>June 19 <i>Online</i></p>	<p>Juneteenth Kabbalat Shabbat Join Rabbis Sandra Lawson and Isaama Goldstein-Stoll for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service on Zoom to mark Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the day when the enslaved people of Texas were freed, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Register here.</p>
<p>June 20 <i>Tri-Cities</i></p>	<p>Forever Free: An Art Rally For Juneteenth The Tri-Cities Juneteenth Committee and The Black Lives Matter Coalition bring you 'Forever Free: An Art Rally for Juneteenth. More info</p>
<p>June 26-27 <i>Bellingham and Teleconference</i></p>	<p>WSBA Board of Governors Meeting 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 here.</p>
<p>June 26 – 28 <i>Online</i></p>	<p>Trans Pride Seattle+: This year, we're online! Join us for on-line performances, a resource fair, workshops, youth programming, a film series, and so much more! More details and schedules coming soon. More info</p>
<p>June 26 – 28 <i>Online</i></p>	<p>Together For Pride Seattle's LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is going virtual with three days of solidarity featuring speakers, performances and activities courtesy of Gender Justice League, PrideFest, and Seattle Pride. More info</p>
<p>June 27 <i>Seattle</i></p>	<p>#SayHerName: Protect Black Women March This rally/march is created, executed, and centered around Black Womxn/Black Youth! Over the years, the stories of Black Women & Black Trans Women have not received adequate national media coverage and attention. We will honor their lives and demand justice for Black Womxn. The stories of Black Womxn often go unheard and those who commit acts of violence against Black Women & Black Trans Women are often not arrested and justice is not served. More info</p>
<p>June 28 <i>Wenatchee</i></p>	<p>Wenatchee Pride's Black Trans & Queer Lives Matter March Wenatchee Pride is teaming up with North Central Washington Black Lives Matter Action Council to have Pride's Black Lives Matter March at Memorial park. This</p>

	<p>march is go back to Pride’s roots of activism for the intersections of race and sexuality. We are not free till we are all free. More info</p>
<p>June 30 <i>Webinar</i></p>	<p>Ahead of the Curve – Hot Topics in Business, Employment and Immigration in the Post-COVID-19 World – Part 1 COVID-19 has changed the way we work and live. KABA is proud to present a two part series. For part one a panel will discuss the latest news on business law, employment law and workplace safety as we come out of the COVID-19 crisis. More info and registration here.</p>
<p>July 8 CLE <i>Webinar</i></p>	<p>Trauma-Informed Representation and Litigation 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. Register here</p>