



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 Communities (see attached)

Korean Bar Association of Washington
Latina/o Bar Association of Washington
Filipino Lawyers of Washington

(Incomplete) Reading List:

The Atlantic | [The Double Standard of the American Riot](#)

Slate | [Public Health Experts Say the Pandemic Is Exactly Why Protests Must Continue](#)

New York Times | [Remember, No One Is Coming to Save Us: Eventually doctors will find a coronavirus vaccine, but black people will continue to wait for a cure for racism.](#)

The Intercept | [The George Floyd killing in Minneapolis exposes the failures of police reform](#)

Bustle | [The Lack of Mobilized Outrage For Police Killing Black Women Is An Injurious Erasure](#)

LA Times | [Editorial: Stop focusing on looting in Minneapolis. Be outraged that police keep killing black men](#)

CNN | [99 years ago today, America was shaken by one of its deadliest acts of racial violence](#)

MSNBC | [Bryan Stevenson: I don't believe we would win Brown v. Board of Education today](#)

Refinery29 | [Your Black Colleagues May Look Like They're Okay — Chances Are They're Not](#)

Ahwatukee Foothill News | [No, I'm not okay](#)

Medium | [20+ Allyship Actions for Asians to Show Up for the Black Community Right Now](#)

Vox | [Asian Americans need to talk about anti-blackness in our communities](#)

Teen Vogue | [How Latinx People Can Fight Anti-Black Racism in Our Own Culture](#)

South Seattle Emerald | [A call to White People: It's time to live in the answer](#)

Romper | [From Christian Cooper to George Floyd: A Letter To White Parents](#)

Additional Resources (Incomplete List)

The Abusable Past | [Reading Towards Abolition: A Reading List on Policing, Rebellion, and the Criminalization of Blackness](#)

Black Perspectives | [Prison Abolition Syllabus 2.0](#)

Black Lives Matter Seattle / King County | [The Protest Safety Guide](#)

Vogue | [Protest 101: What you need to know](#)

National Museum of African American History and Culture | [Talking about Race](#)

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

<https://www.wsba.org/for-legal-professionals/member-support/covid-19/legal-aid-opportunities>

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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	
June 5 <i>Seattle</i>	United for Black Lives Franklin High School's ASB, BSU, and Racial Equity Team Present: Peaceful socially distanced demonstration. 12 PM-2PM. @ FHS intersection by Rainier Ave. Wear black. Class of 2020 wear your caps and gowns.
June 8 <i>Webinar</i>	Rise Up for Justice: Black Lives and Our Collective Future This is a live-streamed event featuring organizers on the front lines in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and other cities, along with Professor John A. Powell (Othering and Belonging Institute), Linda Sarsour (Until Freedom), and Rev. Michael McBride (Live Free USA and Faith in Action). They will examine the history and impact of police violence and inequality on the Black community, the current context of white supremacy and Black resistance, and the possibilities and strategies for a racial justice future. Register here.
June 11 <i>Webinar</i>	Three-Part Webinar Series - Part III: Planning for the Future: Life After COVID-19 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. Register here.

<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 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>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>