NAME OF EVENT: Mind the Gap: How Law Can Address Income Inequality in America
(This event has been approved for 1.5 hours of California MCLE credit)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. | SEIU
1800 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Income inequality has taken center stage in America’s political
debate. As the 2020 presidential election heats up, candidates on all sides of the political divide
are tapping into feelings of economic anxiety fueled by a disappearing middle class and
increased concentrations of wealth. Indeed, the continually rising gap between the rich and
everyone else has fueled unrest across the globe and has shown itself to have a corrupting effect
on democracy itself. Labor law, antitrust law, and tax law all offer potential avenues to help
increase wages, grow the middle class, deconsolidate corporate power, and shrink the racial
wealth gap. What policy proposals should be on the table? Would increasing antitrust
enforcement help? Could a wealth tax be the answer to growing inequality? What changes to
labor law might help reduce income disparities? And perhaps most importantly, what
constitutional potholes should advocates make sure to avoid as they go about this work?

SPEAKERS’ NAMES AND BIOS:

Nicole Berner, General Counsel, Service Employees International Union, Moderator

Lisa Cylar Barrett, Director of Policy, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.

Lina Khan, Academic Fellow, Columbia Law School and Majority Counsel, U.S. House
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law

Anne Marie Lofaso, Arthur B. Hodges Professor of Law, West Virginia University College of
Law

Ganesh Sitaraman, Chancellor Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law, Vanderbilt Law School

AGENDA OF EVENT:

12:00-12:30pm – Lunch (30 minutes)
12:30-12:35pm – Introduction (5 minutes)
12:35-1:35pm – Moderated Discussion (1 hour)
1:35-2:00pm – Q&A (25 minutes)

MATERIALS FOR EVENT:

Letter from Lisa Cylar Barrett, Director of Federal Policy, POLICYLINK (Mar. 6, 2018).


Lina Khan, *The Supreme Court just quietly gutted antitrust law*, VOX (July 3, 2018).


Ganesh Sitaraman, *Our Constitution Wasn’t Built for This*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 16, 2017).


*The Crisis of the Middle-Class Constitution*, GANESH SITARAMAN (last visited Oct. 10, 2019).