NAME OF EVENT: Unequal Protection: The Disparate Impact of COVID-19 on Communities of Color

(This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: May 1, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, it has become clear that this pandemic is disparately impacting people of color, and in particular, the Black community. A recent report from Mother Jones shows that Black Americans have disproportionately contracted and died from the coronavirus. Attacks on voting rights, abortion rights, and fair housing have long targeted people of color and the resulting damage of those attacks has been exacerbated during this time of crisis. What direct and indirect harms are being done to communities of color by the pandemic and the government’s response? What legal tools are available to address these disparities and where are there gaps? What should lawmakers consider as they attempt to craft a response to this crisis?

SPEAKERS’ NAMES AND BIOS:

Russ Feingold, President, ACS, Introduction

Michele Goodwin, Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, University of California Irvine School of Law, Moderator

Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, Berkeley Law School

Patricia Williams, University Distinguished Professor of Law and Humanities, Northeastern University School of Law

Dr. George Woods, Immediate Past President of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

  5 minutes introduction
  30 minutes speakers’ presentations
  20 minutes Q&A
  5 minutes conclusion

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Michele Goodwin & Erwin Chemerinsky, No Immunity: Race, Class, and Civil Liberties in Times of Health Crisis, 129 Harv. L. Rev. 956 (Feb. 9, 2016).


Kimberlé Crenshaw, *Under the Blacklight: The Intersectional Vulnerabilities that COVID Lays Bare*, INTERSECTIONALITY MATTERS (Spring 2020).