

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

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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).

Edwin Rios & Sinduja Rangarajan, [COVID-19 Has Infected and Killed Black People At Alarming Rates. This Data Proves It.](#) MOTHER JONES (Apr. 17, 2020).

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Lauren Aratani & Dominic Rushe, [African Americans bear the brunt of Covid-19's economic impact](#), THE GUARDIAN (Apr. 28, 2020).

Christina A. Cassidy & Gretchen Ehlke, [Black voters weighed history, health in Wisconsin election](#), ASSOCIATED PRESS (Apr. 8, 2020).

Kenya Evelyn, [Georgia's Covid-19 reopening pits white governor against black mayors](#). THE GUARDIAN (Apr. 22, 2020).

Eileen Guo, [Coronavirus Threatens an Already Strained Maternal Health System](#), N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 26, 2020).

Megan Cerullo, [Up to 90% of minority and women owners shut out of Paycheck Protection Program, experts fear](#), CBS NEWS (Apr. 22, 2020).

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, [The Black Plague](#), THE NEW YORKER (Apr. 16, 2020).

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

Danyelle Solomon & Darrick Hamilton, [The Coronavirus Pandemic and the Racial Wealth Gap](#), CTR. FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS (Mar. 19, 2020).