

Name of Panel: ACS Los Angeles: Racial Justice and the Law Part III- Education Justice

Date | Time | Location: October 29, 2020 | 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. PT | Online

Brief Description:

Join the ACS Los Angeles, Chicago, DC, and Minneapolis-St. Paul Lawyer Chapters for the third panel of their series on uplifting the research, scholarship, and work of BIPOC attorneys and advocates, across the US with expertise in various areas of the law.

Education should be the most empowering force in the world by instilling knowledge, building confidence, and breaking down barriers to opportunity. For children, education is often the key to open the door to a better life for themselves and their families. However, school systems have been complicit in perpetuating systemic racism through the criminalization and marginalization of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, immigrant and other children of color through policies and practices ranging from discriminatory discipline; inequitable school funding; English-only initiatives; euro-centric curriculum; tracking; and investing in law enforcement over the arts, health services, and social-emotional supports, among others.

This panel discussion will address systemic racism within the context of our education system, as well as tools and approaches that seek to dismantle it.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Andrew Reginald Hairston, Education Justice Project Director, Texas Appleseed; At-Large Member, Austin ACS Lawyer Chapter Board of Directors

Krithika Santhanam, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project

Amir Whitaker, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Southern California

Agenda of Panel: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CT (1 hour of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (45 min)
- Q&A (10 min)

Materials for Panel:

Amir Whitaker, [Cops and no Counselors](#), ACLU of Southern California.

[Here to Learn: creating safe and supportive schools in LAUSD](#), ACLU.

[Our Right to Resources](#), ACLU of Southern California.

[We Came to Learn Report](#), Alliance for Educational Justice.

Andrew R. Hairston, [Toward the End of School Policing in Texas and Arkansas](#), UA Little Rock Law Review (2020).

Jody D. Armour, [N*ggga Theory: Race, Language, Unequal Justice, and the Law](#), LARB Books (August 2020).

[Leader Spotlight: Amir Whitaker](#), Creative Generation (August 25, 2020).