

NAME OF EVENT: ACS Austin: A Republic if You Can Keep It: Our Professional Responsibility to Safeguard the Rule of Law

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: February 25, 2021 | 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. PT | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Please join the ACS Austin, At-Large, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Sacramento, San Diego, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. Lawyer Chapters, StopRepeatingHistory.org, the Austin Bar Association, the Houston Bar Association (Supporter), and the Asian American Bar Association of Houston for a two-part event on The Soul of America.

The program will be centered around the HBO documentary (The Soul of America) of Jon Meacham's book The Soul of America- The Battle for Our Better Angels and the events of January 6 at the nation's Capitol. The book and documentary are Meacham's analysis of the country's recent legal and political crises in light of many previous instances of division (including women's suffrage, Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow, McCarthyism, Japanese American incarceration, among others). Registrants will receive information on how to screen the film and will be invited to join us for a panel discussion with respected legal scholars and practitioners to discuss the role that the law (and lawyers) played in past crises and division and how they can pave the way for "better angels" to prevail to build a more antiracist society and an America that lives up to its ideals.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Hon. Colin Allred, Representative, 32nd Congressional District of Texas

Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Dean and Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law

Nadine Strossen, John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law, Emerita, New York Law School; former President of the American Civil Liberties Union

Don Tamaki, Partner, Minami Tamaki LLP; former attorney to Fred Korematsu

Stephen Vladeck, Charles Alan Wright Chair In Federal Courts, University of Texas School of Law; Member, ACS Board of Academic Advisors

Heaven Chee, Associate, Yetter Coleman LLP, *moderator*

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction

40 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation

15 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Kimberly Wehle, [4 Ways to Prevent a Future Insurrection](#), The Atlantic (January 13, 2021).

Ibram X. Kendi, [A Battle Between the Two Souls of America](#), The Atlantic (November 11, 2020).

Angela Onwuachi-Willig, [\(Re\)Framing Race in Civil Rights Lawyering](#), Yale Law Journal (August 25, 2020).

Sean Wilentz, [A Battle for the 'Soul of America'? It's as Old as America, One Historian Notes](#), The New York Times (May 21, 2018).

Nadine Strossen, [Speaking of Race, Speaking of Sex: Hate Speech, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties](#), New York Law School Faculty Scholarship (1994).