

NAME OF EVENT: ACS Los Angeles: Racial Justice and the Law Part V: Homelessness

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: March 5, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. PT | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Join the ACS South Florida Lawyer Chapter for a discussion on what's next for the judiciary. Join the ACS Los Angeles, Austin, Bay Area, Chicago, Orange County, San Diego, and the Washington, D.C. Lawyer Chapters, the Mexican American Bar Association, and the Loyola Law School and the USC Gould School of Law ACS Student Chapters for the fifth event in our Racial Justice and the Law series.

This series seeks to uplift the research, scholarship, and work of BIPOC attorneys from across the US with expertise in various areas of the law including civil rights, criminal justice, housing, education, the environment, and other areas. Each conversation will highlight systemic racism in that area of the law, policies/changes to the law that seek to dismantle it, and the advocacy tools that are necessary to achieve those policy changes - voting, legislation, litigation, organizing, etc.

In a recent report conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Black people represented only 9% of the general population in Los Angeles County, yet comprised 40% of the population experiencing homelessness. Part V of the Racial Justice and the Law series will explore homelessness as a by-product of institutional and systemic racism that exists in public education, the criminal legal system, housing, employment, health care, and access to opportunity. This discussion will focus on how systemic racism comes into play and how homelessness advocates can consciously confront and address systemic racism and its outcomes.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Chancela Al-Mansour, Executive Director, Housing Rights Center

Hon. Kevin De León, Los Angeles City Councilmember (District 14)

Jody Armour, Roy P. Crocker Professor of Law, University of Southern California Gould School of Law; author of *Negrophobia and Reasonable Racism* and [N*gga Theory: Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity in the Substantive Criminal Law](#), *moderator*.

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction
40 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation
15 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Benjamin Oreskes, [*Homelessness Jumped 13% in L.A. County, 14% in the City Before Pandemic*](#), LA Times (June 12, 2020).

Gale Holland, [*Racism is the Reason Black People are Disproportionately Homeless in L.A., Report Shows*](#), LA Times (June 12, 2020).

Jody D. Amour, [*N*ggas Theory: Race, Language, Unequal Justice, and the Law.*](#)

Chancela Al-Mansour, [*Field Hearing on Combatting Homelessness*](#), House Financial Services Committee.

[*Report and Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness*](#), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.