



NAME OF EVENT: Defending Law School Diversity After SFFA

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: August 23, 2023 | 2:00 PM-3:00 PM | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Thanks to decades of organizing and activism, law school campuses are finally beginning to reflect the United States' rich and ethnic diversity. According to the American Bar Association, the admitted class of 2022 was the most racially and ethnically diverse law school class in history. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court's ruling in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* and coordinated attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion across the country threaten to undermine this progress. ACS invites law students from generations past and present to share insights, tools and strategies in the ongoing struggle for a diverse and representative legal profession.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

- **Introduction:** [Taonga Leslie](#), Director of Policy and Program for Racial Justice, American Constitution Society
- [Markus Reneau](#), President, American Constitution Society @ Howard University School of Law, Moderator, Howard University School of Law Class of 2024
- [Jarrius Adams](#), National Chair, National Black Law Students Association, Howard University School of Law Class of 2024
- [Courtnei Burleson](#), Dir. of Foundation Relations & the Legal Academy, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law Class of 2003
- [Kristin Theis-Alvarez](#), Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Stanford Law School Class of 2000
- [Midushi Pandey](#), Gideons Promise Fellow, Mecklenberg County Public Defender's Office, Fmr. VP of Racial and Social Justice, American Constitution Society @ U. Texas School of Law, University of Texas School of Law Class of 2022

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

- Introduction (7 mins)
- Moderated Discussion/Presentations (33 mins)
- Q&A (20 min)

READING MATERIALS:

[Coal. for TJ v. Fairfax Cnty. Sch. Bd.](#), No. 22-1280 (4th Cir. May 23, 2023).

Karen Sloan, [If Affirmative Action is Struck Down, These Law Schools May Point to the Future](#), REUTERS (June 15, 2023).



Kristin Theis-Alvarez, [*Data and Diversity: Inclusion is Real Only When Everybody is Counted*](#), LSAC (July 8, 2021).

Maya Yang, [*Greg Abbott Signs Law Banning Diversity Offices in Texas Higher Education*](#), THE GUARDIAN (June 14, 2023).

Philip Lee, [*The Griswold 9 and Student Activism for Faculty Diversity at Harvard Law School in the Early 1990s*](#), 27 HARVARD J. ON RACIAL & ETHNIC JUST. 49 (2011).

Press Release, Nat'l Asian Pac. Am. L. Student Ass'n et al., [*National Law Student Affinity Organizations' Joint Statement on the Supreme Court's Affirmative Action Decision*](#) (July 7, 2023).

Rachel J. Anderson et al., [*Toward a New Student Insurgency: A Critical Epistolary*](#), 94 CAL. L. REV. 1879 (2006).

Richard R. W. Brooks et al., [*Affirmative Action and Racial Diversity in U.S. Law Schools, 1980-2021*](#), SSRN (June 28, 2023).

[*Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard Coll.*](#), 600 U.S. ____ (2023).

Susan L. Krinsky, [*The Incoming Class of 2021 — The Most Diverse Law School Class in History*](#), LSAC (Dec. 15, 2021).