

NAME OF PANEL: ACS Chicago: The Chicago Police Department Consent Decree -- Where Do Things Stand?

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 12:00PM - 1:00PM CST, UIC Law School, Room S1210, 300 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60604

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Attorney General launched a broad civil rights investigation in 2015 into the CPD's policing practices. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released the results of its investigation in January 2017, finding a longstanding, pervasive "pattern or practice" of civil rights abuses by the CPD. In August 2017, the Office of the Illinois Attorney General (OAG) sued the City in federal court, seeking a Consent Decree that would address DOJ's findings and recommendations. The OAG then sought input from community members and Chicago police officers and negotiated the Consent Decree with the City. In March 2018, the Parties to the Consent Decree, the OAG and the City, also entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with "certain community organizations that have established a broad-based community coalition ('Coalition') committed to monitoring, enforcing, and educating the community about" the Consent Decree. Judge Dow approved and signed the Consent Decree on January 31, 2019. The Consent Decree requires actions by the CPD and many other City entities.

Join the Chicago ACS Lawyer Chapter for a conversation with Cara Hendrickson, Executive Director of Impact for Equity and former Chief of the Public Interest Division at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The conversation, moderated by Jerry Brown of Siegel & Callahan, on the background, goals, and status of the Chicago Police Department Consent Decree.

PANELISTS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Cara Hendrickson, Executive Director, Impact for Equity. *Cara Hendrickson became Impact for Equity's Executive Director in 2020. She is a change maker, passionate about using law and policy to tackle systemic inequities. Cara's role as Executive Director is her second at Impact for Equity; earlier in her career, she was a Skadden Fellow at Impact for Equity, with a focus on housing and education issues.*

Jerry Brown, Siegel & Callahan; Co-Chair, ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter. *Jerry Brown practice focuses on property tax appeals, incentives and exemptions. He is a member of the Illinois Property Tax Lawyers Association. Jerry is also a panel attorney for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, and an Adjunct Professor at UIC Law School.*

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

- Introduction and Overview (Brown – 5 mins)
- Moderated Discussion (Hendrickson and Brown – 40 mins)
- Open Q&A (15 mins)

MATERIALS FOR PANEL:

- [CPD Consent Decree Fifth Independent Monitoring Report Summary](#)
- [1098-Order-Setting-Public-Hrg-on-Stip-to-the-Consent-Decree-re-Investigory-Stops-etc.pdf](#)
- [2023-03-20-UOFWG-Public_Report-CPD_Training.pdf](#)
- [Consent Decree.pdf](#)
- [Order-Approving-Consent-Decree.pdf](#)
- [Chicago Police Consent Decree Staff Shakeup](#)
- [Latest Consent-Decree Report Hits Chicago Police Leadership in Key Areas: Community Policing and Building Community Trust](#)
- [Reforming Chicago's Police Department](#)
- [Police Oversight & Accountability](#)