

Court Data on Race and Ethnicity in Civil Cases: Access to Justice Opportunities and Challenges

Join the **Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission's Racial Equity and Justice Committee**, in collaboration with MCLE, the Court Management Advisory Board, Justice Harry J. Elam Judicial Conference, Flaschner Judicial Institute, Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts (AALAM), Boston Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys, Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association, Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys, Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation, Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association, MA Legal Services' Attorneys of Color Group, South Asian Bar Association of Boston, and others, for a timely and important program on racial justice and data collection.

The program convenes a panel of court leaders and other experts to discuss the importance of, and challenges inherent in, collecting, maintaining, and reporting Massachusetts Trial Court data regarding race and ethnicity—particularly in civil cases—to identify and remedy racial disparities and improve access to justice. The panel dialogue aims to facilitate communication, coordination, and collaboration among justice partners engaged in this type of data collection and analysis.

Attend to hear about the challenges and opportunities for improvement—and join this important conversation.

Agenda

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| 2:05 pm–2:20 pm | Welcome, Overview & Introductions |
| 2:20 pm–2:45 pm | Featured Speaker Address by Judge Edwina G. Richardson-Mendelson who will provide a critical perspective on the national importance of this issue to the administration of fair and equitable justice. |
| 2:45 pm–5:00 pm | Moderated Expert Panel & Guided Discussion: Where Are We & Where Do We Go from Here? |
| 5:00 pm–6:30 pm | Networking Reception
<i>Please join us for light refreshments.</i> |

Faculty

- Hon. Edwina G. Richardson-Mendelson, *Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives, New York State Unified Court System, Office for Justice Initiatives, Featured Speaker*
- Hon. Julie J. Bernard, *Associate Justice, Massachusetts District Court, Co-Chair Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission Racial Equity and Justice Committee and Commissioner, Moderator*
- Steven Duncan, *Chief Information Officer, Massachusetts Trial Court, Judicial Information System Department (JSID), Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
- Caitlin L. Glass, JD, *Policy Program Director, Boston University Center for Antiracist Research*
- Lee Kavanagh, *Director of Research and Planning, Massachusetts Trial Court, Department of Research and Planning, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
- Andrea L. Miller, JD, PhD, *Senior Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts*
- Michael A. Sullivan, *Clerk of Clerks, Middlesex Superior Court, Massachusetts Trial Court, Superior Court Department*

Dates & Locations

Register at www.mcle.org

BOSTON

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
2:00 pm–5:00 pm
MCLE Conference Center
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street
Program Number: 2230291P01

LIVE WEBCAST

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
2:00 pm–5:00 pm
Program Number: 2230291WBC

REBROADCAST

Thursday, April 27, 2023
9:00 am–12:00 noon
Program Number: 2230291RBC

REBROADCAST

Friday, May 5, 2023
12:00 noon–3:00 pm
Program Number: 2230291RBC

ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Friday, May 5, 2023
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Tuition

FREE (*Advance registration required.*)