# **2021 JACOBUS TENBROEK DISABILITY LAW SYMPOSIUM**

# **RACE, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE WORLD**

# **AGENDA**

## Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**All times are Eastern Time**

### **11:00–11:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind

### **11:20 AM–12:40 PM Round Table Discussion—Reframing the Conversation**

Facilitator: Milton Reynolds, Educator, Activist, Founder, Milton Reynolds Consulting

### **12:55–1:55 PM Networking Lunch**

### **2:10–3:40 PM Round Table Discussion—Interrogating the Quest for “Fitness”: A National Project**

Facilitator: Milton Reynolds, Educator, Activist, Founder, Milton Reynolds Consulting

### **3:55–5:25 PM Disability Identity and Intersectionality**

Moderator: Lydia X. Z. Brown, Policy Counsel, Center for Democracy & Technology, Privacy & Data Project; Director of Policy, Advocacy, & External Affairs, Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network

Presenters:

Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf;

Gabe Cazares, Director, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, Houston, Texas;

Sharon daVanport, Founding Executive Director, Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network

## Thursday, March 25, 2021

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### **11:00 AM–12:30 PM** **Workshops**

1. The Department of Justice and the ADA's Integration Mandate: A Year in Review

Facilitators:

Victoria Thomas, Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice (DOJ);

Nicole Kovite Zeitler, Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ

1. Race and Gender Issues in the Civil Commitment Process

Facilitator:

Alexander S. Brown, Executive Director, Friedman Place

1. Perspectives on Disability in US Muslim Communities

Facilitators:

Nashiru Abdulai, President, Global Deaf Muslim; Mariyam Cementwala, US Department of State, Office of International Religious Freedom;

Safaya Fawzi, Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion Center, American Bar Association;

Zaheer Maskatia, Associate Counsel, VA Board of Veterans’ Appeals;

Ronza Othman, EEO Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services

1. Speed Networking

Facilitators:

Michael Nunez, Associate Attorney, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP;

Cara Trapani, Associate Attorney, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP

1. Independent Living through Accessible Communication and Video Programming

Facilitators:

Eliot Greenwald, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office (DRO), Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGAB), Federal Communications Commission (FCC);

Will Schell, Attorney-Advisor, DRO, CGAB, FCC

Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief, DRO, CGAB, FCC

### **12:45–2:00 PM Lunch, Film, and Discussion**

Film: *The Importance of Intersectional Accessibility in Activism*, Hayden Kristal

Facilitator: Catherine J. Kudlick, Director, Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability, Professor of History, San Francisco State University

### **2:15–3:45 PM Plenary Session**

**Impacts and Outcomes of Marginalization and Intersectionality on Mental and Physical Health**

Moderator: Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Managing Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP  
Presenters:   
Samantha Crane, Legal Director, Director of Public Policy, Autistic Self Advocacy Network;   
Danielle L. Beatty Moody, Associate Professor, Behavioral Medicine & Community Psychology Subprograms, Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County;  
Victoria Rodríguez-Roldán, Senior Policy Manager, AIDS United

### **4:00–5:30 PM** **Workshops**

1. Connecting Disability Work with Broader Diversity and Inclusion Work

Facilitators:

Lydia X. Z. Brown, Policy Counsel, Center for Democracy & Technology, Privacy & Data Project; Director of Policy, Advocacy, & External Affairs, Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network;

Safaya Fawzi, Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion Center, American Bar Association;

Salomon Chiquiar-Rabinovich, Chair of Attorneys with Disabilities Committee, Boston Bar Association, Of Counsel, Moreno Law

1. Disability Discrimination in Housing: An Unrelenting Crisis

Facilitator:

Crystal Adams, Attorney, Legal Advocacy Team, National Center for Youth Law;

Sasha Samberg-Champion, Counsel, Relman, Colfax PLLC;

Shira Wakschlag, Senior Director of Legal Advocacy and General Counsel, The Arc;

Yiyang Wu, Litigation Association, Relman, Colfax PLLC

1. Keeping Our Schools Safe: Addressing Restraint and Seclusion in Schools

Facilitators:

Selene Almazan, Legal Director, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.;

Eve Hill, Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP;

Kelly Israel, Policy Analyst, Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Leslie Seid Margolis, Managing Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland

1. Next Stop—Full Accessibility: Litigating Access to the Most Popular and Least Accessible Subway System

Facilitators: Emily Seelenfreund, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates;

Rebecca Serbin, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates

1. Essential Functions under Title I of the ADA

Michal Shinnar, Senior Associate Attorney, Gilbert Employment Law, P.C.

## Friday, March 26, 2021

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### **11:00 AM–12:30 PM** **Workshops**

1. Developing Effective Mental Health Crisis Services to Prevent Unnecessary Institutionalization

Facilitators:

Mary Bohan, Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice (DOJ);

David W. Covington, CEO & President, RI International;

Steven Dettwyler, Public Health Analyst, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration;

Deena Fox, Trial Attorney, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ

Lisa St. George, Vice President, Peer Support and Empowerment, RI International

1. LSAC—Lessons Learned from the Consent Decree and the Pandemic: From Pipeline to the Profession—Join the Mission to Diversify the Legal Profession to Build a Just and Prosperous World

Facilitators:

Fe LopezGaetke, Director, Educational Equity Initiatives, Law School Admission Council;

Katherine A. Pérez, Visiting Professor of Law, Loyola Law School;

Kellye Testy, President, Chief Executive Officer, Law School Admission Council;

Leanne M. Shank, Senior Vice President for Legal & Corporate Affairs, General Counsel, Office of Legal and Corporate Affairs, Law School Admission Council

1. Digital Accessibility—Developing Guidelines for Attorneys on Both Sides

Facilitators:

Timothy Elder, Principal, TRE Legal Practice, LLC;

Kristina M. Launey, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP;

Chris M. Law, President, Accessibility Track Consulting, LLC

1. *CL v. Del Amo Hospital*: A Psychiatric Service Animal Case Study

Facilitators:

Peter Blanck, Professor, Chairman, Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University;

Christopher H. Knauf, Director of Litigation, Disability Rights Legal Center;

Jennifer Mathis, Deputy Legal Director and Director, Policy and Legal Advocacy, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law;

Celia McGuinness, Disability Rights Attorney, Derby McGuinness & Goldsmith, LLP

1. The Disparate Impact of Changes to Immigration Policy on Asylum Seekers with Disabilities: Strategies to Fight Back

Facilitators:

Charlene D’Cruz, Director, Project Corazon, Matamoros/Lawyers for Good Government;

Katharine Gordon, Staff Attorney, Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition

### **12:45–1:45 PM Networking Lunch**

### **2:00 PM–3:30 PM Workshops**

1. The Jenny Hatch Justice Project: Ways to Advance Supported Decision-Making for People with Developmental Disabilities

Facilitators:

Holly Ceasar, Staff Attorney, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities;

Leonard Stevens, Consultant, Project ACTION!;

Morgan K. Whitlatch, Director, Lead Project Director, Quality Trust Legal, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making

1. Using Disability Justice Approaches to Protect Disability Rights throughout Disasters

Facilitators:

Justice Shorter, Disaster Protection Advisor, National Disability Rights Network;

Valerie Novack, Policy and Research Professional, Center for American Progress

1. Voting as if Your Life Depends on It—without Risking Your Life: Voting Accessibility in the Age of COVID and Beyond

Facilitator:

Eve Hill, Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP

1. Audio Description under the CVAA and Other Statutes

Facilitator:

Michal J. Nowicki, Associate Attorney, Marashlian & Donahue, PLLC

1. What Do You Want? A New Approach to Corporate Disability Inclusion

Facilitators:

Daniel Goldstein, Disability Rights Attorney, retired;

Mary Rainer-Skala, Director of Special Initiatives, International Association of Accessibility Professionals;

Glenda Sims, Director of Accessibility Services, Deque

### **3:45–5:15 PM Workshops**

1. Legal Strategies to Obtain Testing Accommodations for High-Achieving Immigrants with Learning and Vision Disorders

Facilitators:

Allison Hertog, Founder and Students Rights’ Attorney, Making School Work, P.L.;

San Zhang, Physician

1. ADA in Social and Human Service Settings   
   Facilitators:

Steven Gordon, Assistant US Attorney, Civil Rights Enforcement Coordinator, US Department of Justice;

Caroline Jackson, Associate Attorney, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP

1. Accessibility Laws and How They Apply to Health Plans

Facilitator:

Morissa Fregeau, Senior Associate Counsel, Aflac, Inc.

1. Voting Rights for People with Disabilities under the ADA

Facilitators:

Elizabeth Johnson, Senior Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice (DOJ);

Christine Inkyung Kim, Senior Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ