

# Life in the Big City XXV

## Day Two – Friday, July 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. – Sign In

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8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Plenary Course (2 Substantive Credits)

*Sponsored by the Diversity Committee*

**Coordinators:**

*Iveliz Crespo, Esq., Director of Professional Development*

*Antonio Burrell, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Real Estate & Development Unit*

- **THIS IS AMERICA: OPPRESSION IN 2019 (2S)**

Panelists will depict and explain the role that race plays in our society today. They will begin by emphasizing the role of race in shaping all of our economic and social institutions throughout US history as well as the cumulative effects of racialization, which include race-based inequities and disparities. In addition, attendees will look at the linkages between systems of racial oppression and persistent economic oppression. Panelists will draw lessons from the rich history of racial and economic justice and explore ways in which social change organizers and allies can bring racial justice into all areas of our work, and how, in doing so, we can achieve more fundamental and systemic levels of change in society.

**Speakers:**

**Moderator:** Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director, PA Human Relations Commission  
Angela McIver, Board Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Fair Housing Rights in  
Southeastern Pennsylvania and Member of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee of the U.S.  
Commission on Civil Rights

Reynelle Brown Staley, Policy Director, Education Law Center

Michael Coard, Esq., Adjunct Professor in the African Studies Department at Temple University,  
and Columnist for the Philadelphia Tribune and Philadelphia Magazine

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10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Break

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11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Plenary Course (2 Ethics Credits)

*Co-Sponsored by the Public Service & Professional Development Committees*

**Coordinators:**

**Moderator:** *William Fernandez, Esq., Deputy City Solicitor, Code & Public Nuisance  
Litigation Unit*

*Brooke C. Darlington, Esq., Deputy City Solicitor, Tax & Revenue Unit*

*Kathleen Kim, Esq., Deputy City Solicitor, Child Welfare Unit*

- **ETHICAL CHALLENGES WHEN YOUR CASE IS ON THE FRONT PAGE (2E)**

Extra, extra! Read all about it! The ever-evolving and ever-present media impacts the lives of every Philadelphian and the members of the Law Department are no exception. Whether your

practice area is high profile and garners regular media attention or is mostly behind the scenes, it is essential to understand the ethics involved in the event that your work becomes public. In this CLE, panel members will delve into the ethics of publicity. Who is the client really, despite portrayal by the media, and how can City attorneys provide ethical representation? What is the press's role and how should City attorneys ethically interact with the press? What can an attorney do when confidentiality issues are at stake? Our roundtable of experts is sure to provide a spirited and educational discussion.

**Speakers:**

Hannah Bloch-Wehba, Assistant Professor of Law, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline  
School of Law

Michael Dunn, Deputy Communications Director for the City of Philadelphia

Kaitlin Gurney, Esq., Ballard Spahr LLP

Heather Keafer, Director of Communications and External Relations, Department of Human  
Services for the City of Philadelphia

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**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – LUNCH**

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**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Plenary Course (2 Substantive Credits)**

*Sponsored by the Public Service Committee*

**Coordinators:**

*Moderator: Althea Udo-Inyang, Esq., Deputy City Solicitor, Regulatory Law Unit  
Erica Kane, Esq., Assistant City Solicitor, Labor & Employment Unit*

• **PA CLEAN SLATE LAW AND THE FEDERAL FIRST STEP ACT (2S)**

This law was passed with a near unanimous vote (188-2) and became effective on June 28, 2019. It expanded the criminal record sealing process, automatically sealing the criminal records of low-level, nonviolent offenders. Clean Slate also creates an automated computer process to seal arrests records that did not result in convictions within 60 days. Supporters hope that the law will assist Pennsylvanians in obtaining housing and jobs that were not previously available to them, as employers and landlords will no longer have access to such records.

Over 7,500 people have signed up for record-sealing under the statute. Pennsylvania is the first state in the country to pass this legislation, however, a number of additional states have since passed similar legislation. Community Legal Services will conduct a training for all attorneys in attendance regarding the record-sealing application process.

**Speakers:**

Jamie Gullen, Esq., Community Legal Services of Philadelphia – Employment Unit

Tracie Johnson, Esq., Equal Justice Works Fellow, Community Legal Services – Employment  
Unit

Daniel W. Coleman, Esq., Advisor to Pennsylvania House of Representatives Majority WHIP  
Jordan A. Harris

Zane Johnson, Esq., Legal, Entrepreneur

David Keller Trevaskis, Esq., Pro Bono Coordinator for Legal Services, Pennsylvania Bar  
Association