

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Historical Reflections of Racism in U.S. Laws

December 16, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

The term *systemic racism* often arises in current conversations about racial inequality in society. How has the law factored into creating and maintaining a racially biased hierarchy of rights in our nation? This program will provide an overview of ways in which laws have engineered racism into our society. The presenter will discuss some fundamental race-related laws that have contributed to the evolution of America, including who was allowed to be here, who was free, who could be a citizen and who could vote.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

AAG Lora Fong is the Chief Diversity Officer of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, where she is responsible for developing and implementing the department's strategic diversity and inclusion initiatives. Before joining LPS, AAG Fong counselled and advised corporate clients on diversity and inclusion, worked as a commercial litigator at private practice firms and served as in-house counsel in the technology sector. AAG Fong has served as a Trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association and as a member of the New Jersey State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts. AAG Fong earned a B.A. in Political Science and Certificate in Women's Studies from Douglass College at Rutgers University and a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism in the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias category.

Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.