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Plans and Priorities for the 2020-2021 Bar Year
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United for Civil Rights Through Service
CRSJ 2020-2021 Initiatives

FIVE INITIATIVES
1. Convene/Connection/Clearinghouse
2. Voting Rights Multi-Component Service Project
3. CRSJ Podcast
3. CRSJ Fellows Program
4. CRSJ Civil Rights Law Career Series

OVERALL GOALS
• Increase Section Membership (Gaining, Retaining and Reclaiming)
• Increase Section Revenue
• Continue to Contribute to the Advancement of Civil Rights Causes
• Provide Service (Value) to the Civil Rights Legal Community
Clearinghouse/Connection Platform and Convening Meeting

Chair, Michael Bergmann

Goal: Facilitate collaboration and information sharing within the civil rights legal community. Provide resources and connections to attorneys who need information or who want to provide services and/or assistance to civil rights causes. Enable the Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice Section to understand the needs of this community, placing us in a better position to serve the civil rights law community.

Three-prong approach to this effort:

- Convening
- Clearinghouse
- Connection
Clearinghouse/Connection Platform and Convening Meeting (cont’d)

- **Convening** - Virtual meeting with leaders in the civil rights community
  - One issue area (ex: Criminal Justice/Policing)
  - Share information about their work;
  - Identify specific needs that the CRSJ Section might meet;
  - Identify opportunities for collaboration

- **Clearinghouse** - A web-based civil rights information and resource clearinghouse.
  - A single, national source of information about the full range of civil rights law issues for the legal community.

- **Connection Platform** - A web-based platform that will facilitate connections in the civil rights space among civil rights organizations. Will assist attorneys who want to help in this space to connect with attorneys and organizations who need help.
This project is an investment in the future growth of the CRSJ Section.

We will raise the profile of the entire ABA by making the ABA's CRSJ the primary source for up-to-date information and resources in Civil Rights law.

It will establish us as the “umbrella” organization in this area and raise our visibility in the Civil Rights community.
Voting Rights Multi-Component Service Project

Co-Chairs: Cynthia Swann and Terry Ao Minnis

- Community Service/Volunteer Initiative
- Non-partisan
- Three Direct Service Components
  - Before the Election - disseminating toolkits and information to inform the electorate about registration verification, election deadlines, pandemic voting options
  - During the Election - organize and facilitate attorney volunteers to participate in election protection activities; help recruit attorneys to serve as poll-workers
  - After the Election - Election integrity assistance in some form
CRSJ Law Fellows Program

Co-Chairs: Wilson Schooley and Lauren Rikleen

- Open to past chairs, section leaders and individuals who have contributed many years of service to the section
- Direct access to Mentorship to New or Aspiring Section Leadership
- Generates revenue
- Maintain connections with civil rights leaders and individuals who have demonstrated commitment to these issues and this section
CRSJ Podcast

Co-Chairs: Ashley Baker and Juan Thomas

- Opportunity to Connect with Civil Rights leaders in the outside ABA community
- Service to the legal community
- Service to the outside non-legal community
- Raise the profile of the section
- Membership recruitment
- Program advertisement
- Timely content
The Civil Rights Lawyer: Perspectives on the Profession

Co-Chairs: Janel George and Michelle McCleod

- 4 Part Symposium; Held in conjunction with council meetings
- Nuts and Bolts the Civil Rights Law Practice Area
- Intimate perspectives on obstacles faced by civil rights lawyers
- Career advice/guidance
Taskforce on CRSJ Special Initiatives for 2020-2021 Bar Year

Chair: Myra McKenzie-Harris

Members:
- Wilson Schooley
- Liz Tutwiler
- Henry Dixon
- Sean Burns
- Jason Gibson
- Odies Williams
- Heather Lawson
- Michael Bergmann
- Mario Sullivan
- Lori Booker
- Lakeisha Munn Lewis
- Alexus Sham
- Ashley Baker
- Janet Green Marbley
- James Anderson
- Beth Whittenbury (Ex-Officio)
- Juan Thomas (Ex-Officio)
Welcome New Section Leaders

- Essita Holmes
- Lori Booker
- Odies Williams
- Henry Dixon
- Marie Sylla Dixon
- Charles Sydnor
- Ainka Jackson
- Jason Gibson
- Myra McKenzie Harris
- Keeshea Turner Roberts
- Michael Bergmann
- Richard Pena
- Andrew Rhoden
- J. Wyndal Gordon
- Dolores Dorsainvil
- Lacy Durham
- Alexus Sham
- Heather Lawson
- Janet Green Marbley
- Sean Burns
- Liz Tutwiler Goddard
- Lakeisha Munn Lewis
- James Anderson
- Marguerite Downing
“Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe.”

--the Honorable John Lewis
Thank you!

I look forward to working with you as WE Unite for Civil Rights Through Service.

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