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## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES**

**Saturday, February 12  
10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Auburn, Atlanta Conference Center**

Please join the Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law and a panel of national and local experts as they discuss the need to consider the importance of social justice in any healthcare setting. As we seek to provide and create a viable healthcare system, we have an obligation to ensure that our traditionally underserved populations are not left behind. All of this can be achieved through the law, community-based efforts and education. Our thought provoking roundtable will focus on these important and timely topics as well as any other issues the audience would like to bring to the table.

**Panelists:**

**Kim E. Anderson, JD**

Chief Executive Officer, Families First, Atlanta, GA

**Nanette R. Elster, JD, MPH**

Director, Health Law Institute  
DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL

**Kayhan P. Parsi, JD, PhD**

Associate Professor of Bioethics & Health Policy  
Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy,  
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**Stephen O. Sodeke, PhD, MA**

Associate Director & Professor  
Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics, Tuskegee, AL



**KIM ANDERSON** is CEO of Families First, an Atlanta-based non-profit organization. Families First is the largest non-profit family service agency in Georgia, helping more than 40,000 children and families each year. Her prior legal career included working as an attorney with Alston & Bird, General Counsel of Grady Health System, and V.P. and Assistant General Counsel for Magellan Health Systems. She has served as President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and the Georgia Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

**NANETTE ELSTER** is director of the Health Law Institute at DePaul University College of Law. She teaches Bioethics, Biotechnology & the Law; Genetics & the Law; Public Health Law; and Assisted Reproduction & the Law, among other topics, and is vice president of Spence & Elster PC, a Chicago-area law firm focusing on fertility law. Professor Elster also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and is an affiliated scholar at the Institute for Biotechnology and the Human Future. She holds a BA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a JD from Loyola University Chicago, and an MPH from Boston University. Professor Elster currently serves on the board of directors of the Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders, as a member of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Embryo Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, and as a member of the American Bar Association Coordinating Group on Bioethics and the Law. She has extensive experience in legal, public health and ethical issues related to women's and children's health, particularly in the areas of assisted reproduction and genetics. Professor Elster also served on the faculty of the Institute for Health, Law and Policy at the UIC School of Medicine and Chicago-Kent College of Law. She speaks nationally and internationally and is the author of numerous articles on genetic and reproductive health with a particular focus on the legal and ethical implications.

**KAYHAN PARSI** is an Associate Professor of Bioethics & Health Policy at the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, having joined the faculty in January, 2002. He also holds an adjunct appointment in Loyola's School of Law. He has published in a variety of areas and has interests in medical ethics education, professionalism and professional ethics, and the history of medicine and bioethics. He has been an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School and UIC College of Medicine. He regularly makes presentations at various bioethics conferences, both regionally and nationally. He was elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2007 to the nominating committee of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, the major professional organization for bioethicists and medical humanities scholars in the United States. He was elected in 2009 to a 3-year term to the Board of Directors of ASBH. In 2009, he was invited to serve as a book review editor for the American Journal of Bioethics. He received a BA in history from Rice University, a JD from the University of Houston Law Center, and a PhD in medical humanities from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

**DR. STEPHEN SODEKE** currently serves as Associate Director of the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics. He is Professor of Allied Health, and chairs the Tuskegee University IRB. Dr. Sodeke's research interests include community bioethics, research ethics, health and human rights, ethical issues raised by clinical trials, health disparities, and by research with vulnerable populations in the United States and in the developing world. He earned BA (Biology and Chemistry, Hope College, Holland, Michigan), MS (Clinical Laboratory Sciences Education and Guidance, Texas Christian University), PhD (Curriculum and Instruction in Allied Health Education, Supervision, and Administration, University of Florida), Certificate (Health Care Ethics, University of Washington, Seattle), and MA (Bioethics and Health Policy, Loyola University, Chicago).