

**RACIAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**Summer 2013 CONFERENCE**  
**June 7, 2013**  
**The Mayflower Hotel**  
**The George Washington University Law School**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**June 6, 2013**

Check In

**The Mayflower Hotel**

1127 Connecticut Avenue  
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**June 7, 2013**

Training Program

**The George Washington University Law School**

*Moot Court Room*

2000 H Street NW (20<sup>th</sup> & H Streets)

Washington D.C. 20052

9:00am-5:00pm

9:30-10:00

*Introductions, Training Overview*

Salma Safiedine, Program Director, Racial Justice Improvement Project  
Breakfast, Sponsored by the ABA Criminal Justice Section

10:00-10:40

*Understanding Implicit Bias*

Sarah Redfield, University of New Hampshire School of Law

General overview of implicit bias and debiasing. This interactive session will discuss implicit bias and the role it may play in the criminal justice system.

10:45-11:10

*Evaluating Racial Justice Reform*

Inga James, Evaluation Consultant, Racial Justice Improvement Project

The role of the independent evaluator is a critical component of the Racial Justice Improvement Project. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the evaluation process.

11:15-11:20 Break (refreshments sponsored by ABA Criminal Justice Section)

11:25-12:00

*Strategies that Work: Successful Racial Justice Reform Initiatives*

Marc Mauer, Sentencing Project

A presentation on racial justice reform projects that have been successfully implemented in jurisdictions all across the country

12:00-1:00 Lunch (Sponsored by the ABA Criminal Justice Section)

12:30-12:40

*The Racial Justice Improvement Grant: Goals and Expectations*

Salma Safiedine, Program Director, RJIP

Julius Dupree, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance

This presentation will set forth the specific grant requirements, reimbursement protocols, and ABA resources and technical support available to each task force

12:45-1:15

*Anatomy of a Task Force Project*

Salma Safiedine, Program Director, Racial Justice Improvement Project

This session will illustrate the steps each task force must take to develop and institute a specific policy-based reform initiative that can be implemented by the criminal justice stakeholders. Using a proposal to address *Brady* violations, this presentation will explain the steps that each task force must take to implement a racial justice reform.

1:20-2:00

*The Racial Justice Improvement Project Original Grant Sites*

A panel presentation discussing reform efforts and overall project experience by representatives from each of our four current task force sites (New York, Louisiana, Minnesota, Delaware).

2:05-3:00

*Individual Task Force Meetings: Developing a Plan of Action*

Each task force will meet to discuss their proposed racial justice reform and begin formulating a planned course of action.

3:00-3:15 Break

3:20-4:30

*Task Force Presentations*

A representative from each task force will give a short presentation to the group on their proposed racial justice reform and task force action plan

4:30-5:00

Final Q & A; Conference Evaluations