

JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

10:00am – noon

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

True Reformer Building

1200 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

- I Refreshments and Networking, 9:30am – 10:00
- II Introductions, Moderator: Nkechi Taifa, Esq. Convener, Justice Roundtable
- III Features: Connecting Domestic & International Issues & “When They See Us”

A. FIRST FEATURE: Connecting Domestic & International Dots for Justice Reform

Gay J. McDougall, Vice Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and first United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues (via video conference). Gay will discuss the relevancy to the U.S. of the CERD and the International Decade for People of African Descent.

Justin Hansford, Associate Professor of Law, Howard University and Executive Director Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center. Justin will discuss the Center’s request for a thematic hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on reparations as a remedy for human rights violations against Afro-Descendants in the US.

Plus updates on international initiatives from **Aundreia Alexander**, National Council of Churches; **Sakira Cook**, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; and **Charlie Sullivan**, CURE.

B. SECOND FEATURE: “When They See Us” and Advocacy for Victims of Law Enforcement Misconduct

Sharonne Salaam - Sharonne is the mother of Yusef Salaam, featured in the Ava Duvernay documentary “When They See Us” whose son, as a juvenile, was arrested, tried, convicted, incarcerated and ultimately exonerated as part of the notorious 1989 Central Park Five case. Sharonne tirelessly fought in the courts and the streets on behalf of Yusef and the other accused youth. A lifelong justice advocate, Sharonne is the founder of Justice 4 the Wrongfully Incarcerated, which provides support for those unjustly imprisoned, including legislation and full, fair and automatic compensation.

King Downing – founder of the Human Rights–Racial Justice Center. King has worked as part of the Ferguson Legal Defense Committee, the Sean Bell Justice Project, and Mothers Against Police Brutality. He and Sharonne will discuss the film, “When They See Us,” and advocacy work they have been engaged in seeking justice for victims of law enforcement misconduct.

V **Justice Roundtable Working Groups.** *The day to day work of the Roundtable is carried out through issue-specific working groups which meet regularly, plan strategy, and implement initiatives. Visit www.JusticeRoundtable.org for news, resources and action highlighting working group issues.*

Working Group Brief Update Reports

- Sentencing Reform
- Law Enforcement Reform
- Prison Reform
- Drug Policy Reform
- Reentry
- State Issues
- Interfaith Criminal Justice
- Pretrial and Courts
- Crimmigration
- Commutations and Pardons
- Youth Justice
- Directly Impacted People
- Human Rights
- Racial Justice

VI **Announcements and Close**

VII Next Justice Roundtable Quarterly Assembly, Wednesday, December 4, 2019

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