

RACE, RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Opportunities from Conflict in an Unpredictable World

Raymond Brown and Wanda Akin stand at the forefront of civil and human rights jurisprudence, not with simple rhetoric or vitriol, but with considered and effective action for carrying on the cause of civil justice.

The Momentum of the Civil Rights Movement 50+ years hence

Despite gains made during the Civil Rights Movement and the removal of legal impediments to racial equality, race-based discrimination in the basic rights of citizenship, roll-backs of protections in employment and education, and institutional violence towards African Americans remain and have gained in frequency and acceptance.

Explore your opportunities and obligations regarding:

- School Desegregation and re-segregation;
- The cutting away of affirmative action programs;
- The Voting Rights Act, voter ID laws and disenfranchisement;
- Policing reform, reorganization and reimagination; and
- The war on drugs and other contributors to mass incarceration.

60 to 90
minutes

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Mr. Brown has appeared in numerous high profile trials, including as defense counsel in the public corruption and bribery case against Sen. Robert Menendez and in the nine-month trial involving former U.S. Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan. His international experience includes qualifying as Counsel before the International Criminal Court in The Hague and serving as Co-Lead Defense Counsel at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

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