

# The Research Group on Legal Diversity

Established in 2011, the RGLD examines trends in diversity and inequality in the legal profession and institutions of justice and brings together leading researchers and practitioners working on diversity issues.

The first two conferences of the RGLD, held in 2012 and 2013, presented original research on diversity and inequality in the legal profession, legal institutions, and other scientific and professional fields. The connections between research and practice made in these events have produced new collaborations that promise to advance diversity in law. Please join us for our third annual conference, in which we examine bias and law in private and public arenas.

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# Bias and Law



Third Annual Conference  
Thursday, May 8, and  
Friday, May 9, 2014

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*Left to right: David Wilkins, RGLD co-director/Harvard U.; Robert Nelson, RGLD co-director/Northwestern U.; Hon. Bernice B. Donald, ABF President; Ronit Dinovitzer, RGLD co-director/U. of Toronto; Myles Lynk, 2013 ABF Fellows Chair*

## Theme & partners

This year's conference is organized around the theme of *bias*. Presentations focus on how bias on the dimensions of race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and disability affect the legal profession and the operation of legal institutions in a variety of contexts. The conference brings together practitioner-leaders and prominent scholars to facilitate the dissemination of research and stimulate new lines of inquiry.

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## Preliminary schedule

*Final schedules will be available online at [americanbarfoundation.org](http://americanbarfoundation.org) and distributed in person*

### Thursday, May 8

Lunch available at 11:30, sessions begin at 11:45

Theory and Practice: Private & Public Spheres  
12:00-1:30: Keynote Address: Joan Williams, Jerry Kang, David Wilkins  
1:45-3:15: Jeffrey Rachlinski, Shari Diamond/ Mary Rose, Laura Beth Nielsen, Traci Burch  
3:30-4:30: Breakout Sessions  
4:45 Cocktail Reception

### Friday, May 9

Breakfast available at 8, sessions begin at 8:20

8:30-10:00: Bias in Public Institutions  
10:15-11:30: Access and Equity  
12:00-1:15: Inequalities in the Legal Profession  
1:30-2:30: Future directions discussion

**If you wish to attend the conference, you must RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 9 to Spencer Headworth at [sheadworth@abfn.org](mailto:sheadworth@abfn.org).**



## Conference presenters

Celesta Albonetti, *U. of Iowa*; Jeb Barnes, *U. of Southern California*; Katharine Barnes, *U. of Arizona*; Monica Bell, *Harvard U.*; Traci Burch, *ABF/Northwestern U.*; Thomas Burke, *Wellesley C.*; Shari Diamond, *ABF/Northwestern U.*; Ronit Dinovitzer, *U. of Toronto*; Stephen Engel, *Bates C.*; John Hagan, *ABF/Northwestern U.*; Jerry Kang, *U.C.L.A.*; Jamie Longazel, *U. of Dayton*; Paul Madsen, *U. of Florida*; Elizabeth Mertz, *ABF/U. of Wisconsin*; Jason Nance, *U. of Florida*; Robert Nelson, *ABF/Northwestern U.*; Laura Beth Nielsen, *ABF/Northwestern U.*; Shaun Ossei-Owusu, *U.C. Berkeley*; Monique Payne-Pikus, *ABF*; Jeff Rachlinski, *Cornell U.*; Mary Rose, *U. of Texas*; Rebecca Sandefur, *U. of Illinois*; David Wilkins, *Harvard U.*; Joan Williams, *U.C. Hastings*; Albert Yoon, *U. of Toronto*

Practitioner-Leaders will moderate and comment on research presentations.

*All conference sessions held at 340 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60611, Rooms 147 and 150, adjacent to the American Bar Foundation*

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