



30th Annual Conference
of the
National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic
Fairness in the Courts

Equal Justice for All: A Work in Progress



June 13 – 15, 2018
Loews Minneapolis Hotel
601 N 1st Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

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The Minnesota State Bar Association



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At – A Glance Schedule

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 2018

- 1:00 pm **Registration**
3:00 pm **NCREFE Board Meeting (TBD)**
6:00 pm **Welcome Reception
(Stinson Leonard)**

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

- 7:30 am **Breakfast (TBD)**
8:30 am **Opening Remarks (TBD)**
9:00 am **Plenary Session (TBD)**
*The Dangers of Immigration Centers: The Heart
Mountain Wyoming Foundation*
10:45 am **Breakout Sessions (TBD)**
Creative Sharing of Jurisdiction
Fines and Fees
12:00 pm **Luncheon Speaker (TBD)**
Minnesota Congressman Keith Ellison
1:45 pm **Plenary Session (TBD)**
We are All Criminals: Emily Baxter
3:00 pm **Break**
3:15 **Breakout Sessions (TBD)**
*Indian Child Welfare Act: Keeping Our Children
Connected to our Community*
*Indigent Defense/Legal Representation for Poor
Litigants*

6:00 pm Reception (History Center)

FRIDAY JUNE 15, 2018

- 7:30 am **Breakfast (TBD)**
8:30 am **Plenary Session (TBD)**
*25th Anniversary of the Minnesota Racial
Bias Taskforce: What Have We
Accomplished and where do we go from
Here.*
10:00 am **Breakout Sessions**
Historical Trauma and Disparities
JDAI: A Deep Dive into the Data.
11:15am **Breakout Sessions**
Truth and Reconciliation
Local Topic TBD
12:30 pm **Lunch**
(Award Presentation and State Reports)
1:45 pm **Breakout Session**
VAWA and TLOA
Local Topic TBD
3:15 am **Closing Remarks**
SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018
9:00 am **NCREFC Minneapolis
Experience (extra cost)**



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Sessions/Speakers

The Dangers of Immigration Centers: The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

Shirley Higuchi, Heart of Mountain Wyoming Foundation Chair

ACLU Immigration Attorney (Wyoming)

ACLU Immigration Attorney (Washington DC)

9:00 am (Location TBD)

The federal government has increased its immigration enforcement action resulting in increased numbers of people in detention centers. In recent months the federal government have discussed the creation of new “immigration camp” in Wyoming, the place where Japanese’s Americans were interred during World War II. The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation will present on the history of "America's Concentration Camps." This session will explore the similarities between the Japanese American “Relocation Centers” and the new “Immigrant detention centers”. This session will shed light on what happened to Japanese American 75 years ago and what is happening today in our own backyards

Creative Sharing of Jurisdiction

Jenny Walter

Judge Korey Wahwassuck, Itasca County District Court, Minnesota

Judge Christine Williams, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

White Earth Tribal Judge

Fines and Fees

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Congressman Keith Ellison

Congressman Keith Ellison represents Minnesota 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Ellison was elected co-chair of the [Congressional Progressive Caucus for the 113th Congress](#) that promotes the progressive promise of fairness for all. He is also a member of the [Congressional Black Caucus](#), founded the Congressional Consumer Justice Caucus, and belongs to more than a dozen other caucuses that focus on issues ranging from social inclusion to environmental protection. Before being elected to Congress Rep. Ellison was a community activist and ran a civil rights, employment, and criminal defense law practice in Minneapolis. He also was elected to serve two terms in the Minnesota State House of Representatives. Representative Ellison was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He has lived in Minnesota since earning his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990.



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We Are All Criminals

Emily Baxter, Executive Directors of We Are All Criminals

1:45 pm (Location TBD)

Emily Baxter is the author of the groundbreaking new book, *We Are All Criminals*. *We Are All Criminals* is a catalyst for conversations about crime, privilege, punishment, and second chances. One in four people in the US has a criminal record; four in four have a criminal history. Through stories, statutes, and statistics, we will examine the disparate impact of the criminal and juvenile justice systems on people of color and poor people across the country. Following an examination of the project, a panel of experts and stakeholders will discuss Minnesota's criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Indian Child Welfare Act: Keeping Our Children Connected to our Community

**Jack Trope
Anita Fineday
Kate Forte**

Indigent Defense/Legal Representation for Poor Litigants

25th Anniversary of the Minnesota Racial Bias Taskforce: What Have We Accomplished and Where Do We Go From Here.

**Judge Pamela Alexander
Judge Michael Davis**

June 2018 is the 25th Anniversary of the Minnesota Racial Bias Taskforce. Original Members of the taskforce discuss the challenges of the taskforce and discusses what we need to do moving forward.

Historical Trauma and Disparities

JDAI: A Deep Dive into the Data

Truth and Reconciliation

Local Topic TBD

VAWA and TLOA



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Social Events

Welcoming Reception – June 13, 2018

6:00 pm (Stinson Leonard Law Firm: 50 South 6th St #2600, Minneapolis, MN 55402)

The Minnesota Bar Association, the law firm of Stinson Leonard together with the Board of Directors of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, invites you to join us on Wednesday, June 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a welcoming reception. Appetizers and cocktails provided.

Reception at the Minnesota History Center – June 14, 2018

6:00 pm (Minnesota History Center 345 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102)

On June 14, 2018 there will be an evening reception at the Minnesota History Center. Originally designed as a place to protect Minnesota's history collection, the Minnesota History Center sits in the heart of the Minnesota Capitol complex. Cocktails and appetizers provided. Transportation will be provided