How Can California Increase the Diversity of the Legal Profession and the Judiciary?

An Informational Hearing of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary
and the Asian Pacific Islander, Black, and Latino Legislative Caucuses of the California Legislature

May 14, 2019
9:00 am – Noon
State Capitol, Room 437

• Opening Statements

• Panel 1: The Importance of Diversity in the Legal Profession and the Courts
  • Karen Pedraza, Law Student, University of California, Davis, School of Law
  • Eric Harris, Legislative Advocate, Disability Rights California
  • Rick Zbur, Executive Director, Equality California
  • Judge Elizabeth Macias, Orange County Superior Court

• Panel 2: Understanding the Scope of the Problem and its Impacts
  • Landon Klein, Ph. D., Assembly Judiciary Committee
  • Michal Kurlaender, Professor, University of California, Davis, School of Education
  • Kellie Sims Butler, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies, University of California, Davis
  • L. Song Richardson, Dean, University of California, Irvine, School of Law
  • Justice Goodwin Liu, California Supreme Court

• Panel 3: Existing Efforts to Increase Diversity and What More Can be Done
  • Christopher Punongbayan, Executive Director, ChangeLawyers
  • Hailyn Chen, Trustee, State Bar of California
  • Mitch Winick, Dean, Monterey College of Law
  • Judge Holly Fujie, Los Angeles County Superior Court
  • Judge Kevin Brazile, Co-Chair, Judicial Council of California Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

• Public Comment

• Closing Statements