

## PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00 *Continental Breakfast*

### MORNING SESSIONS

#### 9:00 - 12:00 "History of Black Lawyers in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania"

*This session will explore the experiences of black lawyers in Philadelphia from the mid 1800's to the present. It will survey early pioneers in the profession, racial discrimination in bar admissions and the challenges of practicing law.*

##### 9:00-10:30 Part I

1. *Vashon and Beyond: Early Black Lawyers in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania*
2. *The Norris, Schmidt, Green, Harris, Higginbotham & Brown Firm*
3. *The Liacouras Committee*
4. *Black Lawyers in Black Law Firms, Solo Practice and Space Sharing Arrangements*

Moderator: Bob Archie:

Nolan Atkinson  
Aaron Porter  
William H. Brown, III  
Ronald Harper  
Kevin Mincey  
Wadud Ahmad

10:30 -10:45: *Break*

##### 10:45 - 12:15 Part II

5. *Black Lawyers in White Law Firms*
6. *Black Lawyers in Government*
7. *Sadie and Her Sisters: Black Women Lawyers and Judges*

Moderator: Kenneth Murphy

Panelists:

Danielle Banks  
Marcel Pratt  
Denise Smyler  
Judge Jacqueline Allen

12:15 - 1:00 *Lunch Speaker: Sozi Pedro Tulante*

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### 1:00 – 2:30 “How Race Matters in the Adversary Process”

*This session will explore whether and how race matters at various stages in the civil and criminal litigation process.*

1. *The Concept of Implicit Bias*
2. *Race and Theories of Liability and Defense*
3. *Ethical Issues of Utilizing Race in Jury Selection*
4. *Impact of Race in Settlements and Jury Verdicts*
5. *Race, Sentencing and Incarceration*

Moderator: Bacardi Jackson

Panelists:

Jill Huntley Taylor  
Judge Darnell Jones  
Joe Tucker  
Richard Harris  
Kristen Gibbons Feden

### 2:30 – 2:45 *Break*

### 2:45 – 4:15 “Black Lawyers and the Struggle for Dignity and Equality”

*This session will explore the contributions that Philadelphia lawyers and judges have made to the civil rights movement and the contemporary challenges faced by lawyers.*

1. *Cecil Moore Was More Than an Avenue*
2. *The Judicial Activism and Scholarship of A. Leon Higginbotham*
3. *Challenges for the Next Generation of Black Lawyers*

Moderator: Alycia Horn

Panelists:

David Williams  
Charisse Lillie  
Leigh Skipper  
Michael Coard  
Tom Fitzpatrick  
Amber Racine