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CHIEF JUDGE WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN WHITE HOUSE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FORUM

- WHAT: White House Forum on Increasing Access to Justice
- WHERE: Live-stream: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live>
- WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 1pm to 4:15pm
- WHO: Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals

On April 19, 2016, the White House will host and live-stream an event focusing on a range of issues relating to Access to Justice. Chief Judge Washington will participate in a panel discussion along with five of his state supreme court colleagues. Other program participants include corporate CEOs, legal aid program leaders, and the Dean of Harvard Law School. The forum will include remarks from US Attorney General Loretta Lynch; Neil Eggleston, White House Counsel; Legal Services Corporation Chair John Levi; Acting Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy; and ABA President Paulette Brown. The event will conclude with a reception at the US Supreme Court, at which Justice Kennedy will speak.

“This is an extremely important topic given the growing perception that the legal system’s reliance on money is having a disparate impact on the fair administration of justice in both the civil and criminal cases filed in our state courts. Therefore, these concerns must be addressed in a way that enhances the public’s trust and confidence that a state court can fairly and effectively meet its constitutional obligations while preserving and protecting the rule of law,” said Chief Judge Washington.

Panels Fines and Fees: At the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Justice

Chief Justice Scott Bales, Arizona Supreme Court Chief
Justice Patricia Breckenridge, Supreme Court of Missouri
Chief Justice David E. Gilbertson, South Dakota Supreme Court
Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht, Supreme Court of Texas
Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Supreme Court of Florida
Chief Justice Mark D. Martin, Supreme Court of North Carolina
Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Lisa Foster, Director, Office for Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (Moderator)

Pro Bono and Technology Innovations to Improve Access to Justice

M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Mark O'Brien, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Pro Bono Net
Julia R. Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, OneJustice
Phong Wong, Pro Bono Director, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
James J. Sandman, President, Legal Services Corporation (Moderator)

Perspectives on Access to Justice from the Business Community

Debra A. Cafaro, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ventas, Inc.
Kenneth C. Frazier, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Merck & Co., Inc.
John W. Rogers Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ariel Investments
David M. Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive Officer, The Carlyle Group
Amy W. Schulman, Chief Executive Officer, Arsia Therapeutics
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lyndra
Brad L. Smith, President, Microsoft Corporation
Arne M. Sorenson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Marriott International
Dean Martha Minow, Harvard Law School and Legal Services Corporation Vice Chair (Moderator)

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