

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUMMIT



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Agenda At-A-Glance

Connecticut's Diversity & Inclusion Summit: The Collaborative Blueprint

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Quinnipiac University School of Law

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Registration and Networking**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Welcome Remarks**
Jennifer G. Brown, Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Law
Christine Jean-Louis, Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Summit Committee
Jonathan M. Shapiro, President, Connecticut Bar Association
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **Signatory Data Collection Overview and Summary
of Training Initiatives**
Cecil J. Thomas, Co-chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Attendees will be reintroduced to the goals of the collaborative pledge and plan, see results from data collection among the signatories, and receive a summary of the path to successful training initiatives discussed during signatory meetings.
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Attendee Lunch Selection**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.** **Pipeline Lunch Panel
Moderator**
Karen DeMeola, Immediate Past President, Connecticut Bar Association;
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Panel Members
Van Ann Bui, Law Program Director, SEO Law
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Isabelle M. Ramos, Assistant Director for Diversity Initiatives,
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Attendees will learn the importance of pipeline initiatives, the many different types of pipeline programs that are available to their respective organizations, and how to participate in them or develop their own.
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** **Recruitment/Retention Workshop: More Than Hiring, the Path to a
Diverse and Inclusive Organization***
Judith H. Katz, Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, New York
Frederick A. Miller, Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, New York
Many organizations believe that hiring is one of the fundamental keys to success. However, hiring alone does not guarantee the retention of talent. This workshop will explore the path to creating an inclusive organization that leverages diversity and the actions needed to enable both the successful recruitment and retention of talent. Attendees will learn what inclusion is and is not, methods for joining not judging, and conscious actions for inclusion to support the creation of a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant workplace.
- 5:15 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
Karen DeMeola, Immediate Past President, Connecticut Bar Association;
Co-chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** **Networking Reception**

*Panelist/Title are subject to change.