



The Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession

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**SYMPOSIUM ON STATE OF DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
SET FOR OCTOBER 14 IN CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, Oct. 7, 2015 -- The Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession will host a special symposium in Chicago on Oct. 14 to share some of the latest research and analysis of issues of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The session will focus on the need to foster cooperation, communication and coordination and apply practical solutions. The program runs from 1 – 5:30 p.m. in the offices of Jenner & Block LLP, 353 N. Clark St.

Through data and analysis gathered in *The IILP Review*, speakers will highlight ways in which lawyers in different settings can implement programs that work, look at the implications of “diversity within diversity,” and speak candidly. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion moderated by **Willie J. Miller Jr.**, former senior vice president and deputy general counsel, Mondelez International.

Panelists include:

Tiffany R. Harper, associate, Polsinelli PC, and **Chasity A. Lomax**, associate general counsel, Office of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, will examine pipeline issues that affect Black lawyers and large law firms;

Brian Winterfeldt, partner, Mayer Brown LLP, will examine the importance of diversity in the workforce;

Denise Avant, assistant public defender in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, will provide insight into the challenges facing the visually impaired;

Mona Mehta Stone, of counsel at Greenburg Traurig, LLP will talk about Indian American self-identity;

Dolores S. Atencio, commissioner and scholar in residence at the University of Denver, offers perspective on the status of Latina lawyers;

E. Macey Russell, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, addresses the declining number of African American partners;

Collette Brown, associate, Neal Gerber & Eisenberg, discusses diversity in law schools; and **Mia Yamamoto** will address issues facing transgender women of color.

About the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession

Through its programs, projects, research, and collaborations, the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession is dedicated to improving diversity and promoting inclusion in the legal profession. IILP is a leader in supporting new approaches and inventing and testing methodologies that will lead to real change and eliminate bias in the legal field. Through comprehensive outreach and original programming, IILP works closely with legal, judicial, professional, educational and governmental institutions to help the profession advance diversity as a core value. For more information, please visit the IILP at www.theiilp.com.

Program cosponsors include the Claro Group, Jenner & Block, Asian American Bar Association of Chicago, Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms, Indian American Bar Association of Chicago, the Cook County Bar Association, Filipino American Lawyers Association of Chicago, Chinese American Bar Association, National Association of Women Lawyers, The Chicago Bar Association, Korean American Bar Association, and the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.

Editor's Note: - Registration information for the symposium can be found at www.theiilp.com/calendar.

Reporters are welcome to attend to cover this session for free. For more information or a copy of the *Review*, contact Sarah Miller at sarah.miller@theiilp.com. A reception for all participants follows the program.

The IILP has applied for CLE accreditation.