

# KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
King County Bar Association 1200 Fifth Avenue - Suite 700 Seattle, WA	<b>Wednesday, October 28, 2020</b>	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	BLM v. City of Seattle

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### AGENDA

#### Introduction

Presentation: 'BLM v. City of Seattle', by Robert Chang, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality; Lisa Nowlin, ACLU of Washington; Nitika Arora, Perkins Coie; Carolyn Gilbert, Perkins Coie; Alexandra Chen, Seattle University Law Student

This panel will discuss the ongoing litigation following Seattle Police Department's use of tear gas, pepper spray, and other less-lethal weapons against BLM protestors. The panel will feature attorneys working on the case and a key plaintiff. They will tell their stories, which involve tracking down witnesses and potential plaintiffs during the protests to bring First and Fourth Amendment claims against the City of Seattle.

#### Adjourn

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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

**Robert Chang, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality** –Robert S. Chang is a Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute. A graduate of Princeton and Duke Universities, he writes primarily in the area of race and interethnic relations. He is the author of "Disoriented: Asian Americans, Law and the Nation-State" (NYU Press 1999) and "Minority Relations: Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation" (University Press of Mississippi, 2016) and numerous articles, essays, and chapters published in leading law reviews and books on Critical Race Theory, LatCrit Theory, and Asian American Legal Studies. He is currently working on a book entitled "The United States Supreme Court and White Social Dominance" (with three co-authors, under contract with Cambridge University Press). He has received numerous recognitions for his scholarship and service. Most recently, the Society of American Law Teachers

recognized him in 2018 with the M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award for his work as co-counsel in taking to trial, successfully, a constitutional challenge to the enactment and enforcement of a facially neutral law that was used to terminate the Mexican American Studies Program at the Tucson Unified School District.

**Lisa Nowlin, ACLU of Washington** – Lisa Nowlin (she/her) is a Staff Attorney with the ACLU of Washington. Her caseload includes a wide variety of topics ranging from transgender healthcare to police surveillance to challenging the Muslim Travel Ban. She is one of the attorneys on Black Lives Matter Seattle King County v. City of Seattle challenging the Seattle Police Department’s use of less lethal weapons against protesters.

Prior to joining the ACLU-WA, Lisa was a complex litigation associate with Keller Rohrback and a litigation associate with Paul Hastings LLP. Lisa served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gladys Kessler on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She is active in the community as a member of the QLaw Foundation’s Board of Directors, a volunteer with LGBTQ legal clinics, and she serves on the Joint Asian Judicial Evaluations Committee.

**Nitika Arora, Perkins Coie** – Nitika is a commercial litigation associate at Perkins Coie LLP. She assists clients with government investigations, complex commercial disputes, and election law litigation. Nitika also maintains a robust pro bono practice focused on civil rights impact litigation and serving survivors of domestic violence. Nitika received her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law and her B.A. in Economics from Middlebury College in Vermont.

**Carolyn Gilbert, Perkins Coie** – Carolyn represents clients in a variety of civil litigation and regulatory matters, with a focus on business litigation, environmental litigation and trial work, compliance, government enforcement, and white collar investigations. Carolyn litigates in state and federal courts around the country on Superfund, government enforcement, citizen suit, contract, real estate, IP, and constitutional issues. She also represents clients in investigations relating to foreign anti-bribery, insider trading and anti-kickback statutes. Carolyn maintains an active pro bono practice, including civil rights litigation, CJA criminal defense, clemency and asylum petitions, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) clinics.

**Alexandra Chen, Seattle University Law Student** – Alexandra is a second-year law student at Seattle University School of Law. After experiencing firsthand the effect of indiscriminate use of force by police during the protests in late May, she decided to apply a portion of her free time to addressing the issue of race and police brutality. In addition to being a plaintiff in the BLM v. City of Seattle suit, she has joined the research task force organized by the Korematsu Center’s Executive Director Bob Chang to further examine the existence and impact of racial discrimination in our criminal justice system.