

# KING COUNTY BAR

## NEW LAWYERS DIVISION

### 1.50 Ethics CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1218155

Recorded on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
We are continuing 100% remote access meetings.	Wednesday, January 26, 2022	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Living Up to the “King” in King County Superior Court: Institutionalized Racism to Truth and Reconciliation

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#### AGENDA

**4:00 PM** Introduction

**4:00 PM** Presentation: ‘Living Up to the “King” in King County Superior Court: Institutionalized Racism to Truth and Reconciliation’ by Judge David Keenan, King County Superior Court; Commissioner Jonathon Lack, King County Superior Court; Edmund Witter, King County Bar Association

An introspective discussion of historic racism in Washington’s courts and its impacts on our society, including the practices of redlining in real estate, and modern reconciliation of these issues.

**5:30 PM** Adjourn

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#### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

**Judge David Keenan, King County Superior Court** – Judge Keenan has served as a trial judge at the King County Superior Court since 2017. Judge Keenan brings a unique perspective to the bench, having lived in King County for more than 50 years where he was raised by his mother in poverty and was a juvenile defendant in the very court he now serves in. Prior to judicial service, Judge Keenan worked in complex civil litigation at a global law firm, where he litigated matters in federal and state courts. Among his many other accomplishments, Judge Keenan is a past chair of the KCBA New Lawyers Division Board of Trustees. Judge Keenan is a 2021 Racial Justice Institute Fellow at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, and a member of Washington’s Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System, and the Washington State Bar Association’s Equity & Disparity Workgroup.

**Commissioner Jonathon Lack, King County Superior Court** – Commissioner Lack is a Family and Juvenile Court Commissioner with the King County Superior Court. He graduated from the George Washington University and the University of Richmond School of Law. Born in Anchorage, Alaska he previously served as a Family Court master for the Superior Court in Anchorage, Alaska and as a Family Court Commissioner for the Thurston County Superior Court.

**Edmund Witter, King County Bar Association** – Mr. Witter is a Senior Managing Attorney with the King County Bar Association, where he has managed the Housing Justice Project since 2017. Prior to that, he was a Supervising Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of New York City, working on housing and public benefits.

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