

Racism and Islamophobia in Ourselves and the Legal System: Two Unique CLE Opportunities

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Recent events have highlighted some of the biases against people of color and Muslims in our communities and our legal system. When so many individuals, including lawyers and judges, care about equity and equal justice, how do these happen?

Join us for two unique, interactive CLE seminars to explore various elements of:

- The existence and impact of a societal-wide context that favors whiteness and Christians.
- The roots and legacy of racism and Islamophobia
- The added impact of limited interaction among racial and religious groups.
- How the racial and religious dynamics playing out in our wider communities take root in our legal system, resulting in disproportionately high arrest and incarceration rates for Muslims and people of color, unseen obstacles facing lawyers of color, and high distrust of the legal system.
- The importance of legal professionals taking proactive steps to identify and interrupt their own unconscious bias so that people of color and Muslims can have genuine access to justice.

Seminar 1: Socialization, Encountering the Other, Communicating Across Otherness

- July 6: Receiving, Experiencing, and Using Interpretive Frames
- July 13: Encountering Ourselves – Encountering the Other
- July 20: Communicating Across Culture with Attention to Conversations with Muslims

Seminar 2: Structuring Relationship, Understanding Whiteness, Countering Implicit Bias

- July 27: Structuring Relationships through Story and Received Knowledge
- Aug 10: Socialization into Whiteness and White Privilege
- Aug 17: Practicum in Exploring Implicit Bias in Legal Systems in the Context of Islamophobia

Both Seminars

- Times: 1:00 – 4:15 PM on all above dates (note: no session on August 3)
- CLE credits: 9.0 credits to be applied for each seminar (incl. 3.0 elim of bias).
- Location: Hennepin County Bar Association Office, 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 390, Minneapolis, 55402
- To Register: Live soon (check www.vlnmn.org/events)
- Cost: \$425 each seminar (\$325 for nonprofit or government attorneys, 15% discount for groups of five or more from same organization, 50% discount for VLN volunteers.)

Space is limited to 23 people per session. Proceeds to benefit the transformative work of ASDIC and CAIR-MN.

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