



DisOrientation 2021
Saturday, October 16, 2021

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM **Welcome.** Krithika Santhanam, Executive Director, NLG-LA and Brooke Weitzman, NLG Orange County

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM **Keynote Speaker.** Sean Garcia-Leys, Executive Director of the Peace and Justice Law Center

10:15 AM - 10:25 AM **BREAK**

10:25 AM - 10:55 AM **Keynote Speaker.** Sabrina Rivera, Executive Director of the Orange County Justice Fund

10:55 AM - 11:00 AM **BREAK**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Law School Deprogramming: Student & Recent Grad Panel.** A facilitated Q&A panel with current upper-level law students and recent graduates to discuss the ways in which law schools assert a myth of progressivism while creating an environment that undermines students' social justice lawyering goals and puts them under incredible stress to conform.

Panelists:

- Haley Pollock, SWLAW
- Jeffery Martin, SWLAW
- Pilar Escontrias, UCI Alum
- Maddie Seales, University of Miami Alum

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Breakout Session #1A: Homelessness & Housing Advocacy. A panel discussion focused on the intersectional array of challenges involved in advocating for the

unhoused and housing insecure populations, as well as the added pressure involved in this advocacy in the face of the global pandemic.

Panelists:

- Nathaly Medina, Eviction Defense Network
- Bob Solomon, UCI, Co-Director, Community & Economic Development Clinic and Co-Chair, UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis
- Katherine Robinson, NLG-LA's Homeless Citation Clinic
- Eric Post, NLG Housing & Homelessness Subcommittee, BASTA

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Breakout Session #1B: Police Brutality & Qualified Immunity. A panel discussion to inform students on the work of legal advocates and communities to hold law enforcement entities accountable for their abuse, brutality, and killings. The panel will touch on the current efforts and fight to end qualified immunity.

Panelists:

- Walter Riley, Attorney; Criminal Defense, Employment, Police Misconduct, Civil Rights
- Morgan Ricketts, NLG-LA Co-President; Police Misconduct Atty
- Olu Orange, Director of USC's Trial Advocacy Program; Prolific police misconduct litigator; Former NLG-LA Board Member
- Catherine Sweetser, Deputy Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights Director, Human Rights Litigation Clinic at UCLA Law School

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Breakout Session #2A: Movement Lawyering. This esteemed panel will explore the current state of movement lawyering & legal work that takes direction from directly impacted communities and organizers, helping to build the power of the people, not the power of the law.

Panelists:

- Shakeer Rahman, Attorney (STOP LAPD Spying Coalition)
- Andrew Hairston, Director, Education Justice Project (Texas Appleseed)
- Titilayo Rasaki, Movement Lawyer & Organizer La Defensa
- Jessica Alcantara, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project National Office

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Breakout Session #2B: Employment Law: Workers and Labor Rights.

This employment law panel discussion will cover a variety of issues facing workers today from immigration and workplace protection laws to labor organizing and litigation.

Panelists:

- Victor Narro, Project Director for the UCLA Labor Center
- Helen You - NLG-LA Workers Rights Committee Chair
- Yvonne Medrano, Employment Rights Project Attorney, Bet Tzedek

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Plenary Session. Public Interest Careers.

Panelists:

- Skip Koenig, Director of Pro Bono, NLSLA
- Donna Harati, Attorney, Homeboy Industries
- Julieta Flores, Los Angeles Public Defender's Office
- Deloris "Dela" Wilson, Principal (Axle Impact Studio)
- Tiffany Yang, Clinical Law Fellow (Georgetown Law School)

4:30 PM Wrap Up and Reflections