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Great Strides, Great Struggles:



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The Continuing Case for Diversity 70 Years after *Murray*



*Keynote Address by Juan Williams
Senior Correspondent for NPR*

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1:30 P.M.—6:00 P.M. (SYMPOSIUM)

6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. (COCKTAIL RECEPTION)

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THE MURRAY CASE

After Thurgood Marshall challenged the University of Maryland School of Law's admission policy on behalf of Donald Gaines Murray, the Maryland Court of Appeals ordered the law school to admit him. Two years later in 1938, Murray became the first African American to graduate from the school post segregation.



To celebrate the 70th anniversary of this milestone, a panel of scholars, trailblazers, and prominent members of the community will discuss the history of equality of the Maryland bar, the demand for diversity, and issues in hiring and retention.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

JUAN WILLIAMS,

NATIONAL POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT/AUTHOR



Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is the senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for *Fox News Sunday*. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for *The Washington Post*, he has also authored six books, including the nonfiction bestseller, *Eyes on the Prize*, and the critically acclaimed biography, *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*, which *The New York Times* selected as a notable book of the year.

With an honest and compelling voice, Williams challenges corporations, associations, colleges, and individuals to re-examine their ideas on the role race plays in this country. He has a keen understanding of diversity in the workplace.

PROGRAM

Questions from the audience are encouraged at any time.

- 1:30 P.M. *Registration and Introductions*
- 2:00 P.M. *Opening Remarks*
Professor F. Michael Higginbotham,
University of Baltimore School of Law
- 2:10 P.M. *Donald Gaines Murray and the History of African American Lawyers in Maryland*
Professor Larry Gibson, *University of Maryland School of Law*
- 2:40 P.M. *Trailblazers & Firsts*
Moderator
Judge Lynn A. Battaglia, *Court of Appeals of MD*
Panelists
Judge Andre M. Davis, *U.S. District Court for the District of MD*
William H. "Billy" Murphy, Jr., *Founder, The Murphy Firm*
George L. Russell, Jr., *Of Counsel, Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos*
- 3:30 P.M. *Demand for Diversity*
Moderator
Michael A. Brown, *Founding Member, Brown & Sheehan, LLP*
Panelists
Charles A. Berardesco, *Vice President, Associate General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, Constellation Energy Group*
Susan Durbin Kinter, *Director of Claims & Risk Management, University of MD Medical System/MMCIP*
Lauren Lacey, *Counsel, The Hershey Company*
- 4:20 P.M. *Short Break*
- 4:30 P.M. *Hiring and Retention*
Moderator
Toyja E. Kelley, *Tydings & Rosenberg LLP; Vice-Chair, DRI Diversity Committee*
Panelists
Alan C. Cason, *Managing Partner, McGuireWoods*
Dana Morris, *Assistant Dean, University of Maryland School of Law Career Development Office*
Karl A. Racine, *Managing Partner, Venable LLP*
Judge Alexander Wright, Jr., *Court of Special Appeals of MD*
- 5:20 P.M. *Keynote Address*
Juan Williams, *Political Analyst; Author/Journalist*
- 6:00 P.M. *Museum Tour & Reception — 4th Floor*

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The Reginald F. Lewis Museum is the largest museum of African American history on the East Coast, showcasing the rich contributions of African American Marylanders from the state's earliest history to the present and future. Exhibitions open during the reception.

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