

POLICING THE POLICE

AGENDA

Milton Marks Conference Center, San Francisco, CA
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- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration**
- 9:30 – 10:10 **Keynote**
John Burris, Civil Rights Attorney
John Burris Law Offices
- 10:10 – 10:20 **Film Screening: America Needs a Racial Facial**
Jeff Adachi, Public Defender
San Francisco Public Defender's Office
- 10:20 – 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Race, Police and the 4th Amendment**
Training and Litigation Subcommittee
Public Defenders for Racial Justice
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:00 **Spoken Word**
Donté Clark, Poet
RAW Talent
- 1:00 – 2:15 **Policing the Police: How We Got Here and How We Move Forward**
Jeffery Robinson, Deputy Legal Director, Director of Center for Justice
American Civil Liberties Union
- 2:15 – 2:30 **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Cultural Experts to Combat Prosecution in Communities of Color**
Joshua Mason, Consultant
J Mason Consulting
Dr. Jesse De La Cruz, Author and Consultant
JSD + Consulting
Careem Conley, Principal
Majani Consulting
Julia Sabory, Senior Community Development Specialist
San Francisco Office of Housing and Community Development
- Moderated by Mano Raju, Managing Attorney – Felony Unit
San Francisco Public Defender's Office
- 3:30 **Closing**
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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

John Burris is a legendary Oakland-based attorney who handles police brutality and civil rights cases. John has represented high profile victims of police misconduct on both sides of the San Francisco Bay, including the family of Oscar Grant, who was shot dead by a Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) officer, and the young African American men victimized by a group of Oakland Police officers who called themselves "the Riders." He will discuss how we can use our cases, clients, and interactions with the criminal justice system to influence work on the civil rights side.

Donté Clark is an acclaimed poet, emcee, educator and activist from Richmond, California. As the founding member and artistic director of the RAW Talent Creative Arts Program, Clark wears many hats- coordinating shows and field trips, teaching poetry and theater workshops to low-income youth in his community and coaching his students to find their voices through performance and publication. He was accepted to the VONA program, a prestigious week-long conference for writers of color. Using his art and curriculum as a call to action, Donté's primary focus is ending the violence that has plagued his community and impacted him deeply.

Jeffery Robinson is a Deputy Legal Director and the Director of the Center for Justice, which houses the ACLU's work on criminal justice and reform issues. Since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1981, Jeff has more than three decades of experience working on these issues, as a state and federal public defender and in private practice at the Seattle firm of Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender. He has tried over 200 criminal cases to verdict and has tried more than a dozen civil cases representing plaintiffs suing corporate and government entities. Jeff was one of the original members of the John Adams Project and worked on the behalf of one of five men held at Guantanamo Bay charged with carrying out the 9-11 attacks. In addition to being a nationally recognized trial attorney, Jeff is also a respected teacher of trial advocacy. He is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia and has lectured on trial skills all over the United States. He has also spoken nationally to diverse audiences on the role of race in the criminal justice system.

Jesse De La Cruz was raised in the barrios of California. At the age of 12, he began a journey that led him to join a neighborhood street gang, heroin addiction, prison, and eventual membership into a violent prison gang. In 2011, Dr. De La Cruz published his memoir "Detoured: My Journey from Darkness to Light," which chronicles his involvement in gang, drugs and eventual incarceration for approximately 30 years. He has lectured students, teachers, and community leaders about his experiences with drugs, crime, and our immense judicial and prison systems and gives possible solutions. In 2014, Dr. De La Cruz obtained the highest degree possible in his chosen field, an Ed.D at California State University, Stanislaus. His dissertation was a study about gang members, titled: "Mexican American/Chicanos Voice on Social Control in the Context of School and Community: A Critical Ethnographic Case Study in the City of Stockton, CA."

Joshua Mason is a former street and prison gang-member-turned-leader in the field of violence prevention and gang intervention who offers a refreshingly unique yet academically and legally sound perspective on urban, prison and gang culture as it pertains to the criminal justice system. From being convicted at 19 years old for attempted murder and serving much of that in the Pelican Bay SHU, where he obtained a paralegal certificate, to helping advance a culture of non-violence, healing and transformation in various capacities nation-wide, Joshua brings a range of qualifications to state, federal and immigration cases.

Careem Conley is a lifetime San Francisco resident. He was born and raised in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. With nine older brothers and sisters, Careem's roots throughout San Francisco's African American community run deep. He has worked extensively in the education, health, economic, housing, and justice arenas with consistent focus on addressing the root causes of the San Francisco's severe and entrenched disparities. Careem has worked with SF Unified School District, YMCA, Walden House Recovery Services (now Healthright 360), SF Housing Development Corporation, SF Public Defender's Office, and many more local businesses, non-profit groups, and schools. He was featured in the 2014 film "Point of Pride: The People's View of Bayview Hunters Point." He is also featured in the upcoming [FILM?] "I Am San Francisco: Black Past and Presence"—which will be released in October 2016 at the San Francisco Rosenberg Library.

Julia Sabory is a native of San Francisco who has worked within the non-profit and local government sectors over the last twenty years. As a leader within the community development field, Julia co-founded HOMEY, a grassroots nonprofit organization aimed at supporting youth in contact with the criminal justice system. Julia was awarded with the California Wellness Foundation Fellowship, where she was able to work on violence prevention issues statewide. She later served as the Director of the San Francisco Youth Commission and subsequently for the SF Juvenile Probation Department, where she designed and managed one of the nation's first ever Probation Department sponsored and court-mandated family-based programs resulting in a 32% reduction in youth recidivism rates. Since 2013, she has served as a Senior Community Development Specialist for the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. Julia received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Public Policy at Mills College of Oakland California, with a specific focus on race, ethnicity and justice.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Public Defenders for Racial Justice is a grassroots organization of public defenders on the front lines committed to eradicating racial injustice in the criminal justice system, mass incarceration and the criminalization of people living in marginalized communities.

To this end we are committed to:

- (1) *Client-Centered Representation*
 - valuing our client's life experiences regarding their interactions with police, their cultural identity, their sense of community and active participation in their own defense;
 - empowering our client's families and communities to become proactive in the criminal justice system
- (2) *Community Outreach and Education*
 - working with our community to expose systemic racial injustice through objective assessments of how criminal defendants and their families are treated in the courtroom;
 - encouraging community education and participation as a vehicle to hold the system accountable
- (3) *Training Public Defenders*
 - empowering the foot soldiers in Gideon's Army to attack racial disparities in the criminal justice system through trainings and by creating data- and research-informed litigation tools to address implicit bias and racial disparities at every stage of the criminal justice process;
 - supporting attorneys in examining their own implicit bias so they can engage in client-centered representation