

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO



The Cannabis, Alcohol and Regulated Industries Section and Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the Barristers Club present

## Pitfalls of the Prison Litigation Reform Act

**Wednesday  
September 29, 2021**

Program: 4:30 - 6:15 p.m.

### Speakers

#### Easha Anand

Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center

#### Daniel Greenfield

Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center

#### Margo Schlanger

The University of Michigan Law School

### Moderator

#### Taeva Shefler

Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd

Panelists will introduce the PLRA and contrast its purpose with how it's been implemented over the last 25 years. Attorneys interested in working with prisoners will learn what hurdles indigent incarcerated litigants must overcome before a court will appoint counsel. Attendees will leave with strategies to communicate effectively with their incarcerated clients, who may not have privacy or Internet access.

Integral to this program is confronting the implicit and explicit biases present in the prison litigation system, especially in how the PLRA is enforced. Attorneys attending this CLE will gain critical education that they can apply to their practices. The panelists will discuss the biases their clients face, and share stories of bias and discrimination faced by pro se litigants. Tips on how to work with pro bono clients in PLRA litigation will include ways to recognize and confront the biases that the client faces in the prison litigation system. Whether they practice pro bono in the space or not, attending attorneys will receive insight and education on these systemic biases and ideas from the panelists on how we as a society and as attorneys can combat them.

### Topics

- Legislative purpose and history of the enforcement of the PLRA
- Barriers to bringing a case: exhaustion of administrative remedies, physical injury requirement and three strikes
- Barriers to practicing law inside prison and for incarcerated clients, and challenges specifically faced by pro se incarcerated litigants
- Changing the PLRA through appellate practice
- Strategies for lawyers to impact and change the existing system

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### Cost

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\$45 BASF Members

\$65 Others

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