

**THIRD ANNUAL MODERN AMERICAN
DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM**

*Civil Rights Movement 2.0: Reshaping and Rethinking the Role
of the Civil Rights Movement in the 21st Century*

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

6:30 pm – 9 pm

**American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 6th floor, Washington, DC**

Recently, the country has seen a regression in many of the celebrated civil rights triumphs of the previous century in society and throughout our legal system. For example, the current backlashes towards immigrants or school affirmative action programs are indicative of the political and legal climate that is sweeping the country. Moreover, hot button issues such as the Jena 6 imprisonment have reminded many who identify with the civil rights movement that despite the many successes that have come to fruition during the past century, there are still many battles that remain not won. It seems that many Americans oppose people different from them or appreciate diversity in the abstract, but are unwilling to back policies that promote such goals for fear of admitting that there is actually a problem. At the recent Jena 6 protest, Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton discussed that we need a Civil Rights 2.0. The goal of this symposium is to explore what that statement means and to analyze the changing face of the Civil Rights Movement. Given that, it is almost 2008 and race politics still dominates society, is the way that we have thought about diversity and civil rights in the past even relevant anymore? What new strategies or approaches do we need to bring the focus back to ensuring that all peoples within the borders of this country are guaranteed their civil rights and that diversity policies hold more of a top priority?

6:00 pm

Registration

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Panel Presentation

Speakers will include Ana Avendano, Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO; John C. Brittain, Chief Counsel & Senior Deputy Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, Casa de Maryland; and Deborah Vagins, Policy Council for Civil Rights, ACLU

Moderator: Peter Zamora, D.C. Regional Counsel, MALDEF

8:00 pm

Reception

9:00 pm

End

Registration – free

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