

Evaluation and Summary of “Thirteenth” Luncheon at Northern Kentucky University
Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Spring 2017, hosted by Black Law Student Association

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The Black Law Student Association of Chase College of Law (BLSA) was awarded a \$200.00 grant from the American Bar Association’s Law School Division to partially fund its “Thirteenth” luncheon on February 13, 2017 in the Meyer Board Room at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. The event included the film screening of the Oscar-nominated Netflix documentary *13th*, in which filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation’s prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. Following the film screening, BLSA served lunch and discussed the major themes of the documentary. Hamilton County Municipal Court Honorable Judge Fanon Rucker and Auburn University Professor Dr. Julia S. Charles served as guest panelist.

The goals of the Black Law Students Association include: articulating and promoting the professional needs and ambitions of African-American law students and providing opportunities for peer support in the study of law; fostering professional competence; instilling in African-American attorneys and law students an enhanced appreciation of and commitment to implementing steps to meet the needs of the African-American community; influencing the legal community to respond in a meaningful way to meet the needs of the African-American community; and engaging in public service activities.

We were pleased with the strong turnout among students and law professors. The panelist did a phenomenal job leading a discussion that provided a historical context to racism in America and its current impact causing inequalities in the criminal justice system. Attendees participated in a discussion that explored solutions designed to combat institutional racism, address discriminatory criminal prosecution and sentencing policies in America, and engage social movements that promote change.

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| Event Cost: | \$355.62 |
| Requested Reimbursement: | \$200.00 |
| Revenue Received: | \$0.00 |

Participant Feedback:

It was great to have the presence of some of our professors. It showed that they are open to being a part of an extremely tough conversation. Also, the documentary was emotional and thought provoking.

-law student

The 13th Luncheon was phenomenal thanks to our active ad passionate panelists! They were raw and open and unafraid to address the uncomfortable truths that are discussed in the African American home but never in front of a Caucasian counterpart. They encouraged us to go forth and embark the change we want to see because no one is going to do it if everyone is expecting someone else to take the lead. It is time to use our legal knowledge, leverage and passions to move America as well as the world FORWARD. It's time to be the new generation of revolutionaries.

-law student

Chase BLSA's showing of "13th" with the expert panel discussion was one of the most informative and thought-provoking events that I attended all year at Chase. I had not seen the film before then and felt very fortunate to be able to see it for the first time with the BLSA group. I learned many things that I had not heard before, including the incarceration statistics and the Government's real role and impetus in growing these statistics. The event definitely increased my empathy, impassioned me to find ways to get involved in the future to help my brothers, and shed more light on my own white privilege.

-law student

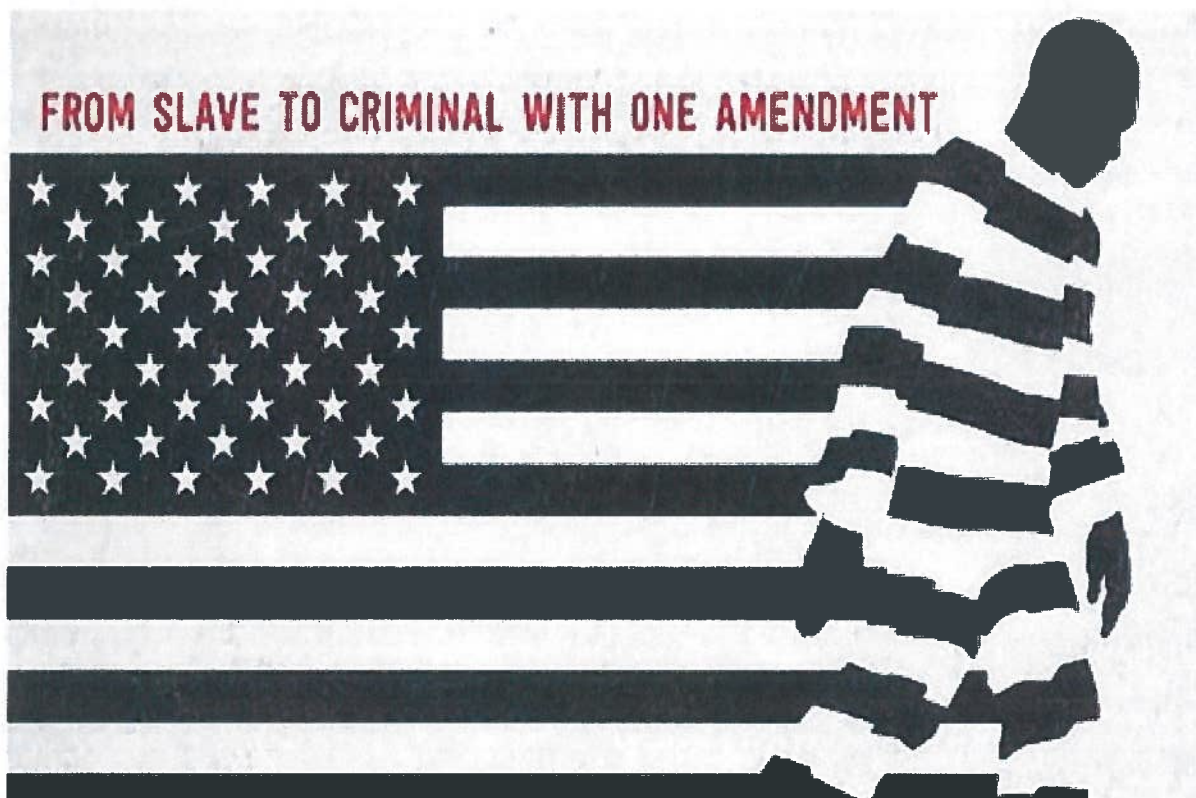
I attended the Thirteenth Luncheon and panel discussion at the Chase College of Law and I really enjoyed it. I had not seen the documentary yet and it was really well put together, informative, and interesting. The panelists, Judge Rucker and Dr. Charles, were amazing as well. They carried on a very active and fruitful discussion. My husband actually attended as well, and he really enjoyed it and even participated a little in the discussion himself. It was a really nice event and I can't wait to attend more like it at Chase.

-law student

Although I was aware of many of the facts and incidents described in the documentary, 13th, the film forced me to rethink my perspective on history. I had perceived things through a fairly naïve lens, and the film was truly eye-opening. Experiencing it with my students and colleagues made the viewing even more powerful and profound. Thank you for sponsoring this event.

-law professor

Ava DuVernay's Documentary '13th' Is the Most Important Movie You'll See This Year



Monday, February the 13th

NH 534 (Meyer Boardroom)

10:00 a.m. Screening: Netflix documentary "13th"

12:00 p.m. Luncheon panel discussion

Judge Fanon Rucker and Dr. Julia Charles

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"Thirteenth" Luncheon

Featuring:

**Honorable Judge Fanon Rucker
and Dr. Julia S. Charles**

**February 13, 2017 at Noon
Room 534 (Meyer Boardroom)**



HONORING THE PAST... INSPIRING THE FUTURE

BLACK HISTORY WEEK:

2/13

"Thirteenth" Luncheon with Honorable Judge Fanon Rucker & Dr. Julia S. Charles
Noon in Room 534 (Meyer Boardroom)

2/14

Valentine's Day Bake Sale!
Noon & 5pm. 3rd Floor Student Lounge

2/14

"You are the Dream: African-American Attorneys who Paved the Way, and the Path Forward" by Professor John Bickers
5pm in Room 320 NH (Pizza & Drinks)

2/15

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser! 4pm-12am
3221 Valley Plaza Pkwy, Ft. Wright, Ky
(Mention CHASE BLSA)

2/17

"Straight Out of BLSA" Mixer! 6:30-8:30pm
(Food & Drinks Provided!)
Spare Lounge: 35 E. 7th St. Cincinnati, OH

2/18

Freedom Center Tour
Time: TBD
50 E. Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH



Dr. Julia S. Charles
Author & Professor
Auburn University



Honorable Judge
Fanon A. Rucker
Municipal Court



Professor John Bickers
Chase College of Law