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## **OAG to Celebrate Black History Month with Panel Featuring Previous DC Attorneys General & Corporation Counsel**

*Discussion to Focus on Office's Road to Independence and DC Statehood*

**WHO/WHAT:** **Attorney General Karl A. Racine** will join seven former Attorneys General/Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia for a panel titled "Knowledge Is Power: The Road to the Election of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia—and Beyond." The event is cosponsored by the Washington Bar Association and the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. Panelists will discuss the role of the OAG (and its predecessor, the Office of the Corporation Counsel) from the Home Rule Charter through today, the office's role in seeking autonomy and statehood, and other significant issues the office has dealt with in the past.

The panel will be moderated by **William R. (Billy) Martin**, and the panelists are:

**Judge Inez Smith Reid** (Corporation Counsel: 1983-1986)  
Associate Judge, DC Court of Appeals

**Frederick D. Cooke, Jr.** (Corporation Counsel: 1987-1990)  
Partner, Rubin, Winston, Diercks, Harris & Cooke LLP

**Judge Vanessa Ruiz** (Corporation Counsel: 1994 until appointed to Court in 1994)  
Associate Judge, DC Court of Appeals

**Judge Robert Rigsby** (Corporation Counsel: 2000-2002)  
Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

**Robert Spagnoletti** (Corporation Counsel/Attorney General: 2003-2006)

Partner, Schertler & Onarato

**Linda Singer** (Attorney General: 2007-2008)  
Partner, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

**Irvin B. Nathan** (Attorney General: 2011-2014)  
Partner, Arnold & Porter

**Karl A. Racine** (Elected Attorney General: 2015-Present)  
Attorney General for the District of Columbia

**WHEN:** 6:00 pm Reception  
7:00 pm Program  
Monday, February 29, 2016

**WHERE:** University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law  
Moot Court Room  
4340 Connecticut Avenue NW

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