



# NAACP

## Bucks County Branch

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### **“Know Your Rights” with NAACP Bucks County Branch Seminars**

#### **Seminars with Expert Attorneys Focus on Topics Especially Important During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

September 3, 2020 – The NAACP Bucks County branch today announced two upcoming Zoom seminars designed to ensure Bucks County residents understand individual rights that are particularly relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Expungements and Pardons**, on Sept. 15 at 7pm, will help local residents who are interested in having previous charges or convictions pardoned or removed from their records. Previous convictions often must be disclosed when applying for a job or housing, making this time of high unemployment and housing instability even more difficult. “Studies show that people with years-old convictions are unlikely to be arrested again, but their previous convictions can make it much more challenging to get a job and find stable housing for their families,” said Erica Briant, Supervising Attorney of the Community Engagement Unit at Legal Aid of Southeastern PA, who will lead the seminar. “In fact, I’ve had clients who had trouble getting into senior housing because of decades-old convictions for non-violent offenses, and recently I helped someone get a 1965 conviction expunged.” Ms. Briant notes that the law has changed a lot over the past few years, so even people who have been told in the past that there’s nothing that can be done about pardon or expungement should attend this seminar. Attendees must register in advance for this meeting and will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMudOuvqzopE9dZzpeZxG8eoi8hIEbwPjkM>

**Employment Rights During COVID-19**, on Sept. 22 at 7pm, will focus on the rights of employees during the pandemic, covering issues such as workplace safety, sick leave, and firing. The seminar will be led by Marc E. Weinstein, owner of Weinstein Law Firm LLC and 2002 recipient of the Bucks County NAACP Rev H.M. Satterfield Award for his work against social injustice. “COVID-19 has placed extraordinary stress on employees. Workers must navigate their own health concerns, along with those of their family, and still get the job done for their employer. Complicating all this is the uncertainty over school openings and childcare,” said Mr. Weinstein. “This presentation will explain how the various laws apply to the COVID-19 era so that employees can be informed when making decisions affecting themselves and their families.” Attendees must register in advance for this meeting and will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register at:

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