



**NCSD At 15: "Reflecting on Our Legacy, Building Our Future"**  
***Reception and Appreciation Event for Phil Tegeler***

**6-8pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024**  
**The Morrow Hotel**  
**222 M St. NE Washington, D.C. 20002**

***SPEAKER BIOS***

**John Brittain** joined the faculty of the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, in 2009, as a tenured professor of law, and served as acting dean from 2018 to 2019. Prior to joining UDC Law, he served as dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, as a tenured law professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law for twenty-two years, and as chief counsel and senior deputy director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C. Prof. Brittain has served as president of the National Lawyers' Guild, a member of the executive committee and board of the ACLU, and legal counsel to the NAACP at the local level and national office of the General Counsel. He is the recipient of the D.C. Bar 2024 Thurgood Marshall Award for his lifelong commitment to advancing civil rights, including litigating important cases across the United States on race equity in public schools and higher education, as well as mentoring generations of civil rights advocates. Prof. Brittain is a PRRAC board member, NCSD member, and was one of the original counsel team in *Sheff v. O'Neill* (along with Phil Tegeler), the 1996 landmark Connecticut school desegregation case.

**Gina Chirichigno** is the director of NCSD and specializes in school integration policy and organizing at the national, state, and local levels. She originally joined PRRAC as co-director of One Nation Indivisible, a storytelling project that amplified the voices and work of people creating and sustaining racially, culturally, and linguistically integrated schools and other social institutions. Ms. Chirichigno's past employers include the Sheff Movement, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity (The Ohio State University), Charles Hamilton Houston Institute (Harvard Law School), and Education Action. She earned degrees from Hampshire College and Howard University School of Law, served on Massachusetts' Racial Imbalance Advisory Council (2009-2014), and was a founding member of Teacher Activist Group Boston. Ms. Chirichigno currently serves on the board of Critical Exposure, a youth organizing, storytelling, and arts organization in Washington, D.C.

**Susan Eaton** is professor of practice in social policy at Brandeis University and director of the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy at the Heller School where she

and her colleagues engage funders, socially concerned scholars, and nonprofit practitioners to increase and enhance grantmaking to social justice causes. Dr. Eaton is a critically acclaimed author of *The Children In Room E4: American Education on Trial* (Algonquin, 2007), which chronicles a landmark civil rights case and life in a classroom and neighborhood in Hartford, Connecticut and *The Other Boston Busing Story: What's Won and Lost Across the Boundary Line* (Yale, 2001), a qualitative interview study of the adult lives of African Americans who participated Boston's METCO voluntary school desegregation program. She and Dr. Gary Orfield co-authored *Dismantling Desegregation: The Quiet Reversal of Brown v. Board of Education* (New Press, 1996). Prior to her appointment at Heller in 2015, Dr. Eaton was research director at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School where she founded and co-directed One Nation Indivisible (with NCSd's Gina Chirichigno).

**Sunil Mansukhani** is principal of government affairs at Raben and works at the intersection of people, policy, and process. For more than a decade at Raben, he has guided clients from all sectors nonprofit, government, foundation, and corporate—to navigate the labyrinth that is Washington, D.C. His craft is informed by over two decades of experience in education and civil rights policy, law, and advocacy. Mr. Mansukhani served in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in three administrations, serving presidents of both parties. Before joining Raben, he was the deputy assistant secretary for policy in ED's Office for Civil Rights during President Obama's first term. While Mr. Mansukhani was at ED, he developed guidance for educational institutions that protected the civil rights of tens of millions of students involving a range of issues, including the consideration of race in K-12 and college admissions. In addition, he oversaw the update of the widely-used Civil Rights Data Collection, a survey that gathers equity-related information from every public school in the country.

**Genevieve Siegel-Hawley** is professor of educational leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education and a member of NCSd's Research Advisory Panel. Her research examines the scope and dynamics of school segregation and resegregation in U.S. metropolitan areas, along with policies for promoting intentionally integrated schools and communities. Dr. Siegel-Hawley has published numerous articles dealing with these topics in journals like *Teachers College Record*, the *Harvard Educational Review*, *Educational Researcher*, and the *Urban Review*. She is also the author of two books, *When the Fences Come Down: 21st Century Lessons from Metropolitan School Desegregation* (UNC Press, 2016) and *A Single Garment: Creating Intentionally Diverse Schools that Benefit All Children* (Harvard Education Press, 2020). Dr. Siegel-Hawley teaches courses examining how and why equal educational opportunity is distributed so unequally across urban, suburban, and exurban districts. She is a native of Richmond and a proud graduate of and former teacher in Richmond Public Schools.

**Philip Tegeler** was appointed as PRRAC's executive director in January 2004. Mr. Tegeler has worked as a civil rights lawyer for over 30 years, specializing in fair housing and educational equity policy and litigation. At PRRAC, Mr. Tegeler leads research and advocacy on federal housing policy and has written extensively on the intersection of civil rights law and federal housing and school policy. He also helps lead the work of NCSd, which PRRAC co-founded in 2009. Before coming to PRRAC, Mr. Tegeler was an attorney with the Connecticut ACLU, where he also served as legal director from 1997-2003 and handled a wide range of civil rights cases, including the landmark *Sheff v. O'Neill* school desegregation case. He also worked as legal projects director at the Metropolitan Action Institute in New York City, was co-founder and the first board president of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, and served as a member of the Connecticut Housing Coalition Board. Mr. Tegeler currently serves on the boards of the Redress Movement and the Open Communities Alliance and is an active member of the Housing Justice Network.