

# Juneteenth

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is an American holiday commemorating the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas. These slaves found out they were free more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation! Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.

To recognize Juneteenth, each of our offices will be closing at noon on Friday, June 19 so that our McGlinchey family can take time to pause and reflect on issues relating to racism and its impact on our country.

The firm assembled resources for all of our employees to learn about and reflect upon the effects of systemic racism. We also encouraged everyone in our firm to celebrate Juneteenth by volunteering their time and talents to organizations that are advancing and protecting the right to vote and helping activists arrested or charged for peaceful protests against police violence and other movements for social change.

to watch

- [Tulsa's Black Wall Street Massacre](#), CNN, Oct 4, 2016
- [Greenwood, 1921: One of the worst race massacres in American history](#), 60 Minutes, June 14, 2020
- [Just Mercy](#), by Bryan Stevenson, On Demand
- [The 13<sup>th</sup>](#), Ava DuVernay, Netflix, YouTube Movies
- [Selma](#), Ava DuVernay, YouTube Movies
- [Reconstruction in America](#), Equal Justice Initiative, YouTube
- [8:46 – Dave Chappelle](#), YouTube (NSFW)
- [Wealth Gap](#), Netflix, YouTube Movies

to read

## **Books**

- *How to be an Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi, PhD.
- *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, Austin Channing Brown
- *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson
- *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo
- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, Robin DiAngelo, PhD

## **Articles**

- [An Uprising Comes From the Viral Underclass: And the Black Lives Matter movement could be the vaccine the country needs](#), Steven W. Thrasher, *Slate*
- [The 1619 Project \(all the articles\)](#), *The New York Times Magazine*

to listen

### ***TedTalks/PodCasts***

- [I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness](#), Brene Brown with Austin Channing Brown | June 10, 2020.
- [The difference between being “not racist” and antiracist, Ibram X. Kendi](#), PhD, TED2020 | May 2020
- [The path to ending systemic racism in the U.S.](#), Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff, Rashad Robinson, Dr. Bernice King and Anthony D. Romero, TED2020 | June 2020

to volunteer

### **Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights - Voting Rights**

Since 1965, the Lawyers’ Committee has been at the forefront of the legal struggle to advance and protect the right to vote and to ensure that the right is afforded equally to all. Through coordinated and integrated programs of litigation, voter protection, advocacy, and education, the Voting Rights Project has had a tremendous positive impact on communities of color, low-income communities, youth, people with disabilities, and other traditionally disenfranchised populations.

### **American Constitution Society**

Our democracy depends on all eligible citizens having a meaningful opportunity to vote. ACS’s work in this area promotes laws and policies that protect and expand the right to vote, as well as ensure that our elections are fair and accessible. To further this work, ACS provides opportunities for lawyers and law students to engage in projects related to expanding voting rights--both on the ground and remote research opportunities.

### **Election Protection**

The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition works year-round to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote and have that vote count. Made up of more than 100 local, state, and national partners, Election Protection uses a wide range of tools and activities to protect, advance, and defend the right to vote. Volunteers provide voter information, document problems they encounter when voting, and work with partners and volunteers on the ground to identify and remove barriers to voting. Election Protection focuses on the voter—not on the political horse race—and provides guidance, information and help to any American, regardless of his or her voting choices.

### **National Lawyers Guild - Mass Defense Program**

The Mass Defense Committee (MDC) is a network of lawyers, legal workers, and law students providing legal support for political activists, protesters, and movements for social change. MDC members in chapters across the country provide training, assistance in setting up temporary legal offices and legal support structures, and materials for supporting activists engaged in mass protests.

About McGlinchey’s African American Affinity Group

McGlinchey's African American Affinity Group is a network for the firm's African American attorneys. Our mission is to help foster an equitable and inclusive workplace for all, by spotlighting unique issues that African American employees face within the workplace and in their greater communities and working to create solutions. In doing so, we work hand in hand with the Diversity Committee to champion initiatives and programs that enhance diversity within the firm.