“Eyes on the Prize: Awakenings” – A Look Back and a Discussion of the Parallels Today."
Developed with the KCMBA Diversity Section

Friday, April 24, 2015 • 2:30 PM – 4:45 PM
KCMBA Conference Center
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Cost: KCMBA Member - $65 / Non-Member - $115

DESCRIPTION

This CLE will commence with a screening of Episode 1 of the documentary Eyes on the Prize. "Eyes on the Prize" is a 14-hour documentary about the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, which originally aired on PBS. Created and executive-produced by Henry Hampton at Blackside, Inc., the series uses archival footage and interviews of participants and opponents of the movement. "Eyes on the Prize" won numerous Emmy Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, an International Documentary Award, and a Television Critics Association Award. "Eyes on the Prize" is the most critically acclaimed documentary on civil rights in America.

Episode 1: Awakenings (1954-1956) focuses on the catalytic events of 1954-1956. The Mississippi lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till led to a widely publicized trial where a courageous black man took the stand and accused two white men of murder. In Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to yield her bus seat to a white man and triggered a yearlong boycott that resulted in the desegregation of public buses. Ordinary citizens and local leaders joined the black struggle for freedom. In response, many white southerners closed ranks in opposition to the burgeoning civil rights movement. The screening will be followed by a discussion about the parallels between the beginning of the American Civil Rights Movement and the start of the Black Lives Matter movement with the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner. There will be an overview of the ACLU of Missouri’s strategy for addressing the civil rights violations that occurred during the Ferguson protests, as well as a discussion of the issues identified by the DOJ in its recent report of its investigation of the Ferguson Police Department. The overview will also include a brief discussion of the ACLU’s federal lawsuit against Missouri’s Ferguson-Florissant School District, charging the district’s electoral system with locking African-Americans out of the political process.

SCHEDULE

2:30 PM Registration
2:45 PM Screening
3:15 PM Break
3:25 PM Presentation and Discussion
4:45 PM Cocktail Reception

SPEAKERS
Gillian R. Wilcox, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Missouri
Sarah Rossi, Director of Policy and Advocacy, ACLU of Missouri

*Course materials will be provided in electronic format only and are accessible with your laptop, tablet or other mobile device during the event. Final course materials will be sent via email when size permits and posted prior to the event at kcmba.org.

Parking will be validated at the event. **On-site registrations are welcome; however, seating and/or meals cannot be guaranteed unless you pre-register.
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