



# Eastern Regional Conference

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## The Pandemic, Protests and the 2020 Presidential Election: Race, Racism and the Law

Tuesday, August 18 at 3 pm, and rebroadcast on Wednesday, August 19 at 2 pm

You are invited to the second of CSG East's continuing series Weekly Webinars this August. Richard Rothstein, the author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* will discuss the historic role of government in shaping structural and systemic racism in public policy, and the ways in which state governments should enact and enforce meaningful legislation to address equity in education, health, housing, environment, and policing. He is also a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute, a fellow of the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and of the Haas Institute at the University of California (Berkeley). The program will be moderated by Charles Ellison veteran strategist, host of WURD Radio *Reality Check*, and Senior Fellow with CSG East. This session will be rebroadcast on Wednesday, August 19 at 2 pm.



Speaker

**Richard Rothstein** is a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute and a fellow of the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and of the Haas Institute at the University of California (Berkeley). He is the author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America*. The book expands upon and provides a national perspective on his recent work that has documented the history of state-sponsored residential segregation, as in his report, *The Making of Ferguson*. He is the author of *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* (2008) and *Class and Schools: Using Social, Economic and Educational Reform to Close the Black-White Achievement Gap* (2004). He is also the author of *The Way We Were? Myths and Realities of America's Student Achievement* (1998). Other recent books include *The Charter School Dust-Up: Examining the Evidence on Enrollment and Achievement* (co-authored in 2005); and *All Else Equal: Are Public and Private Schools Different?* (co-authored in 2003).



Moderator

**Charles D. Ellison** is an award-winning thought leader, political strategist, commentator and advocacy expert with nearly two decades of applied expertise in the arena of politics, public policy, campaigns and elections, crisis management and emerging/digital media strategy.

Ellison is the Executive Producer & Host of *Reality Check*, a daily public affairs program on WURD (96.1FM / 900AM / wurdradio.com in Philadelphia). He is also Contributing Editor for *The Philadelphia Citizen*, weekly Wednesday co-host on the nationally syndicated *Keeping it Real w/ Rev. Al Sharpton*, and Managing Editor for *ecoWURD.com*, a publication covering the intersection of the environment, race and income. His writings have been frequently featured in major publications such as The Philadelphia Tribune, TheRoot.com, The Forward, Politico, Pacific Standard, The Daily Beast, The Washington Post and others. He is a regular analyst for numerous major metropolitan media outlets including WVON-AM (Chicago), WHUR-FM (Washington, D.C.), KSRO-AM (California) and KDKA (Pittsburgh). He has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, NPR, FOX, CBS' *Face the Nation*, SkyTV and elsewhere. Ellison is also a Senior Fellow of the Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference.

Register for Race, Racism and the Law, August 18 at 3:00 pm