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Justice Through Legislative Reform and New Courts

Race, Law Enforcement and Law Project

As a result of recent national incidents, the Atlanta Bar and Georgia Appleseed have partnered to form the Race, Law Enforcement and The Law Project to address significant concerns about the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. The project began after the mayor of Columbus, Georgia contacted Georgia Appleseed and asked the organization to lead a community engagement process to bring together multiple stakeholders for crucial conversations concerning how to improve relationships. Nelson Mullins completed detailed legal and factual research identifying key law and policy issues relating to police-community relations and the legal process for investigations and charging in such incidents.



Contacting stakeholders for Georgia Appleseed Race, Law Enforcement and The Law Project

Firm volunteers made over 350 calls to statewide community stakeholders such as law enforcement, prosecutors, neighborhood associations, faith leaders, political leaders, nonprofits, and others to help assess the nature of the police-community relations in Georgia and to seek recommendations for change.

The Firm will conduct a forum of interviewed stakeholders to finalize the results and will create a summary report to include potential action steps.

Evaluating Adult Protective Services

AARP of South Carolina approached the Firm to assist with implementing a statewide study of the Adult Protective Services Program in South Carolina. AARP, the South Carolina Department of Social Services, and a task force of interested nonprofits created a project to determine how improvements can be made to protect, develop services, and create funding options for the placement of the increasing vulnerable adult population.

Nelson Mullins is providing the legal research, and a large team of lawyers are interviewing numerous stakeholders statewide who are familiar with the issues. The Firm is conducting a focused study to collect important data needed to analyze trends and gaps in services related to vulnerable adults. A report of recommendations will be created from the study, and the Firm will provide legislative support to assist with implementing change.