



**You are cordially invited to attend the
Operation Protect & Defend Annual MCLE Luncheon on
"Equal Protection in Public Education: From Mendez v. Westminster
to U.S. v. Alabama"**

Featuring: Profs. Brian K. Landsberg & Linda Carter

Friday, February 08, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Firehouse Restaurant, Old Sacramento

RSVP and payment by February 01, 2013, 2013

Featured Speakers: **Brian K. Landsberg** served in the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1964-1986. After serving as a trial lawyer in voting rights, school desegregation, and public accommodations cases, he became a Section Chief, first of the Education Section and later of the Appellate Section. He was involved in numerous cases regarding the rights of language minorities and on the appeal in *Doe v. Plyler* in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit as well as the Supreme Court review of *Plyler v. Doe*. He is Distinguished Professor and Scholar at Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where he teaches Constitutional Law, including *Plyler v. Doe* and related cases. **Linda Carter** is a Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Global Center, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Prior to entering academia, Prof. Carter litigated civil and criminal cases: from 1978 to 1981, she was an attorney in the honors program of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and from 1981 to 1985, she was an attorney with the Legal Defender Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of the cases that she litigated for the Justice Department was *In re Alien Children Education Litigation*, which was consolidated in the U.S. Supreme Court with *Plyler v. Doe*. Prof. Carter currently focuses on both domestic and international criminal law issues.

Menu Choices – Your choice of:

Balsamic-Glazed Salmon – Chargrilled with white balsamic glaze and roasted cauliflower-olive relish, garlic mashed potatoes and sunchoke subiese; or

Chicken With Mushrooms – sautéed wild mushrooms with tarragon, lemon and cream, garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables; or

Roasted Beet Risotto – beet infused arborio rice with roasted garlic and lacinato kale, cauliflower, butternut squash and buratta cheese.

Cost –

Judges, attorneys, and others – \$30.00

Law students – \$20.00

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Please mail checks, payable to Operation Protect & Defend, with your menu choice for receipt by February 1, 2013, to Molly Sword, Bez Law Firm, P.C., 2035 Hurley Way, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95825. Payments must be received in advance and are not refundable. Seating at the door is subject to availability.

RSVP or Questions about the luncheon? Contact Molly Sword at (916) 643-9624 or molly@bezlawfirm.com.

About Operation Protect and Defend

In 2001, in response to alarming statistics showing that a significant percentage of high school and college students lacked even a basic understanding of the Constitution and American government, a group of Sacramento lawyers and judges formed Operation Protect & Defend in an effort to work with local teachers to offer high school civics enrichment programs that cultivate student interest in American government, the Constitution, and civic values.

About Dialogue on America

Under the auspices of Operation Protect & Defend, Dialogue on America is a volunteer program that pairs judges and lawyers in high school civics classes to lead a dialogue with students on civil rights, the Constitution, and the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society. For judge and lawyer volunteers, the program involves one hour of classroom discussion in addition to approximately an hour of prep time to review discussion materials, which are provided in advance. This year, the Dialogue on America will focus on equal protection and the application of the Fourteenth Amendment to prohibit discrimination in public schools. The curriculum will consider rulings and legislation affecting the children of undocumented immigrants at the K-12 and university level. Case discussions will include *Mendez v. Westminster*, which struck down segregation based on Mexican descent in California schools seven years before *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided. The landmark Supreme Court case *Plyler v. Doe* will be considered as well as decisions such as *U.S. v Alabama* that reflect states' efforts to address illegal immigration. Judges and lawyers interested in volunteering to participate in Dialogue on America should send an e-mail to OPDDialogue@gmail.com.