Few achievements have defined our national identity as powerfully as the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2, 1964, the legislation prohibited discrimination in public places, provided for the integration of schools and other public facilities,
and made employment discrimination illegal. This document was the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction.

On January 14, Penn Law faculty members will participate in the panel “The Civil Rights Act of 1964 at 50: Looking Back and Looking Ahead.” The panel will include Wendell Pritchett, Interim Dean and Presidential Professor; Sophia Z. Lee, Professor of Law and History; Serena Mayeri, Professor of Law and History; and Tobias Barrington Wolff, Professor of Law. Ted Ruger, Professor of Law and Deputy Dean, will serve as moderator. The public is invited to this discussion of the impact and future of the Civil Rights Movement.

The event is part of a series of events held at Penn Law to commemorate the anniversary of this historic legislation.

See background information and a transcript of the Civil Rights Act from the National Archives.

The Biddle Law Library is pleased to support this event by providing a bibliography highlighting a variety of resources about the Civil Rights Act which examine different eras and subjects related to the Act.

This program has been approved for 1.0 substantive law credit for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment of $30.00 cash or check made payable to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

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