



**THE FIRST-GENERATION LAW  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

CHICAGO-KENT  
COLLEGE OF LAW

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 3RD, 2021  
4-5PM**

**A DIVERSITY WEEK  
PANEL CONVERSATION**

DIVERSE TEAMS & WHY  
THEY WORK:

COMPANIES WITH  
DIVERSE  
MANAGEMENT TEAMS  
**OUTPERFORM**  
INDUSTRY AVERAGES  
BY **35%**

SOURCE: MCKINSEY & COMPANY

INCLUSIVE TEAMS  
MAKE **BETTER**  
**BUSINESS DECISIONS**  
THAN INDIVIDUALS  
**87% OF THE TIME.**  
HOMOGENOUS TEAMS  
MAKE BETTER  
DECISIONS ONLY 58%  
OF THE TIME

SOURCE: FORBES

STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE LEADERSHIP  
COUNCIL ON LEGAL DIVERSITY

# **THE FIRST-GENERATION FOCUS: NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION WITH THE HONORABLE JUSTICE JESSE G. REYES**

## **A Panel Conversation**

Moderated by the First-Generation Law Student Association

The panel discussion with keynote Justice Jesse G. Reyes will address the unique position of first-generation law students and professionals.

Justice Reyes will speak regarding support systems and opportunities for diverse law students and about the importance of first-generation visibility in the profession. Law student panelists will provide personal insight into their experiences as first-gen law students.



**HON. JESSE G. REYES**  
**ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT - FIRST DISTRICT, FOURTH DIVISION**

Justice Reyes is the current President of the [Diversity Scholarship Foundation](#), an organization providing support, mentorship, and financial assistance to diverse law school students. He is also part of the "A Law Carte" legal panel series geared toward supporting first-generation students as they navigate their careers. Justice Reyes is currently a Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, and has been a member of the judiciary since 1997.