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*"In recognizing the humanity
of our fellow beings, we pay
ourselves the highest tribute."*

-- Thurgood Marshall

Norman S. Minor Bar Association to host Harvard professor, foremost expert on voting rights and the electoral college.

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CLEVELAND, December 9, 2016

Northeast Ohio's premier black bar association, the Norman S. Minor Bar Association ("NSMBA"), will sponsor a talk from Professor Alexander Keyssar titled "Why do we still have the Electoral College?" as part of its annual civil rights CLE presentation.

Alexander Keyssar is the Matthew W. Stirling Jr. Professor of History and Social Policy. An historian by training, he has specialized in the explanation of issues that have contemporary policy implications. His forthcoming book, *Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College*, examines previous attempts to rid of or change the electoral college system and why they failed. He argues that from the early 19th century to the late 1970s that the politics of race and region, empowered by the electoral college system thwarted reform.

Proferssor Keyssar's previous book, *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States* (2000), was named the best book in U.S. history by both the American Historical Association and the Historical Society; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Award.

Professor Keyssar will keynote the NSMBA's annual Holiday CLE at the Federal Courthouse on December 16, 2016. Those interesting in attendng the CLE and Professor Keyssar's talk can find more information at <http://give.classy.org/2016HolidayCLE>

The Norman S. Minor Bar Association (NSMBA) was founded in 1980 as Cleveland's first full-fledged African American bar association. It is named in honor of one of Cleveland's foremost trial attorneys, African American attorney Norman Selby Minor. It is the largest bar association representing black legal professionals in Northeast Ohio.

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