

APA Justice Meetings

The next APA Justice monthly meeting will be held on November 2. As announced on October 5, future APA Justice meetings will revert back to by-invitation only. The meetings will be off record. There will be no audio or video recording. This has been the format used since the APA Justice Task Force was formed in 2015. A written meeting summary will be prepared and posted.

We switched to Zoom in July on an emergency basis when FreeConferenceCall began to fail in the middle of the pandemic. In the process, participation in the monthly meetings became blurred. We have now separated use of Zoom for restricted meetings and open public access as in the webinar approach.

The invitation list will include those who agree to participate on a background and sustained basis. For those who wish to join the invitation list, please send a message to contact@apajustice.org

Harvard Professor Charles Lieber's Criminal and Civil Suits

According to [Chemical and Engineering News](#) on October 14, nanoscientist Charles M. Lieber, who faces charges that he lied to US federal authorities and did not declare foreign income or a foreign bank account to the Internal Revenue Service, is suing to require his employer Harvard University to cover the costs of his defense in the criminal case. Lieber, the former chair of Harvard's Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department, has pleaded not guilty to the charges and claims that Harvard's indemnification policy requires the university to cover the cost of his defense. Lieber filed [the complaint](#) on October 9 in Massachusetts Superior Court.

A hearing for the civil suit is scheduled for October 22. A hearing on the federal criminal case, which is listed under the Department of Justice's "China Initiative," was held on October 16.

2020/10/16 Law360: [Harvard Prof Says Spy Rhetoric May Have Tainted Grand Jury](#)

Administration Issues New Rules Impacting High-Skilled Worker Visas

According to the American Association For The Advancement Of Science (AAAS), the administration issued two new policies impacting nonimmigrant visas for high-skilled foreign workers, including H-1B visas. [The Department of Homeland Security](#) issued a rule last week requiring that applicants must demonstrate they hold a degree in a "specialty occupation" and have "highly specialized knowledge" that is directly related to

their position. The second policy was issued by [the Department of Labor](#) and would raise salaries for H-1B visas holders. The administration bypassed the normal rulemaking process by issuing them as interim final rules, allowing the policies to go into effect in 60 days without seeking public comments in advance. The two rules will likely be challenged in court by industry sectors impacted by both policies.

2020/10/16 Harvard Crimson: ['Harvard Has Suffered,' Chief Officer for International Affairs Says of Visa Troubles for International Students](#)

Early Voting Started; Get Out The Vote

November 3 is Election Day. Check the [early voting calendar](#) and [latest changes due to COVID-19](#) for your state. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy and our right to vote was hard-earned by those who came before us. Please help to get out the vote.

- 1990 Institute: [Our Voice Matters](#) (video 2:08)
- 1990 Institute: [Voting is Your Privilege: Unsung Heroes](#) (video 10:07)
- 1990 Institute: [Voting is Your Right: a right that is worth fighting for](#) (video 2:14)
- 2020/10/19 Chinese American Museum DC: [First Vote – Documentary and Discussion](#) - an online event on documentary about a diverse cross section of politically engaged Chinese American voters.
- 2020/09/15 APIAVote: [2020 Asian American Voter Survey](#) - The survey looked at voter response on issues from the upcoming election and discrimination in America to healthcare concerns around COVID-19 and support for affirmative action.

Politicalization of the 2020 Census

According to [the Washington Post](#) on October 18, 2020, the Supreme Court cut short the census count by two weeks, which census experts and civil rights advocates say risks producing a less accurate count. Then on Friday, the court said it would review President Trump's efforts to omit unauthorized immigrants when apportioning congressional seats. The court will take up a lower court's order that had blocked the Commerce Department and Census Bureau from including information about the undocumented when they deliver state population counts to the White House after the census is completed. The justices said they will hold a hearing Nov. 30.

Read more about the continuing developments of the 2020 Census at <http://bit.ly/2tVg63w>

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