



COVID-19

Response for Prosecutors and Courts



May 1, 2020

Webinar: Extremist Activity in the COVID-19 Environment

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Time: 3:00 - 3:45 pm EDT

During this global pandemic, many prosecutors' offices and courts are confronting COVID-19 related hate crimes. To better understand these offenses, the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Center on Extremism will provide the latest information on how extremists are using COVID-19 to advance their hateful agendas. This includes promoting conspiracy theories about the virus, disrupting virtual meetings with threatening messages or hate speech, and helping organize or participating in some protests about COVID-19 restrictions. Please join us for this webinar on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020, from 3-3:45 PM EDT** to learn more about these extremists' latest tactics and activities, both in the real world and online.

This webinar will be an interactive session featuring Oren Segal, Vice President of the ADL's Center on Extremism; Joanne Mendelson, Associate Director of the ADL's Center on Extremism; and Alex Friedfeld, Investigative Researcher with the ADL's Center on Extremism.

To ensure that we are addressing your concerns, please share any specific topics that you would like addressed during the virtual discussion (e.g., specific questions on extremism). Please enter your questions when you register.

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Oren Segal

As Vice President of the Center on Extremism, Oren Segal and his team combat extremism, terrorism and all forms of hate in the real world and online. Oren joined ADL in 1998 after working for The New York Times and the Jewish Community Federation in San Francisco. Much of Oren's 21 years with ADL has been devoted to evaluating the activity and tactics of extremist groups and movements from across the ideological spectrum, training law enforcement officers and publishing reports and articles on a wide range of extremist topics. In 2006, Oren was recognized by the FBI for his exceptional service in the public interest. He was named to the Forward's list of 50 influential, intriguing and inspiring American Jews in 2019. Oren is a graduate of Wheaton College in Massachusetts.



Joanna Mendelson

Joanna Mendelson serves as Associate Director for the ADL's Center on Extremism. Ms. Mendelson has worked at ADL since August 2000. To date, she has trained more than 12,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, judges and public officials nationwide. She is a certified subject matter expert on domestic terrorism-related activity and has provided testimony in numerous criminal cases. In partnership with her COE colleagues and law enforcement partners, she has helped thwart potential extremist attacks against Jews and other vulnerable communities. Additionally, Ms. Mendelson authored, then testified and successfully lobbied in favor of legislation addressing paper terrorism tactics used by sovereign citizens. Ms. Mendelson is the recipient of ADL's prestigious Senn Award for professional excellence. She graduated magna cum laude from Emory University with a dual degree in Conflict Resolution and Spanish. She lives and works in Los Angeles.



Alex Friedfeld

Alex Friedfeld is an Investigative Researcher with the ADL's Center on Extremism where he monitors anti-government extremism, Islamic extremism, and white supremacist activity. Prior to joining the ADL, he worked as an analyst in the New York Police Department's counterterrorism and intelligence bureaus where he monitored terrorist activity around the world and ran terrorism-related investigations in the city. He has a Masters in security studies from Georgetown University, where he studied terrorism and substate violence.

We want to hear from you! If you would like to submit questions or have other concerns, please email us at covid19_courts@cna.org.

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