Events in Ferguson (and beyond) have given rise to a storm of conflict and distrust between police, prosecutors, and those they serve. Social upheaval creates complex ethical dilemmas. Individuals on the front line (protesters and police) must navigate the delicate balance between vital free speech and unjustified social disruption and destruction. Prosecutors must apply the law both when law enforcement is challenged, and officers of the law are accused of capital crimes. History teaches that successful social movements and law and order are not necessarily mutually exclusive, but neither are they easy companions. This conference is designed as an objective and informed conversation, that respects both protester’s legitimate rights and grievances and the difficult job police and prosecutors are asked to do every day, in order to draw lessons for the future of our diverse community.

**Bernice King**, Executive Director of the King Center will be speaking on non-violent, civil disobedience and protest as modeled by her father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Panelists and Speakers will include:** Protesters and Police Chiefs, Prosecutors and Elected Officials, Movement Leaders and Community Leaders.

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Conference panels will consider key questions, including:

- What is the difference between justified civil disobedience and unjustified public disruption?
- How can protests/civil disobedience be both highly effective and mindful of the community affected?
- How can policing of protests/civil disobedience be both highly effective and mindful of the community affected?
- How can we best address the threat of bad actors on the police force?
- How can we best address the threat of bad actors among the protesters?
- How should the prosecution of alleged, unjustified police killings be handled?
- How should prosecutions of citizens arrested at protests be handled?