

FIRM NEWS

The History of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and Today's Groundbreaking Litigation

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On May 31, 1921, one of the worst acts of domestic terrorism in U.S. history decimated Tulsa's thriving, all-Black community of Greenwood, and the devastating effects of this massacre are still felt to this day.

Today, a team of civil and human rights lawyers led by Damarion Solomon-Simmons have filed a lawsuit seeking justice for the wrongs that continue to plague the Greenwood community. Schulte is proud to be a part of this historic litigation, identified and led by members of the Task Force for Racial Justice Initiatives, and hosted Mr. Solomon-Simmons for a firm-wide discussion on the history of the once prosperous historic community, the longstanding effects of the racially motivated attacks and the litigation he is leading today. The webinar was co-sponsored by the Task Force, the Pro Bono Committee and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

The Schulte team is led by partner, litigation co-chair and pro bono chair Michael Swartz, special counsel for pro bono initiatives Sara Solfanelli and litigation associate and Task Force for Racial Justice Initiatives co-chair McKenzie Haynes. The team also includes individual client services partner Susan Frunzi, special counsel Annie Mehlman and associates Caitlin Fitzsimons, Victoria Harris and Hannah Zale; intellectual property, sourcing & technology special counsel Scott Kareff; insurance special counsel Theodore Keyes; litigation special counsel Randall Adams and associates Angela Garcia, Ekenedilichukwu (Keni) Ukabiala and Alex Wharton and law clerk Melanie Collins; investment management special

counsel Jill M. Guzzetti; real estate law clerk James Koenderman; and former Schulte lawyers Amanda Barkin, AnnaLise Bender-Brown, Abigail Coster, Brandon Faske and John Garces.

For more information on this historic litigation and Schulte's involvement, see:

[Schulte Roth & Zabel Joins Historic Tulsa Race Massacre Lawsuit](#)

[How and Why Schulte Signed on to the Public Nuisance Suit Over the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre](#)

[Last Known Living Survivors Added to Historic Tulsa Race Massacre Lawsuit](#)

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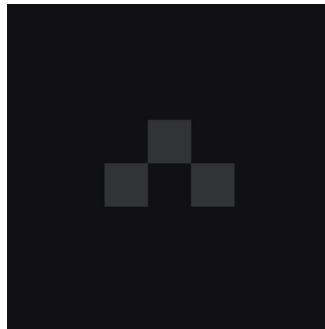
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