



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**

### **Confronting Hate: Understanding the Current Status of Federal Hate Crime Legislation**

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This past fall, President Obama updated and expanded the Federal Hate Crimes Statute which originally limited hate crimes as those motivated by the victim's race, color, religion or national origin. The current amendment now expands the definition of a hate crime, in certain circumstances, to include victims that are gay, lesbian, transgender or disabled. Furthermore, this new law allows the U.S. Justice Department to become involved in ways beyond merely charging people with crimes.

The intent of this program is to explain the current status of Federal hate crime statutes and provide practical tools as to how you can utilize this, and related legislation, to create a more inclusive and safer community