



NEW YORK STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION

# Racism, Social Equity and the Law Task Force

## *Overview of Task Force Work*

June 2022



# Agenda

- Overview of our Report
- Work Completed to Date
- Next Steps
- Dialogue – Thoughts about the Recommendations
- Questions



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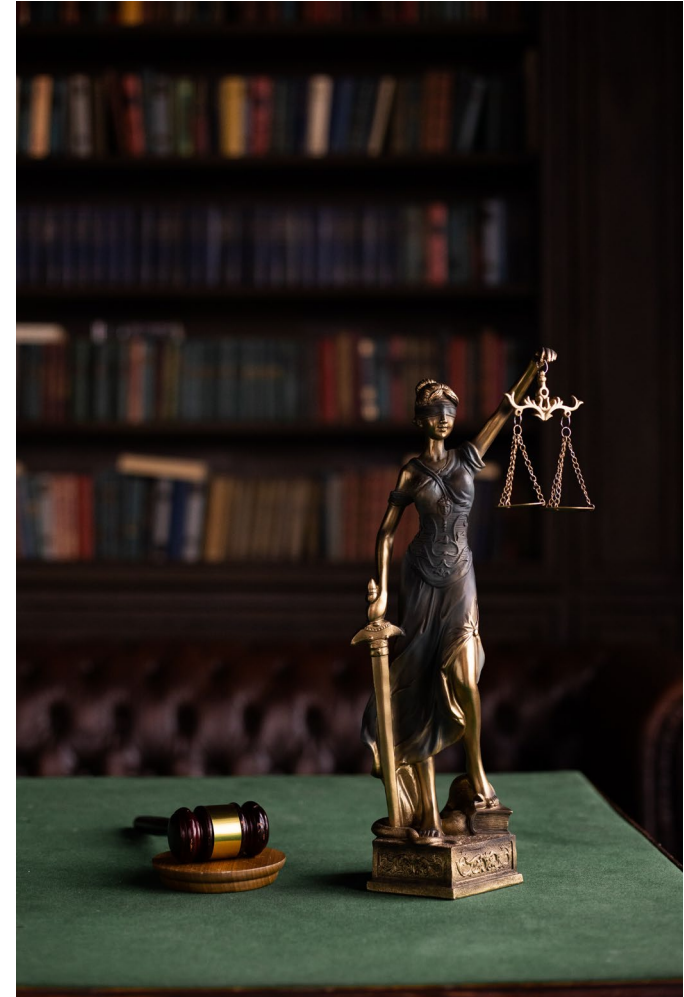
# Overview of the Report - Frame

- Structural racism “is a system of laws, policies, and institutional practices that produce and perpetuate racial inequities and inequalities in the United States.”
- The impact of structural racism can operate in discrete, interconnected, and synergistic ways.
- Thus, individual issues like housing insecurity can be compounded by
  - limited **economic opportunity**
  - inadequate educational opportunity
  - and overrepresentation in the **criminal justice system**
  - which in turn can cause or exacerbate deleterious **health consequences** in communities of color.

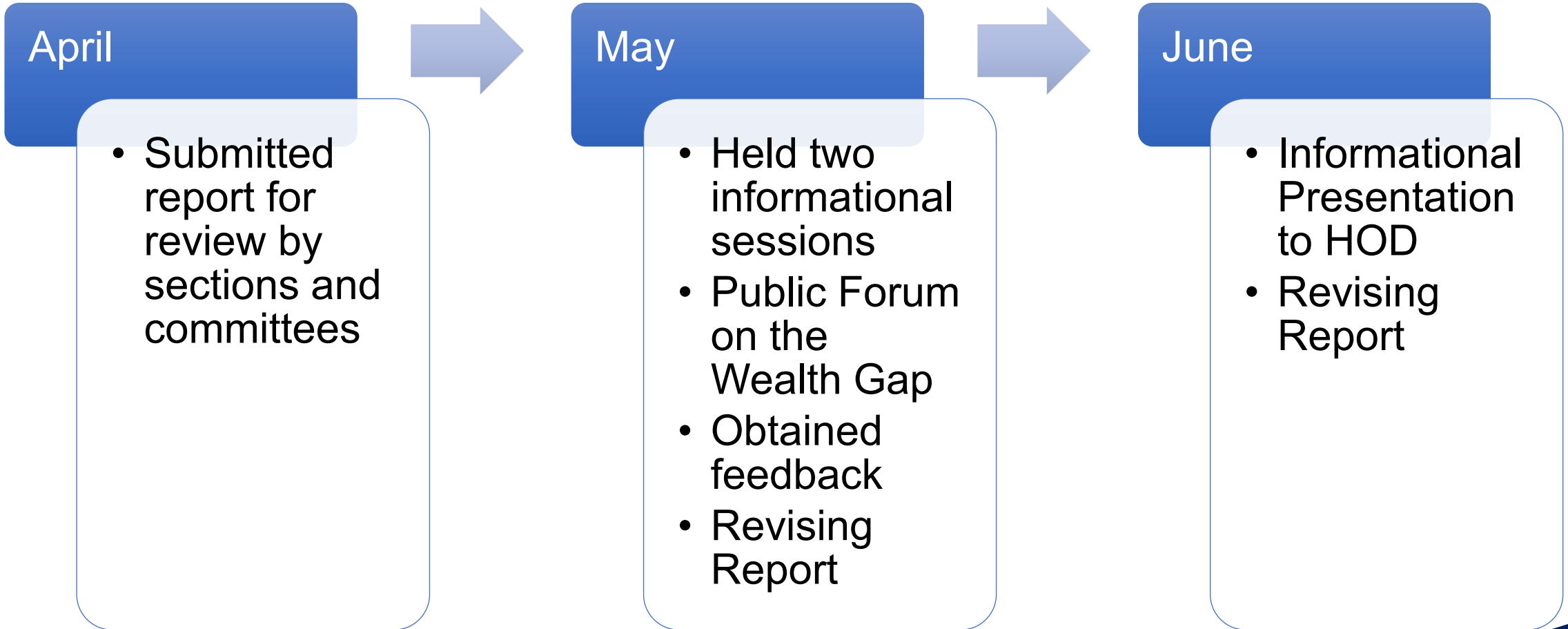


# Overview of the Report

- The law has always had an integral role in addressing issues of race and inequity.
- To address those issues that remain, we must look to the law.
- This understanding has been the focus of the work of the Task Force on Racism, Social Equity and Law.
- We have 22 recommendations (some with subparts) that identify changes in the law or new laws



# Work Completed since April presentation



# Next Steps

## Revising Report

- Reviewing feedback from informational sessions
- Incorporating feedback
- Copyeditor Review

## Socialization

- August 22, 2022 – send report to sections/committees
- Informational Sessions – September/October 2022

## Reporting Out

- November 4, 2022

# Dialogue



We want your feedback and observations.

We assume positive intent in the comments made and questions asked.

**Thank you**

