

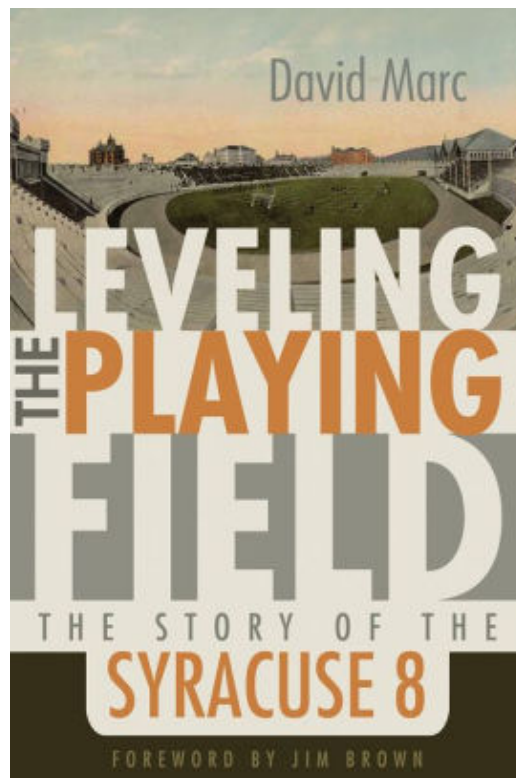
2018 BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CAMDEN VICINAGE

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 12:00 pm

Ceremonial Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Market St. side of Courthouse

Featuring a Panel Discussion with Members of “The Syracuse 8,” Clarence “Bucky” McGill and Dana Harrell, as well as NJ Superior Court Judge Thomas S. Smith, Jr. (Retired),

Highlighting the Book Written by David Marc



In the spring of 1970, eight African-American members of the Syracuse University football team took a principled stand against a racial double-standard then being applied in elite athletic programs. They made several requests of the university that would have benefitted all athletes. They were rebuffed by their coaches and paid the price of being suspended from the program, ending pro football hopes of several. Many years later, Syracuse apologized to these men, conferred a medal upon each, and opened its archive so this story could be told.

The book *Leveling the Playing Field*, researched and written by David Marc, tells the compelling story of the Syracuse Eight, the challenges they faced, the lives they led, and the institutional responses that, in the end, recognized their courage and achievements. These events from almost 50 years ago are as fresh and relevant as today's headlines. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a fantastic, inspirational program. Books are available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please contact Marcy Plye for information (Marcy_Plye@njd.uscourts.gov). There will be a book signing opportunity.

Complimentary luncheon to follow. RSVP by February 21, 2018 to reserve a ticket [[Click here](#)]. Seats are limited.