



## Juneteenth Resources

### **What Is Juneteenth?**

On June 19, 1865, Major General Granger of the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas and informed slaves that the Civil War had ended and that slavery had been abolished. Since then, almost every state has celebrated the anniversary of that occasion, which has come to be known as Juneteenth. This coming week marks the 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth is an important day both to reflect on the struggles and progress of Black Americans, past and present, and to celebrate the indelible contribution that Black Americans have made to American culture.

### **Why Do We Observe Juneteenth As A Firm Holiday?**

As members of the legal profession, we have a deeper responsibility to achieve racial justice and dismantle racist laws, policies, and practices. The racial injustices that the Black community experiences remind us that the U.S. still has a long way to go to achieve equality and liberty for all. For true progress to be made, we must be more than non-racist. We must be anti-racist and take steps with meaningful action. To that end, firm leadership has embraced the observance of this important day and provided the entire Stradley Ronon community with resources on how to observe and celebrate the holiday, which falls on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Stradley Ronon will be closed on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to mark this important date in history.

### **How Can I Learn More About Juneteenth?**

There are many resources available online about Juneteenth, and members of the firm's Diversity Committee selected a handful of short articles and videos that are highly informative.

#### Articles

- [So You Want to Learn About Juneteenth?](#) | *The New York Times*, Derrick Bryson Taylor
- [Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day](#) | *Smithsonian Magazine*, Kenneth C. Davis
- [The Black American Holiday Everyone Should Celebrate but Doesn't](#) | *Slate Magazine*, Jamelle Bouie
- [The Quintessential Americanness of Juneteenth](#) | *The Atlantic*, Vann R. Newkirk II

#### Videos

- [This is Why Juneteenth Is Important for America](#), The Root
- [Juneteenth](#), Season 4 opener of *Blackish* (watch with a Hulu membership)
- [Juneteenth Jamboree](#), PBS Documentary

- [Celebrating Juneteenth](#), National Museum of African American History of Culture
- Watch a TV show or movie about the Black experience. A great list can be found [here](#).

## **How Can I Celebrate Juneteenth?**

While Juneteenth is celebrated in many ways – by attending picnics, spending time with loved ones, or learning more about the history of Black Americans – we encourage all Stradlians to take this day to recognize both our collective past and commit to discussing the holiday with friends and family. Members of the Diversity Committee have recommended the following:

- **Support Black-Owned Businesses** – Visiting a Black-owned business in your community on Juneteenth is a great way to recognize this holiday. A Google search is all it takes to find Black-owned businesses near you.
- **Visit a Museum on Juneteenth** – Each of the cities in which our offices are located have museums dedicated to the Black experience and have exhibits related to Juneteenth. Consider visiting the [Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture](#) in Washington D.C., the [African American Museum of Philadelphia](#) (which is hosting a [Juneteenth block party](#) on June 19<sup>th</sup>), the [DuSable Museum of African American History](#) in Chicago, or the [Weeksville Heritage Center](#) in Brooklyn (which is hosting a Juneteenth Food Festival on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>).
- **Attend a Juneteenth Event** – It’s impossible to list all of the events happening this weekend and on Monday, but we have identified an event in each city that you might want to attend:
  - [Juneteenth Family Pride Picnic](#) – An event celebrating Black LGBTQ families, history artist and vendors on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 2 PM at Lovett Park, 6945 Germantown Avenue, **Philadelphia, PA**
  - [Juneteenth 2022 Block Party Celebration](#) – A celebration with music and food on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM – 5 PM at 1700 Good Hope Road Southeast, **Washington, DC**
  - [Juneteenth Village Fest](#) – A “family-fun” event with rides, games, music, and food to celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM – 6 PM at Anna & Frederick Douglass Park, 1313 S. Sacramento Drive, **Chicago**
  - [Juneteenth Celebration 2022](#) – A two-day celebration of Black food, culture, music, and family, with the festival on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 6 PM at Gershwin Park in **Brooklyn** (Linden Boulevard) and the concert on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 6PM on at Prospect Park in **Brooklyn**
  - There are many more events happening, so click on each city name to find out more: [Washington DC](#), [Philadelphia](#), [Chicago](#), and [New York City](#).