

## INTRODUCTION

**CHERICE VANDERHALL:** Hello everyone. I would like to say thank you for attending this discussion on racial violence and self defense. Professor Frederick Brewington is an adjunct professor here at Touro Law School, who teaches Trial Practice during some semesters. He was the defense attorney in the John White case, which is a case I am sure Professor Klein has briefed some of his students on. The verdict was handed down last year. The facts surrounding the case occurred in Suffolk County. Attorney Mark Baker, who was the defense attorney in the Bernhard Goetz case, is running a little bit late, but he will be here. When he arrives he will join in the discussions. Now, we will begin with Professor Brewington. He will speak and our own Professor Klein will moderate, ask questions, and make sure that we tie up loose ends. Thank you.

## PRESENTATION ON *PEOPLE V. WHITE*

**FREDERICK BREWINGTON, ESQ.:** Good evening! Let me first start out by saying my name is Fred Brewington, and I had the honor of representing John White, along with Paul Gianelli and another co-counsel Marie Michel in our defense of John White, in a case that took us back to August of 2006. I understand that the point of this discussion is to do a comparison in some way of the Bernhard Goetz case and the John White case. Let me start off by giving some information. I also had something to do with the Bernhard Goetz case. I was a recent graduate, in 1982, of Northeastern University School of Law and I came into the office of C. Vernon Mason, who helped to represent Darryl Cabey for a period of time both at the time that Mr. Goetz was going through his legal proceedings and then assisting with Mr. Cabey's civil action. Thus, I have some information and knowledge about that particular case. So, it is going to be interesting because I haven't really spoken about it in a long time.

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