



TO: Speakers at ACS events
FROM: David Lyle, Deputy Director
DATE: February 20, 2007
RE: Guidelines and Release for Speakers

Thank you for agreeing to speak at an event organized by the American Constitution Society. We look forward to introducing you to our network of progressive attorneys, law students and scholars.

As you know, ACS is a nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to working to ensure that the fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality and access to justice occupy their rightful place in American law. Among other things, ACS provides a forum for debate about new proposals and existing policies on important issues. As part of our educational activities, we plan to post video and transcripts of programs on our website. We have found that doing so greatly increases the number of people who will be exposed to the ideas discussed at our programs.

As a tax-exempt educational organization, ACS is prohibited from using its funds to finance partisan activity or intervention in an election. While we are free to promote or criticize ideas or policies, we cannot support any statements or activities that constitute endorsements of candidates or political parties. These restrictions apply to all events or publications hosted or sponsored by ACS. Thus, we ask that you to please refrain from expressing any views that could be reasonably interpreted as endorsing any candidate or party in an election. This guidance should in no way restrict your selection of issues to discuss or the style and manner in which you share your opinions.

Your signature below indicates that, of your own free will, you:

- (1) acknowledge receipt of the above guidance;
- (2) agree that you are granting ACS, its agents, employees and assigns the use of film/video footage of you and a transcript of your remarks, in whole or in part, for any purposes, including but not limited to, simultaneous and archival webcasting; and
- (3) acknowledge that you will receive no monetary payments for your appearance or participation.

Signature

Please Print Name

Date

Please fax this memorandum to Yannick Morgan at (202) 393-6189. If you have any questions regarding this guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Yannick at (202) 393-6181 or by email at YMorgan@acslaw.org.