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## **ACS Announces Constitutional Video Contest**

### *Highlights the Role Courts Play in Shaping the Laws That Shape American Lives*

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*Washington, D.C.* – The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) today announced a video contest about the Constitution, inviting submissions of original short films highlighting the importance of the federal judiciary, the need for independent judges, and the necessity of ensuring a fair and efficient judicial nomination process. First prize is \$1,500 and free registration to the 2010 ACS National Convention in Washington, D.C. on June 17 - 19. The second-place entrant will receive a \$250 prize.

“As one of the three pillars of our constitutional structure, the federal judiciary exists to ensure the continued strength of our system of checks and balances,” says Caroline Fredrickson, executive director of ACS. “With this video contest, ACS is encouraging people to think creatively about the judiciary’s critical role in that system, and the importance of nominating and confirming jurists who embrace the fundamental values that our Constitution expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law.”

The contest is intended to promote creative thinking about the importance of judges and the role courts play in shaping the laws that shape American lives. Entries should be consistent with the [ACS mission statement](#) and the themes of *Keeping Faith with the Constitution*, a book published last year by ACS, and available for free [download here](#), as well as other criteria.

[See here](#) for how to enter, complete rules and judging criteria.

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