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ACS Co-Hosts “Narrowing the Justice Gap: Legal Services for the Poor in an Economic Downturn”

Experts Examine Impact of, Solutions for Growing Disparity Between Supply & Demand of Legal Services Programs

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WHAT: ACS joins the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Washington Council of Lawyers in presenting two panels, including experts with a variety of perspectives, that will discuss federal level policy solutions, the nationwide impact of the downturn on legal service programs, and an in-depth at how one community, Washington, DC, is coping with strained resources amidst a swelling demand for services.

WHO:

Panel One—Legal Services on the National Stage

- **Peter B. Edelman**, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center.
- **Ted Frank**, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy.
- **Don Saunders**, Director of Civil Legal Services, National Legal Aid & Defenders Association.
- *Moderator*, **Joy Moses**, Policy Analyst, CAP Poverty & Prosperity Program.

Panel Two—Poverty Law in the District of Columbia

- **Susan Hoffman**, Public Service Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP.
- **Jonathan M. Smith**, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.
- **The Honorable Inez Smith Reid**, Associate Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- *Moderator*, **Steven L. Grumm**, Board President, WCL & Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 8 – 12:00 to 2:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Center for American Progress,
1333 H Street NW, 13th Floor,
Washington, DC 20005.

RSVP: The event is free. Please RSVP to press@ACSLaw.org.

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