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ACS PANEL TO EXPLORE REACTION TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE DECISION

Leading Experts To Address Political, Legal Fallout Of *Citizens United V. FEC*

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WHAT: The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) will host some of the nation's leading elections and campaign finance experts in a discussion exploring the political and legal ramifications of the Supreme Court's recent decision that corporations have First Amendments rights to spend freely on campaigns. The panelists will focus on the consequences of *Citizens United v. FEC*, including how it will impact the midterm elections and efforts in Congress to fashion new limits on corporate campaign contributions. In addition, the panel will examine how the Supreme Court came to overturning longstanding precedent that permitted regulation of corporate spending on politics and whether this action is representative of an increasingly activist high court.

WHO:

- *Moderator, Dahlia Lithwick*, Senior Editor and Legal Correspondent, *Slate.com*.
- **Jan W. Baran**, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP; nationally recognized campaign and elections lawyer, former general counsel of the Republican National Committee and named by Chambers USA as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business."
- **Laurence E. Gold**, Of Counsel, Lichtman, Trister & Ross, PLLC; Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO.
- **James S. Portnoy**, Chief Counsel, Corporate & Government Affairs, Kraft Foods.
- **Joseph E. Sandler**, Member, Sandler, Reiff & Young P.C.; nationally recognized expert on elections law and a former general counsel of the Democratic National Committee.
- **Monica Youn**, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law.

WHEN: **February 24, 2010**, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon, with the panel discussion to start at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: The National Press Club, Conference Rooms, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20045.

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

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