



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Sen. Franken Among Stellar Lineup for 2010 ACS National Convention**

#### **Franken to Tackle Conservatives' Rhetoric on the Constitution**

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**Washington, D.C.** – Senator Al Franken will kick off the 2010 ACS National Convention on Thursday, June 17 with a speech offering a “real-world perspective on what we lose when we let conservatives control our constitutional discourse.”

The Convention’s other featured speakers include: **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano**, the featured speaker at the Convention’s June 18 luncheon, **Representative Linda Sánchez**, the featured speaker at a reception on June 18, and **Newark Mayor Cory Booker**, the featured speaker at the Convention’s closing luncheon on Saturday, June 19. For a complete schedule of panels and speakers, [see here](#).

In addition to numerous other prominent administration figures and other legal and policy experts, the Convention includes three plenary panels:

#### **Regulation in the Age of Obama, with:**

- **Richard Cordray**, Ohio Attorney General.
- **Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar**, Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy, White House Domestic Policy Council.
- **John Podesta**, President and CEO of the Center for American Progress.
- **Judge Richard A. Posner**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- **Lois J. Schiffer**, General Counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- **Damon A. Silvers**, Director of Policy and Special Counsel, AFL-CIO.

#### **Congress and the Courts, with:**

- **Ronald A. Cass**, Dean Emeritus, Boston University School of Law.
- **Judge U.W. Clemon**, retired, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

- **Linda Greenhouse**, Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School and a columnist for *The New York Times* online.
- **Jonathan P. Hiatt**, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff at AFL-CIO.
- **Pamela S. Karlan**, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School.
- **U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler**.
- **John Payton**, head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

**Immigration Reform: Congress and the States, with:**

- **Antonia Hernández**, President and Chief Executive Officer, California Community Foundation.
- **Gabriel J. (Jack) Chin**, Professor of Law, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.
- **Thomas A. Saenz**, President and General Counsel, MALDEF.
- **Mary Rose Wilcox**, Supervisor, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Arizona

In addition to the featured speakers and plenary panels, the Convention will include an array of breakout panel sessions on subjects including access to federal courts, health care reform law, environmental protection, marriage equality, military commissions versus federal courts and the implications of the *Citizens United v. FEC* decision. These breakout sessions and others will feature many of the nation's leading lawyers, judges, academics and policymakers, including:

- **Jack Balkin**, Professor of Law, Yale Law School.
- **Elizabeth J. Cabraser**, Partner, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP.
- **David Cole**, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.
- **Peter Edelman**, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.
- **Julie Fernandes**, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.
- **Christopher Hayes**, Washington, D.C. Editor, *The Nation*.
- **Rachel Jacobson**, Principal Deputy Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior.
- **Dawn Johnsen**, Professor of Law, Indiana University, Maurer School of Law.
- **Arthur Miller**, University Professor, New York University School of Law.
- **Nina Perales**, Southwestern Regional Counsel, MALDEF.
- **Judge Stephen Reinhardt**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.
- **Jeffrey Rosen**, Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School.
- **Paul M. Smith**, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP.
- **Judge Diane S. Sykes**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- **Laurence H. Tribe**, Senior Counselor for Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.
- **And many others.**

For a complete schedule of panels and speakers, [see here](#).

**WHEN: June 17 – 19, 2010**

**WHERE: Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036**

**RSVP:** The event is free for media but you must **RSVP** to [press@acslaw.org](mailto:press@acslaw.org).

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