



## Media Advisory

### ACS Event to Explore Access to Justice in Federal Courts

#### Symposium to Bring Together Experts to Discuss Supreme Court

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**WHAT:** The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS), along with the ACS New York Lawyer Chapter and the ACS New York University Law School Student Chapter will host a half-day event focusing on recent Supreme Court rulings that have limited access to federal courts. For example, the decisions in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* and *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly* have spurred congressional lawmakers to introduce legislation that would ease the new strictures those decisions have placed on filing civil litigation. The event will feature a keynote address by ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero and two panel discussions examining access to justice moderated by New York University School of Law Professor Arthur R. Miller.

#### **WHO:**

- *Keynote*, **Anthony D. Romero**, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union

#### Panel One: The *Iqbal*, *Twombly* Cases:

- *Moderator*, **Arthur R. Miller**, University Professor, New York University School of Law
- **Steven E. Fineman**, Partner, Milberg LLP
- **Brad N. Friedman**, Partner, Milberg LLP
- **Faith E. Gay**, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP
- **Barbara J. Hart**, Shareholder, Lowey Dannenberg Cohen & Hart, P.C.
- **Richard T. Joffe**, Of Counsel, Labaton Sucharow LLP
- **Andrew J. Pincus**, Partner, Mayer Brown

- **Alexander A. Reinert**, Assistant Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; Counsel to Javaid Iqbal before the U.S. Supreme Court
- **Teresa Wynn Roseborough**, Chief Litigation Counsel, MetLife, Inc.
- **Vincent Warren**, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights

Panel Two: Class Action Restrictions and Other Limitations:

- *Moderator*, **Arthur R. Miller**, University Professor, New York University School of Law
- **John H. Beisner**, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- **Elizabeth J. Carbraser**, Partner, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP
- **Jay W. Eisenhofer**, Managing Partner, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.
- **Theodore H. Frank**, President and Founder, Center for Class Action Fairness
- **Myriam Giles**, Professor, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- **Robert J. Giuffra, Jr.**, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
- **Salvatore J. Graziano**, Partner, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP
- **Adam T. Klein**, Partner, Outten & Golden LLP
- **Joe R. Whatley, Jr.**, Partner, Whatley Drake & Kallas

**WHEN: Jan. 21, 2010.** Keynote at 2 p.m. followed by panel one at 2:35 p.m. and panel two at 4:15 p.m. Reception follows at 5:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** New York University School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, Greenberg Lounge, 40 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012

**RSVP:** The event is free. **Please RSVP** to [press@acslaw.org](mailto:press@acslaw.org).

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