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ACS to Host Major Gathering on Criminal Justice Policy Reforms

Keynote Address from Sen. Jim Webb; Featured Remarks from Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy

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WHAT: The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) will host an important and timely policy forum on **December 9** focusing on criminal justice reform and new policies that Congress and the White House should consider, with **Sen. Jim Webb** providing a keynote address and **President Obama's Special Assistant for Justice and Regulatory Policy Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar** giving featured remarks. In addition, a diverse panel of experts, including **Rep. Robert C. Scott** will explore the opportunities for changing the nation's criminal justice policies at a time when a weakened economy has hindered the ability of states to administer their criminal justice systems.

WHO:

- Keynote Address by **Sen. Jim Webb**.
- **Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar**, Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy and a member of the White House Domestic Policy Council, who will examine executive branch responses to criminal justice needs.

Panel Discussion:

- **Catherine Beane**, Director, Behind the Cycle, & Principal, Beane Consulting;
- **Walter E. Beglau**, District Attorney, Marion County, Oregon;
- **Rep. Robert C. Scott**, U.S. Congress, representing the Third District of Virginia;
- **Gina E. Wood**, Director of Policy and Planning, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; and

- *Moderator, Nkechi Taifa*, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Institute (OSI).

WHEN: **Dec. 9, 2009, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the keynote speech at 12:30 p.m. The panel discussion will run from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar will provide featured remarks from 2:30 – 3:00 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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