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**Washington, D.C.** -- If you're struggling to keep track of pressing legal and public policy issues, the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) has an answer. Today's new issue of *Advance: The Journal of the ACS Issue Groups* contains more than a dozen thoughtful, but brief and accessible articles about a diverse array of those topics, including:

- **Health Care Reform:** Simon Lazarus and Harper Jean Tobin of the National Senior Citizens Law Center explore what they assert are a string of [Supreme Court decisions that have undermined the nation's health care safety net](#). The authors argue that in debating health care reform, Congress should consider legislation that would address those decisions.
- **National Drug Abuse Policy:** Professor Alex Kreit maintains in his article, "Toward a Public Health Approach to Drug Policy," that the Obama administration [should alter the nation's focus on drug policy](#) by shifting it from a punitive approach to one that addresses drug use as a health care concern.
- **Criminal Procedure:** In "The Roberts Court and the Future of the Exclusionary Rule," Professor Susan A. Bandes [examines Supreme Court decisions](#) that have weakened Fourth Amendment protections. Professor Bandes asserts that the Roberts Court is only a fifth vote away from eliminating the Fourth Amendment's "exclusionary rule," which was intended to bar evidence obtained through faulty police searches from being used at trial.
- **Intellectual Property:** The Google Book Search settlement, which still must be approved by a federal court, [raises numerous questions](#) about its impact on public access to information and intellectual property right concerns, asserts Professor James Grimmelman in "The Google Book Search Settlement: Ends, Means, and the Future of Books."
- **Government Transparency and National Security Policy:** The State Secrets Privilege has been used by the federal government to dismiss lawsuits challenging

national security policy. Professor Amanda Frost and attorney Justin Florence [explore the origins of the privilege](#) and how it has come to be used frequently by the government. They also maintain that the federal government should seek a middle ground that avoids full disclosure of state secrets and outright dismissal of lawsuits challenging government actions.

Other *Advance* articles address: debate over identification and authentication in American society, [racial disparities](#) in capital punishment, students' [free speech rights](#), coaching [diversity in the NFL](#), [equal opportunity policy ideas](#) for the new administration, [equal opportunity policy setbacks](#) in the states, Montana's "[Just Cause](#)" law, a study of law and policy on [protecting employees](#) from worksite dangers, an [intersection of laws](#) governing humanitarian relief and support of terrorism, [domestic violence law and sovereignty of Indian tribes](#), and the [debate over whether federal courts should use international law](#) in judicial decision-making.

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