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## **ACS To Recognize Exceptional Work In Public Interest Law**

### **David Carliner Public Interest Award Recognizes Commitment To Social Good**

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**Washington, D.C.** – The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy announced a significant new award of \$10,000 – the David Carliner Public Interest Award, honoring the outstanding work of public interest lawyers. Applications for the award are due by 6 p.m., EST, Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, and can be submitted to ACS through its [Web site](#).

The award was established in honor of David Carliner (1918-2007), a trailblazing public interest attorney. Carliner helped build a number of institutions devoted to protecting civil liberties and human rights. He was a powerful foe of Jim Crow laws and a champion of political rights for citizens of the District of Columbia. Carliner was also the founding chair of the American Civil Liberties Union-National Capital Area and the International Human Rights Law Group, now GlobalRights.

A panel of judges, made of up of leading public interest advocates, will assist ACS in choosing this year's recipient. The recipient will receive \$10,000 and transportation to and lodging at the 2009 ACS National Convention in Washington, D.C., on June 18 – 20.

The panel of judges includes:

- **Nan Aron**, the executive director of Alliance for Justice.
- **Wade Henderson**, the president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.
- **Nadine Strossen**, a professor of law at the New York Law School and the former president of the American Civil Liberties Union.
- **Patricia Wald**, the former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and former judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
- **Deborah Carliner**, an attorney and Board member of the ACLU-NCA.
- **Sarah Remes**, an attorney at Carliner and Remes.

Applicants for the David Carliner Public Interest Award must have graduated from law school between 1999 and 2004. Full eligibility and selection criteria [are available here](#).

*The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS), founded in 2001 and one of the nation's leading progressive legal organizations, is a rapidly growing network of lawyers, law students, scholars, judges, policymakers and other concerned individuals. For more information about the organization or to locate one of the more than 200 lawyer and law student chapters in 48 states, please visit [www.acslaw.org](http://www.acslaw.org).*

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