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## EVENT PROGRAM

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

12:00 p.m.	Optional Off-Site Networking Lunches	
1:30 p.m.	Registration Opens	
2:00 p.m.	<p>Executive Session, featuring a discussion on <b>#MeToo in the Legal Profession</b></p> <p><i>Featuring:</i>  <b>Caroline Fredrickson</b>, American Constitution Society  <b>Deborah Tuerkheimer</b>, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i>  <b>Zinelle October</b>, American Constitution Society</p>	Thorne Auditorium
3:45 p.m.	Kickoff Remarks by <b>Daniel B. Rodriguez</b> , Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law	Thorne Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Leaders from Law Workshop</b></p> <p>This workshop seeks to empower law students to consider a career in public service. The panelists will discuss their careers in public office and their experience as lawyers running for office. The audience will then be asked to react to a “hypothetical” about getting ready to run for office.</p> <p><i>Featuring:</i>  <b>Martin R. Castro</b>, Casa Central  <b>Lauren Beth Gash</b>, LBG Law and Consulting  <b>Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley</b>, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  <b>Hon. Mary L. Mikva</b>, Illinois Appellate Court</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i>  <b>Heidi Li Feldman</b>, Leaders from Law and Georgetown University Law Center</p>	Thorne Auditorium

5:45 p.m.	Remarks by <b>Geoffrey R. Stone</b> , The University of Chicago Law School	Thorne Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Keynote Remarks by Illinois Attorney General <b>Lisa Madigan</b> <i>Introductory remarks by <b>Carolyn Shapiro</b>, Chicago-Kent College of Law</i>	Thorne Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Thorne Atrium
7:15 p.m.	Dinner	Rubloff Atrium
9:00 p.m.	Happy Hour	Timothy O'Toole's Pub, 622 N. Fairbanks Ct.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast	Rubloff Atrium
9:00 a.m.	Morning Breakout Panels	
	<b>A) Religious Freedom in 2018: Liberty, Equality, and Where We're Headed</b>  The discussion will survey the legal tension between those seeking religious exemptions from antidiscrimination laws and those whose rights are affected by exemptions. Panelists will discuss the impacts that religious exemptions and corporate religious liberty claims have on reproductive freedom and the LGBTQ community. The panel will also explore the discrimination Muslims face in America, and how the law can be a force to protect religious minorities. Finally, panelists will advise law students on how to effectively advocate for equality and liberty.  <i>Featuring:</i> <b>Frederick Gedicks</b> , BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School <b>Gregory M. Lipper</b> , Clinton Brook & Peed <b>Melissa Murray</b> , UC Berkeley School of Law <b>Johnathan Smith</b> , Muslim Advocates  <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Kara Stein</b> , American Constitution Society	RB 150

## B) “Free” Press: Resisting Intimidation and Restoring Credibility RB 140

This discussion will explore threats facing the free press. Panelists will consider what law students and lawyers can do to support the First Amendment in a time when press intimidation is endorsed by the President. Panelists will also discuss “fake news,” social media, and how to help restore public trust in journalists.

*Featuring:*

**Duaa Eldeib**, ProPublica

**Kate Shaw**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

**Peter Slevin**, Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism

**Katie Townsend**, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

*Moderator:*

**Peter Karanjia**, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

10:15 a.m.	<b>Plenary Panel 1: The Power of Protest and Legal Responses to the Threats to Assembly</b>	Thorne Auditorium
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This panel discussion will review the current state of protests in our country, the threats facing protesters, and the effectiveness of responses to these threats. Panelists will also explore what civil rights demonstrators can expect when they assemble, and what law students and lawyers can do to protect the right to assemble.

*Featuring:*

**Molly Armour**, Law Office of Molly Armour

**Jason C. DeSanto**, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

**Rebecca K. Glenberg**, Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois

**Justin Hansford**, Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard University School of Law

**Mony Ruiz-Velasco**, P.A.S.O. - West Suburban Action Project

*Moderator:*

**Hon. Ketanji Brown Jackson**, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

11:30 a.m.	<b>Keynote Remarks by Vanita Gupta</b> , The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights	Thorne Auditorium
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*Introductory remarks by Reuben A. Guttman*, Guttman, Buschner & Brooks PLLC

12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Rubloff Atrium
1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary Panel 2: Key Actors in Breaking Barriers to Justice</b></p> <p>This panel introduces students to key actors working to break barriers to justice. This conversation will highlight the role of state court judges, legal aid organizations, state and federal agencies, law firms, scholars, and public policy advocates in removing these barriers to justice. The panelists will also discuss how their work intersects with other legal and non-legal actors, the importance of collaboration, and how students can become involved in the fight for justice and equity.</p> <p><i>Featuring:</i>  <b>Cara Hendrickson</b>, Office of the Illinois Attorney General  <b>David Lopez</b>, Outten &amp; Golden LLP  <b>Katherine W. Shank</b>, LAF  <b>Suja Thomas</b>, University of Illinois College of Law</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i>  <b>Hon. Mary Jane Theis</b>, Illinois Supreme Court</p>	Thorne Auditorium
2:30 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Breakout Panels</p> <p><b>A) Policing the Police: Accountability and Justice</b></p> <p>This panel will address policing in vulnerable neighborhoods. Panelists will discuss the legal and structural frameworks that disparately affect communities of color, including over and under-policing, unnecessary use of force, and mass incarceration. The discussion will also provide students ways to become involved in efforts to address unconstitutional, racially-biased policing.</p> <p><i>Featuring:</i>  <b>Jarrett Adams</b>, Law Offices of Jarrett Adams, PLLC  <b>Sheila Bedi</b>, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law  <b>MiAngel Cody</b>, the decarceration collective  <b>Steve Flores</b>, Winston &amp; Strawn LLP  <b>Randolph Stone</b>, The University of Chicago Law School</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i>  <b>Hon. Sara L. Ellis</b>, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois</p>	RB 150

**B) Implicit Bias Training**

RB 140

This panel will provide a brief overview of implicit bias and social cognition. The panel will also discuss the role of implicit bias in perpetuating social inequality. We will discuss the impact of implicit bias in the legal profession and in the courtroom. Lastly, the panel will provide students with debiasing techniques.

*Featuring:*

**Hon. Bernice B. Donald**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

**Hon. Theodore A. McKee**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

*Moderator:*

**Peggy Li**, American Constitution Society

4:00 p.m.

Group Photo

4:15 p.m.

**Plenary Panel 3: Next Steps: The Strategy for Advancing Local Progress**

Thorne Auditorium

This panel will survey the steps that local governments and advocates can take to advance a progressive agenda. Panelists will explore progressive federalism and discuss advocacy strategy in states and localities. The panel will also provide guidance to students on how to engage locally on issues like immigration, environmental justice, income inequality, voting, and labor.

*Featuring:*

**Barbara Barreno-Paschall**, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

**Nicholas Colvin**, City of Chicago Treasurer's Office

**Selena Kyle**, Natural Resources Defense Council

**Elena Medina**, Service Employees International Union

**Swapna Reddy**, Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project

*Moderator:*

**Erin Delaney**, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

6:00 p.m.

Keynote Remarks by **Jason Kander**, Let America Vote

Thorne Auditorium

*Introductory remarks by **Ruben Garcia**, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law*

6:30 p.m.

Closing Reception

Thorne Atrium

7:30 p.m.

Optional Off-Site Networking Dinners



**Jarrett Adams, Attorney At Law, Law Offices of Jarrett Adams, PLLC**

*@JarrettFocused*

Jarrett Adams was wrongfully convicted of sexual assault at age 17 and sentenced to 28 years in a maximum security prison. After serving nearly 10 years and filing multiple appeals, Adams was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project.

Adams used the injustice he endured as inspiration to become an advocate for the underserved and often uncounted. After law school, he completed a public interest law fellowship with Judge Ann Claire Williams on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. This is the same court that reversed Adams's conviction because of his trial lawyer's constitutional deficiencies. Adams's remarkable story has captured both local and national media attention. At one point #JarrettAdams was trending on both Facebook and Twitter. Adams is a graduate of Roosevelt University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He has spoken at many ACS events, including the 2017 ACS National Convention and the 2017 ACS National Lawyer Convening.



**Molly Armour, Owner, Law Office of Molly Armour**

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Molly Armour is a criminal defense attorney in Chicago who practices in federal and state court. She is a member of the CJA panel in Northern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit's Electronic Discovery Pilot Program Committee (Criminal Subcommittee). Armour is currently a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School, where she teaches in the Prosecution and Defense Clinic. She has previously taught criminal procedure at DePaul University College of Law. Prior to opening her law office, Armour clerked for the Honorable M. Teresa Sarmina, in the homicide division of the

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Through her work with the National Lawyers Guild, she has defended many clients arrested while exercising their First Amendment rights—from Occupy to Black Lives Matter to Standing Rock. She has also assisted in creating structures for mass representation. Armour is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Temple University Beasley School of Law.



**Barbara Barreno-Paschall, Senior Staff Attorney, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights**

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Barbara Barreno-Paschall is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Housing Opportunity Project at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and manages the day-to-day operations of the Project and handles both litigation and policy advocacy. She has experience working in government, non-profit, and the private sector as an attorney and policy advocate. Previously, Barreno-Paschall was an Associate in the Employment and Labor Group at Sidley Austin LLP, where she also represented

immigrants seeking asylum and twice received the firm's highest honor for pro bono service. She is a 2016 Fellow of New Leaders Council Chicago and a 2017 Delegate of the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership. Barreno-Paschall is a graduate of Harvard College, Vanderbilt University Law School, and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.



**Sheila Bedi, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law**

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Sheila Bedi is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and an attorney with the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center. Her work focuses on ending mass imprisonment and enforcing the rights of people caught up in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Previously, Bedi served as the deputy legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center in New Orleans and Mississippi where she represented imprisoned people in federal class action litigation challenging abusive prison conditions and worked on community-based policy campaigns aimed at reducing incarceration rates, ensuring fairness in the administration of justice, and improving access to public education and mental health services. Bedi worked with people who were formerly incarcerated and their families on hard fought campaigns that closed abusive prisons and jails, protected people who were imprisoned from sexual violence, improved access to counsel for poor defendants and people living behind bars, developed alternatives to imprisonment, and reduced the number of children who are tried and convicted in the adult criminal justice system. She is a graduate of the Michigan State University James Madison College and American University Washington College of Law.



**Martin R. Castro, Interim President and CEO, Casa Central**

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Martin Castro is President and CEO of Castro Synergies, LLC where he provides strategic consulting services to corporations and non-profits, and will continue in that role as he assumes leadership at Casa Central. Previously, Castro was a practicing corporate and commercial litigation attorney for over two decades in Chicago. He served as Chair of the Illinois Human Rights Commission from 2009-2015, and from 2011-2016, he served by appointment of President Barack Obama as the Chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He is a past Executive Committee Member of the Chicago Community Trust, and a current board member at Communities in Schools and the National Museum of Mexican Art. Castro is a graduate of DePaul University and the University of Michigan Law School.



**MiAngel Cody, Counsel & Co-Founder, the decarceration collective**

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MiAngel Cody picks locks to human cages. She won presidential clemency and freedom for five prisoners serving life sentences. As the Founder and Lead Counsel for the decarceration collective, Cody has defended hundreds of people in federal court, achieving a range of courtroom victories—from jury acquittals to successful federal appeals to significantly reduced sentences. In 2014, Cody received the Federal Bar Association's National Younger Federal Lawyer of the Year Award. She has testified at congressional briefings concerning the societal imperative for decarceration. She is a featured criminal justice blogger for *HuffPost*. Cody worked as a Chicago Federal Defender for eight years. She served in two federal clerkships: for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Honorable Myron Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Before becoming a lawyer, Cody was a capital defense investigator and spent seven years listening to death row prisoners in Louisiana and Georgia. Cody believes the Sixth Amendment demands the highest caliber of representation for those with the least means, especially when their freedom or life is at stake. She is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana and Emory University School of Law.



**Nicholas Colvin, General Counsel and Senior Advisor to the Chicago City Treasurer**

Nicholas Colvin currently serves as the General Counsel and Senior Advisor to the City Treasurer for the City of Chicago. Immediately prior to joining the Treasurer's Office, Colvin was Of Counsel at Carpenter Lipps and Leland LLP, where he advised clients on election law, crisis management, and strategic communications. He also previously served as a Personal Aide to then-U.S. Senator Obama, as a Special Assistant to Mrs. Obama on the 2008 Obama for America presidential campaign, and as a member of the White House Counsel's Office where he was part of the West Wing team responsible for advising President Obama, senior staff, and federal agencies on investigations, litigation, development of legislative and administrative proposals, and nominations. Colvin is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Law School.



**Erin Delaney, Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law**

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Erin Delaney is an Associate Professor of Law at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law with a courtesy appointment in the political science department. She teaches and writes about constitutional design, comparative and U.S. constitutional law, and immigration law. In 2015, Northwestern law students honored her with the Childres Award for outstanding teaching. Prior to her position at Northwestern, Delaney served as a law clerk to Associate Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court and to Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is a graduate of Harvard College, Cambridge University, and New York University School of Law. Delaney is the co-faculty advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and authored the first place paper for the 2007 ACS Constance Baker Motley Student Writing Competition.



**Jason C. DeSanto, Senior Lecturer, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law**

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Jason C. DeSanto is a Senior Lecturer at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He teaches courses at the intersection of law and public advocacy, including First Amendment law, and has pioneered the law school's curriculum geared to preparing lawyers as impactful public persuaders, particularly in the policymaking arena. He formerly served as a partner at Chicago's Freeborn & Peters LLP, where he handled constitutional litigation and other cases of public controversy, including First Amendment matters. He has won the law school's Dean's Teaching Award, provided First Amendment education for lawyers and journalists from former republics of the Soviet Union, and is an editorial board member of the journal *First Amendment Studies*. He has also served for more than 15 years as a political speechwriter and debate strategist, having assisted U.S. Senators, members of Congress, and multiple American presidential campaigns, and has provided analysis of political communication within myriad forums, including *The New York Times*, *The Today Show*, and the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. He is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Communication and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



### **Hon. Bernice B. Donald, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**

The Honorable Bernice B. Donald was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 2011. Prior to service on the U.S. Court of Appeals, she served on the U.S. District Court for over fifteen years. She is active in the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and has received over 100 awards for professional, civic, and community service. She has served as faculty at the National Judicial College, Federal Judicial Center, and numerous international programs. Judge

Donald's writings include: *A Glimpse Inside the Brain's Black Box: Understanding the Role of Neuroscience in Criminal Sentencing*, 85 Fordham L. Rev. 481 (2016); *Not Your Father's Legal Profession: Technology, Globalization, Diversity, and the Future of Law Practice in the United States*, 44 U. Mem. L. Rev. 645 (2014). Judge Donald recently chaired a committee which published a resource guide for judges on implicit bias titled, *Enhancing Justice: Reducing Bias*. Judge Donald is a graduate of the University of Memphis and the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.



### **Duaa Eldeib, Reporter, ProPublica**

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Duaa Eldeib is a reporter for *ProPublica Illinois*. Her work has examined the death of children in state care, the treatment of juveniles in adult court, and police use of polygraphs in cases where suspects were wrongly convicted. Her reporting has sparked legislative hearings, governmental reforms, and led to the exoneration of a mother who was convicted of murdering her son. In 2015, Eldeib and two colleagues at the *Chicago Tribune* were finalists for the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting after revealing that youths were assaulted, raped, and prostituted at state-funded residential

treatment centers. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the National Headliner Award for Public Service, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Investigative Reporting, and the Anthony Shadid Award for Journalism Ethics. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri.



### **Hon. Sara L. Ellis, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois**

The Honorable Sara L. Ellis is a U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. She was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by President Barack Obama in October 2013. She worked as a staff attorney at the Federal Defender Program in Chicago from 1994 to 1999. From 2000 to 2004 and 2008 through 2013, she worked in private practice in civil litigation and white collar criminal defense. From 2004 to 2008, she served as Assistant Corporation Counsel

for the City of Chicago Department of Law, handling claims for injunctive relief and civil rights lawsuits. She is an adjunct faculty member at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she teaches federal criminal practice. Judge Ellis is a graduate of Indiana University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.



**Heidi Li Feldman, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center and Founder, Leaders from Law**

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Heidi Li Feldman is Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, with a courtesy appointment in the Philosophy Department at Georgetown University. She is also the founder and director of Leaders from Law, a nonprofit start-up dedicated to training and education for progressive law students and young lawyers aiming to run for office. Dr. Feldman has written major articles on tort law, legal ethics, and civil society from a municipal point of view. Dr. Feldman seeks to bring her knowledge of U.S. law, politics and history to a broad public and to bring a grassroots perspective to the legal academy. Dr. Feldman regularly speaks to major media on topics ranging from U.S. gun regulation efforts to women's support for Hillary Clinton's 2016 candidacy to efforts to oppose the conservative agenda. Dr. Feldman is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Michigan, where she earned both her Ph.D. in philosophy and J.D.



**Steve Flores, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP**

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Steve Flores is a partner of the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP. As a partner in the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice, Flores advises employers of all sizes on a broad array of matters involving employee benefit plans and executive compensation. On issues of diversity and inclusion, Flores is one of the firm's highly involved and recognized leaders. He serves on Winston's Hiring and Diversity Committees and chairs the firm's Hispanic Affinity Group (Latina/o Lawyer Alliance at Winston). Flores also serves in various capacities with local and national bar organizations, including the Chicago Committee, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, the Illinois State Bar Association and is a former Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow.

Flores is deeply committed to public service. He has twice been appointed by the Mayor of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City Council to serve on the Chicago Police Board. Flores devotes significant time and effort to the Police Board and seeks to perform his duties with independence, integrity, and fairness to all involved. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois College of Law.



**Caroline Fredrickson, President, American Constitution Society**

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Caroline Fredrickson joined ACS in 2009 and serves as president. She oversees the group and provides a steady hand of leadership to the nation's leading progressive legal organization. Fredrickson is author of *Under The Bus: How Working Women Are Being Run Over* (The New Press, 2015). Before joining ACS, Fredrickson served as the director of the ACLU's Washington legislative office and as general counsel and legal director of NARAL Pro-Choice America. In addition, Fredrickson was chief of staff to Sen. Maria Cantwell and deputy chief of staff to then-Senate Democratic Leader

Tom Daschle. During the Clinton administration, she served as special assistant to the president for legislative affairs. Fredrickson is a member of Law Students for Reproductive Justice's Advisory Board. In 2013, she was named a Public Member of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS). Fredrickson is also co-chair of the National Constitution Center's Coalition of Freedom Advisory Board. In 2015, Fredrickson was named a Demos Senior Fellow. Fredrickson is currently working on her second book, which is expected to be published in 2018. She is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law.



**Ruben J. Garcia, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Research and Professor of Law, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law**

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Ruben J. Garcia is the Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Research and Professor of Law at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law. Prior to joining the UNLV faculty in 2011, he was Professor of Law and Director of the Labor and Employment Law Program at California Western School of Law in San Diego, where he taught for eight years. He is the author of *Marginal Workers: How Legal Fault Lines Divide*

*Workers and Leave Them Without Protection*, published in 2012 by The New York University Press. From January 2014 to January 2016, he served as the Co-President of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), and has served on the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Nevada. In Fall 2015, he was selected as a UNLV Leadership Development Academy fellow. Garcia is a graduate of Stanford University and UCLA School of Law. He is a member of the ACS National Board of Directors and Board of Academic Advisors and an advisor to the ACS UNLV Student and Las Vegas Lawyer chapters.



**Lauren Beth Gash, LBG Law & Consulting**

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Lauren Beth Gash is an attorney and community organizer with LBG Law and Consulting. She previously served as a Commissioner on the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Gash is a former state representative, having been elected to four terms in the Illinois House of Representatives. Gash also currently chairs a large Democratic organization, is a State Central Committeewoman, and was elected a member of the Electoral College on behalf of her former legislative colleague Barack Obama in both 2008 and 2012. Previously, she worked for several years on Capitol

Hill in Washington, D.C., and has served on the staffs of U.S. Senators Alan Dixon and Paul Simon, as well as State Representative Grace Mary Stern. Gash is a life-long community organizer who has founded and/or served on numerous not-for-profit boards, including the Anti-Defamation League, the PTA, and the League of Women Voters. She is a former volunteer attorney at Prairie State Legal Services, and is a member of the Chicago Bar Association Election Law Committee. She is a graduate of Clark University and Georgetown University Law Center.



**Frederick Gedicks, Guy Anderson Chair and Professor of Law, BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School**

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Frederick Gedicks is widely published on law and religion, constitutional law, and constitutional interpretation, including three books, *Freedom of Religion and Secular Government*, *The Rhetoric of Church and State: A Critical Analysis of Religion Clause Jurisprudence*, and *Choosing the Dream: The Future of Religion in American Public Life*. Gedicks's current research is focused on legal issues posed by religious accommodation statutes after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Burwell v. Hobby*

*Lobby Stores, Inc.* (2014). Following graduation from law school and a clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, he practiced corporation and securities law in Phoenix, Arizona, until he entered law teaching. Gedicks joined the BYU law faculty in 1990 after four years at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and a year at the University of Denver. He has been a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Utah. Gedicks is fluent in Italian and has taught and lectured at law schools throughout Italy. He is a graduate of BYU and USC Gould School of Law. He is the faculty advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at BYU Law.



**Rebecca K. Glenberg, Senior Civil Liberties Staff Counsel,  
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Rebecca K. Glenberg is the Senior Civil Liberties Staff Counsel at the ACLU of Illinois. During law school, she worked on housing discrimination cases in the legal clinic and interned at the ACLU of Illinois. After law school, she worked for two years at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii helping victims of domestic violence get restraining orders against their abusers and custody of their children. From 1999 to 2015, she was the Legal Director of the ACLU of Virginia. There, she worked on a wide range of civil liberties issues, including free speech, freedom of religion, LGBTQ rights, race discrimination, voting rights, and prisoners' rights, and was part of the legal team that brought marriage equality to Virginia. Glenberg returned to Chicago in November 2015 to join the legal staff at the ACLU of Illinois, where she continues to work on a range of issues including free speech, voting rights, and immigrant's rights. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago Law School.



**Vanita Gupta, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference  
on Civil and Human Rights**

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Vanita Gupta is president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. She has been working to advance civil rights her entire career. Before joining The Leadership Conference in June 2017, Gupta served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Appointed in October 2014 by President Barack Obama as the chief civil rights prosecutor for the U.S., Gupta oversaw a wide range of criminal and civil enforcement efforts to ensure equal justice and protect equal opportunity for all during one of the most consequential periods for the division. Under Gupta's leadership, the division did critical work in a number of areas, including advancing constitutional policing and criminal justice reform; prosecuting hate crimes and human trafficking; promoting disability rights; protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals; ensuring voting rights for all; and combating discrimination in education, housing, employment, lending, and religious exercise. Gupta is a graduate of Yale University and New York University School of Law, where later she taught a civil rights litigation clinic for several years.



**Reuben A. Guttman, Senior Founding Partner, Guttman,  
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Reuben A. Guttman is a founding member of Guttman, Buschner & Brooks (GBB) PLLC. His practice involves complex litigation and class actions. He has tried and/or litigated claims involving fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, environmental derelictions, antitrust, business interference, and other common law torts or statutory violations.

Guttman served as lead counsel in a series of cases resulting in the recovery of more than \$30 million under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Cases brought by Guttman on behalf of nuclear weapons workers at "Manhattan Project" nuclear weapons sites resulted in congressional oversight and changes in procurement practices, and dread disease compensation legislation, covering the nation's nuclear weapons complex workforce. He is the founder of [www.whistleblowerlaws.com](http://www.whistleblowerlaws.com). He began his legal career as Washington, DC counsel for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), AFL-CIO where he served from 1985 until 1990. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester and Emory University School of Law. Guttman is a member of the ACS National Board of Directors.



**Justin Hansford, Executive Director, Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard University School of Law**

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Justin Hansford is the Executive Director of the new Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard Law. He was previously a Democracy Project Fellow at Harvard University, a Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, and an Associate Professor of Law at Saint Louis University. He is a leading scholar and activist in the areas of critical race theory, human rights, and law and social movements.

Hansford received a Fulbright Scholar award to study the legal career of Nelson Mandela, and served as a clerk for Judge Damon J. Keith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In the wake of the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, Hansford worked to empower the Ferguson community through community based legal advocacy. He co-authored the Ferguson to Geneva human rights shadow report and accompanied the Ferguson protesters and Mike Brown's family to Geneva to testify at the United Nations. He served as a policy advisor for proposed post-Ferguson reforms at the local, state, and federal level. He is a graduate of Howard University and Georgetown University Law Center.



**Cara Hendrickson, Chief, Public Interest Division, Office of the Illinois Attorney General**

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Cara Hendrickson is the Chief of the Public Interest Division in the Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. In that role, she is responsible for managing investigations and litigation for seven bureaus: civil rights, disability rights, workplace rights, public utilities, tobacco enforcement, antitrust, and special litigation. Prior to joining the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Hendrickson was a partner at Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick & Dym in Chicago, where she concentrated her practice

in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law, and labor and employment. Hendrickson also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, practiced at a large law firm, and worked as a Skadden Fellow at a Chicago nonprofit focused on affordable housing. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. Hendrickson is a member of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors.



**Hon. Ketanji Brown Jackson, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia**

The Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson received her commission as a U.S. District Court Judge in March 2013. Until December 2014, she also served as a Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Judge Jackson previously focused on appellate litigation as Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP, handled criminal appeals as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in D.C., and served as a law clerk to three federal judges: Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Bruce

M. Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Judge Patti Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Judge Jackson is currently a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University and of the Council of the American Law Institute, and also serves on the board of the D.C. Circuit Historical Society. Judge Jackson is a graduate of Harvard-Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School, where she served as a supervising editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.



**Jason Kander, President, Let America Vote and Missouri's 39th Secretary of State**

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A husband, a father, a former Army Captain who served in Afghanistan, and Missouri's 39th Secretary of State, Jason Kander is the president of Let America Vote. Kander, the first millennial in the country to be elected to statewide office, started Let America Vote in February 2017 to fight back against proposals across the country that make it harder for eligible voters to exercise their constitutional right to cast a ballot. Kander is a CNN contributor and his Crooked Media-backed podcast,

"Majority 54," debuted at No. 1 when it launched in November 2017. He is a graduate of American University and Georgetown University Law Center.



**Peter Karanjia, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP**

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Peter Karanjia is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and co-chair of its appellate practice. He has extensive experience in appellate and regulatory litigation—in particular, in cases involving First Amendment issues and new technology. From 2010 to 2013, Karanjia served as Deputy General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, where he was responsible for overseeing all of the agency's litigation, and previously served as Special Counsel to New York Solicitor General Barbara

Underwood. He has argued a number of precedent-setting appeals, including one—described by *The New York Times* as a "big win" for the FCC—involving novel issues concerning mobile internet services. Karanjia is a graduate of the University of Oxford and Harvard Law School, where he studied as a John F. Kennedy Scholar. He is a member of the ACS National Board of Directors.



**Selena Kyle, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council**

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Selena Kyle is a member of the Litigation Team at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a citizen group that uses legal and other tools to help protect public health and the environment. Over the past few years, Kyle has helped NRDC and its partners challenge a federal permit for TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline; defend a California hazardous-chemical consumer-disclosure law against a

constitutional attack by Monsanto; remedy illegal fly-ash pollution at a Peoria, Illinois coal-fired power plant run by a Dynegy subsidiary; and end the open storage of petroleum coke in Chicago neighborhoods by Koch Industries affiliates. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Stanford University Law School. Kyle is a former member of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Directors.



**Peggy Li, Associate Director of Student Chapters, American Constitution Society**

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Peggy Li is the Associate Director of Student Chapters at ACS, where she assists in managing the existing network of ACS student chapters, facilitating the programming of student chapters, strengthening its progressive network, seeking opportunities to found new chapters, building and maintaining relationships with faculty advisors, and integrating student chapter activities and members into ACS's substantive initiatives and network of members. Before joining ACS, Li served as a Staff Attorney at Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) working primarily with rural seniors on elder, housing, and public benefits law. Li also served as a coordinator for LSNC's Race Equity Project conducting research, facilitating monthly calls, spearheading office-wide projects, and providing trainings on framing, implicit bias, and social cognition. Li has also been published in the *Akron Law Review* and the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*. Li is a graduate of UCLA and UC Berkeley School of Law, where she served as the president of the ACS Student Chapter. She is an ACS Next Generation Leader.



**Gregory M. Lipper, Partner, Clinton Brook & Peed**

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Gregory M. Lipper is a litigation partner at Clinton Brook & Peed in Washington, D.C. His practice includes appellate and Supreme Court litigation, criminal defense, and business and civil-rights disputes. Before joining Clinton Brook in 2016, Lipper spent over five years as Senior Litigation Counsel at Americans United for Separation of Church and State. There, he represented the plaintiffs in a class-action challenge to Alabama's ban on same-sex marriage, student-intervenors opposing the University of Notre Dame's challenge to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive-coverage regulations, and the plaintiffs in a major Supreme Court case addressing the constitutionality of prayer before government meetings. Lipper's writing has appeared in both the popular and academic press. Most recently, he wrote chapters about the contraceptive-coverage litigation for two books published by Cambridge University Press: *Law, Religion, and Health in the United States* (2017) and *The Contested Place of Religion in Family Law* (forthcoming, April 2018). Lipper is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. He is a member of the ACS Washington, D.C. Lawyer Chapter Board of Directors.



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David Lopez is a Partner at Outten & Golden LLP and the attorney-in-charge at the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Lopez is Co-chair of the Discrimination & Retaliation Practice Group. Lopez served as General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from April 8, 2010 until December 9, 2016 – the longest serving General Counsel of the agency. Lopez was nominated twice by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2010 and 2014. Lopez is the first EEOC field trial attorney to be appointed as the agency's General Counsel. As General Counsel, Lopez was in charge of the Commission's litigation program, overseeing the agency's 15 Regional Attorneys and a staff of more than 325 lawyers and legal professionals who conduct or support Commission litigation in district and appellate courts across the country. He has served at the Commission in various capacities for the past 22 years, including as Supervisory Trial Attorney in the Phoenix District Office and Special Assistant to then-Chairman Gilbert F. Casellas. He is a graduate of Arizona State University and Harvard Law School.



**Hon. Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General**

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In November 2002, Attorney General Madigan became the first woman elected to serve as the Illinois Attorney General, and one of only a handful of female Attorneys General in the country. In 2014, she was elected to her fourth term as Attorney General and now is the senior-most female Attorney General in the country.

Before her election as Attorney General, General Madigan served in the Illinois Senate and worked as a litigator for a Chicago law firm. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was a teacher and community advocate, developing after-school programs to help keep kids away from drugs and gangs. She also volunteered as a high school teacher in South Africa during apartheid. General Madigan is a graduate of Georgetown University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

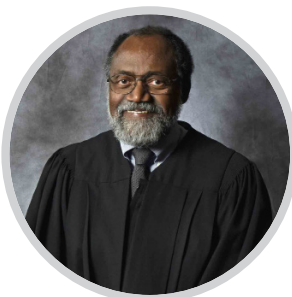


**Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Staff Attorney, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law**

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Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley is a Staff Attorney at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. Her work focuses on police reform within schools, voting rights, and criminal and juvenile justice reform. Mbekeani-Wiley authored a report, *Handcuffs and Hallways*, which analyzed Chicago Public Schools' use of Chicago Police Officers inside their schools. She started her legal career with the Civil Rights Team at Equip for Equality, providing legal assistance to individuals living with disabilities. As a former

Émigré Memorial German Fellow, she worked for Germany's State Parliament in the Department of Education and Integration advocating for primary/secondary language assistance programs for immigrant children in Germany. In 2017, Mbekeani-Wiley was awarded Crain's Chicago Business 20 in their 20s award. She was elected as Township Trustee in Oak Park, Illinois in May 2017. The Oak Park Township oversees Oak Park's Community Mental Health Board, and provides youth and senior services. Mbekeani-Wiley is a graduate of Stony Brook University and the University of Chicago Law School.



**Hon. Theodore McKee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

The Honorable Theodore McKee was sworn in as a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on June 20, 1994, and became Chief Judge on May 4, 2010.

He began his legal career at a large Philadelphia law firm, but left there in 1977 to begin his career in public service. He has since been an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Deputy Solicitor to the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia, and General Counsel to the Philadelphia Parking Authority. He was elected to a 10-year term as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. While a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Judge McKee chaired the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission. He was nominated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals by President Clinton in March 1994, and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June 1994. Judge McKee served as Chief Judge of the Third Circuit from May 2010 to October 2016. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland and a *magna cum laude* graduate of Syracuse University College of Law.



### **Elena Medina, Assistant General Counsel, Service Employees International Union**

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Elena Medina is Assistant General Counsel at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), a labor organization representing 2 million workers in the U.S. and Canada in the healthcare, property services, and public sectors. SEIU places a special focus on organizing among low-wage immigrant workers. In addition to providing legal support to SEIU's innovative organizing campaigns, Medina has worked to defend the rights of working people in several U.S. Supreme Court cases, including *Harris v. Quinn* and *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. Prior to joining SEIU in 2012, Medina served as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard A. Paez at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and as a law clerk for the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She is a graduate of UCLA and Harvard Law School.



### **Hon. Mary L. Mikva, Illinois Appellate Court**

The Honorable Mary L. Mikva is a Justice on the First District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois. She served as a law clerk to Associate Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court and to Judge Prentice Marshall of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. As an attorney, she practiced criminal defense and employment law. She worked in private practice and also for the City of Chicago.

Justice Mikva was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in November 2004. She served for six years in the Child Protection Division, where she helped develop programs and materials for encouraging teenagers in foster care to delay pregnancy. She then served for six years in the Chancery Division where she remained involved in judicial training and education on a variety of subjects. She was appointed to the First District Appellate Court in July of 2016. Justice Mikva is an avid cyclist who commutes to work by bicycle through Chicago winters. She is married to Steven Cohen and has two children, Rebecca and Jordan. She is a graduate of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.



### **Melissa Murray, Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law**

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Melissa Murray is the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law, where she teaches Family Law, Constitutional Law, Reproductive Rights and Justice, and Criminal Law. She served as interim dean from March 2016 to June 2017. Murray's research focuses on the roles that criminal law and family law play in articulating the legal parameters of intimate life, and encompasses such topics as marriage and its alternatives, the legal regulation of sex and sexuality, the marriage equality debate, and reproductive rights and justice. Her publications have appeared (or are forthcoming) in the *California Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, and *Yale Law Journal*, among others. She is the co-author (with K. Luker) of *Cases on Reproductive Rights and Justice*, the first casebook in the field of reproductive rights and justice. Murray clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor when Sotomayor was on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Judge Stefan Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Murray is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Yale Law School, where she was notes development editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Murray is a member of the ACS Bay Area Lawyer Chapter Board of Directors and a member of the ACS National Board of Directors.



**Zinelle October, Vice President of Network Advancement,  
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Zinelle October joined ACS in November 2010 and currently serves as the Vice President of Network Advancement. In this capacity, she oversees and strengthens the work of the Lawyer Chapters and Student Chapters, the State Attorneys General Project, and ACS's pro bono and volunteer projects. She also facilitates the connection of members with ACS's substantive initiatives.

Before joining ACS, October served as a National Urban Fellow at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, where she focused on voting and election reform issues. Before the fellowship, October practiced law for six years at firms in Florida and New York. October currently serves as a Board Member of the Society of American Law Teachers and is a member of HNBA and NBA. She is a graduate of Columbia University, Baruch College, and the Florida State University College of Law.



**Swapna Reddy, Co-Founder and Director, Asylum Seeker  
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Swapna Reddy is Co-Founder and Director of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP), a nonprofit that brings rapid, remote legal aid and community support to refugee families in moments of crisis, including mass detention and raids. Since its founding, ASAP has prevented the imminent deportation of more than 350 asylum seekers and secured their release from detention; provided community education to thousands of refugee mothers; and mobilized more than 500 volunteers. ASAP's work

has been featured in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *TIME Magazine*, and *Chicago Tribune*. Reddy is currently an Echoing Green Fellow and Equal Justice Works Emerson Fellow. Prior to ASAP, she provided civil rights and immigration legal services and conducted technical and empirical research. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School.



**Daniel B. Rodriguez, Dean and Harold Washington Professor,  
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Daniel B. Rodriguez was appointed Dean and Harold Washington Professor at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in January 2012. Before joining Northwestern, Rodriguez served as Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law at the University of Texas-Austin; as a Research Fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy; as Dean and Warren Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law; and, as a Professor of Law at UC Berkeley

School of Law. Rodriguez was the 2014 President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and is currently serving as a council member of the American Law Institute, on the governing council of the American Bar Association Center on Innovation, on the Board of Directors of the American Bar Foundation, and as an advisor to ROSS Intelligence, Inc. He is a graduate of California State University of Long Beach and Harvard Law School.



**Mony Ruiz-Velasco, Executive Director, P.A.S.O. – West Suburban Action Project**

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Mony Ruiz-Velasco serves as the executive director of P.A.S.O. – West Suburban Action Project, where she works on community organizing, leadership development, community education, and civic engagement as methods to build community power. She has nearly twenty years experience as an attorney, activist, and committed advocate. She previously served as the legal director at the National Immigrant Justice Center. Ruiz-Velasco has worked on multiple public and media campaigns on behalf of immigrants and their families, including the #not1more and No Papers, No Fear campaigns. She also served as attorney for three participants in the #1of11million campaign. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Lawyers Guild. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and St. Mary's University School of Law.



**Katherine W. Shank, Deputy Director, LAF**

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Katherine W. Shank is the Deputy Director at LAF. Shank is responsible for identifying and managing organizational issues regarding recruitment, hiring, and retention of legal staff; development and implementation of program policy; support of directors in personnel and other matters; and work on matters of grant funding, program operation, and governance.

Shank began her career at LAF in 2001 and was a supervising attorney in the areas of family law and domestic violence. She has also served as LAF's Interim Executive Director and the Director of Volunteer Services where she oversaw all pro bono efforts including project development, volunteer recruitment, private firm relations, law student recruitment and management, and management of the legal aid statewide VISTA program. Shank is a graduate of Miami University and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.



**Carolyn Shapiro, Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States, Chicago-Kent College of Law**

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Carolyn Shapiro is the founder and co-director of Chicago-Kent's Institute on the Supreme Court of the U.S. (ISCOTUS). Her scholarship is largely focused on the Supreme Court, its relationship to other courts and institutions, and its role in our constitutional democracy. She teaches classes in legislation and statutory interpretation, constitutional law, employment law, and public interest law and policy. From 2014 through mid-2016, Shapiro served as the Solicitor General for the state of Illinois. She has served as a clerk to Judge Richard A. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and for Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. She also previously worked as an associate with Miner, Barnhill & Galland and as a Skadden Fellow with the National Center on Poverty Law. Shapiro is a graduate of the University of Chicago, University of Chicago Harris Graduate School of Public Policy, and University of Chicago Law School. She is a member of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors and the ACS State Attorneys General Project Advisory Committee.



**Kate Shaw, Associate Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**

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Kate Shaw is an Associate Professor of Law and the Co-Director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Before joining Cardozo, Shaw worked in the White House Counsel's Office as a Special Assistant to the President and Associate Counsel to the President. She clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Richard A. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She is also the Supreme Court

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Shaw's teaching and research interests include constitutional law, legislation, administrative law, the Supreme Court, election law, and gender and sexual orientation and the law. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming, among other places, in the *Northwestern University Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Cornell Law Review* and the *Georgetown Law Journal*. She is a graduate of Brown University and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, where she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Northwestern University Law Review*. She is the co-faculty advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.



**Peter Slevin, Associate Professor, Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism**

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Peter Slevin spent a decade on the national staff of *The Washington Post*, including six years as Chicago bureau chief, before moving to Northwestern University, where he teaches in political reporting and foreign policy at the Medill School of Journalism. He spent several years covering federal and local courts in Washington and Miami. He has written extensively about Barack and Michelle Obama, as well as political campaigns and policy debates from one end of the country to the other. His deeply researched

portrait of Michelle Obama – *Michelle Obama: A Life*, published by Knopf - was a finalist for the PEN America biography prize in 2016. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Oxford.



**Johnathan Smith, Legal Director, Muslim Advocates**

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Johnathan Smith serves as legal director at Muslim Advocates. Most recently, Smith served as senior counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, where he helped manage the department's work on religious discrimination, LGBTQ rights, employment discrimination, housing discrimination, and appellate matters. Prior to his tenure at the Civil Rights Division, Smith served as a staff attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Economic Justice Practice. He served as a lead attorney in *Waldon v. Cincinnati Public Schools*, and a

member of many litigation teams, including *Davis v. City of New York*; *United States v. New York City Board of Education*; and *Scott v. Schelder*.

Smith served as a law clerk to the Honorable Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is a member of the bar for the District of Columbia and state courts in New York and New Jersey, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Johnathan is a graduate of Harvard College, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and New York University School of Law.



**Kara Stein, Vice President of Policy Development and Programming, American Constitution Society**

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Kara Stein joined ACS in April 2010 and currently serves as Vice President of Policy Development and Programming. In this capacity, she supervises the creation and execution of the organization's substantive national programming, including ACS's national convention and publications; coordinates the activities of national projects with student and lawyer chapters; and maintains relationships with practitioners, academics, public interest groups, and public officials.

Before joining ACS, Stein was the American Jewish Committee's Director of Legal Advocacy. In that role, she was responsible for coordinating AJC's amicus participation in cases concerning church-state separation, religious liberty, and civil rights and worked closely with AJC's regional offices to implement organizational policy, particularly in the area of immigration. Before joining AJC, Stein practiced as an associate at a litigation boutique in New York. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, New York University School of Law, and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Geoffrey R. Stone, Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School**

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Geoffrey R. Stone is the Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago. Stone joined the faculty in 1973, after serving as a law clerk to Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court. He later served as Dean of the Law School and Provost of the University of Chicago. Stone is the author of many books on constitutional law. He has also written amicus briefs for constitutional scholars in a number of Supreme Court cases.

Stone was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, which evaluated the government's foreign intelligence surveillance programs in the wake of Edward Snowden's leaks. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Law Institute, the National Advisory Council of the American Civil Liberties Union, a member of the American Philosophical Society, and a member of the Board of Advisors of the Council for Democracy and Technology. He has served as Chair of the Board of the American Constitution Society and Chair of the Board of the Chicago Children's Choir. Stone is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago Law School. He is the co-chair of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors, the co-faculty advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at the University of Chicago Law School, and a member of the ACS National Board of Advisors.



### **Randolph Stone, Clinical Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School**

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Randolph Stone directs the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Project Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School. He was the Director of the Mandel Clinic from 1991 to 2001 and previously served as the Public Defender of Cook County. He has also served as deputy director for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, partner in the Chicago firm of Stone & Clark, attorney with the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County, and as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow for the Neighborhood Legal Service Program in Washington, D.C. Stone is a past chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. He serves on several boards and committees including Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., the Federal Defender Program, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. In addition to clinical legal education, his teaching and writing interests have included criminal law, juvenile justice, the legal profession, indigent defense, race and criminal justice, evidence, and trial advocacy. Stone is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin Law School. He is a member of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors.



### **Hon. Mary Jane Theis, Illinois Supreme Court**

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The Honorable Mary Jane Theis has served at every level of the Judiciary in the State of Illinois. In 1983, she was appointed an Associate Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, where she served for five years. In 1988, Justice Theis was elected to the Circuit Court. When Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald retired in 2010, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Justice Theis to fill his vacancy on the Court.

In her 17 years on the Appellate Court, Justice Theis served as a Presiding Judge. She was President of the Appellate Lawyers Association and the Illinois Judges Association, as well as President and founding member of the Illinois Judges Foundation. She has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association and is a member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. She is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago and the University of San Francisco School of Law. Justice Theis is the co-chair of the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors.



### **Suja A. Thomas, Peer and Sarah Pedersen Professor of Law, University of Illinois College of Law**

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Suja A. Thomas is the Peer and Sarah Pedersen Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law. Thomas's research has received national attention in the popular press, in courts, in the legal academy, and among legal practitioners. Those works include *The Missing American Jury: Restoring the Fundamental Constitutional Role of the Criminal, Civil, and Grand Juries* (Cambridge University Press 2016).

Reviewing the book, Judge William Young asserted it is "akin to Tom Paine's *Common Sense*." Most recently, Thomas's book *Unequal: How America's Courts Undermine Discrimination Law*, co-authored with Sandra Sperino (Oxford University Press 2017), was mentioned in *The New York Times Magazine* in a discussion about sexual harassment.

After clerking for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, she practiced in New York City at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP; Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C.; and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and New York University School of Law.



**Katie Townsend, Litigation Director, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press**

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Katie Townsend is the Litigation Director at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, a nonprofit association of reporters and editors based in Washington, D.C. She oversees the litigation work of the Reporters Committee and its attorneys, and represents the Reporters Committee, news organizations, and individual journalists in court access, freedom of information, and other First Amendment and press freedom matters. Townsend has been recognized as a “Rising Star” – one of the nation’s top

media and entertainment attorneys under the age of 40 – by Law 360, a Washington, D.C. “Rising Star” by The National Law Journal and was named part of the “Next Gen - Hollywood’s Up-and-Coming Execs 35 and Under” by the Hollywood Reporter. Townsend is a graduate of the University of Florida and the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was a member of the editorial board of the *Virginia Law Review*.



**Deborah Tuerkheimer, Class of 1940 Research Professor of Law, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law**

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Deborah Tuerkheimer is the Class of 1940 Research Professor of Law at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Tuerkheimer joined the Northwestern Law faculty in 2014 after serving as a Professor of Law at DePaul University since 2009. She teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, evidence, and feminist legal theory. Her book, *Flawed Convictions: “Shaken Baby Syndrome” and the Inertia of Injustice*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2014. She is also a co-

author of the casebook *Feminist Jurisprudence: Cases and Materials* and the author of numerous articles on rape and domestic violence. After clerking for Alaska Supreme Court Justice Jay Rabinowitz, she served for five years as an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office, where she specialized in domestic violence prosecution. Tuerkheimer was elected to the American Law Institute in 2015, an esteemed group of judges, lawyers, and legal scholars dedicated to the development of the law. Tuerkheimer is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School. She is the co-faculty advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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### ACS Pro Bono Projects

ACS has volunteer opportunities to fit every schedule and area of interest. Work remotely to research executive nominees, submit comments on key regulations from federal and state agencies, teach members of your community through Constitution in the Classroom, and more! In addition, through our partnerships, you can participate in projects like volunteering at expungement clinics or researching voting laws and restrictions for voter guides. Please email us at [LCEmails@acslaw.org](mailto:LCEmails@acslaw.org) to get involved, and visit our website at <https://www.acslaw.org/volunteers> to learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities.

### Get Involved with the Voting Rights Institute!

Are you passionate about defending voting rights? ACS has plenty of opportunities to get involved in this important cause through our Voting Rights Institute, a project of ACS, the Campaign Legal Center, and Georgetown University Law Center. To learn more about planning voting rights programming at your law school, please email Zack Gima at [zgima@acslaw.org](mailto:zgima@acslaw.org).

ACS is encouraging everyone to spread the word about voter pre-registration for teenagers. We need youth voices to be reflected at the polls. We are working with our chapter leaders and members to spread the word in their communities and to be active in particular on this issue. If you are interested in engaging with us on this issue and/or are planning to attend any of the marches on March 24th, please email us at [campus@acslaw.org](mailto:campus@acslaw.org).

### ACS 2018 Program Guide and Speakers List

#### Safeguarding the Rule of Law

Critics argue that the U.S. is currently being led by an executive who demonstrates autocratic tendencies, with a record of ignoring established legal processes, dismantling democratic conventions, and flouting norms that help preserve a stable, reliable government. ACS encourages chapters to host events in 2018 examining the rule of law in the federal system. The 2018 Program Guide is designed to assist chapters in developing events that examine crucial rule of law concepts within our constitutional system, including separation of powers, democratic transparency and accountability, and norms and convention. This guide includes an introduction to these issues as well as resource lists, sample topic questions for potential events, and a list of speakers you might consider as you plan your unique 2018 programming. Visit <https://www.acslaw.org/chapters/student-chapters/2018-program-guide-safeguarding-the-rule-of-law> to view the 2018 Program Guide and Speakers List.



### ACS-CREW Presidential Investigation Education Project

ACS and Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) have partnered to promote informed public evaluation of the investigations by Special Counsel Robert Mueller and others into Russian interference in the 2016 election and related matters. The joint effort is called the ACS-CREW Presidential Investigation Education Project. It includes developing and disseminating legal analysis of key issues that emerge as the inquiries unfold. The project also connects the press and members of the public with ACS and CREW experts and other legal scholars who are writing on these matters. For more information, visit <https://acslaw.org/presidentialinvestigationeducationproject>. If you are interested in writing or organizing a program on the subject, email us at [campus@acslaw.org](mailto:campus@acslaw.org).

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### ACS Student Chapter Notice and Comment Contest

Join a friendly competition against your fellow student chapters to become the ACS Notice and Comment Champion! From March 26 – April 8, student chapters who host a Notice and Comment writing event will be eligible to receive a National Convention Scholarship. Participating is easy – Host a volunteer event where students gather to draft comments on important federal regulatory changes. ACS has a webinar that explains the process and can provide your chapter with information on current, important comment opportunities. Take a photo of your event and post it to social media with the hashtag #ACSEngage and you'll be entered to win the prize. To learn more, please email [campus@acslaw.org](mailto:campus@acslaw.org).

### Write a Guest Blog Post

ACS student blogs typically run 300 to 500 words. Authors should send the blog as an attachment to Giselle ([gtervalon@acslaw.org](mailto:gtervalon@acslaw.org)) and Alex ([abeszhak@acslaw.org](mailto:abeszhak@acslaw.org)). Blogs should include a headline, links (URLs, not headlines or footnotes) to back up quotes and factual material. People featured in piece must be identified by their real, full names. Please include a link to the author's biography, twitter handle, or personal website.

#### TIPS:

- Summarize an ACS event that you have attended.
- Analyze a debate among experts that you heard during a convention or class.
- Describe an experience that may help other ACS students.



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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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### ACS Lawyer Chapters

Continue your engagement with ACS after you graduate! See below for our lawyer chapters around the country. There is room for recent graduates on the boards. Wherever you land, we would be pleased to welcome you. And if there isn't a lawyer chapter where you relocate, contact us at [LCEmails@acslaw.org](mailto:LCEmails@acslaw.org) to help start one!

Alabama	Georgia	Minneapolis - St. Paul	Puget Sound
Arizona	Houston	Missouri - Central Missouri	Richmond
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Austin	Iowa	Nashville	San Antonio
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Dallas - Ft. Worth	Milwaukee	Pittsburgh	

### Attention 2018 graduates: Sign up for the ACS Young Lawyer Membership

As you embark on your new career, lawyer chapters provide great opportunities to build a professional network and strengthen your leadership skills. Chapter members regularly have the chance to interact with senior lawyers, judges, and policy makers in their communities. Continue to stay active in an ACS lawyer chapter around the country! ACS offers a Discounted Young Lawyer Membership rate of \$10 to 2018 graduates; be sure to take advantage of this deal. Your membership will be good through December 2019! Sign up here: <https://donate.acslaw.org/>.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### 2018 ACS National Convention

WASHINGTON, DC || JUNE 7 - 9

Don't miss the country's largest annual progressive legal event. The ACS National Convention attracts nearly 1,000 of the nation's leading progressive lawyers, scholars, law students, policy advocates, judges, and elected officials, providing a unique opportunity to learn about pressing legal issues.

### Save the Date: ACS Chicago Legal Legends Luncheon

Save the date! On Tuesday, July 24, the ACS Chicago Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society will hold its annual Legal Legends Luncheon, this year featuring keynote speaker **Valerie Jarrett**, former Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama and former Chair, the White House Council on Women and Girls. Honorees will be announced soon. If you are a law student and would like to volunteer to help out at this event, please contact Dan Cotter at [dcotter@llflegal.com](mailto:dcotter@llflegal.com).

### Stay Connected in Summer 2018

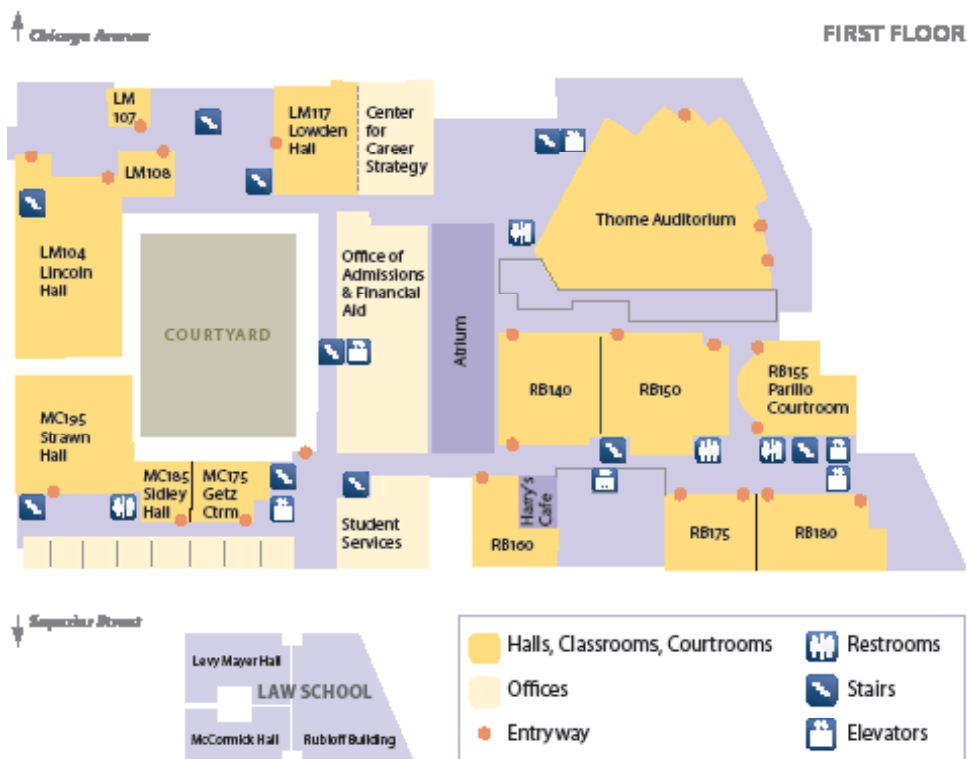
Let us connect you with one of our Lawyer Chapters throughout the country! Share your summer plans with ACS at <http://acslaw.force.com/summer>.

### Support ACS: Amazon Affiliates Program

Selling your book back? Purchasing new ones? ACS is part of the Amazon Affiliates program. When you use our link to buy any item on amazon.com - including textbooks - up to 15% of the purchase goes to ACS. Any purchase made through our link will support ACS, so remember to keep us in mind when you make your everyday purchases as well. Bookmark the ACS link at [www.acslaw.org/amazon](http://www.acslaw.org/amazon).

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW MAP

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**THANK YOU!**

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ACS is extremely grateful to our host school, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, for its tremendous support of our 2018 Student Convention!

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If you are interested in hosting a future ACS Student Convention at your school, email ACS at [campus@acslaw.org](mailto:campus@acslaw.org) for details on the proposal process.

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## THANK YOU!

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The American Constitution Society, especially its Department of Network Advancement, would like to thank you for attending the 2018 ACS Student Convention at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. We hope you have enjoyed the inspiring panels and keynotes. In providing trainings on leading from law, implicit bias, and next steps for advancing local progress; and highlighting issues on #MeToo in the Legal Profession, the First Amendment, access to justice, police reform, and voting rights, we are reminded that the law can be a force to improve the lives of all people, and that there is always more to be done.

We would love to get your feedback about the convention to benefit future student members. Please fill out our survey here (<https://goo.gl/PWZggt>) or via the QR code below. Feel free to contact us at any time at [campus@acslaw.org](mailto:campus@acslaw.org)!

Thank you again for joining us. If you are new to ACS, we hope to forge a lasting relationship with you. For our returning members, thank you for helping to make a difference in the constitutional, legal and public policy debates that shape our democracy. We hope you take your experiences and ideas from here to your schools and communities. The ACS Staff looks forward to working with all of you in the future.



