

Name of Panel: The Path to the Bench

Date | Time | Location: October 18, 2019 | 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | Loudermilk Center 40 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

ACS is working across the country to cultivate a network of talented, progressive lawyers. We hope that these lawyers ultimately seek seats on municipal, state, and federal benches in their regions. For this panel discussion, we have gathered a group of judges from across the country to share their practical advice and experiences.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- *Judge Christopher Brook*
 - North Carolina Court of Appeals
- *Magistrate Judge Kim Jolson*
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (S.D. Ohio)
- *Chief Judge Waverly Crenshaw*
 - U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (M.D. Tenn.)
- *Judge Carlton Reeves*
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (S.D. Miss.)
- *Judge Beverly Martin*
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (11th Cir.)
- *Jill Dash (Moderator)*
 - American Constitution Society

Agenda of Panel: 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (1.25 hours of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (15 min)
- Panel Discussion (45 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Bob Bauer, [Don't Pack the Courts](#), ATLANTIC (July 6, 2018).
- Bob Bauer, [How to End the Judicial Confirmation Wars](#), ATLANTIC (July 1, 2018).
- Center for American Progress, [Structural Reforms to the Federal Judiciary](#), (May 8, 2019).
- Erwin Chemerinsky, [It's Time to Reform the Supreme Court-Here are Five Ways to Do It](#), BILLMOYERS.COM (July 15, 2014).
- Daniel Epps & Ganesh Sitaraman, [How to Save the Supreme Court](#), VOX (Oct. 10, 2018, 11:25 AM).
- David Faris, [Democrats Must Consider Court-packing When They Regain Power. It's the Only Way to Save Democracy](#), WASH. POST (July 10, 2018).
- ["Gavel Gap Report"](#) Tracey E. George and Albert H. Yoon, The Gavel Gap, Who Sits In Judgment On State Courts?
- Michael Klarman, [Why Democrats Should Pack the Supreme Court](#), TAKE CARE (Oct. 15, 2018).

- Dahlia Lithwick, [*The Case for Court Packing*](#), SLATE (Apr. 5, 2019) (interviewing Aaron Belkin of Pack the Courts).
- Dahlia Lithwick, [*Bye-Bye, Blue Slip? Republicans want to trash another century-old Senate norm to help Trump*](#), (Sept. 12, 2017).
- Jon D. Michaels, [*The Supreme Court's Liberals Should Follow Conservative Justice Rehnquist's Lead-Dissent, Dissent, Dissent*](#), L.A. TIMES (July 9, 2018, 4:05 AM).
- Alan Morrison, [*Term Limits for Justices are the Best Way to Fix this Supreme Court Mess*](#), HILL (Oct. 5, 2018, 9:00 AM).
- Neil Siegel, [*The Anti-Constitutionality of Court-Packing*](#), BALKINIZATION (Mar. 26, 2019).
- Geoffrey R. Stone, [*"When Is Judicial Activism Appropriate?"*](#) HUFFPOST (June 13, 2012).
- Geoffrey R. Stone [*"Understanding Supreme Court Confirmations,"*](#) 2010 Supreme Court Review 381 (2011)
- [*The Argument: Is the Supreme Court Broken?*](#), N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 11, 2018).
- Kermit Roosevelt III & Ruth-Helen Vassilas, [*Coming to Terms with Term Limits: Fixing the Downward Spiral of Supreme Court Appointments*](#), ACS ISSUE BRIEF (July 2017).
- Jed Handelsman Shugerman, [*Balanced Checks*](#), SLATE (June 20, 2012, 6:19 PM).
- Lena Zwarenstejn, [*"The Judiciary in Jeopardy"*](#) ACSLAW BLOG (Sept. 7, 2017).

Name of Panel: Strengthening your Leadership Skills

Date | Time | Location: October 18, 2019 | 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Loudermilk Center 40 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

The Strengthening your Leadership Skills workshop will feature Deborah Gonzalez, which will provide attendees with skills and tools they can apply to their work as leaders of their ACS chapters, in their work, and in their communities.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- *Anthony J. Mallon, PhD, MSW*
 - Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Georgia
- *Deborah Gonzalez*
 - Former Georgia State Representative
- *Jerry Gonzalez*
 - Founding and Executive Director, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and the GALEO Latino Community Development Fund
- *Bob Sleppy*
 - Adjunct Faculty, University of Georgia Institute for Nonprofit Organizations; Executive Director, Nuci's Space

Agenda of Panel: 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1.75 hours of CLE)

- Introduction/Opening Remarks (15 min)
- Panel Discussion (75 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Montgomery, John E., [*Incorporating Emotional Intelligence Concepts Into Legal Education: Strengthening The Professionalism of Law Students*](#) (Feb. 28, 2008).
- Deborah L. Rhode, [*Preparing Leaders: The Evolution of a Field and the Stresses of Leadership*](#), 58 Santa Clara L. Rev. 411 (Jan. 2, 2019).
- Scott Harshbarger, [*Strengthening Democracy: The Challenge of Public Interest Law*](#), 56 Me. L. Rev. 211 (Jun. 2004).
- Olga V. Mack and Katia Bloom, [*Teaching Lawyers To Be Leaders: Our Experience With Business Style Case Studies*](#) (May 22, 2017)
- Donald J. Polden, [*Lawyers, Leadership, And Innovation*](#), 58 Santa Clara L. Rev. 427 (Jan. 3, 2019).
- Paula Davis-Laack, [*6 New Leadership Literacies Lawyers Must Build*](#), (Feb. 22, 2018).
- Georgianna L. Martin, Brittany M. Williams, Bernard Green, and Matthew J. Smith, [*Reframing Activism as Leadership.*](#) (Feb. 6, 2019).

Name of Panel: Conversation on Inequalities of Criminal Defense

Date | Time | Location: October 18, 2019 | 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Loudermilk Center 40 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

How does inequality in defense lead to other disparities? An exonerated attorney shares his story and how it reflects serious problems in the criminal justice system. The discussion will examine the right to counsel, effective advocacy, and what sustainable reform should look like. What constraints, both legal and systemic, limit communities' ability to achieve reform? How do we stay on top of reform efforts and prevent them from being subsequently dismantled?

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- *Jarrett Adams*
 - Attorney, The Law Offices of Jarrett Adams, PLLC
- *Stephen Bright*
 - Karp Visiting Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School
- *Josie Duffy Rice (Moderator)*
 - Fair Punishment Project
 - President, The Appeal

Agenda of Panel: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (1.5 hours of CLE)

- Introduction/Opening Remarks (15 min)
- Panel Discussion (60 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (excerpts) (2010).
- Elizabeth Chuck and Dan Slepian, *From Defendant to Defender: One Wrongfully Convicted Man Frees Another*, NBC NEWS (Aug. 2, 2017).
- Angela J. Davis, *The Progressive Prosecutor: An Imperative for Criminal Justice Reform*, 87 FORDHAM L. REV. 1 (2018).
- David Garland, *The Road to Ending Mass Incarceration Goes Through the DA's Office*, AM. PROSPECT (Apr. 8, 2019).
- Jennifer Gonnerman, *Larry Krasner's Campaign to End Mass Incarceration*, NEW YORKER (Oct. 22, 2018).
- *Memorandum* from Kathleen Jennings, Att'y General, Delaware, to Deputy Attorneys General and Staff (Feb. 15, 2019).
- Note, *The Paradox of "Progressive Prosecution"*, 132 HARV. L. REV. 748 (2019).
- David E. Patton, *A Defender's Take on "Good" Prosecutors*, 87 FORDHAM L. REV. ONLINE 20 (2018).
- Jessica A. Roth, *The Necessity of the Good Person Prosecutor*, 87 FORDHAM L. REV. ONLINE 30 (2018).
- David Alan Sklansky, *The Progressive Prosecutor's Handbook*, 50 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. ONLINE 25 (2017).

Name of Panel: Rule of Law

Date | Time | Location: October 18, 2019 | 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Loudermilk Center 40 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

The Department of Justice, through the direction of the Attorney General, is responsible for “ensure[ing] fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans”. Departmental regulations, norms, and traditions ensure this impartiality and independence, including rules governing attorney hiring, norms preventing the Solicitor General’s Office from changing its representations before the Supreme Court, and traditions that insulate the Department’s prosecutorial decisions from Presidential intervention. However, the Department’s independent reputation has been sullied as of late by what critics see as the current Administration’s attempt to erode DOJ norms from within. What is the state of the Department of Justice and what are the implications for the rule of law? What reforms are necessary to the Department to ensure it remains faithful to its mission?

Panelists’ Names and Bios:

- *Erica Newland*
 - Counsel, Protect Democracy
- *Elliot Williams*
 - Principal, The Raben Group
- *Barbara McQuade*
 - Professor, University of Michigan Law School
- *Neil Kinkopf (Moderator)*
 - Professor, Georgia State University College of Law

Agenda of Panel: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1.5 hours of CLE)

- Introduction/Opening Remarks (15 min)
- Panel Discussion (60 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Barry H. Berke, Noah Bookbinder, & Norman Eisen, [Presidential Obstruction of Justice: The Case of Donald J. Trump](#), BROOKINGS (Oct. 10, 2017).
- Noah Bookbinder, Norman Eisen, & Caroline Fredrickson, [Why Trump Can’t \(Easily\) Remove Mueller – and What Happens If He Tries](#), PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION EDUCATION PROJECT (Dec. 6, 2017).
- NPR, [Former Federal Prosecutor On Battle Between House Democrats And Attorney General Barr](#), (May 4, 2019).
- NPR, [Former U.S. Attorney Weighs In On Where The Mueller Investigation Stands](#), (Jan. 29, 2019).
- Barbara McQuade, [How Barr May Interpret What It Means to Withhold “Grand Jury Information”](#), (Apr. 01, 2019).

- Justin Walker, [FBI Independence as a Threat to Civil Liberties: An Analogy to Civilian Control of the Military](#), 86 GEO. WASH. L. REV. (Feb. 12, 2018).

Name of Panel: Remarks on Originalism as Faith

Date | Time | Location: October 19, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. | Georgia State Bar Conference Center 104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

Eric Segall will present a summary of the history of the originalist movement in his Originalism as Faith remarks, demonstrating how originalism is often used as a pretext by judges, scholars and pundits for reaching or advocating for politically desirable results. Segall's briefing will also help equip attendees to debunk originalist talking points.

Panelist Name and Bios:

- *Eric Segall*
 - Professor, Georgia State University School of Law

Agenda of Panel: 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (1 hour of CLE)

- Panel Discussion (30 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Eric Segall, [*Original Intent, Original Meaning, or Let's Call the Whole Thing Off*](#), (July 29, 2019).
- Eric Segall, [*Judicial Originalism as Myth*](#), (Feb. 27, 2017).
- Eric Segall, [*Does Originalism Matter Anymore?*](#), (Sep. 10, 2019).
- Jesse Merriam, [*Is Legal Conservatism as Accomplished as It Thinks It Is?*](#), (Jul. 1, 2019).
- NPR, [*Originalism: A Primer On Scalia's Constitutional Philosophy*](#), (Feb. 14, 2016).
- David S. D'Amato, [*Motivated Legal Reasoning and the New Originalism*](#), (Feb. 9, 2019).

Name of Panel: Safeguarding Civil Rights and Liberties

Date | Time | Location: October 19, 2019 | 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Georgia State Bar Conference Center 104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

Over the course of its first three years, the Trump Administration has seemingly made targeting vulnerable communities among its primary agenda items. The ongoing retrenchment of our civil rights and liberties has taken the form of both affirmative policies, such as the Muslim travel ban and the separation and detention of migrant families at the southern border, and the reversal of pre-existing policies, such as the decision now being litigated to terminate the DACA program and the withdrawal of protections for transgender students in public schools. Perhaps encouraged by the change in the administration's posture on such issues in addition to the new personnel on the Supreme Court, state legislatures have gotten into the action, passing a number of highly restrictive laws regarding abortion access, which disproportionately affect the rights of poor women. What can we do to address these rollbacks, especially when they are so numerous? Can we continue to rely on the courts to protect civil rights and civil liberties? Where can we look for other answers and responses?

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- *Priya Narasimhan*
 - Deputy General Counsel, North Carolina Department of Justice
- *Sean Young*
 - Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia
- *Conchita Cruz*
 - Co-Executive Director, Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project
- *Monica Modi Khant*
 - Executive Director, Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network
- *Fred Smith*
 - Associate Professor of Law, Emory University School of Law

Agenda of Panel: 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1.25 hours of CLE)

- Introduction/Opening Remarks (10 min)
- Panel Discussion (50 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- American Civil Liberties Union, [Extreme Law Takes Direct Aim at the Right to Abortion Guaranteed by *Roe V. Wade*](#), (May 24, 2019).
- Sarah Pierce & Andrew Selee, [Immigration Under Trump: A Review of Policy Shifts in the Year Since the Election](#), MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE (Dec. 2017).
- [Exec. Order No. 13,769](#), 82 Fed. Reg. 8,977 (Jan. 27, 2017).

- [Exec. Order No. 13,780](#), 82 Fed. Reg. 13,209 (Mar. 6, 2017).
- THE WHITE HOUSE, [Presidential Proclamation Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry Into the United States by Terrorists of Other Public-Safety Threats](#) (Sept. 24, 2017).
- [Trump v. Hawaii](#), 585 U.S. _(2018).
- Kristen Bialik, [ICE Arrests Went Up in 2017, with Biggest Increases in Florida, northern Texas, and Oklahoma](#), PEW RESEARCH CENTER (Feb. 8, 2018).
- Akilah Johnson, [ICE Arrests at Courthouses Disrupt Justice, Lawsuits Claim](#), THE BOSTON GLOBE (Mar. 16, 2018).
- OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MAURA HEALEY, [Ten States Challenge U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Failing to Disclose Immigration Records](#) (Oct. 17, 2017).
- Elaine C. Duke, [Memorandum on Rescission of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#), DEP'T OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Sept. 5, 2017).
- [NAACP et al. v. Trump et al.](#), No. 1:17-cv-02325-JDB (D.D.C. Apr. 24, 2018).
- Joshua A. Geltzer and Neal K. Katyal, [The Travel Ban Shows What Happens When the Supreme Court Trusts Trump](#) (June 25, 2019).
- Ed Kilgore, [The Legal Fight Over Alabama's Abortion Law Begins](#), (May 24, 2019).
- Mark Joseph Stern, [Why Are Activists on Both Sides Rejecting the Reality of Georgia's Horrific New Abortion Ban?](#) (May 13, 2019).
- Ken Hyle, [The Military Transgender Policy: The Realization of Madison's Incompatible Powers Narrative](#), CARDOZO LAW REVIEW (2018).

Name of Panel: Voting Rights and Election Integrity

Date | Time | Location: October 19, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Georgia State Bar Conference Center 104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303

Brief Description:

In the past ten years, the civil rights legal space has seen an evolution towards movement lawyering and coalition-based work, embracing the idea that issues must be addressed, and rights defended on all levels. With voting rights at the heart of civil rights work and Georgia as a hotbed state for where issues of voter suppression, poor election administration, and redistricting arise, we have a unique opportunity to take a closer look at both how the work gets done and the voting rights issues that take front and center in Georgia leading up to the 2020 elections.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- *Jackie Colon*
 - Florida Director of Civic Engagement, NALEO Educational Fund
- *Nancy Abudu*
 - Deputy Legal Director, Southern Poverty Law Center
- *Bruce Brown*
 - Attorney, Bruce P. Brown Law
- *April England-Albright*
 - Member, Black Voters Matter Fund Board of Advisors
- *Elena Parent (Moderator)*
 - Georgia State Senator
 - Member, ACS Georgia Lawyer Chapter Board of Advisors

Agenda of Panel: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (1.5 hours of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (15 min)
- Panel Discussion (60 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Am. Civil Liberties Union, [Out of Step with the World: An Analysis of Felony Disfranchisement in the U.S. and other Democracies](#) (2006).
- [Shelby County v. Holder](#), 570 U.S. 529 (2013).
- [Veasey v. Abbott](#), No. 2:13-CV0193, 2017 WL 1315593 (S.D. Texas 2017).
- [Automatic Voter Registration](#) Brennan Ctr. for Justice (Nov. 7, 2018).
- Voting Laws Roundup 2019, Brennan Ctr. for Justice (Jul. 10, 2019), <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voting-laws-roundup-2019>
- Erwin Chemerinsky, [End Disenfranchisement of Felons](#), ORANGE CNTY. BAR ASSOC. (Oct. 2016).

- Jean Chung, [*Felony Disenfranchisement: A Primer*](#), SENTENCING PROJECT (July 17, 2018).
- Joshua A. Douglas, [*Expanding Voting Rights Through Local Law*](#), ACS ISSUE BRIEF (Oct. 2017).
- Joshua A. Douglas, [*In Defense of Lowering the Voting Age*](#), 165 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE 63 (2017).
- Joshua A. Douglas, [*To Protect the Right to Vote, Look to State Courts and State Constitutions*](#), ACS ISSUE BRIEF (Aug. 2015).
- Gabby Deutch, [*Florida Felons Want Their Voting Rights Restored*](#), ATLANTIC (Sept. 13, 2018).
- Madeline Marshall, [*Why America Needs Automatic Voter Registration*](#), VOX (Nov. 7, 2018 11:50 AM).
- [*Military Veteran Rodney Lofton on What Voting for the First Time Meant to Him*](#), CAMPAIGN LEGAL CTR. (Jan. 7, 2019).
- Mo Pasternak, [*Momentum to Restore Voting Rights Continues as More States Move Legislation Forward*](#), CAMPAIGN LEGAL CTR. (Apr. 22, 2019).
- Devyn Rafols-Nunez, [*Push to Lower the Voting Age Gains Traction Across the States*](#), NBC NEWS (June 24, 2018, 7:31 PM).
- Avner Shapiro, [*A Pragmatic Approach to Challenging Felon Disenfranchisement Laws*](#), ACS ISSUE BRIEF (Jan. 2017).
- William Yeomans et al., [*The Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014: A Constitutional Response to Shelby County*](#), ACS ISSUE BRIEF (May 2014).