



TO: Speakers at ACS events  
FROM: Russ Feingold, President  
RE: Guidelines and Release for Speakers

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As you know, ACS is a 501(c)(3) educational organization whose mission is to promote the vitality of the United States Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law. Among other things, ACS provides a forum for debate about existing policies and new proposals on important issues. As part of our educational activities, we often post video, still photography and transcripts of programs on our website. We have found that doing so greatly increases the number of people who will be exposed to the ideas discussed at our programs.

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Your signature below indicates that, of your own free will and intending to be legally bound, you:

- (1) acknowledge receipt of and agree to comply with the above guidance;
- (2) agree that nothing in your presentation will constitute defamation, invasion of privacy or publicity, infringe the rights of any third party (including, without limitation, copyright, trademark and patent rights) or violate any other law;
- (3) agree that ACS may record your presentation and that you hereby grant ACS, its agents, employees, licensees and assigns the right to use the audio and/or video footage or still photography of you and a transcript of your remarks, in whole or in part, for any purposes in any media now known or hereinafter invented, including but not limited to, simultaneous and archival webcasting; and
- (4) acknowledge that you will receive no monetary payments or other compensation for your appearance or participation.

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Signature

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Please Print Name

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Date

*EVENT INFORMATION:*

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have any questions regarding this agreement, please do not hesitate to call 202-393-6181 or by email at [lcemails@acslaw.org](mailto:lcemails@acslaw.org).*