

NAME OF EVENT: Is it Time to Amend the U.S. Constitution? (This event has been approved for 1 hour of Pennsylvania CLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: March 23, 2021 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ET | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Recently our country has struggled to respond to a pandemic, systemic racism, extreme political polarization, and even a deadly insurrection attempt. Are the events of the past year manifestations of deep dysfunction in our political system? Are we experiencing constitution-level problems that require a constitution-level solution?

Join the ACS Philadelphia Lawyer Chapter, the Drexel Law ACS Student Chapter, the Temple Law ACS Student Chapter, and American Promise for this webinar considering whether it is time for Americans to engage in "constitutional politics." What would it mean to amend the Constitution in the 21st century? How might a push for constitutional politics help Americans bridge their divides? Our speakers will offer ideas about whether and how the American people should revisit and amend our fundamental charter. We will use a specific amendment proposal by American Promise, which aims to revive the sovereignty of the people by addressing the disproportionate power of money in our political system, as a springboard for discussing the idea of constitutional politics more generally.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Tabatha Abu El-Haj, Professor of Law, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Brian Boyle, Counsel, American Promise

Craig Green, Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction

40 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation

15 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

[Proposing a Constitutional Amendment](#), Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute.

Brian Boyle, [*A Constitutional Amendment to Revive the Sovereignty of the American People*](#), ACS Issue Brief (January 2021).

Robinson Woodward-Burns, [*The Person Who Changes the Constitution*](#), The Atlantic (January 17, 2020).

Richard Hasen, [*Bring On the 28th Amendment*](#), The New York Times (June 29, 2020).

Tabatha Abu El-Haj, [*Making and Unmaking Citizens: Law and the Shaping of Civic Capacity*](#), University of Michigan Journal Law of Review (January 2019).

Tabatha Abu El-Haj, [*It is not the money. It is what it does.*](#), Brennan Center (June 11, 2018).

Richard Albert, [*Constitutional Disuse or Desuetude: The Case of Article V*](#), Boston College Law Review (January 2014).

Tabatha Abu El-Haj, [*Changing the People: Legal Resolution and American Democracy*](#), NYU Law Review (April 2011).

Walter Dellinger, [*The Legitimacy of Constitutional Change: Rethinking the Amendment Process*](#), Duke Law Review (1986).