

NAME OF EVENT: **ACS At-Large: The Equality Act and the Filibuster**

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: June 28, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Equality Act (H.R. 5; S. 393) is a key piece of civil rights legislation. The bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. The bill passed the US House of Representatives in February of this year. The filibuster, however, presents a large hurdle to its passage, as it has done for many pieces of civil rights legislation in the past. Join the ACS At-Large Lawyer Chapter for a chance to hear experts and advocates discuss these current issues.

Featuring:

Gilbert Gonzales, Ph.D., MHA, Assistant Professor, Center for Medicine, Health, & Society, The Program for Public Policy Studies, the Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Nora Huppert, Renberg Fellow, Lambda Legal

Stephen Spaulding, Senior Counsel, Public Policy & Government Affairs; Senior Advisor to the President, Common Cause

Moderated by:

Steve Sanders, Professor of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction

45 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation

10 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Stephen Spaulding, [*Nothing special about the filibuster*](#), POLITICO (August 23, 2013).

Russell Berman, [*The Filibuster Survives a Supreme Court Challenge*](#), The Atlantic (November 3, 2014)

John Ferrannini, [*Federal court rules against dual anti-trans laws in Idaho*](#), Bay Area Reporter (August 2020).

Steve Sanders, [*Dignity and Social Meaning: Obergefell, Windsor, and Lawrence as Constitutional Dialogue*](#), Fordham Law Review (2019).

Jonathan S. Gould, Kenneth A. Shepsle & Matthew C. Stephenson, [*Democratizing the Filibuster*](#), ACS Issue Brief (May 2021).

Katie R. Eyer, [*Sex Discrimination Law and LGBT Equality*](#), ACS Issue Brief (August 2017).

Carl Hulse, [*After Skirting Filibuster Fight for Months, Democrats Near a First Battle*](#), The New York Times (May 26, 2021).

Danielle Kurtzleben, [*House Passes The Equality Act: Here's What It Would Do*](#), NPR (February 24, 2021).