



Name of Panel: ACS National Supreme Court Preview (2025-2026)

Date | Time | Location: September 29, 2025 | 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.ET| Virtual

Brief Description:

ACS's Annual National Supreme Court Preview will feature a diverse group of constitutional and legal experts offering their insights into what we can expect from the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court Term that begins on October 6th.

Last Term, the conservative-dominated Supreme Court demonstrated that it remains committed to reshaping the law to fit the demands of the conservative legal movement while frequently using the so-called "Shadow Docket" to enable some of the most harmful policies of the Trump administration without explanation. At a time when the Supreme Court has allowed the rule of law to be stretched to the breaking point, the significance of the upcoming Term cannot be overstated. The panel will examine what we might expect as the justices prepare to once again weigh in on the power of the President and the civil and constitutional rights of voters, racial and sexual minorities, immigrants, students, the criminally accused, and other vulnerable communities.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

[Mark Joseph Stern](#), Senior Writer, *Slate Magazine* (moderator)

[Carlos A. Ball](#), Distinguished Professor of Law and Judge Frederick Lacey Scholar, Rutgers Law School

[Alexis Hoag-Fordjour](#), David Dinkins '56 Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Criminal Justice, Brooklyn Law School

[Pamela S. Karlan](#), Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law and Co-Director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law School

[Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia](#), Samuel Weiss Faculty Scholar, Director of the Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and Clinical Professor of Law, Penn State Dickinson Law

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- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (70 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

- Carlos A. Ball, [Supreme Court LGBTQ Orthodoxy](#), 90 MO. L. REV. (forthcoming 2025).

- Pam Karlan, [Why Section 2 Matters to "Existing" Minority-Opportunity Districts](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 5, 2025).
- Alexis Hoag-Fordjour, [Back to the Future: \(Re\)Constructing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel](#), 58 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 111 (2024).
- CONSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY CENTER, [Case Summary Villareal v. Texas](#) (June 10, 2025).
- [Brief of Constitutional Accountability Center as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner, Villareal v. Texas](#), No. 24-55 (June 10, 2025).
- [Brief of Immigration Law Professors as Amici Curiae Supporting Petitioners, Urias-Orellana v. Bondi](#), No. 24-777 (Sept. 2025).
- [Noem v. Perdomo](#), 606 U.S. ____ (2025).
- [Brief of the City of Los Angeles in Support of Respondents, Noem v. Perdomo](#), No. 25A169 (Aug. 12, 2025).
- Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, [Immigration Litigation in the Time of Trump](#), 53 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. ONLINE 121 (2019).