



Name of Panel: Defending the Rule of Law: The Role of State Attorneys General

Date | Time | Location: June 18, 2026 | 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

With the President of the United States and the U.S Department of Justice asserting authority and making legal arguments at odds with the Constitution and federal law, state attorneys general have stepped into the breach to defend the rule of law and individual rights. Representing the interests of their states, state attorneys general—together and individually—have filed more than 50 lawsuits in the last year-and-a-half to prevent the termination of funding for universities, scientific research, and health programs, defend birthright citizenship, seek an end to the deployment of the National Guard in U.S. cities, and more. They have also worked within their states to secure the rights of their states and people both from federal overreach and regressive state and local policies. What does are the current challenges and opportunities for state attorneys general working to defend the rule of law? What challenges are coming down the pike? And how can people outside attorney general offices support this work?

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

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Rob Bonta, *California Attorney General*

Jennifer Davenport, *New Jersey Attorney General*

Keith Ellison, *Minnesota Attorney General*

Kristen Clarke, *Former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice*
(moderator)

Materials for Panel:

William P. Marshall, *Break Up the Presidency? Governors, State Attorneys General, and Lessons from the Divided Executive*, 115 YALE L. J. 2446 (2006).

Trump v. CASA, Inc., 606 U.S. 831 (2025).

Rachel Leingang, *'We were ready': Democratic attorneys general lead fight to stop Trump*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 2, 2026).



Kate Murphy et al., *How California is fighting Trump in court*, AXIOS SAN DIEGO (Apr. 16, 2025).

Newsom v. Trump, No. 3:25-cv-04870-CRB (N.D. Cal. 2025).

Newsom v. Trump, 141 F.4th 1032 (9th Cir. 2025).

Danya Gainor and Taylor Romine, *Minnesota and Illinois are suing the Trump administration over immigration operations. Here are the lawsuits' key claims*, CNN (Jan. 13, 2026).

Re: Request for Advisory Opinion Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 8.07, Op. Minn. Att'y Gen (Feb. 6, 2025).

Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, State of Minnesota v. Noem, No. 0:26-cv-00190 (D. Minn., filed Jan. 12, 2026).

Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump, 607 U.S. __ (2026).

Press Release, *Attorney General James Leads Lawsuit to Stop Trump Administration's Latest Illegal Tariffs*, OFFICE OF THE N.Y. STATE ATT'Y GEN. (Mar. 5, 2026).

Name of Panel: The Imperial Presidency

Date | Time | Location: June 19, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

Checks on executive power have become fully unbalanced, with boundaries and guardrails overrun daily. A supine Congress and an enabling Court have thus far proven largely uninterested or unwilling to reign in a president who openly defies constitutional and legal constraints on his power. What can be done now to curb executive power and rebalance our branches of federal government? What does accountability look like? How can we avoid such constitutional crises in the future?

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- Panel Discussion (55 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Harold Hongju Koh, *Sterling Professor of International Law, Yale Law School*

Barbara McQuade, *Professor from Practice, University of Michigan Law School*

Hon. Jamie Raskin, *Member, U.S. House of Representatives for the 8th District of Maryland*

Donald Sherman, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington*

Vanita Gupta, *Director, Center for Law and Public Trust (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

[Trump v. United States](#), 603 U.S. ____ (2024).

[Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#), 591 U.S. ____ (2020).

[Humphrey's Executor v. United States](#), 295 U.S. 602 (1935).

Amy Howe, [Trump v. Slaughter: an explainer](#), SCOTUSblog (Dec. 3, 2025).

Steven D. Schwinn, [Trump v. Cook](#), ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW (Jan. 8, 2026).

[How the Supreme Court could redefine presidential power in 2026](#), NPR (Dec. 29, 2025).

Donald K. Sherman and Jennifer Ahearn, *No Indispensable Man: The Democratic Foundation of the 22nd Amendment*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 23, 2025).

Chris Stein, *How Trump has tried to undermine the powers of Congress: 'Violation of norms,'* THE GUARDIAN (Jan. 20, 2026).

Peter Baker, *Trump Takes America's 'Imperial Presidency' to a New Level*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 21, 2025).

Patrick Sobkowski, *Presidentialism at the Highest Ebb: Executive Power in the Age of Trump*, U. DAYTON L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Kate Shaw, William Baude and Stephen I. Vladeck, Op-Ed., *At the Supreme Court, Scenes From a Judicial Backlash*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 9, 2025).

Vanita Gupta, Op-Ed., *You May Not Be Trump's Target This Time, but You Could Be Next*, N.Y. TIMES (July 27, 2025).

Jamie Raskin, *Congress isn't just a co-equal branch. We're first among equals.*, WASH. POST (May 10, 2019).

Scott Busby, Mary Giovagnoli, Harold Hongju Koh, and Michael Posner, *America Is Turning Away People Fleeing for Their Lives — and Breaking the Law to Do It*, JUST SECURITY (Mar. 18, 2026).

Jenny Jarvie and Sonja Sharp, *Trump threatens to use the Insurrection Act again. Could he follow through with it?*, L.A. TIMES (Jan. 15, 2026).

Harold Hongju Koh, *Concentration of Power in the Executive*, 154 DAEDALUS 69 (2005).

Name of Panel: Local Counsel as the Legal Vanguard

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Brief Description:

At a time when political and policy fights have become nationalized, state and local counsel have served a critical role in responding to government overreach at every level. As individuals and organizations have been targeted by state and federal actors with sham investigations, maligned with accusations of terrorism or treason, and had their First Amendment rights trampled, they have turned to attorneys in their communities to defend themselves and their work from such brazen attacks. What lessons have been learned by these advocates on the front lines? What work is being done to respond to the moment and prepare for future fights? What can be done to support and bolster this important piece of legal infrastructure?

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- Panel Discussion (40 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Susan Lin, *Partner, Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg, & Lin*

Mimi Marziani, *Founding Partner, Marziani, Stevens & Gonzalez PLLC*

Elizabeth Wydra, *President, Constitutional Accountability Center*

Matthew Platkin, *Partner, Platkin LLP (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Jay Weaver, *'I'm not going to back down.' Immigration attorneys fight back over Trump's legal threats*, MIAMI HERALD (Mar. 25, 2025).

Simón Rios, *Immigration lawyers navigate shifting ground, with fewer options for clients*, WBUR (Feb. 18, 2025).

Isabela Dias, *The Minneapolis "Dirtbag Lawyer" Challenging ICE Detentions—and Winning*, MOTHER JONES (Mar. 17, 2026).

Robert Moore, *El Paso, West Texas federal courts deluged with challenges to immigration detention*, EL PASO MATTERS (Feb. 1, 2026).

[SB 1632](#) (Fla. 2026).

[HB 1471](#) (Fla. 2026).

Douglas Soule, *Florida lawmakers advance domestic terrorism designation bill despite constitutional concerns*, WUSF (Feb. 26, 2026).

[Proclamation by Governor of the State of Texas](#) (Nov. 18, 2025).

Lyndal Rowlands, *CAIR sues Texas governor over ‘unconstitutional’ terror designation*, ALJAZEERA (Nov. 21, 2025).

Presidential Memorandum NSPM-7, *Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence*, (Sept. 25, 2025).

Hina Shamsi, *How NSPM-7 Seeks to Use “Domestic Terrorism” to Target Nonprofits and Activists*, ACLU (Oct. 15, 2025).

Kyle Cheney, *Paxton urges Texas judge to jail Beto O’Rourke over fundraising related to redistricting fight*, POLITICO (Aug. 12, 2025).

David Wilstein, *Platkin representing 93 House members challenging Trump’s proposed IRS settlement*, NEW JERSEY GLOBE (May 18, 2026).

Complaint, [Sistrunk Seeds v. Trump](#), No. 1:26-cv-23365-XXXX (S.D. Fla., filed May 13, 2026).

Mimi Marziani and Patrick Archer, *Weaponized Oversight: Texas’s Escalating Campaign Against Nonprofit Advocacy & the Chilling Effect on Speech and Association*, 45 REV. LITIG. (forthcoming 2026).



Name of Panel: Juneteenth and the Reconstruction Amendments: Pulling the Arc Towards Justice

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Brief Description:

What does Juneteenth signify today? What lessons can we take from Juneteenth to combat the rise in white nationalism, the actions the current Administration has taken to erase Black historical narratives and the stories of marginalized communities, and the regressive actions of this Court? How do we use the Second Founding and the Reconstruction Amendments to build a more democratic and equitable future? Through this panel, our legal experts will apply the lens of the Reconstruction Amendments and the promise of Juneteenth to the areas of free speech, labor, criminal justice and bodily autonomy; and discuss how we extrapolate this lens even further to build a more just future.

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- Panel Discussion (40 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Devon Carbado, *Elihu Root Professor of Law, NYU Law School*

Michele Goodwin, *Linda D. & Timothy J. O'Neill Professor of Constitutional Law and Global Health Policy, Georgetown Law School*

Rebecca Zietlow, *Dean, Distinguished University Professor, the Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values, The University of Toledo College of Law*

Justin Hansford, *Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law and Executive Director, Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

[Juneteenth National Independence Day Act](#), Pub. L. No. 117-17, 135 Stat. 287 (2021).

Mariama Diallo Wayne Lee, [Juneteenth Becomes US Federal Holiday](#), VOICE OF AMERICA (June 19, 2021).

Exec. Order No. 14253, [Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History](#) (2025).

Heather Cox Richardson, *The Rejection of Slavery's Brutal History Reflects Trump's Ties to an Ideology Rooted in the Confederacy*, MILWAUKEE INDEPENDENT (Aug. 22, 2025).

Lexi Lonas Cochran, *Trump changes to Black history exhibits spark fears of self-censorship, loss of information*, THE HILL (Feb. 23, 2026).

Rebecca E. Zietlow, *A Third Reconstruction*, 81 MD. L. REV. 351 (2021).

Rebecca E. Zietlow, *Freedom Seekers: The Transgressive Constitutionalism of Fugitives from Slavery*, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1375 (2022).

Rebecca Zietlow, *The Transformative Impact of the Reconstruction Amendments from the Perspective of Enslaved People*, JOTWELL (Mar. 7, 2022).

Michele Goodwin, *The Thirteenth Amendment's Punishment Clause: A Spectacle of Slavery Unwilling to Die*, 57 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 47 (2022).

Michele Goodwin, *Law and Anti-Blackness*, 26 MICH. J. RACE & L. 261 (2021).

Michele Goodwin, *The Thirteenth Amendment: Modern Slavery, Capitalism, and Mass Incarceration*, 104 CORNELL L. REV. 899 (2020).

Dorothy A. Brown, *Shades of the American Dream*, 87 WASH. U. L. REV. 329 (2009).

Devon Carbado and Rachel F. Moran, *The Story of Law and American Racial Consciousness—Building a Canon One Case at a Time*, 76 U. MO. KY. CITY L. REV. 851 (2008).

Aderson Bellegarde François, *Private: Through A Glass Darkly: The Supreme Court, Reconstruction Amendments, and Civil Rights*, AM. CONSTITUTION SOC'Y (Sept. 16, 2011).

William M. Carter, Jr., *The Second Founding and the First Amendment*, 99 TEX. L. REV. 1065 (2021).

Michele Goodwin, *Involuntary Reproductive Servitude: Forced Pregnancy, Abortion, and the Thirteenth Amendment*, 2022 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 191 (2022).

Eric Ward, *Juneteenth Reminds Us That the Fight for Freedom Is Far From Over*, TIME (June 19, 2025).

Name of Panel: Ensuring Judicial Independence and Security

Date | Time | Location: June 19, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

There is no rule of law without an independent judiciary. In recent years, sitting and retired federal judges have sounded the alarm on many of the threats facing our judiciary – from defiance of lawful judgements to disinformation campaigns to threats of impeachment and violence. What form are these threats taking and how are they experienced by federal judges? What can the legal profession do to restore trust in our courts and defend judicial independence even as certain courts issue rulings or conduct their affairs in ways we may disagree with? What can be done to protect judges from undue political threats from the executive and legislative branches as well as the increasing number of physical threats they are facing?

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- Panel Discussion (40 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Hon. Nancy Abudu, *U.S. Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit*

Hon. Beth Bloom, *U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida*

Hon. Embry J. Kidd, *U.S. Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit*

Hon. Shira Sheindlin, *U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York (retired), Of Counsel, Boies Schiller Flexner (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Chad de Guzman, *Trump Lashes Out at Supreme Court and District Judge Boasberg*, TIME (Mar. 16, 2026).

Lawrence Hurley, *More federal judges warn of an increase in violent threats*, NBC NEWS (Mar. 19, 2026).

Mattathias Schwartz, *Some Judges See Risks in Fiery Opinions Warning of Threats to Democracy*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 26, 2026).

Press Release, *Condemning President Trump's Attacks on the Supreme Court*, NEW YORK CITY BAR ASS'N (Feb. 22, 2026).



Mark Sherman, *Chief Justice Roberts says personal criticism of judges is dangerous and has 'got to stop,'* ASSOCIATED PRESS (Mar. 17, 2026).

3 Judges on the Shifting Role and Perception of the Federal Judiciary, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV. (Oct. 14, 2025).

The Trump administration's conflict with the courts, explained, PROTECT DEMOCRACY (Oct. 2, 2025).

U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom, *Speech to the Federal Bar Association's Broward County Chapter: Judicial Independence and Why We Should Care* (Oct. 9, 2025) (transcript available on the Florida Bar News website).

Shira A. Scheindlin and John Jones III, *A Simple Proposal for the Legal Profession to Regain Its Dignity*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 19, 2026).

Deborah Pearlstein, *They Are America's Most Powerful Law Firms. Their Silence Is Deafening.*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 25, 2025).

Yasmin Abusaif and Douglas Keith, *What Courts Can Do If the Trump Administration Defies Court Orders*, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUSTICE (Feb. 14, 2025).

U.S. Judicial Conference, *Committee on Codes of Conduct Advisory Opinion No. 118: Ethics Considerations Related to Public Speech and Civic Engagement by Judges*, GUIDE TO JUDICIARY POLICY (Feb. 12, 2026).

Principles for the Independence of the Legal Profession, KEEP OUR REPUBLIC (Jan. 2026).



Name of Panel: The Democratic Constitution: Recovering the True Meaning of Our Founding Charter

Date | Time | Location: June 19, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

The Constitution, properly interpreted, is fundamentally committed to democracy. And yet, this democracy principle is almost entirely absent from the jurisprudential or popular constitutional discourse. To the contrary, for decades, the conservative legal movement has used the Constitution to degrade democracy, undermine efforts to remedy racial and gender inequality, and facilitate the concentration of economic and political power in the hands of a wealthy few. A conversation has emerged among scholars, lawyers, and movement leaders around a better way of understanding constitutional law and interpretation that starts with centering democracy as the Constitution’s animating principle. Where does the Constitution’s democracy principle come from? What do we gain by recovering the Constitution’s forgotten democratic commitments? And what do we need to do to make this vision a reality?

Agenda of Panel: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Maximum 1 hour of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (40 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists’ Names and Bios:

Matthew J. Ginsburg, *General Counsel, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)*

Risa Goluboff, *David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law*

Olatunde Johnson, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg ’59 Professor of Law, Columbia Law School*

Reva Siegel, *Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Professor of Law, Yale Law School*

Jay Swanson, *Senior Fellow Project Manager, Brennan Center (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Reva Siegel, *Memory Games: Dobbs’s Originalism As Anti-Democratic Living Constitutionalism — and Some Pathways for Resistance*, 101 TEXAS L. REV. 1127 (2022).



Reva Siegel, *The History of History and Tradition: The Roots of Dobbs’s Method (and Originalism) in the Defense of Segregation*, THE YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 99 (2023).

Jessica Bulman-Pozen and Olatunde Johnson, *Federalism and Equal Citizenship: The Constitutional Case for D.C. Statehood*, 110 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1269 (2022).

Catherine Fisk, *Janus: Weaponized First Amendment Shoots at Democracy*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY (July 2, 2018).

Risa L. Goluboff, *The Thirteenth Amendment in Historical Perspective*, 11 JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 1451 (2009).

Name of Panel: AI Regulation

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Brief Description:

For decades, technological advancement has outpaced regulation. This rhythm of innovation first, guardrails second has created a power dynamic that often leaves lawmakers playing catch up and judges confronting complicated legal questions as technology collides with constitutional rights without the benefit of clear legislation or guidance. This dynamic has contributed to a picture of Silicon Valley as the Wild Wild West, operating outside of laws they know cannot keep pace. What reforms can be made to bring meaningful oversight and protections to tools powerful enough to reshape society? How can progressives approach regulating AI and other emerging technologies in a way that keeps pace with advancement? What should the regulations on AI look like and who should be responsible for enforcement? What would a public agenda for AI look like?

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Panelists' Names and Bios:

Lauren McFerran, *Executive Director, AFL-CIO Tech Institute*

Benjamin Merkel, *Public Policy and Government Relations Manager, Anthropic*

Danyelle Solomon, *Senior Director, U.S. AI Policy, Microsoft*

Asad Ramzanali, *Director of AI & Technology Policy, Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator, Vanderbilt University*

Materials for Panel:

Tatevik Davtyan, *The U.S. Approach to AI Regulation: Federal Laws, Policies, and Strategies Explained*, 16 J. L., TECH., & THE INTERNET 223 (2005).

Exec. Order No. 14110, [Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence](#) (2023).

Exec. Order No. 14179, [Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence](#) (2025).

Exec. Order No. 14265, [Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence](#) (2025).

National Policy Framework: Artificial Intelligence, THE WHITE HOUSE (Mar. 20, 2026).

Seung Min Kim and Matt O'Brien, *White House urges Congress to take a light touch on AI regulations in new legislative blueprint*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Mar. 20, 2026).

Tom Wheeler and Bill Baer, *The empty national AI policy framework: Who is in charge of those in charge?*, BROOKINGS (Mar. 31, 2026).

Matthew Daly, *Ocasio-Cortez and Sanders push bill to impose AI data center moratorium*, PBS (Mar. 25, 2026).

Cecilia Kang, *What to Know About California's Executive Order on A.I.*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 30, 2026).

Artificial Intelligence Legislation Tracker, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUSTICE (updated Sept. 26, 2025) (see link for information on AI legislation introduced in the 119th Congress).

TECHTONIC JUSTICE, *INESCAPABLE AI: THE WAYS AI DECIDES HOW LOW-INCOME PEOPLE WORK, LIVE, LEARN, AND SURVIVE* (Nov. 2024).

Huo Jingman, *The Labor Department wants to teach you to use AI more. Here's what we found*, NPR (Apr. 17, 2026).

Artificial Intelligence: Principles to Protect Workers, AFL-CIO (Oct. 15, 2025).

Asad Ramzanali and Ganesh Sitaraman, *Toward a Grand Strategy for AI Resilience*, RAND (Mar. 25, 2026).

Asad Ramzanali and Tom Wheeler, *To unleash AI innovation, stop model providers from picking the winners*, BROOKINGS (May 18, 2026).

ASAD RAMZANALI, VANDERBILT POLICY ACCELERATOR, *AFTER THE AI CRASH* (Mar. 2026).

Arati Prabhakar and Asad Ramzanali, *America Needs Better AI Ambitions*, TECHPOLICY.PRESS (Dec. 11, 2025).

Name of Panel: For the United States: Rebuilding Independence at the Department of Justice

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Brief Description:

The Department of Justice is in crisis. The bedrock principle of non-interference, once held sacrosanct by administrations of both parties, has been jettisoned. The Attorney General has directed the Department to represent the President and his agenda above all else. Thousands of attorneys and professionals have left or been forced out as leadership pursues personal and political grudges at the President's open direction. What reforms can be instituted to restore the department's independence? What can be done by Congress or outside organizations to bring oversight to the abuses taking place within the department? What can future administrations do to restore the Department's professionalism and reputation?

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Panelists' Names and Bios:

Rupa Bhattacharyya, *Legal Director, Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, Georgetown Law School*

Stuart Delery, *Partner, Gibson Dunn*

Stacey Young, *Founder & Executive Director, Justice Connection*

Rachel Rossi, *President, Alliance for Justice (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Ankush Khardori, *Prepping Has Begun for the Post-Trump DOJ*, POLITICO (Mar. 23, 2026).

Peter Stone, *How Trump is weaponizing the DoJ to 'bully, prosecute, punish and silence' his foes*, THE GUARDIAN (Nov. 4, 2025).

Ken B. Morales and David Armstrong, *Trump's Justice Department Dropped 23,000 Criminal Investigations in Shift to Immigration*, PROPUBLICA (Mar. 31, 2026).

Eric Tucker and Alanna Durkin Richer, *How the Trump administration erased centuries of Justice Department experience*, PBS (Jan. 16, 2026).

Alex Woodward, *DOJ admits 47,635 Epstein files — including Trump allegations — were removed*, THE INDEPENDENT (Mar. 4, 2026).

Political Enemies and the Weaponization of the DOJ, STANFORD LEGAL (Oct. 16, 2025).

Bruce A. Green and Rebecca Roiphe, *Under Political Pressure: How Courts and Congress Can Help Prosecutors Seek Justice*, 135 YALE L. J. 138 (2025).

Jennifer L. Selin and Lauren Mattioli, *Independent Justice? U.S. Attorneys as a Case Study of Political Appointments*, 58 U. OF MICH. J.L. REFORM 675 (2025).

Liz Mineo, *How independent is the Justice Department now?*, THE HARVARD GAZETTE (Oct. 24, 2025).

Devon Ombres, *Does a Politically Directed Department of Justice Merit the Presumption of Regularity?*, CTR. FOR AM. PROGRESS (Sept. 17, 2025).

Two U.S. Capitol Police officers sue to block payouts from anti-weaponization fund, NPR (May 21, 2026).

Ben Penn, *DOJ Anti-Weaponization Fund Lacks Safeguards From Past Programs*, BLOOMBERG LAW (May 19, 2026).

Former Justice Department workers accuse Trump of degrading department, CBS NEWS (Mar. 25, 2026).

Raquel Coronell Uribe and Ryan J. Reilly, *Large banner of Trump unfurled at Justice Department headquarters*, NBC NEWS (Feb. 19, 2026).

Name of Panel: State Courts as Champions of Rights

Date | Time | Location: June 19, 2026 | 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

For the last several years, progressives have increasingly turned to state courts and state constitutions to protect individual rights in a time of federal retrenchment and check the rapidly expanding overreach of the federal government. How has this pivot to the states been working and what could be done to strengthen these critical institutions? What should practitioners know as they navigate these dynamics?

Agenda of Panel: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (Maximum 1.5 hours of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (60 min)
- Q&A (25 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Hon. Susan Crawford, *Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court*

Hon. Anita Earls, *Associate Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court*

Hon. Karl Procaccini, *Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court*

Samuel Harbourt, *California Solicitor General (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Loretta H. Rush and Marie Forney Miller, *A Constellation of Constitutions: Discovering & Embracing State Constitutions as Guardians of Civil Liberties*, 82 ALB. L. REV. 1354 (2019).

James A. Gardner, *State Constitutional Rights as Resistance to National Power: Toward a Functional Theory of State Constitutions*, 91 GEO. L.J. 1003 (2003).

Matthew Segal & Liana Wang, *State Constitutions Could Bar State and Local Police Collaboration with ICE*, STATE COURT REPORT (Mar. 11, 2026).

Erin Simonek, *Ohio Supreme Court hears transgender youth healthcare case*, ABC6 (Mar. 24, 2026).

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Cameron Probert, *WA Supreme Court upholds Voting Rights Act. Franklin County must change its elections*, TRI-CITY HERALD (June 15, 2023).

Portugal v. Franklin County, No. 100999-2 (Wash. 2023).



Michael Wines, *North Carolina Court Says G.O.P. Political Maps Violate State Constitution*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 4, 2022).

Marcus Gadson, *Judicial Whiplash in North Carolina Redistricting Case*, STATE COURT REPORT (May 18, 2023).

Press Release, *Minnesota Abortion Restrictions Permanently Blocked, Concluding Historic Legal Challenge*, THE LAWYERING PROJECT (May 30, 2024).

Sarah Lehr, *Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down 19th-century abortion ban*, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO (July 2, 2025).

Anya Bidwell, *State Efforts to Allow Lawsuits Against Federal Officials Gain Speed*, STATE COURT REPORT (Apr. 6, 2026).

Harrison Stark, *Explainer: State-Created Damages Remedies Against Federal Officials*, STATE DEMOCRACY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (Feb. 9, 2026).

[SB2729](#), 104th Gen. Assemb. (Ill. 2025).

Name of Workshop: Bringing the Constitution to the Classroom

Date | Time | Location: June 20, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

As Christian nationalists push to inject religion into public schools, ACS has released lesson plans on the Separation of Church and State and the U.S. Constitution to bring important civic education to primary and secondary students throughout the country. How can younger students most effectively engage with constitutional principles? What has worked best for volunteers in years' past? This interactive workshop will empower participants to teach the Constitution in the Classroom curriculum in schools within their communities and bring the program to their chapter.

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- Panel Discussion (20 min)
- Interactive Exercise (25 min)
- Concluding Remarks (10 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Catherine Gima, *Senior Director of Legal Programs & Networking, Americans United for Separation of Church and State*

Rebecca Markert, *Vice President and Legal Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State*

Stephanie Snow, *Deputy Director of Human Resources, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services*

Ashley Erickson, *Senior Director of Network Advancement, American Constitution Society (moderator)*

Materials for Workshop:

[Constitution in the Classroom](#), AM. CONSTITUTION SOC'Y (see website for links to individual lesson plans).

[Kennedy v. Bremerton School District](#), 597 U.S. __ (2022).

[Carson v. Makin](#), 596 U.S. __ (2022).

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Alexander Tthesis, [The Establishment of Religion in Schools](#), 76 STAN. L. REV. 1725 (2024).

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Pooja Salhotra, *Texas Schools Wait as Law on Ten Commandments Reaches Appeals Court*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 19, 2026).

Quinn Wilson, *Arkansas Schools Blocked From Enforcing Ten Commandments Law*, BLOOMBERG LAW (Mar. 16, 2026).

Hannah Schoenbaum and Rebecca Boone, *Court clears way for Louisiana law requiring Ten Commandments in classrooms to take effect*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Feb. 20, 2026).

Carmen Nesbitt, *As early as third grade, Utah students will need to study Bible passages in social studies lessons under new law*, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (Mar. 30, 2026).

Name of Panel: Voting Rights After *Callais*

Date | Time | Location: June 20, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

For over a decade, the Roberts Court has whittled away the power of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most successful pieces of civil rights legislation in our nation’s history. Now, pro-democracy proponents brace for what could be a catastrophic decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*. How can meaningful political representation be achieved in the face of open hostility from a conservative supermajority on the Court? What does voting rights litigation look like in a post-Voting Rights Act world? Are there meaningful reforms to be enacted at the local, state, or national level to mitigate the impact of the loss of Section 2?

Agenda of Panel: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Maximum 1 hour of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (40 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Panelists’ Names and Bios:

Adam Lioz, *Senior Policy Counsel, Legal Defense Fund*

Jenny Ma, *Director of Civil Rights Hub, Public Rights Project*

Leonard Powell, *Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund*

Lindsay Langholz, *Vice President of Policy and Program, American Constitution Society (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

Carol Anderson, *As a supreme court ruling looms, the US is dismantling Black voting power*, THE GUARDIAN (Apr. 6, 2026).

Chelsea Brasted, *How a Supreme Court case could reshape the South’s congressional representation*, AXIOS NEW ORLEANS (Dec. 10, 2025).

Dayle Chung, *The Supreme Court Hears Second Set of Oral Arguments on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in Louisiana v. Callais*, CHALLENGING PRECEDENT (Nov. 4, 2025).

Jesse Wegman, *Chief Justice Roberts’s Vendetta Against the Voting Rights Act*, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUSTICE (Mar. 6, 2026).

David Daley, *John Roberts’s Dream is Finally Coming True*, THE ATLANTIC (Dec. 10, 2025).

[Voting Rights Act of 1965](#), Pub. L. No. 89-110, 79 Stat. 437 (1965).

Shelby County v. Holder, 570 U.S. 529 (2013).

Rucho v. Common Cause, 588 U.S. ___ (2019).

Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee, 594 U.S. ___ (2021).

Lynn Adelman, *The Roberts Court's Assault on Democracy*, 14 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 131 (2019).

Louisiana v. Callais, 608 U.S. ____ (2026).

Madeleine Greenberg, *The U.S. Supreme Court Has Eviscerated the Voting Rights Act — What's Next?*, CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER (Apr. 30, 2026).

Amber Phillips, *What the Supreme Court did to the Voting Rights Act*, WASH. POST (Apr. 29, 2026).

Adam Serwer, *Democracy Is a Racial Entitlement Now*, THE ATLANTIC (May 19, 2026).

Dan Merica and Patrick Marley, *Louisiana suspends House primaries as red states face pressure to redistrict*, WASH. POST (Apr. 30, 2026).

Josh Haskell, *What SCOTUS ruling on Voting Rights Act could mean for California*, ABC7 (Apr. 29, 2026).

Supreme Court Sends Voting Rights Case Back to the Eighth Circuit, NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (May 18, 2026).

Nick Mordowanec, *Supreme Court May Weaken 1965 Voting Rights Act Further*, NEWSWEEK (July 16, 2025).

The Voting Rights Act at 60, BROKEN LAW, AM. CONSTITUTION SOC'Y (Aug. 5, 2025).

Written testimony of Todd A. Cox (Associate Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.), submitted to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution (May 19, 2026).

Name of Panel: Staying in the Fight

Date | Time | Location: June 20, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | ACS National Convention, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

Brief Description:

When we fight, we win. Across the country, progressive victories have been achieved in courtrooms, in city halls and state legislatures, on campuses, and in the streets through solidarity and a refusal to comply in advance with authoritarian tactics and pressure. What has worked and what else can be done? What role can lawyers and law students play in their communities and in their practice to defend the rule of law? At a time of growing frustration, how can we best engage with the fight for real reform while working within the system?

Agenda of Panel: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Maximum 1.5 hours of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (60 min)
- Q&A (25 min)

Panelists' Names and Bios:

Phil Brest, *President, American Constitution Society*

Taylor Brown, *Director, NYC Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs*

Kalpana Kotagal, *Commissioner, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*

Alice O'Brien, *General Counsel, National Education Association*

Chris Geidner, *Publisher and Author, Law Dork (moderator)*

Materials for Panel:

[Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions](#), JUST SECURITY (Apr. 6, 2026).

Michael Scherer, [The Anti-Trump Strategy That's Actually Working](#), THE ATLANTIC (Sept. 2, 2025).

Peter Stone, [Legal groups resist Trump authoritarian moves with pro bono work](#), THE GUARDIAN (Sept. 23, 2025).

Mattathias Schwartz, [What We Learned After Tracking Every Lawsuit Challenging Trump's Policies](#), N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 29, 2026).

[Brief for 504 Law Firms as Amici Curiae Supporting Plaintiffs](#), Perkins Coie LLP v. U.S. Department of Justice, et al., No. 25-716 (D.D.C. 2025).

Gal Beckerman, [There Is a Word for What Is Happening in Minneapolis](#), THE ATLANTIC (Jan. 30, 2026).

Steven Levitsky, Lucan Way, and Daniel Ziblatt, *How Will We Know When We Have Lost Our Democracy?*, N.Y. TIMES (May 8, 2025).

Maria J. Stephan, *Big Tents and Collective Action Can Defeat Authoritarianism*, JUST SECURITY (June 3, 2025).

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON, *COUNTERING AUTHORITARIANISM: A BLUEPRINT FOR A MORE RESILIENT DEMOCRACY* (Sept. 2024).

Lee Morgenbesser, *Has the Trump resistance been too passive? Here are 7 ways to effectively protest authoritarian rule*, THE CONVERSATION (Dec. 14, 2025).

Dana R. Fisher, *Resistance to Trump 2.0 is getting more confrontational*, THE GUARDIAN (Feb. 1, 2026).

Laurence Claus, *Courts Against Constitutional Capture*, SAN DIEGO LEGAL STUDIES PAPER (forthcoming 2026).

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, *"THEY'RE RUINING PEOPLE'S LIVES" BANS ON GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE FOR TRANSGENDER YOUTH IN THE US* (June 2025).

Summary of AFGE Lawsuits against Trump & How Litigation Works, AM. FED'N OF GOV'T EMP. (Mar. 17, 2026).

Stephanie Brown, *Former Logan Airport workers who lost jobs over immigration status sue Trump administration*, WBUR (Mar. 16, 2026).

Phil Brest, *Preparing for a Better and Brighter Future*, AM. CONSTITUTION SOC'Y (Feb. 10, 2026).

Christopher Wiggins, *NYC's most powerful transgender official is fighting intensifying anti-LGBTQ+ federal pressure*, ADVOCATE (Apr. 4, 2026).

Ryan Golden and Emilie Shumway, *'We need to understand our place': EEOC scraps harassment guidance protecting transgender workers*, HRDIVE (Jan. 22, 2026).

Alice O'Brien, *Trump administration targets state education associations*, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (Feb. 6, 2020).

Chris Geidner, *They're so much weaker than they want us to think they are*, LAW DORK (Apr. 12, 2026).