

DRAFT - 2015 ACS Student Convention Schedule Justice in the 21st Century

University of Texas School of Law

Friday, March 6, 2015

1:30pm	Shuttles depart Hotel for UT School of Law – Loop is every 15 minutes 30 minute walk between hotel & school; 10 minute drive between hotel & school		
2:00-5:00pm	Registration	Law School Atrium	
3:15-5:15pm	Executive Session Featuring: Joseph Fishkin – Professor of Law, UT & Co-Faculty Advisor	Law School Auditorium	
5:15-5:30pm	Walk to Reception/Dinner at LBJ Presidential Library		
5:30-6:30pm	Welcome Reception	LBJ Presidential Library Great Hall	
6:30-8:00pm	Keynote Dinner* Keynote Speaker: Cecile Richards – President, Planned Parenthood	LBJ Presidential Library Atrium	
8:00pm	Afterhours Activity Planned by UT ACS @ Violet Crown Social Club	East Austin	
10:00pm	Shuttles end for the evening		

Saturday, March 7, 2015			
7:30am	Shuttles depart Hotel for UT School of Law – Loop is every 15 minutes		
8:30-9:00am	Continental Breakfast	Law School Atrium	
9:00-9:15am	ACS Welcome	Law School Auditorium	
9:15-10:45am	Panel 1: Progressive Family Values* This discussion will explore the intersection of the 21st Century Workplace and Progressive Family Values—how workers are affected by issues of reproductive justice, family medical leave, equal pay, fair living wage, LGBT discrimination and immigration. Featuring: Heather Busby – Executive Director, NARAL Pro-Choice TX	Law School Auditorium	

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Rick Levy – General Counsel, Texas AFL-CIO

Celina Moreno – Legislative Staff Attorney, MALDEF

Rebecca Robertson – Legal and Policy Director, ACLU of Texas

Ann Beeson – Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities **Moderator:**

10:45-11:15am Regional networking meetings & 3L transition meetings

Law School Atrium

11:15a-12:45p Panel 2: Organizing & Messaging*

Law School Auditorium

This panel will explore progressive issue campaigns—how to pick them, run them, and frame winning arguments—and how they are utilized for current issues like immigration, racial equality and a living wage.

Featuring: Kirk Adams – International Executive Vice President, SEIU

Nick Rathod - Executive Director, SiX

Lucy Stein – Advocacy Director, Progress Texas

Karla Vargas - Director of Employment & Legal Services,

Workers Defense Project

Moderator: Eric Marshall – Executive Director, Funders' Committee

for Civic Participation

12:45-2:15pm **Lunch & Keynote**

Law School Atrium

Law School Auditorium

Keynote Speaker: Debo Adegbile - Partner, WilmerHale & ACS National

Board Member

2:15-2:30pm Break

2:30-3:30pm **Panel 3: A Conversation with Federal Judges**

Law School Auditorium

Featuring: Judge Vince Chhabria (N.D. Cal.)

Judge Gregg Costa (5th Cir.)

Moderator: Caroline Fredrickson – President, American Constitution Society

3:30-4:00pm Regional networking meetings

4:00-6:00pm **Voting Rights Institute Training***

Law School Auditorium

The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 is one of the most successful civil rights laws in our Nation's history, and remains an important piece of national legislation. This training will arm attendees with the tools and tips necessary to become active members of the voting rights bar.

This training will provide an overview of voting rights law including Section 5: *Shelby County v. Holder*, Section 2: Voter ID & Redistricting, and constitution claims illustrated by *Crawford v. Marion County Board of Elections*. We will cover race & voting, litigation strategies, Photo ID cases, new theories found in cases like *White v. Regester & Lario*, and careers in Election Law and Voting Rights.

Featuring: Gary Bledsoe – President, Texas NAACP

Wendy Davis – former Texas State Senator

Chad Dunn – Partner, Brazil & Dunn

Martin Golando – General Counsel, Mexican American Legislative Caucus

Gerry Hebert – Executive Director and Director of

Litigation, Campaign Legal Center

David Richards - Senior Counsel, Richards Rodriguez &

Skeith LLP

^{*} Open to the press

Keynote Speaker: Wendy Davis – former Texas State Senator

8:00pm **Optional Networking Dinners** Downtown

9:00pm Shuttles end for the evening

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