



## **Law Students to Host Election Law Symposium**

*Annual Event Will Spotlight the Presidential Nomination Process*

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WILLIAMSBURG, VA -- Election Law Society of the William and Mary School of Law have announced plans for the Second Annual Election Law Symposium. Featuring experts in the field of election law, the conference is built around the theme “2008, 2012 and Beyond: The Law, Politics and Future of the Presidential Nomination Process.”

“The Presidential nomination process is constantly changing and often confusing-- but vitally important for our nation,” Election Law Society President Jeff Palmore said. “This event promises to be a timely and exciting discussion of a critical issue in American politics.”

The event is set for February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law on the College of William & Mary campus. The symposium will feature a bi-partisan panel of highly-touted experts in the field of American election law. Panelists scheduled to participate include Doug Chapin, Director of the Election Reform Information Project; Jason Torchinsky, legal advisor to former Presidential candidate Mayor Rudy Giuliani; and Susan Swecker, Chairwoman of the DNC Southern Caucus and Advisor to the Hillary Clinton for President campaign.

The event, which will be moderated by W&M Law Professor Dave Douglas, is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

"We often wonder why the Iowa Caucus and New Hampshire primary are first, why the process starts earlier and earlier every four years, and about the role of delegates in the Presidential selection process," Palmore said. "This event will shed some light on these and other probing political questions."

Created in 2005 as a joint venture of the [National Center for State Courts](#) and the Law School, the Election Law Program seeks to provide practical assistance to state court judges in the United States who are called upon to resolve difficult election law disputes. The Election Law Society is the student organization created to generate interest in and educate students about this rapidly expanding and extremely important area of practice.

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