



**William & Mary Election Law Society and Institute of Bill of Rights Law to
Hold First Election Law Symposium**

The William & Mary School of Law Election Law Society and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law will hold the First Annual Election Law Symposium on Friday, March 2, 2007 at 3:30. The event is free and open to the public. Distinguished campaign finance experts will discuss “*Checks and Balances: The Impact of Money on the 2008 Elections.*”

Confirmed panelists include Neil P. Reiff, Deputy General Counsel of the Democratic National Committee and a partner at the firm Sandler, Reiff, and Young; Jason Torchinsky, senior associate with Holtzman Vogel and former Deputy General Counsel to Bush-Cheney '04; and Allison Hayward, Assistant Professor of Law at George Mason University, former Chief of Staff and Counsel to Federal Election Commission Commissioner Bradley A. Smith. She also runs the Skeptic's Eye blog (www.skepticseye.com). Professor Neal Devins of William & Mary School of Law, also Director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, will serve as moderator for the panel.

“We’re pleased to be able to put together a top notch panel of election law practitioners who are uniquely well-positioned to discuss campaign finance issues at the outset of what will surely be the most expensive election cycle in U.S. history,” said Alper Ozinal, former Assistant Press Secretary for Governor Mark R. Warner and President of the William & Mary Election Law Society. “Producing citizen lawyers is a priority at W&M, and being informed about election law is an important piece of our civic duty.”

First-year law students founded the William & Mary Law School Election Law Society in September 2006. Believed to be the first law school organization of its kind in the country, the W&M Election Law Society has more than 100 members. During the fall semester, members participated in a “*Campaign Finance 101*” seminar before the November elections, hosted Michael E. Toner, chairman of the Federal Election Commission, conducted a voter registration drive, and held an Election Night party at a local establishment.

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