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EDITOR’S NOTE

On Friday, October 2, 1998, the American University Law Review and the Program on Law and Government of the Washington College of Law co-hosted a symposium addressing the recent legal challenge for voting representation in the District of Columbia. On September 14, 1998, the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel and the law firm of Covington and Burling brought a lawsuit in federal district court on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia and fifty-five named individual plaintiffs. The suit alleges that the exclusion of American citizens living in the District of Columbia from representation in the United States House and Senate violates the Equal Protection Clause, the principle of one person, one vote, and other constitutional rights.

This Symposium was the first public conference to examine the constitutional merits of the lawsuit, bringing together leading scholars involved in voting rights. The American University Law Review publishes these proceedings in the hopes of encouraging dialogue in this important area.