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ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND THE 2012 CAMPAIGN

Presented by the Legislation and Policy Brief

Monday, March 5, 2012

12:00pm-2:30pm

**Light Reception to Follow*

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603

Over the past ten years, there's been a battle between the need for voter access and the prevention of voter fraud. Yet, when working to balance these important interests, there are often winners and losers. In advance of the 2012 elections, state legislatures have enacted a flurry of new laws requiring voters to show photo identification at polls, heightening registration requirements, imposing proof of citizenship laws, shortening early voting periods, and making it more difficult for ex-felons to exercise their right to vote. This symposium will ask the questions: How will these new laws impact the 2012 elections? Did states find an appropriate balance or have they gone too far? Finally, how should the Section 5 preclearance requirement of the Voting Rights Act play a role? Through a keynote address and panel discussion with scholars and practitioners in the field, we will address these complex policy and legal issues. Specifically, participants will present their findings and views on the impact of these laws on the 2012 elections and dissect the current movement's context in history and in today's turbulent political climate.

12:00pm-12:15pm WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Vanessa Careiro, Editor-in-Chief, Legislation and Policy Brief
Ashley Thomas, Symposium Editor, Legislation and Policy Brief

12:15pm-1:00pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Matthew Colangelo, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

1:00pm-2:30pm ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PANEL

Speakers: **Richael Faithful**, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Virginia Rights Restoration Project, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project; **John C. Fortier**, Director, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center; **Curtis Gans**, Director, Center for the Study of the American Electorate; **Laura W. Murphy**, Director, Washington Legislative Office, ACLU; **Dr. Robert A. Pastor**, Co-Director, Center for Democracy and Election Management, American University; **Jamin Raskin**, Professor of Law, Director of the Law and Government Program, American University Washington College of Law; **Rob Richie** Executive Director, FairVote
Moderator: **Professor Bill Yeomans**, Fellow in Law and Government

2:30pm-3:00pm CLOSING RECEPTION

General Registration, no charge. CLE Accreditation (1.5 hours) will be applied for – **CLE Registration, \$55.00).** To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration. For further information, contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu.