

## Press Release

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### LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON CORPORATE RIGHTS AND POLITICAL SPENDING

**LOS ANGELES, Nov. 10, 2015** – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles and Free Speech for People will host the symposium “Corporations, the Constitution, and Democracy” featuring a slate of prominent corporate, constitutional and election-law scholars and a keynote address by the Hon. Leo E. Strine, Jr., chief justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. The event will be held on Friday, Nov. 20 from 12-4:30 p.m. on Loyola’s downtown LA campus.

The panel “The Future of Corporate Constitutional Rights Litigation and Theory,” will feature Margaret M. Blair, Vanderbilt Law School; Erwin Cherminsky, UC Irvine School of Law; Sarah Haan, University of Idaho College of Law; James D. Nelson, University of Houston Law Center; Anne Tucker, Georgia State University College of Law; and Adam Winkler, UCLA School of Law. The panel “Democracy, Corporations and Money in Politics” will include Jeff Clements, Free Speech for People; Richard L. Hasen, UC Irvine School of Law; Michael S. Kang, Emory University School of Law; Jessica Levinson, Loyola Law School; and Michele Sutter, Money Out Voters In.

Chief Justice Strine, a preeminent corporate law jurist, will deliver the keynote address, “Corporate Power Ratchet: The Courts’ Role in Eroding ‘We the People’s’ Ability to Constrain Our Corporate Creations.” Closing remarks will come from John Bonifaz, Free Speech for People, and Elizabeth Pollman, Loyola Law School. The afternoon will conclude with a reception.

“The event brings together top scholars and legal activists to discuss two of the biggest controversies of our time: corporate personhood and money in politics,” said Pollman, conference organizer. “Speakers will address these topics from practical and theoretical perspectives and offer ways to rethink both campaign finance and the constitutional rights of corporations.”

Loyola Law School is located at 919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015 (on Olympic just west of LA Live). More information is available [http://events.lls.edu/event/corporations\\_the\\_constitution\\_and\\_democracy](http://events.lls.edu/event/corporations_the_constitution_and_democracy). Members of the media who wish to attend should RSVP to Brian Costello, assistant director of marketing & communications, at [brian.costello@lls.edu](mailto:brian.costello@lls.edu), 213-736-1444 (o) or 310-902-9560 (c).

#### About Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Located on an award-winning Frank Gehry-designed campus in downtown Los Angeles, Loyola Law School is home to prominent faculty and dedicated students. Its cutting-edge programs include a focus on cybersecurity, which is available as a focused area of study. The Law School strives to instill in students the knowledge they need to excel on their chosen paths. It dedicates itself to preparing students for the rigors of practice with an extensive portfolio of practical-training opportunities, a 17,000-strong alumni network and a focus on social justice. Learn more at [www.lls.edu](http://www.lls.edu).

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