



## **ACS to Host Debate over Constitutional Interpretation**

### **Pamela S. Karlan and Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz to Discuss *Keeping Faith with the Constitution* and Address Competing Theories**

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**WHAT:** As part of its celebration of Constitution Week, ACS will host a debate over constitutional interpretation, and in particular, a newly published book, [\*Keeping Faith with the Constitution\*](#), which advances a method of interpretation faithful to the text of the Constitution, while protecting the document's principles for each new generation of Americans.

Stanford Law School Professor Pamela S. Karlan, co-author of *Keeping Faith*, will argue that "constitutional fidelity" is the proper approach to interpretation because it is faithful to the words of the document and ensures that the Constitution retains its relevance for each new generation of Americans. Georgetown Law Center Professor Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz will assert that "originalism," and "strict construction," methods favored by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, are the best way of understanding and preserving constitutional principles.

The debate is particularly timely because of greater scrutiny of constitutional interpretation in the context of judicial nominations. Following the debate, Karlan will sign copies of *Keeping Faith*, which was recently published by Oxford University Press.

#### **WHO:**

- *Moderator*, **Dahlia Lithwick**, senior editor, *Slate*
- **Pamela S. Karlan**, Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law and Co-Director, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law School; member of the ACS Board of Directors.
- **Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz**, Associate Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center; member of the national Board of Visitors of the Federalist Society; and former Attorney-Advisor at the Office of Legal Counsel during the George W. Bush administration.

**WHEN:** **September, 15**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments served at 6 p.m., followed by the debate at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Open Society Institute, 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006.

**RSVP:** The event is free, but RSVP is required. **Please RSVP to [press@acslaw.org](mailto:press@acslaw.org).**

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