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ACS Issue Brief Examines Possible Expansion of Corporate Rights in *Citizens United v. FEC*

***Author Warns of New Era in Campaign Finance Reform,
Should the Court Grant Corporations Unprecedented Free Speech Rights***

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Washington, D.C. – The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) today released a timely new Issue Brief warning that the pending decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* – one of the most highly anticipated decisions of the current Supreme Court term – could lead to an alarming expansion of corporate rights.

In “[Beyond *Citizens United v. FEC*: Re-Examining Corporate Rights](#),” author **Jeffrey D. Clements**, principal of Clements Law Office, LLC, contends that the corporate rights issues raised in *Citizens United* could have a substantial impact on the political landscape.

“[T]he Court's decision to examine whether corporations have First and Fourteenth Amendment rights to free speech and political activity has renewed a debate about the place of corporations in our constitutional jurisprudence that has simmered for more than a century,” Mr. Clements states. “[I]f the Court deems Congress and the states to be powerless to restrict corporate political expenditures ... the Court would not only be wildly out of touch with the realities of corporate power in contemporary American life, but would disregard the Court's proper separation over 200 years of the constitutional rights of people from those claimed by corporations.”

The ACS Issue Brief is available [here](#). Please contact Jeremy Leaming or Chris Cassidy with the ACS Communications Department at JLeaming@ACSLaw.org or CCassidy@ACSLaw.org, or at 202.393.6181 to arrange interviews with the author.

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