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**Judicial Nominations in the First Year
Of the Obama Administration**

**Launching the ACS Series “The Future of the Courts:
Nominations, Confirmations, and the Pursuit of Justice”**

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WHAT: The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) is hosting “Judicial Nominations in the First Year of the Obama Administration,” featuring a diverse panel of experts including opposing special counsels in the battle over then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor’s nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Panelists will consider the importance of filling judicial vacancies, the pace of nominations and confirmations compared to prior administrations, and what to expect going forward. This **January 28, 2010** event marks the launch of a new ACS series, “The Future of the Courts: Nominations, Confirmations, and the Pursuit of Justice,” examining the importance of the Third Branch, the status of judicial vacancies and the nomination and confirmation processes.

WHO:

- *Moderator*, **Michael Gerhardt**, Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor in Constitutional Law, University of North Carolina School of Law; Special Counsel to Senator Patrick Leahy and the Senate Judiciary Committee for the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- **Doug Kendall**, Founder and President, Constitutional Accountability Center (CAC).
- **Orin Kerr**, Professor, The George Washington University School of Law; Special Counsel to Senator John Cornyn for the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and
- **Lynn Rhinehart**, General Counsel, AFL-CIO.

WHEN: **Thursday, January 28, 2010** – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: The National Press Club, Holeman Lounge
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20045.

RSVP: The event is free. **Please RSVP** to press@acslaw.org.

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