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National Experts to Explore Filibuster and Judicial Confirmations

ACS Panel to Address Filibuster's Effect on Federal Bench

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WHAT: The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) will host a panel of experts to discuss the growing use of the filibuster to slow or halt judicial confirmations. Although the filibuster has been used to scuttle an array of legislation and presidential nominations, its use to hinder judicial nominations has become pronounced. As of January 5, only thirteen judges have been confirmed by Congress. During the same period in President George W. Bush's administration, 28 judges were confirmed. The panel of experts will examine the effect that the increased use of the filibuster has on the quality and efficiency of the federal bench and what efforts are underway in the Senate and White House to address stalled judicial confirmations.

WHO:

- *Moderator*, **Sarah Binder**, Professor of Political Science at George Washington University and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.
- **Makan Deirahim**, Shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP and former Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee under then-Chairman Orrin Hatch.
- **Martin Paone**, Executive Vice President of Prime Policy Group and Former Democratic Secretary in the United States Senate.
- **Matthew Yglesias**, Fellow at the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

WHEN: **March 9, 2010**, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon, with the panel discussion to start at 12:30 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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