



The American Constitution Society and the Campaign Legal Center invite you to participate in

VOTING RIGHTS LITIGATION TRAINING

A segment of the ACS Student Convention

The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 is one of the most successful civil rights laws in our Nation's history, and remains an important piece of national legislation that is still relevant today. However, the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* effectively nullified the Act's special preclearance provisions. As a result, until Congress amends the Act, voting rights litigation will be the only path available to minority voters seeking to protect their rights against discriminatory voting laws.

Help respond to this voting rights crisis by joining the American Constitution Society in a training program, taught by some of the most respected voting rights practitioners in the country. This training will arm attendees with the tools and tips necessary to become active members of the voting rights bar, and will provide an opportunity for new and returning members of the voting rights community to meet and strategize about the challenges to come. We need you to be part of the next generation of voting rights defenders.

A closing reception with keynote speaker Wendy Davis will follow this training session. The reception runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the School of Law courtyard. All Voting Rights Institute participants are welcome and encouraged to join us.

What: Austin Voting Rights Training Institute

Where: University of Texas School of Law School Auditorium, 727 East Dean Keeton Street, Austin, TX

When: Saturday, March 7, 2015
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Who: Any and all lawyers and law students with a commitment to and interest in protecting the right to vote

CLE: This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 2 credit hours, of which 0 credit hours will apply to legal ethics/professional responsibility credit

Faculty will include:

- **Gary Bledsoe**, President, Texas NAACP
- **Wendy Davis**, former Texas State Senator
- **Chad Dunn**, Partner, Brazil & Dunn
- **Martin Golando**, General Counsel, Mexican American Legislative Caucus
- **Gerry Hebert**, Executive Director & Director of Litigation, Campaign Legal Center
- **David Richards**, Senior Counsel, Richards Rodriguez & Skeith LLP

Advanced registration is required.

Please register [here](#).

Parking is available for all speakers, VRI trainees and reception attendees in **Lot F20**. There will be a security guard manning the lot. Please make sure to RSVP so your name can be included on the list the security guard will be using to control the lot. If you do not RSVP you will not be allowed to park in the lot. Detailed directions to the law school can be found [here](#).

If you have questions about this training, please contact Zack Gima, Associate Director of Network Advancement for the American Constitution Society, at zgima@acslaw.org or at 202-393-6186.