



COME JOIN OUR STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY!

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) is one of the nation's leading progressive legal organizations. Founded in 2001, ACS is comprised of law students, lawyers, scholars, judges, policymakers and activists working to ensure that fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice enjoy their rightful, central place in American law.

Our Mission

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) promotes the vitality of the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law. These abiding principles are reflected in the vision of the Constitution's framers and the wisdom of forward-looking leaders who have shaped our law throughout American history. As a result of their efforts, the Constitution has retained its authority and relevance for each new generation.

In recent years, an activist conservative legal movement has gained influence – eroding these enduring values, treating the Constitution as frozen in history, and presenting the law as a series of sterile abstractions. This new orthodoxy, which threatens to dominate our courts and our laws, does a grave injustice to the American vision.

The American Constitution Society embraces the progress our nation has made toward full embodiment of the Constitution's core values. ACS believes that law can and should be a force for improving the lives of all people. We are revitalizing and transforming legal and policy debates in classrooms, courtrooms, legislatures and the media, and we are building a diverse

and dynamic network of progressives committed to justice. Through these efforts, ACS will ensure that the institutions of American law reflect the highest values of our nation and serve the needs of its people.

OUR WORK

With over 170 law school and lawyer chapters all across the country, ACS is working to:

- ✓ **Promote a progressive vision of the Constitution, public policy and the law** through speaking programs; issue groups focused on discrete law and policy subjects; an annual convention; a speakers bureau of leading scholars and practitioners; media outreach and publications, all designed to turn the tide of legal and policy discourse at both the local and national levels;
- ✓ **Educate lawyers, law students, decision-makers and the public** about the legitimacy of such a vision and its importance for both our society and the lives of individuals;
- ✓ **Strengthen the intellectual underpinnings** for progressive law and policy in the United States; and
- ✓ **Build a diverse and dynamic national network** of students, lawyers, academics, judges and policymakers to lead America today and over the long term.

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First Meeting: September 15, noon, Room 1002. Lunch will be provided!

Annual Dues: \$10