



The Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies

Speakers Status Update for 2009-2010

- Scheduled: Judge Dennis Parrish
- Scheduled: Mike Crites, former US Attorney and Nominee for Ohio Attorney General
- Scheduled Debate: Ilya Shapiro of the CATO Institute & Mark Fancher, of the ACLU
- Scheduled: Maurice Thompson of the Buckeye Institute
- Scheduled: Roger Pilon, CATO Institute
- Likely Scheduled: James Jordan, U.S. Congressman
- Scheduled: Gene Healy, CATO Institute
- Likely Scheduled: Richard Garnett, Professor at Notre Dame Law School
- Rivalry Debate (pending): Donald Tobin, Moritz College of Law at Ohio State & Douglas Laycock of University of Michigan Law School
- Possible speakers: Congressman Ron Paul, Professor Richard Epstein, Patrick Wright of Mackinac Center, Richard Fink of Koch Foundation

After each event, we have a private lunch with each speaker!

Our Purpose

Law schools and the legal profession are currently strongly dominated by a form of orthodox liberal ideology which advocates a centralized and uniform society. While some members of the academic community have dissented from these views, by and large they are taught simultaneously with (and indeed as if they were) the law.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.

This entails reordering priorities within the legal system to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also requires restoring the recognition of the importance of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students and professors. In working to achieve these goals, the Society has created a conservative and libertarian intellectual network that extends to all levels of the legal community.

At Toledo

The UT Federalist Society holds many social and professional events. We frequently meet with legal practitioners. We often engage in intellectual discussions over various issues. We welcome dissent. Our President receives an opportunity to attend the Federalist Society Conference in Washington D.C., all expenses paid. Our members get to attend the annual Student Symposium, expenses paid. Membership opens the door to a vast national network of student and professional chapters.

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