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Norman R. Williams, professor of law at Willamette University, serves as the Center's director. The Center is housed at the Oregon Civic Justice Center on the Willamette University campus in Salem, Ore. The Center for Constitutional Government is adjacent to the Oregon Capitol, the Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and various state agencies.

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# Campaign Finance and the 2012 Election

Feb. 8, 2013  
8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Willamette University College of Law  
Salem, Oregon



## Campaign Finance and the 2012 Election

Willamette University's Center for Constitutional Government is pleased to sponsor a conference to assess the role of money in the 2012 elections and to investigate what changes, if any, should be made to federal and state campaign finance laws. Among the topics to be discussed is the impact of so-called "Super PACs," the role of money in judicial elections, the viability of public financing after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Arizona Free Enterprise v. Bennett*, and the efficacy of Oregon's "disclosure only" system of regulating contributions to political campaigns for state office. With the amount of money spent in political campaigns having hit a historic high, the conference promises to be both timely and valuable for attorneys, elected officials and concerned citizens alike.

### KEN & CLAUDIA PETERSON ADDRESS

#### Ellen Weintraub, Chair, Federal Elections Commission

Ellen L. Weintraub is chair of the United States Federal Election Commission (FEC), where she has served as a commissioner since December 9, 2002. Prior to her appointment, Weintraub was Of Counsel to the law firm Perkins Coie LLP and a member of its Political Law Group. There, she counseled public and private sector clients on federal and state campaign finance laws, political ethics, election law and lobbying regulation. Before joining Perkins Coie, Weintraub was counsel to the bipartisan Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the U.S. House of Representatives, otherwise known as the House Ethics Committee. A native New Yorker, Weintraub received her B.A., cum laude, from Yale College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### Lawrence Norton, Partner & Co-Chair, Political Law Practice Group, Venable LLP

Larry Norton is a nationally renowned authority on campaign finance and government ethics laws. A partner with the law firm of Venable LLP, Norton co-chairs the firm's political law practice and represents corporations, trade associations, and non-profits, including issue advocacy groups and Super PACs.



Norton served as General Counsel of the Federal Election Commission from 2001 to 2007. There, he oversaw the FEC's implementation of the landmark Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, popularly known as the McCain-Feingold law, and led the FEC's legal team in the successful defense of that law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

A frequent speaker on campaign finance and government ethics issues, Norton is a co-author of a blog on political law issues called Political Law Briefing. He has been recognized by Chambers USA and Washington D.C. Super Lawyers, and Washingtonian Magazine named him a top lawyer in the field of ethics and election law.

## Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. Registration**  
**8:30 a.m. Welcome**  
Norman Williams, *Ken & Claudia Peterson Professor of Law and director of the Center for Constitutional Government*
- 8:45 a.m. Ken & Claudia Peterson Address**  
Ellen Weintraub, *chair, Federal Elections Commission*
- 9:45 a.m. Break**
- 10 a.m. Super PACs and the 2012 Presidential Election**  
Michael Beckel, *reporter, Center for Public Integrity*  
Rob Kelner, *partner, Covington & Burling LLP*  
Bradley Smith, *Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault Designated Professor of Law, Capital University*
- 11:15 a.m. The Future of Public Financing**  
Richard Briffault, *Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation, Columbia University*  
Paul Diller, *associate professor of law, Willamette University*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. Judicial Elections**  
Paul De Muniz, *former Oregon Supreme Court chief justice and distinguished jurist in residence at Willamette University College of Law*  
Adam Bonica, *assistant professor of political science, Stanford University*  
Debra Erenberg, *director of state affairs, Justice at Stake*
- 2:30 p.m. The Oregon Approach: Disclosures versus Limits**  
Kate Brown, *Oregon Secretary of State*  
Chris Garrett, *representative, Oregon State Legislature*  
John DiLorenzo, *partner & co-chair, Government Relations Practice Group, Davis Wright Tremaine*
- 3:45 p.m. Break**
- 4 p.m. Keynote Address**  
Lawrence Norton, *partner and co-chair, Political Law Practice Group, Venable LLP*
- 5 p.m. Closing Remarks and Reception**  
Norman Williams

All panels and presentations will be held in the John C. Paulus Lecture Hall (Room 201) of the Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center at the Willamette University College of Law.

### SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

Willamette University College of Law  
245 Winter St. SE, Salem, OR 97301-3922  
Parking on the Willamette campus is limited. Spots are available in the visitor lot located on the corner of Winter and Bellevue streets. On-street metered parking is available near the Oregon Capitol on State Street.

### CLE CREDITS

Oregon Continuing Legal Education credits are pending.

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*For more information on the conference, contact Reyna Meyers at 503-370-6046 or [rmeyers@willamette.edu](mailto:rmeyers@willamette.edu).*

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