

**WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOTING RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM**

William & Mary Law School's Institute of Bill of Rights Law is pleased to announce a February 21, 2014 symposium, *Rethinking DC Representation in Congress*. The Program brings together leading academics and practitioners to share views on the topic during a series of three panel discussions. A subset of participants will draft academic papers to be published in a symposium issue of the Law School's *Bill of Rights Journal*.

The goal of this program is to re-ignite debate on congressional representation for DC residents, a topic that has largely fallen from view in recent years. Participants will examine the broader issue of the constitutional requirements of voting rights and representation for U.S. citizens generally and District of Columbia residents specifically. A portion of the program will invite participants to critique specific proposals and calls for reduction of federal oversight of DC government.

8:45-9:00 Introduction and Welcome

9:00-10:00 Democracy, the Right to Vote, and the Constitution: This panel will examine the possibility of a constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to vote to all U.S. citizens.

Prof. Jeff Rosen (National Constitution Center) (moderator)
Prof. Heather Gerken (Yale Law School)
The Hon. Jamin Raskin (Washington College of Law)
The Hon. Ken Starr (Baylor University)
Prof. Richard Briffault (Columbia Law School)

10:05-11:15 Voting Rights for DC Residents? Representational Models: How do conceptions of the division of power between nations, states, and localities figure into the calculation of representation for DC residents?

Jonathan Cedarbaum (WilmerHale)(moderator)
Prof. David Fontana (George Washington Law School)
Prof. David Schleicher (George Mason Law School)
The Hon. Mary Cheh (George Washington Law School)
Wade Henderson (The Leadership Conference)

11:15-11:35 Coffee Break

11:35-12:30 The Politics of Political Representation for DC Residents: This panel will explore the political landscape of securing voting rights for DC residents. What are the main political drivers for and against the push for representational rights for the District?

Rebecca Green (William & Mary Law School)(moderator)
The Hon. Tom Davis (Deloitte)
Robert Bauer (Perkins Coie)