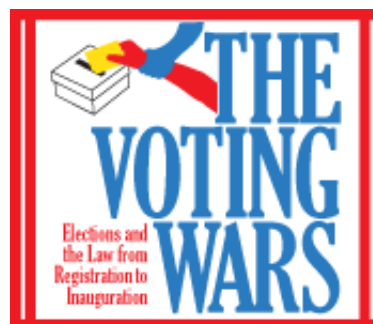




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'Voting Wars' Conference Will Look at Election Law Conflict and Politics

Update: ["Richard Hasen on the State of Election Law After 2012"](#) (Video and Podcast). Richard L. Hasen, the Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California, Irvine, spoke at the *Journal of Law & Politics* conference "The Voting Wars: Elections and the Law from Registration to Inauguration" on March 23.



Richard Hasen, one of the nation's leading thinkers on election law, will headline the [Journal of Law & Politics](#) conference "The Voting Wars: Elections and the Law from Registration to Inauguration" on Saturday, March 23, at the University of Virginia School of Law in Caplin Pavilion. ([Full Schedule](#))

Hasen, the Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California at Irvine, is a nationally recognized expert in election law and campaign finance regulation. He will speak at noon in Caplin Pavilion. The conference is open to the public and parking will be available at the Law School.

"Not only is Professor Hasen one of the nation's premier election law scholars, but he presents his information with uncommon clarity that makes his ideas accessible. It is no wonder he has become such a popular speaker on these issues," said third-year law student and conference co-organizer James Allred, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law & Politics*.

The conference also features a panel on protecting the right to vote and another on logistical issues relating to elections, including lines at the polls, provisional ballots, contested results and post-election litigation.

"The 2012 election season saw significant changes in state voting laws, but there were still major logistical problems at the polls and after in many locations," said third-year law student Andrew Garrahan, the journal's development editor. "Our hope with this symposium is to identify some of the issues that caused those problems, and begin to work toward solutions."

Allred said the conference will provide insight into the legal underpinnings of the election process.

"We hoped to add depth, context and academic analysis to the current political debates over the laws

governing elections in the United States," Allred said. "Following the 2012 election, our speakers, who are all on the forefront of analyzing the legal issues surrounding voting, will discuss topics that will affect how we select our politicians in the future."

Schedule - Saturday, March 23

10 a.m.

Breakfast

10:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

James Allred '13, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law & Politics

10:20 a.m.

Protecting the Franchise

This panel will address the requirements of voting, including registration, voter identification laws and early/absentee voting laws. The title reflects the tension between protecting against corruption at the polls and protecting the individual's right to vote.

- Keesha Gaskins, senior counsel, Brennan Center for Justice
- [Michael D. Gilbert](#), associate professor, University of Virginia School of Law
- John Fortier, director, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center
- [Daniel Ortiz](#), Michael J. and Jane R. Horvitz Distinguished Professor of Law and Edward F. Howrey Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law
- *Moderator*: Joseph M. Birkenstock, member, Caplin & Drysdale

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

12 p.m.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

[John Jeffries](#), David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia

12:10 p.m.

Keynote

Richard L. Hasen, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science, University of California, Irvine

1:15 p.m.

Election Day and Beyond

This panel will address the mechanical and logistical issues of voting, including lines at the polls, provisional ballots, contested results and post-election litigation.

- Doug Chapin, director, Program for Excellence in Election Administration, University of Minnesota
- Edward B. Foley, Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professor for the Administration of Justice and the Rule of Law, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- Justin Levitt, visiting associate professor of law, Yale Law School
- Charles Stewart III, Kenan Sahin Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- *Moderator:* Joseph M. Birkenstock, member, Caplin & Drysdale

2:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

James Allred '13, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law & Politics