

## **ELECTION LAW WAR GAME**

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### **PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES**

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#### **Stefan C. Passantino (Allen Attorney)**

Stefan Passantino is the head of the Political Law Team at McKenna Long & Aldridge where he leads the firm's publication of the *Pay-to-Play* blog. *Washingtonian* Magazine recognized Mr. Passantino as one of the "Best Legal Minds in Washington" in the field of Campaign and Election law in December 2011. Mr. Passantino is a regular contributor and commentator for CNN Radio, *POLITICO*, *The Hill*, FOX News, *Roll Call*, *The Washington Post*, and *USA Today*, among others, and is the co-author of the *Handbook on Corporate Political Activity: Emerging Corporate Governance Issues*. Mr. Passantino recently served as National Counsel to the Gingrich presidential campaign and represented former Speaker Newt Gingrich in Virginia's January ballot access litigation, and is currently a guest lecturer on campaign finance for Emory School of Law and the Georgia State University College of Law

#### **Jessica R. Amunson (Kaine Attorney)**

Jessica Ring Amunson is a Partner in the Election Law and Redistricting Practice Group at Jenner & Block in Washington DC. Ms. Amunson concentrates her practice in appellate and Supreme Court matters. She has significant experience briefing and arguing matters before both federal and state appellate courts and is frequently called on to assist in merits and amicus briefing before the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Amunson also focuses on election law and redistricting, and is actively involved in litigating as well as advising in redistricting matters in a number of states. Ms. Amunson represented candidate Christine Jennings in *Jennings v. Election Canvassing Commission*, an election contest over the 2006 race in Florida's 13th Congressional District, in which Ms. Jennings pursued the source code and a full forensic examination of the electronic voting machines after they produced more than 18,000 undervotes in one county. Ms. Amunson also recently appeared in an Election Law Program online lecture in a video lecture, "Redistricting Litigation: What Every Judge Needs to Know."

#### **John C. Harrison (Judge)**

Professor Harrison is the James Madison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia Law School. Professor Harrison joined the UVA faculty in 1993 as an associate professor of law after a distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Justice. His teaching subjects include constitutional history, federal courts, remedies, corporations, civil procedure, legislation and property. In 2008 he was on leave from the Law School to serve as counselor on international law in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State. A 1977 graduate of the University of Virginia, Harrison earned his law degree in 1980 at Yale, where he served as editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and editor and articles editor of the *Yale Studies in World Public Order*. He was an associate at Patton Boggs & Blow in Washington, D.C.,

and clerked for Judge Robert Bork on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He worked with the Department of Justice from 1983-93, serving in numerous capacities, including deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel (1990-93).

### **John Levy (Judge)**

Professor Levy began his career representing the poor in the Office of Economic Opportunity in Roanoke where he helped invalidate a law that allowed the government to put liens on the homes of people receiving disability payments and played a key role in reforming Virginia's paternity laws. Professor Levy continued aid the least fortunate by starting and running both Richmond Neighborhood Legal Aid and Peninsula Legal Aid. He also helped organize the ACLU of Virginia and is currently a member of its board. Mr. Levy has been the Chancellor Professor Emeritus at William and Mary Law School since 2002 following a long academic career.

### **Edward B. Foley (Chief Judge and Advisor to Project)**

Professor Edward B Foley is the Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law at the Ohio State University Moritz School of Law. Professor Foley clerked for both Chief Judge Patricia M. Wald of the United States Court of Appeals and Justice Harry Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court. One of the country's leading Election Law scholars, Professor Foley directs the Election Law @ Moritz program. In 1999, he took leave to serve as the State Solicitor in the office of Ohio's Attorney General. In 2008, he designed a simulated dispute between McCain and Obama based on a fictional snowstorm in Colorado on Election Day. Professor Foley is currently co-authoring a book on the history of disputed elections in the United States.

### **Jeremy Epstein (Technical Advisor to Project)**

Mr. Epstein, who served as the technical advisor to this project, is a security architect and engineer with over 30 years of experience in product development, academic research, standards development, and requirements analysis. He is an internationally recognized expert in software security and voting systems with numerous public presentations and over 20 publications in peer-reviewed conferences. He has spent the last 7 years working with states and private organizations on issues of voting security, and is a security researcher with the non-profit SRI International.

### **Rebecca Green**

Rebecca Green is a Professor of the Practice of Law at William & Mary Law School. She serves as the William & Mary director of the Election Law Program, a joint partnership of the Law School and the National Center for State Courts. Professor Green teaches Election Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Privacy Law and recently published an article on mediation in post-election disputes.

### **David Rottman**

David B. Rottman is a principal research consultant at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in Williamsburg, Virginia. His current research concerns public opinion on the courts, the effectiveness of problem-solving courts, judicial performance evaluation, and aspects of judicial selection. He also serves as the NCSC director of a joint project with the William & Mary School of Law designed to increase awareness of the work of state supreme courts. His writing includes books on community justice, social inequality, and modern Ireland, and articles

and book chapters on a wide variety of court-related topics. He has a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Student Contributors:

**Megan Mitchell** is a rising 3L at William & Mary Law School. Before law school, she worked on political campaigns in Iowa, Florida, and Virginia, among other states. Megan has worked as a legal intern at the New York Assembly last summer, and will spend this summer as a Summer Associate at Morrison & Foerster. She graduated from Wellesley College in 2007, where she majored in political science.

**Jim Ogorzalek** is a rising 2L at William & Mary Law School. He received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame where he worked extensively on quantitative research on voter turnout. Jim has interned at the Voting Rights Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law and will spend this summer as an intern in the chambers of Judge Deborah K. Chasanow of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

**Andrew McCoy** is a rising 3L at William & Mary Law School. Andrew is completing a joint degree in law and a Masters in Public Policy. Aside from election law and policy, his research interests include environmental law, particularly the Clean Air Act and water management.