

Today's Challenges to a Functional Congress: Revitalizing Article I

A Symposium

March 15, 2019

University Club of Chicago, 76 East Monroe, Chicago, Illinois

Sponsored by the Seventh Circuit Bar Association Foundation

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 9:30

Opening Remarks

Hon. Diane P. Wood, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Michael Brody, Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Foundation

9:30 – 10:00

Session 1 - Nature of Money in Politics

Sheila Krumholtz, Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics, Washington, DC

10:00 – 10:45

Session 2 - Money in Politics

Sen. Russell Feingold, Visiting Professor, Yale Law School; former United States Senator; Middleton, Wisconsin

10:45 - 11:00

Morning Break

11:00 – 11:30

Session 3 – Political Advertising

Michael Franz, Co-Director, Wesleyan Media Project; Professor, Bowdoin College; Brunswick, Maine

11:30 – 12:30

Session 4 – Impact of Changes in Journalism and Social Media on Democracy

Tim Franklin, Professor and Senior Associate Dean, Medill School of Journalism

Angie Holan, Editor, PolitiFact, Washington, DC

Chris Benson, Associate Professor, Medill School of Journalism

Doreen Weisenhaus, Director of the Media Law and Policy Initiative, Medill School of Journalism; Senior Lecturer, Medill School of Journalism and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

12:30 - 1:30

Lunch – Provided to In Person Attendees

1:30 – 2:45

Session 5 - Political Redistricting/Gerrymandering

Nick Stephanopoulos, Professor, University of Chicago School of Law

Chris Warshaw, Assistant Professor, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Katie Fahey, Executive Director, Voters not Politicians, Grand Rapids, Michigan

2:45 – 3:00

Afternoon Break

3:00 - 4:15

Session 6 - Impact of Rules of Legislatures on Democracy/Congressional Capacity

Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Associate Professor, Northwestern University

Hon. Dan Lipinski, Congressman and political scientist

James Curry, Assistant Professor, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

4:15 – 5:15

Session 7 - How Do We Ensure the System Attracts the Best Candidates?

Hon. Ray LaHood, former Congressman and former United States Secretary of Transportation; co-author, “Seeking Bipartisanship: My Life in Politics;” Peoria, Illinois

Hon. John Shadegg, former Congressman; Polsinelli, Washington, DC

5:15 - 6:00

Reception