



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>:**

## **BARRIERS AND INNOVATIONS IN CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION SINCE 9/11: PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES**

**A conference at the University of Texas School of Law  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012, 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The ten years since the attacks of 9/11 and range of government responses have featured two important and competing trends in the arena of civil rights damages litigation. On the one hand, federal civil rights remedies have been increasingly deployed to address alleged government overreach across a broad range of substantive arenas – expanding beyond, for example, traditional domestic policing to address immigration and national security policy. At the same time, the Supreme Court has increased and added to the range of remedial barriers to successfully litigating such actions – including expansion of immunities doctrines, constriction of the *Bivens* remedy, and a variety of informational barriers flowing from putative secrecy concerns.

This conference will bring together leading civil rights litigators, advocates, and scholars in criminal justice, racial justice, immigration, and national security to explore the confluence of these trends across substantive areas, discussing both concrete litigation strategies as well as the broader practical and theoretical context in which these remedial barriers operate. The day will consist of three panels addressing immunities, *Bivens* doctrine, and privileges and secrecy, as well as a lunchtime keynote address.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Susan Herman**, President of the American Civil Liberties Union, chaired professor of law at Brooklyn Law School, and author of the recently published *Taking Liberties: The War on Terror and the Erosion of American Democracy*.

### **PANELISTS INCLUDE**

**Sharon Bradford Franklin**, Senior Counsel, Constitution Project • **Lee Gelernt**, Deputy Director, ACLU National Immigrant Rights Project • **Lisa Graybill**, Legal Director, ACLU of Texas • **Jim Harrington**, Director, Texas Civil Rights Project • **Seth Kreimer**, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School • **Jennifer Laurin**, Assistant Professor, University of Texas School of Law (conference organizer) • **Javier Maldonado**, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC • **Rachel Meeropol**, Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights • **Ranjana Natarajan**, Clinical Professor, University of Texas School of Law • **John Preis**, Associate Professor of Law, Richmond Law School • **Alexander Reinert**, Associate Professor of Law, Cardozo Law School • **Stephen Vladeck**, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law

### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

The State Bar of Texas has accredited this conference for 5.75 hours of CLE credit. With advance notice lawyers from other jurisdictions will receive a uniform certificate of attendance.

### **CONFERENCE WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION**

For the conference schedule and updates, please consult the conference website at [www.utlawjusticecenter.org/events/civilrights.html](http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/events/civilrights.html)

The conference is free, but space is limited. To register (and reserve your place), email Rachel Sidopulos at [rsidopulos@law.utexas.edu](mailto:rsidopulos@law.utexas.edu) by **January 27th**

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