Reclaiming the First Amendment:

Constitutional Theories of Media Reform

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Friday, January 19, 2007
8:30 a.m - 6 p.m.
2007 will mark the 40th anniversary of Jerome Barron’s *Harvard Law Review* article, “Access to the Press – A New First Amendment Right.” Although First Amendment theories of access, like First Amendment arguments for government regulation to ensure a diversity of viewpoints, have had a mixed reception in the courts, there is growing concern that our current consolidated and commercialized mass media system represents a serious challenge to democracy.

“Reclaiming the First Amendment: Constitutional Theories of Media Reform” will commemorate Barron’s work with a daylong investigation of the intersection between the First Amendment and media access, diversity and structural reform.

**AGENDA**

8:30 a.m.  
**Introductions**  
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308  
Dean and Professor of Law Aaron D. Twerski, Hofstra Law School  
Distinguished Professor Eric M. Freedman, Hofstra Law School, Conference Co-Director  
Marjorie Heins, Esq., Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law,  
Free Expression Policy Project, Conference Co-Director

8:45 a.m.  
**Panel I: Media Regulation, Access and the First Amendment**  
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308  
**Keynote Speaker**  
Professor C. Edwin Baker, University of Pennsylvania Law School  
**Keynote Speaker**  
Professor Robert W. McChesney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Presenters:**  
Professor Gregory P. Magarian, Villanova University School of Law  
Marvin Ammori, Esq., Georgetown University Law Center  
**Moderator/Commenter:**  
Robert Corn-Revere, Esq., Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

10:15 a.m.  
**Coffee Break**  
Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, Second Floor

10:30 a.m.  
**Panel II: Media Regulation and Intellectual Property**  
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308  
**Keynote Speaker**  
Professor Ellen P. Goodman, Rutgers University School of Law at Camden  
**Presenters:**  
Professor Neil Weinstock Netanel, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law  
Professor Hannibal Travis, Florida International University College of Law  
Professor Alan E. Garfield, Widener University School of Law  
**Moderator/Commenter:**  
Professor Diane Zimmerman, New York University School of Law

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Noon

Luncheon
Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, Second Floor

Introductions
President Stuart Rabinowitz, Hofstra University
Distinguished Professor Leon Friedman, Hofstra Law School

Speaker
Professor Jerome A. Barron, George Washington University School of Law

2 p.m.

Panel III: The Communications Order and New Technologies
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308

Presenters:
Professor Anthony E. Varona, American University Washington College of Law
Professor Oren Bracha, University of Texas School of Law and
Professor Frank A. Pasquale, Seton Hall School of Law
Professor David C. Kohler, Southwestern University School of Law
Professor Jennifer A. Chandler, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law

Moderator/Commenter:
Professor Robert Horwitz, University of California at San Diego

3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break
Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, Second Floor

3:45 p.m.

Panel IV: Proposals for Reform
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308

Keynote Speaker
Professor Lili Levi, University of Miami School of Law

Presenters:
Cheryl A. Leanza, Esq., National League of Cities
Professor Malla Pollack, University of Idaho, College of Law
Professor Michael M. Epstein, Southwestern University School of Law

Moderator/Commenter:
Professor Laurence H. Winer, Arizona State University Law School
Commenter:
Distinguished Professor Bernard E. Jacob, Hofstra Law School

5:15 p.m

Justice Blackmun: A Historical Perspective
Sidney R. Siben and Walter Siben Moot Courtroom, Room 308

Introduction:
Professor Robin D. Charlow, Hofstra Law School
Presenter:
Professor Angela J. Campbell, Georgetown University Law Center
Commenter:
Professor Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School

6 p.m.

Reception
Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, Second Floor

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Garden City, New York 11530
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Fax: (516) 747-1414
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Uniondale, New York 11553
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Fax: (516) 794-5936
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Attention: Hotel Reservations
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