27th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference

Time: All Day
Location: Silverman 245, Levy Conference Room

The 27th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference will take place on January 24, 2015. This year’s theme will be “The Voting Rights Act: 50 Years Later.” BLSA will investigate the systematic disenfranchisement of minorities in American society through taking a critical look at progress since the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Moreover, we will analyze the recent voting rights decision Shelby County v. Holder, which struck down the critical Section 4b of the Voting Rights act as an unconstitutional infringement of the federalist system. The Conference will also feature professional development programming for both law students and lawyers alike.

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BLSA will host a panel of federal court judges who will discuss the legal analysis in the four large post-Shelby County decisions in Wyoming, Ohio, Texas, and North Carolina. The Conference will also host both an academic and political panel discussing both the effects of the Shelby County decisions on minority disfranchisement and community responses. Finally, the Conference will host professional development panels for both first-year law students, upperclassmen, and practicing attorneys, which will culminate in a Career Fair.

Pre-registration requested. Tickets are available at:


$10 for students (group rates available. Contact blsasadieconference@gmail.com)
$35 for non-students, not including CLE costs. Attorneys, please see ABOUT section when purchasing tickets for discounts.

The panel Regulating Campaign Finance Compliance: Are We Criminalizing Politics? has been approved for 1.0 ethics credit for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of $25.00 cash or check made payable to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.