

The Law of Democracy at a Crossroads:

Reflecting on Fifty Years of Voting Rights and the Judicial Regulation of the Political Thicket
at Florida State University College of Law

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2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, presenting a perfect opportunity to reflect on the changes that have occurred since the Supreme Court entered the "political thicket" over five decades ago. Since the 1960s, the Court has changed the landscape and the regulation of our system of politics, and its decisions continue to significantly impact this area. In 2013, the Court decided two major election law cases. *Shelby County v. Holder* invalidated section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act and raised important questions about the future of a super statute that had eliminated much of the racial discrimination in our political system. *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council* reaffirmed the broad scope of congressional authority over elections. Last term, the Court decided an important campaign finance case, *McCutcheon v. FEC*, which struck down aggregate contribution limits and opened the door for more campaign finance deregulation.

This symposium will allow leading legal scholars and political scientists to gather at a critical juncture in election law to debate and shape the future of the field.

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