Tuesday July 31

**Contribution Disclosure Laws: Transparency, Free Speech and Unintended Consequences**

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

**Chisun Lee, Brennan Center for Justice**

Chisun Lee serves as Senior Counsel in the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, where she works on campaign finance reform and voting rights. She teaches a course on public policy advocacy at NYU School of Law. In addition to working at the Brennan Center, she practiced federal criminal law in New York City. She represented indigent and private clients. Chisun was a journalist before becoming an attorney and she has covered legal issues as a staff reporter for ProPublica. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and served as a law clerk to a federal judge in the Southern District of New York.

**Shawn Sheehy, Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky**

Shawn Sheehy is the senior litigation counsel at the law firm Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky. Shawn’s practice focuses on First Amendment litigation, redistricting litigation, and litigation involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

For example, Shawn has assisted in successfully challenging New York’s statutes limiting contributions to independent expenditure committees; successfully defending political committees in discovery disputes in redistricting litigation; and in another redistricting case, Shawn authored a brief that was submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. Shawn has also represented clients before the FEC.

In 2016, Shawn authored the winning brief at the Supreme Court of Virginia where, for the first time, the Supreme Court of Virginia defined the boundaries of the Speech or Debate Clause in Virginia’s Constitution. In 2014, Shawn graduated from the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law and is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

**Steve Arthur, Stateside, Vice President**

Steve Arthur is the vice president at Stateside where he directs Stateside’s retail industry practice and advises retailers on working with state government officials and trade associations. He also leads Stateside’s attorneys general practice. He spearheads coalitions to give clients a voice in shaping federal regulations and guides them in positioning their government relations programs internally to best support business units. Steve holds a B.A. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Senator Peter Wirth (D-NM)**

Senator Wirth is in his third term as a state Senator, and now serves as the Senate Majority Leader. The Senator’s New Mexico roots go back several generations on both sides of his family. His maternal grandfather, John Gaw Meem, was one of New Mexico’s preeminent...
architects. His paternal grandfather was a math teacher and camp counselor at the Los Alamos Ranch School before World War II. When he is not working at the Legislature, Senator Wirth is a lawyer in Santa Fe. He graduated from Stanford University in 1984 with a degree in Economics and Spanish, and then earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of New Mexico.

Representative Vince Leach (R-AZ)

Representative Leach has been involved as a citizen activist in many areas of government, working on behalf of conservative causes. His experience ranges from work at the school board to the State Legislature. His passion for public service led him to run for an open State House seat in 2014, when he was elected to represent Saddlebrooke, not far from Tucson. Representative Leach is a graduate of the University of WI-St. Point with degrees in Political Science and History. He is a Vietnam era veteran. Vince has over thirty-five years of sales and executive business management experience in the national and international market place.