Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

“What Does the Supreme Court Vacancy Mean to State and Local Governments?” (CLE)

Tuesday, August 9 1:45 – 3 pm

Agenda

1:45 pm – 1:50 pm  Introduction
• Senator W. Briggs Hopson, Mississippi

1:50 pm – 2:50 pm  Speakers’ Remarks
• Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center
• Carolyn Shapiro, Esq., Solicitor General for the State of Illinois

2:50 – 3:00 pm  Questions from the Audience

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Carolyn Shapiro has served as the Illinois Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General since January 2014. Ms. Shapiro is on leave from her faculty position at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she has worked since 2003. Ms. Shapiro is the founding director of the law school's Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States (ISCOTUS). Her scholarship is largely focused on the Supreme Court, its relationship to other courts, and its role in our constitutional democracy. Prior to joining IIT Chicago-Kent, Ms. Shapiro practiced as an associate at Miner, Barnhill & Galland in civil rights practice, and she was a Skadden Fellow with the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. After receiving her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where she served as articles editor of the Law Review, Ms. Shapiro clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer and U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Richard A. Posner. She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago and a master's degree at the university’s Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies.

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