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American University Washington College of Law invites you to explore some of the most important legal issues facing the nation and the world today.

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MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005  
8:00A – 5:00P  
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Legal issues facing religious organizations today affect the activities and programs of every nonprofit organization. The President's Budget for Fiscal 2006 permits: tax-free withdrawals from IRAs for charitable contributions, increased charitable deductions for contributions of food inventory, repeal of the \$150 million limitation on qualified 501(c)(3) bonds (important issue for religious universities and hospitals), repeal of certain restrictions on the use of qualified bonds for residential rental residence property owned by 501(c)(3)s including religious organizations.

Learn what's happening at the IRS and Treasury regarding: political activities and the 34 ongoing church audit inquiries; newly issued regulations on deferred compensation and retirement benefits, including church plans under sections 403(b), 409(a), and 414 of the Code; government concerns regarding international activities; tax shelters and excessive compensation.

Hear from knowledgeable speakers regarding what the Presidential election results really show as to how religious congregations voted: What was the role of nonprofit organizations in the Tsunami disaster?

All of the above topics will keep you informed and up-to-date on what all of these measures will mean to your organization and will make you better informed on the issues.

- 8:00 am – 8:50 am *Registration and Breakfast*  
8:50 am – 9:00 am *Opening Remarks*  
**Claudio Grossman, Dean**, American University Washington College of Law
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am *Legislative Developments*  
**Dean Zerbe**, Tax Counsel, Senate Finance Committee Staff
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am *National Panel on Exempt Organizations: Response to the Senate Staff Report on Exempt Organizations.*  
**Paul Nelson**, President, Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, Moderator; **Charles Gould**, President, Volunteers of America; **Deirdre Dessignue**, Associate General Counsel, US Catholic Conference
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am *Church Response to the TSUNAMI Disaster – What Lessons Have Been Learned?*  
**Milton Cerny**, Caplin & Drysdale, Moderator; **Paul Dirdak**, Deputy Secretary, United Methodist Committee on Relief; **Michael Wiest**, Chief Operating Officer, Catholic Relief Services, Embassy of Indonesia
- 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm *Lunch - "What Did the Election Tell Us about How Religious Groups Vote?" with Guest Speakers*  
**Luis Lugo**, Director, Pew Forum on Religion; **E.J. Dionne**, Brookings Institution and Editorial Writer, Washington Post (invited)
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm *Political Activities by NGOs:*  
**Lloyd Mayer**, Caplin & Drysdale, Moderator, **Trevor Potter**, Caplin & Drysdale, former Commissioner, Federal Election Commission; Professor **Jamin Raskin**, Washington College of Law; **Shaun Casey**, Associate Professor, Christian Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm *IRS and Treasury Discussion of Administration of Tax Issues Affecting Churches*  
**Andy Pike**, Academic Dean, Washington College of Law, Moderator; **Jack Reilly**, Technical Advisor, Exempt Organizations, IRS; **Dan Hogans**, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Tax Legislative Counsel
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm *Compensation, 403(b), Church Plans and Other Employment Issues*  
Professor **Nancy Abramowitz**, Washington College of Law, Moderator; **Robert Architect**, Tax Law Specialist, IRS; **Richard W. Skillman**, Caplin & Drysdale, former Chief Counsel of the IRS
- 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm *Church and State Constitutional Issues; Political Speech in Houses of Worship; The Establishment Clause and Recent US Supreme Court Arguments on Religious Displays and Uses of Government Property; and Government Funding of Faith-based Organizations*  
**Herman Schwartz**, Professor, Washington College of Law, Moderator; **Anthony R. Picarello, Jr.**, President and General Counsel, Becket Fund; **Barry Lynn**, President, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State