



The Florida Bar Media and Communications Law Committee
presents

First Amendment and the U.S. Supreme Court

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

COURSE CLASSIFICATION: INTERMEDIATE

Course 8447

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OVERVIEW

The U.S. Supreme Court term could be one of the most important in deciding how the First Amendment impacts new technology, particularly social media. The Court will decide several significant cases that will affect the scope of the First Amendment on the internet, including ruling on the constitutionality of Florida's law to regulate large social media sites.

Don't miss this latest installment of the Bar's longest-running seminar on the First Amendment docket of the U.S. Supreme Court term.

LECTURE PROGRAM

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. **Introduction**

Moderator: David Karp, Carlton Fields

Panelists: Hon. Adalberto Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

Hon. John D. Couriel of the Florida Supreme Court

University of Florida Law Professor Lyrissa Lidsky

University of Miami Law Professor Lili Levi

Circuit Judge Christine Marlewski of the 13th Judicial Circuit

Florida International University Law Professor Howard Wasserman





10:05 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. **Changing Face of the U.S. Supreme Court**

We discuss overall trends with the Court including the rise of the emergency docket and nationwide injunctions, forum shopping, the new Supreme Court ethics code, and the conservative shift of the Court.

10:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **The Court's First Amendment Docket**

The Court will decide cases that answer some of these questions:

- a. Can states regulate social media sites to mandate consistency and non-discrimination of viewpoints consistent with the First Amendment?*
- b. When does a public official's social media page become a public forum subject to First Amendment constraints on government forums?*
- c. When does the government cross the line from persuading to coercing private parties to control private speech?*

Whether the government's refusal to register a trademark criticizing a government or public figure violates the First Amendment?

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Discussion of Upcoming Cases for the 2024 Term**

Questions from the audience

CLE Credit

General: 2.5 hours