LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.

– James Madison, Federalist Paper No. 51 (1788-02-06)

In 1788, James Madison wrote these words to promote ratification of the new U.S. Constitution. While he recognized the need for a strong federal government, Madison knew that, if left unchecked, the individual branches of government would succumb to influence, leaving power centralized and unrestrained. For this reason, he championed the separation of governmental powers as an indispensable principle of the new Constitution.

The Federalist Society was founded on this very principle, along with the belief that the state exists to preserve freedom. The Federalist Society exists to promote awareness and furtherance of these fundamental principles through education and scholarly debate.

The Student Chapter provides opportunities for students to participate in the public policy process, and encourages involvement in local, state, and national affairs. Our events provide a setting for legal experts of opposing views to interact with law students and other members of the legal profession. We believe this debate is necessary to promote individual liberty and free thought in our legal education system.

I want to thank you all for making Memphis Law a premier speaker destination, and encourage everyone to attend and participate in our events this semester. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for more information, dates, and times. At the very least, you know you won’t leave hungry.

- Joshua Bradley
President, The Federalist Society

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 10, 2015: Freedom of Expression 12:00pm in Wade Auditorium
- March 18, 2015: Immigration: President Obama’s Immigration Orders, and National Security 12:00pm in Wade Auditorium
- March 26, 2015: The Jurisprudence of Clarence Thomas 12:00pm in Wade Auditorium
- February 20-21, 2015 2015 ANNUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM in Chicago, IL—“Law and innovation” For more details: http://www.fed-soc.org/events/detail/2015-annual-student-symposium

NEXT MEETING: TBA

PURPOSE:
The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province
September 2, 2014  Ferguson: An Opportunity for Community Discourse

Ms. Jacqueline O’Bryant and Professors Harris, Mamlyuk, Kiel, and Allen, sitting on a panel, explored the underlying causes of the recent unrest in Ferguson.

September 25, 2014  The U.S. Constitution: From Limited Government to Leviathan

Presented by Dr. Roger Pilon, founder and director of Cato’s Center for Constitutional Studies and followed by comments from Professor Steven Mulroy. In his presentation, Dr. Pilon explained, “how it happened that under a Constitution meant to limit government we got a government of effectively unlimited power,” and discussed the implications of this “constitutional revolution.”

October 21, 2014  Death Penalty Debate

Professor Stinneford, from Florida Law delivered his Death Penalty talk followed by a panel discussion with Professor Mulroy and Robert Parris.

October 28, 2014  The 1st Amendment, 2nd Amendment, and 3D Printed Guns.

Professor Josh Blackman from South Texas College of Law, presented “The 1st Amendment, 2nd Amendment, and 3D Printed Guns.” He explored how efforts to regulate, or even ban 3D Printed Guns, must satisfy constitutional scrutiny under both the First and Second Amendments.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY NATIONAL CHAPTER

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project Inc. The Supreme Court has previously attempted twice to hear cases reaching the question of whether disparate impact claims are cognizable under the Fair Housing Act, in Magner v. Gallagher and Mount Holly v. Mount Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, and in both instances the cases were settled less than a month before oral arguments. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to “refuse to sell or rent . . . or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race.” Do policies that can be demonstrated to have a discriminatory effect on certain racial groups, without a showing of discriminatory intent, violate the statute?

INTERNSHIPS/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- **2015 James Kent Summer Academy** (Students interested in Academia) August 3, 2015—August 7, 2015

- **2015 Legal Studies Institute in Washington, DC**
  Apply by February 10th and receive a $1500 scholarship
  [www.DClinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DClinternships.org/LSI)

- **Litigate for Liberty in Sunny, AZ at the Goldwater Institute**
  To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and legal writing sample to Christina Sandefur, 500 E. Coronado Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 or csandefur@goldwaterinstitute.org. Visit [http://goldwaterinstitute.org/litigation-clerkship-and-externship-program](http://goldwaterinstitute.org/litigation-clerkship-and-externship-program) for more information.