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Legal Writing: CA3819

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# Annual Constitutional Law Symposium 2025



## The Symposium is in session

The **Annual Constitutional Law Symposium 2025** delivers a comprehensive review of the year’s most pressing constitutional disputes. Examine voting rights challenges, the constitutionality of nationwide injunctions, and the Court’s use of the “shadow docket.” You’ll also explore rulings on homelessness ordinances, executive orders, and privacy rights. Come away with the knowledge to turn recent developments into effective advocacy.

### HOW YOU’LL BENEFIT

- Gain practical context for advising clients on real-time and emerging constitutional questions
- Anticipate how shifts in precedent may influence government policies and enforcement
- Stay on top of constitutional developments affecting privacy, voting rights, and the use of public spaces
- Hear perspectives on the current Supreme Court’s voting patterns, trends, and results
- Assess the enforceability of executive actions and the likelihood of nationwide injunctions disrupting them
- Discuss proposed amendments aimed at removing constitutional protections for corporations

Attend the **Annual Constitutional Law Symposium 2025** and discover how today’s constitutional rulings will shape tomorrow’s strategies. **Register now!**

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM Registration**
- 8:30 AM *Buck v. Bell***
- History of the litigation
  - Historical analysis of the decision
  - Ongoing relevance to privacy cases  
*Chad Baruch*
- 9:00 AM *Louisiana v. Callais***
- History of voting rights and redistricting litigation
  - Lower court determinations on challenges to Louisiana congressional map
  - Supreme Court arguments and (perhaps) decision  
*Ian A.J. Pitz*
- 9:50 AM Break**
- 10:05 AM *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson***
- Judicial precedent addressing ordinances governing homelessness and the use of public property
  - The implications of the decision on local municipalities
  - The potential impact of the decision on college protest encampments  
*Grant C. Killoran*
- 10:55 AM *Executive Orders and the Constitutionality of Nationwide Injunctions***
- History and use of executive orders
  - Youngstown and judicial analysis of executive orders
  - Nationwide injunctions: arguments for and against  
*Chad Baruch, Ian A.J. Pitz*
- 11:55 AM Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:55 PM *U.S. Supreme Court Update***
- Discussions of the Court’s key decisions from this term
  - Observations about trends, both in voting patterns and results
  - The famed “shadow docket” and its effect this term  
*Chad Baruch, Grant C. Killoran, Ian Pitz*
- 2:25 PM *Developments in Corporate Constitutional Rights***
- Early requirements for chartering corporations and changes over time, including the removal of a public purpose requirement
  - Survey of constitutional rights that have been applied to corporations, including the Contracts Clause and the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments
  - Proposed constitutional amendments that seek to limit constitutional rights to natural persons only, which would remove all constitutional protections from corporations  
*Matthew Kolodoski*
- 2:55 PM Program Concludes**

Following start time, schedule may vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.

## FACULTY

### PROGRAM PRESENTERS

- Chad Baruch, Co-Chair**, Johnston Tobey Baruch, Dallas, TX  
**Grant C. Killoran, Co-Chair**, O’Neil Cannon, Milwaukee  
**Ian A.J. Pitz, Co-Chair**, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, Madison  
**Matthew Kolodoski**, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons LLP, Dallas, TX

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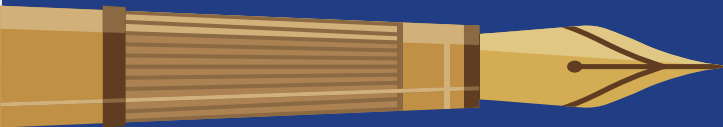
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Madison, WI	Wednesday, January 14, 2026
	Thursday, January 22, 2026
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- Sharpen your writing style to present arguments more clearly and persuasively
- Receive tips on the structure and approach to a well-crafted reply brief
- Use tools like bullet points to highlight key arguments without distracting from your message
- Transform everyday motions and briefs into powerful advocacy tools

Attend *Effective Legal Writing 2025* and discover ways to transform everyday documents into compelling, attention-grabbing advocacy tools. **Register now!**

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- 8:30 AM Tips for Powerful Motions and Briefs
  - Using introductions strategically
  - Mastering verb choice, sentence structure, and paragraph transitions
  - Bells and whistles like bullet points, the em-dash, and more*Chad Baruch*
- 9:30 AM The Reply Brief: The Most Vexing of All Briefs to Write
  - Top tips on the structure and approach to a well-crafted reply brief, including:
    - The way to outline and consider the brief
    - The way to ensure it’s not a repeat of the opening brief
    - The way to ensure it is the last and most persuasive word in the case*Joseph A. Bugni*
- 10:40 AM Break
- 10:55 AM A Brief\* Perspective from the Bench: Improving Effectiveness by Minimizing Distractions
  - Overview of Court of Appeals
  - Review of the rules, Rule 809.19
  - Avoiding distractions in your writing:
    - Consider whether the body of your brief, alone, contains enough info to keep the reader 1) interested, 2) reading, and 3) on track
    - Exclude irrelevant information that just begs for questions
    - Include major facts
    - Maintain credibility*Hon. Sara J. Geenen*
- 11:45 AM Program Concludes

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**Hon. Sara J. Geenen**, Wisconsin Court of Appeals District I, Milwaukee

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