What to Expect After the Election: What Does a Trump Presidency Mean for Law and Policy?
November 18, 2016

Chair: Michael Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice; Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
Continental Breakfast Available

9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Julia N. Miller, Assistant Dean, Executive Education and Non-Degree Programs
Michael Gerrard

9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. International and Security Issues
This session will explore how a Donald Trump presidency and a Republican-led Congress will affect the United States’ policies and laws when it comes to international relations, national security, and immigration.

International relations: Lori Fisler Damrosch, Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy

National security: Matthew C. Waxman, Liviu Librescu Professor of Law; Faculty Chair, Roger Hertog Program on Law and National Security

Immigration: Elora Mukherjee, Associate Clinical Professor of Law

10:45 a.m.–11:00 p.m. Break

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Economic Regulation
This session will examine how the Trump administration and Congress will adjust rules in the areas of financial regulation, tax policy, and climate change law and energy policy.

Financial regulation: Jeffrey N. Gordon, Richard Paul Richman Professor of Law

Tax policy: Michael J. Graetz, Columbia Alumni Professor of Tax Law

Climate change law and energy policy: Michael Gerrard

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Ethics: The Responsibility of Lawyers in Advising Government and Private Clients on the Use of Electronic Media: Hillel I. Parness, Attorney, Parness Law Firm, PLLC; Lecturer in Law

Senior governmental officials and aspirants, as well as corporate executives, are often unaware of or insensitive to the potential and perils of the various established forms of electronic communication. In this election, Clinton’s use of email during her tenure as Secretary of State and Trump’s use of Twitter as a candidate caused great controversy, though of much different sorts. In some instances the roles of the lawyers who advise high-profile individuals has been called into question. This session (for which Ethics credit is provided) discusses the possible mistakes and pitfalls government officials and corporate leaders should be aware of when using electronic communication, and the responsibilities of lawyers in advising them.

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Issues of Law

As president, Trump will likely have the chance to nominate more than one Supreme Court Justice, as well as other federal judges, who will be subject to confirmation by the newly constituted Senate. The new President and Congress will also influence election law and campaign finance, and health care reform. This session will delve into the potential consequences of the election results.

Judicial selection and the Supreme Court: Jamal Greene, Dwight Professor of Law

Health care law: Kristen Underhill, Associate Professor of Law

Election law and campaign finance: Richard Briffault, Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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