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Does Democracy Depend on Congress by Zoom?

Dear Alumni,

We hope you're staying safe and well. We're pleased to invite you to an exciting webinar with Professor Deborah Pearlstein about the federal procedures during COVID-19.

The topics will include:

- The status of congressional operations
- Constitutionality of remote voting in Congress
- Hurdles to implementing remote governance

Please join us **Thursday, May 7th from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Registration in advance is required.

We look forward to seeing you there.

My very best,

Dean Melanie Leslie '91

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Professor Deborah Pearlstein

A leading national voice on law and counterterrorism, Professor Pearlstein has repeatedly testified before Congress on topics from military commissions to detainee treatment. She has held appointments as Chair of the AALS National Security Law Section, on the ABA's Advisory Committee on Law and National Security, and today serves on the editorial board of the peer-reviewed *Journal of National Security Law and Policy*.

Magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Pearlstein clerked for Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, then for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court. Following her clerkships, she practiced at the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson in San Francisco, earning the Voting Rights Award from the ACLU of Southern California for her litigation work on voting systems reform following the 2000 presidential election.

From 2003-2007, Professor Pearlstein served as the founding director of the Law and Security Program at Human Rights First, where she led the organization's efforts in research, litigation and advocacy surrounding U.S. detention and interrogation operations, and served on the first team of independent military commission monitors to visit the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay in 2004.



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