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## Contemporary Issues in Election Law

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

On behalf of the Editors of *The University of New Hampshire Law Review*, I am pleased to present this special symposium issue on “Contemporary Issues in Election Law.” The election law articles published in this issue are based upon presentations and papers given at the Law Review’s annual symposium, which was held in partnership with the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service, on October 7, 2022.<sup>1</sup> These articles not only make a meaningful contribution to the scholarly literature on election law, but they also provide important insights for practitioners and those who engage in the administration of elections.

The topic of election law is particularly meaningful to the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law for at least two key reasons. First, as many political observers are aware, the State of New Hampshire hosts the first-in-the-nation presidential primary,<sup>2</sup> which has shaped the presidential nomination process for many years. It should come as no surprise that civic and political participation is a responsibility that New Hampshire residents—and members of the Law School community—take seriously. Second, true to the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law’s commitment to interdisciplinary learning, the symposium exemplified how the study of law—and election law, in particular—benefits from the insights of experts in diverse academic and

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<sup>1</sup> A full video recording of the symposium is available on the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law’s YouTube channel at [https://youtu.be/\\_WQYU6rJb24](https://youtu.be/_WQYU6rJb24) (last visited Mar. 27, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 653:9 (2010).

professional fields. In addition to legal scholars and practitioners, the symposium featured speakers with backgrounds in computer science, data science, neuroscience, political science, and public administration. This range of expertise contributed to thoughtful and engaging discussions that lasted well after the symposium concluded.

I personally want to thank and recognize all the presenters who took part in the symposium:

- ❖ Andrew W. Appel, Eugene Higgins Professor of Computer Science, Princeton University
- ❖ Jonathan Cervas, Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Politics and Strategy, Carnegie Mellon University
- ❖ Bradford E. Cook, Senior Shareholder and Past President, Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green; Former Board of Trustees, UNH School of Law; Member, Advisory Board, Rudman Center; Chair, New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission; Co-Chair, N.H. Secretary of State's Special Committee on Voter Confidence
- ❖ Edward B. Foley, Ebersold Chair in Constitutional Law & Director of Election Law at Ohio State, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- ❖ The Honorable Barbara J. Griffin, Chair of the Election Law Committee, New Hampshire House of Representatives
- ❖ Joel K. Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law Emeritus, Saint Louis University School of Law
- ❖ Todd Hendricks, Data and Research Analyst, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund
- ❖ Henry Klementowicz, Senior Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire
- ❖ Eugene D. Mazo, Visiting Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law
- ❖ Derek Muller, Bouma Fellow in Law and Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law
- ❖ The Honorable David Scanlan, New Hampshire Secretary of State
- ❖ Liz Tentarelli, President, League of Women Voters of New Hampshire
- ❖ Samuel Wang, Professor of Neuroscience and Director of the Princeton Gerrymander Project, Princeton University
- ❖ The Honorable Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission

In addition, it is important to underscore that the symposium would not have been possible without the support of a number of individuals and groups at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law. To that end, I offer my thanks to the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service, Dean Megan Carpenter, Associate Dean Rebecca Purdom, Associate Dean Shane Cooper, Assistant Dean Lauren Berger, Professor John Greabe, Professor Roger Allan Ford, A.J. Kierstead, Lauren Terry, Courtney Thurston, Kiara Murillo, Dale Kenny, John MacLennan, Bill Deacon, Daniel Cwynar, Grant Keener, and all the members of the Law Review. On a personal note, I am especially grateful to my family—my wife, Sarah, and daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Clara Grace—for their unwavering support and encouragement during my tenure as a law student and a member of this Law Review.

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