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C-SPAN to cover portions of Campaign Ethics Conference

The public affairs TV network C-SPAN will cover the Political Campaign Ethics Conference scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2014, at St. Thomas University School of Law. Several of the sessions will be videotaped by C-SPAN for airing over the summer. The conference includes a debate on campaign cash and the *Citizens United* ruling between two nationally recognized experts, and speaker panels on a variety of election topics, including the 2000 *Bush v. Gore* recount and Supreme Court case, and the tension between anti-fraud measures and voting rights for minority voters. The luncheon speaker is Chuck Malkus, author of *The Ultimate Ponzi: The Scott Rothstein Story*.

More than 40 prominent speakers are attending the daylong event, presented by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and the St. Thomas University Center for Ethics (see attached program). It runs from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Thomas Law School, 16401 NW 37 Avenue in Miami Gardens. The cost, which includes breakfast, lunch and all materials, is \$75 until May first, when the price rises to \$90. Attorneys can earn at least eight hours of continuing legal education credit. Registration is at www.stu.edu/campaignethicsconference

A complete program and additional information can be found at ethics.miamidade.gov.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.