Constitutional Challenges: Religious Liberty and the HHS Mandate

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Speakers

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One the most important and consequential religious liberty questions in our country’s history involves the health insurance mandate issued by the Department of Health and Human Services as it relates to religious institutions. Lawsuits filed by forty-three plaintiffs, including The Catholic University of America, present a constitutional question that will almost certainly make its way to the Supreme Court. This presentation will discuss the policy implications of the mandate, the media issues surrounding it, the future of the litigation, and the mandate’s potential impact on Catholics and people of other faiths.

The ultimate resolution of this legal challenge will have a direct effect on the students, staff, and faculty of Catholic University as early as next year. The panel will entertain questions, and a reception will follow. All are invited.

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