

Senior Policy Advisor Participates in Ohio State Law Journal Symposium

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Steven H. Steinglass, Senior Policy Advisor to the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, recently participated in a panel discussion at the Ohio State Law Journal Symposium on “State Constitutions in the United States Federal Systems: An Exploration of the Construction, Execution, and Interpretation of State Founding Documents.” The event was held on Friday, March 6th in the Saxbe Auditorium at the Moritz College of Law on the Ohio State campus.

Steinglass gave remarks along with fellow panelists Sanford Levinson, professor of law and professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin, and Alan Tarr, professor of political science and Director of the Center for State Constitutional Law Studies at Rutgers University at Camden. The panel presentation was titled “Power to the People?: An Examination of Federal and State Constitutional Change.” It was moderated by Daniel Tokaji, the Charles W. Ebersold and Florence Whitcomb Ebersold Professor Constitutional Law at the Moritz College of Law.

The panelists focused on various issues dealing with the amendment and revision of state constitutions and discussed the notion of popular constitutionalism, the pattern and practice of state constitutional conventions, and the benefits and drawbacks of constitutional change at the state level.

The symposium featured four panel sessions with speakers from around the country including Judge Jeffrey Sutton of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Justice Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court, and several notable law professors.

Commission members Richard Saphire and Fred Mills, Executive Director Steven C. Hollon, and Counsel to the Commission Shari O’Neil also attended the event which drew over 150 participants.

Steinglass is Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

About the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission was created in 2011 by the Ohio General Assembly. It is modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission which completed its work in the 1970s.