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# ABSTRACTS

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The *Food and Drug Law Journal* is pleased to announce a forthcoming

## **SYMPOSIUM** *on* **Constitutional Challenges to the Regulation of Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Cosmetics, and Tobacco Products** The Georgetown University Law Center **Friday, October 30, 2015**

This Symposium is sponsored by the Food and Drug Law Institute and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law.

Contemporary food and drug law may implicate a number of important constitutional issues, a phenomenon that has manifested itself with increasing frequency in recent years. This has created a tension between the government's obligation to protect the public health, on the one hand, and the values protected and advanced by the Supreme Law of the Land, on the other. Although courts once seemed somewhat hesitant to invalidate on constitutional grounds initiatives taken by the Congress and regulatory agencies charged with regulating food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, and/or tobacco products, jurisprudential trends are beginning to turn in the opposite direction, making this an opportune moment to reflect on whether and how to recalibrate the balance between limited government and communitarian well-being.

The *Journal* invites abstracts of papers to be considered for presentation at the event and subsequently published in a special Symposium issue of the *Journal*. The following are suggested topic areas, although additional topics are welcome and may be deemed appropriate:

- The labeling or advertising of food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, or tobacco products (with possible focus on speech compelled by the government);
- A manufacturer's distribution of truthful information about off-label uses of its pharmaceutical products or medical devices;
- Patient access to unapproved drugs in the treatment of terminal illnesses;
- State legalization of unapproved drugs for recreational use;
- Seizures and the Fifth Amendment (regulatory takings);
- Other plausible constitutional challenges to regulation.

**Abstracts should be no longer than one page. Please submit all abstracts to Judy Rein, FDLI Director of Publications, at [jer@fdli.org](mailto:jer@fdli.org) by Monday, June 1, 2015.** Questions should also be directed to Ms. Rein.



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By mid-June we will notify those who have been selected to participate in the Symposium. Participants will prepare draft manuscripts by Sept. 21, 2015 to be made available to Symposium commentators and attendees for discussion. The *Food and Drug Law Journal* will have the exclusive right to publish selected papers in a future issue.