



Fighting for Voting Rights and a Democratic United States

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EVENTS

REGISTER NOW: DC DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION - JUNE 12TH



District of Columbia Democratic State Committee

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“Engaging Neighbors, Empowering DC”

*****Includes Leadership Workshop on
Voter Protection with DNC Officials*****

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
DUMBARTON CAMPUS - Van Ness UDC

Every Democrat is Welcomed, But Space is Limited - Register Here:
<http://dcdsc.org/regconvention2010.htm>

GEN44 KICKOFF FEATURING DAVID PLOUFFE - MAY 25TH

What: Gen44 Kickoff Event -
Featuring David Plouffe, Campaign Manager, Obama-Biden '08 & Author of *Audacity to Win*
Special Guests Congressmen Kendrick Meek (D-FL) & Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Music by Pete Welsch (Fatback DJs)

Where: K Street Lounge, 1301 K Street, NW

When: Tuesday, May 25, 7-10 p.m.

RSVP and pay online [here](#).

Host Committee: Raise/Write \$1,000

VIP: \$250 (Includes Reception with David Plouffe, Open Bar, and 2010 Charter Membership for Gen44)

Gen44 Level: \$44

Gen44 is the DNC's effort to cultivate and empower a rising generation of leaders for the Democratic Party - to serve as a platform for political mobilization and to ensure that President Obama has the resources and infrastructure needed to implement the change we want to see. For more information, please e-mail Sharon Yang at Gen44@dnc.org.

VOTING RIGHTS NEWS

CITIZENSHIP PROOF REQUIRED

Memphis, TN - Local election administrators could demand proof of citizenship from people when they register to vote under legislation state senators approved on May 10, 2010. Potential voters could go to prison for up to 12 years if they lie when presenting proof of citizenship to local election officials. Read the details here: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2010/may/10/tennessee-senate-oks-requiring-proof-citizenship-v/>

DC DLC BRAIN TEASERS

DC DLC BRAIN TEASERS - Each week we have a puzzle or a brain teaser or a trivia question for you to answer. You can e-mail your answers to

editors@democraticlawyers.org. Please put “Brain Teaser” in the subject line. We will run the names of all those who get the right/best answer in the following issue.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Robert Bork was appointed Solicitor General by which President?
(Hint: Bork was later to do this President’s dirty work too)

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION

US Currency (paper money) is sometimes referred to as “dead Presidents”. What current US currency does not carry an image of a “dead President”?
Bonus: What dead President appeared on the \$100,000 bill?

ANSWER

Today’s US currency carries on the \$100 bill an image of Ben Franklin who was never a President. Woodrow Wilson appears on the \$100,000 bill. Although the \$100,000 was never intended for general circulation it was used to transfer money between the Federal Reserve Banks. Ron Vavruska responded with the correct answer. Good luck to all this week!

WHO ARE WE?

The DC Democratic Lawyers Council (DC DLC) is a group of Democratic lawyers, affiliated with the National Lawyers Council of the Democratic National Committee, volunteering their legal skills to strengthen the democratic process. We work to ensure that every eligible citizen is allowed to vote and that every vote cast in every election is counted. The DC DLC was formed out of a concern that voting rights are increasingly under attack in our country and an understanding that now is the time to put the skills of Democratic attorneys to work to ensure that every citizen’s right to vote will be upheld in future elections. Our activities include advocating for better laws and regulations and initiating litigation when necessary to guarantee the fairness of and the widest participation in the U.S. electoral process.

The Democratic Lawyers Council was founded by attorneys who have served on the front line of election law for the Democratic Party in numerous elections, including the 2000, 2004, and 2008 presidential elections. The lesson learned from the recount debacle was that post-election day litigation will hardly ever fix any election injustice. Given that, many of the recount lawyers, particularly those based in

Florida, engineered a comprehensive voter protection program to confront and deal with voter and election issues before Election Day. One aspect of this effort was the recruitment of 3200 lawyers who, after receiving specialized election law and procedures training, worked inside the polls in key precincts in Florida on Election Day to assure that every citizen who showed up to vote, was able to do so.

Our mission statement is simple:

We are a coalition of lawyers and others dedicated to fostering universal participation and trust in the electoral process by ensuring that:

- All eligible persons can register to vote easily;
- All registered voters are able to vote simply, fairly, and without intimidation; and
- All votes are counted accurately and all voting systems are open and reliable.

We encourage you to send us an e-mail if you would like more information or are interested in becoming a part of our organization.

Please e-mail us at [erika @ democraticlawyers.org](mailto:erika@democraticlawyers.org).

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