

## THE PROGRAM

The Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities and UC Hastings Center for State and Local Government Law present:

### Cities in the *Middle*: The Emerging Debate over Religion in Public Life

A mosque is denied a building permit. A minister ends her invocation at a council meeting, "in Jesus' name, we pray." Plans for a new county building include a motto over the entrance, "In God We Trust." And offended citizens object, leaving the local government lawyer caught squarely in the middle.

As the debate over the role of religion in public life intensifies, the law could not be more uncertain. Religious displays on government property are allowed, except when they aren't. The *Lemon* test remains the law, except when it doesn't. The only certainty is that the Supreme Court itself is deeply divided over text, precedent and history, and that the changing composition of the Court leaves everything up for grabs.

The ninth annual "Cities on the Cutting Edge" conference will examine the consequences of the Court's recent Establishment Clause cases for California's cities and counties. Ranging from the theory and history that animate this controversial area of law to practical analysis of controversies local government lawyers are soon likely to face, this conference promises an in depth look at the law that defines the emerging debate over the role of religion in public life.

**Wednesday, October 5, 2005, 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
(sign in at 12:30)

**UC Hastings College of the Law, 198 McAllister St.  
San Francisco**

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## OUR SPEAKERS

### THE STATE OF CHURCH-STATE LAW

Nationally known scholar and Constitutional commentator **Vik Amar** discusses the state of the Establishment Clause after the Supreme Court's decisions in the 2005 term. Vik is the Harry and Lillian Hastings Professor of Law at UC Hastings College of the Law.

### THE DEBATE

ADVOCATES SQUARE OFF ON RLUIPA, PUBLIC PRAYER, RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS  
AND THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC LIFE



**Marci A. Hamilton** is the Paul R. Verkuil Professor of Public Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. She is the author of [God vs. the Gavel: Religion and the Rule of Law](#) (Cambridge University Press 2005). Professor Hamilton was lead counsel for Boerne, Texas, in *Boerne v. Flores*, and she frequently advises cities on constitutional issues related to RLUIPA.

**Roman Storzer** was Executive Vice President and Director of Litigation for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty for nine years. He now represents religious institutions on a range of first amendment matters, including RLUIPA cases.



### THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME -- A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**Alan Brownstein**, Professor of Law (UC Davis), nationally recognized expert on law and religion.

**Steven K. Green**, Professor of Law (Willamette University), and former General Counsel, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

**Casey Gwinn**, former San Diego City Attorney and National Director of the President's Family Justice Center Initiative.

**Helene Leichter**, Deputy City Counsel, Santa Clara, and frequent lecturer on RLUIPA issues facing cities and counties.

# REGISTRATION

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Tuition is \$80 including a reception to follow

**(Please register before September 30, 2005. Onsite registration may be limited. Check website for details about last minute registration [www.uchastings.edu/cslgl](http://www.uchastings.edu/cslgl))**

**To register, fax this form to (415) 581-8944, or mail with your check payable to UC Hastings College of the Law, to:**

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