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The Federal Bar Council together with the Eastern District Association and The Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics at Fordham University School of Law invite you to attend a panel discussion, "**The Ethical and Practical Challenges of Representing a Controversial Client**," on **Wednesday, June 29, 2011, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.** at the Theodore Roosevelt U.S. Courthouse, Ceremonial Courtroom, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

Moderator

Joel Cohen, Esq., Partner, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

Panelists

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch, United States Attorney, EDNY

Alan Vinegrad, Esq., Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

Prof. Bruce A. Green, Louis Stein Professor
Director, Stein Center, Fordham Law School

James L. Bernard, Esq., Partner, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

Program Description

The panel will focus on the ethical, legal and practical implications of representing an "unpopular" client or cause, especially in an era of large law firms. The panel will analyze the recent events surrounding King & Spalding's withdrawal from representing members of Congress in defense of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and consider the potentially competing considerations that led to that decision. More broadly, it will explore how lawyers can and should go about deciding whether to represent an unpopular client, with due regard for ethical considerations, professional commitments and business considerations – for example, the Guantanamo detainees. It also will analyze how government lawyers make similar decisions, including, for example, the Attorney General's decision not to defend the constitutionality of DOMA or a U.S. Attorney's decision to seek the death penalty in light of the government lawyer's general obligation to defend the constitutionality of statutes or government policies with which he or she may disagree.

Registration Information: There is no charge to attend the event or to receive New York CLE credit. **Please reply by e-mail to Yolanda Cintron - ycintron@stroock.com.** A response is required to receive CLE credit.

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