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Happy Holidays!

VOTING RIGHTS NEWS

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National – In a *New York Times* Editorial the US Attorney General is praised for speaking up on Voting Rights. Read the editorial here:

<http://campaignstops.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/12/01/voting-rights-and-responsibilities/?emc=eta1>

Read the speech and more here:

<http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/ag/speeches/2011/ag-speech-111213.html>

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

What President and his son both received the Medal of Honor?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Besides the Battleship Arizona what other battleship remains where she was sunk on December 7, 1941?

Bonus how many men remain entombed on the ship?

ANSWER

The Battleship Utah remains where she was sunk on December 7, 1941 near Ford Island opposite from the Arizona. Fifty eight men remain entombed on the ship.

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. The lesson learned from the recount debacle in 2000 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 in 2004. 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 to assure that every citizen who showed up to vote, was able to do so.

Since then, our members have been involved in priority federal and state and local elections across the nation. DC DLC members served in volunteer and leadership capacities in support of the election of President Obama and federal, state, and local Democratic candidates in 2008 and volunteered for the 2009 off-year elections and the 2010 midterms.

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

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