

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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**HENRY G. MANNE PROGRAM IN
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**LEC WORKSHOP FOR
LAW PROFESSORS
ON PUBLIC CHOICE
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MARCH 19 – 22, 2015



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Thursday, March 19

All activities held at the Residence Inn, Founders/Dominion Room

4:00 – 4:30 PM REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

Lobby

4:30 – 4:35 PM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Discussion Leader: Todd J. Zywicki

George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law

4:35 – 6:00 PM CLASS 1: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC CHOICE: ECONOMIC REASONING, INTEREST GROUP THEORY, AND RENT-SEEKING

Todd J. Zywicki

Reading Assignment: Stearns and Zywicki, *Public Choice Concepts and Applications in Law* (West, 2009): Chapter 1: Introduction to Economic Analysis of Collective Decision Making

6:00 – 8:30 PM RECEPTION AND DINNER

HISTORY OF THE LEC

Henry N. Butler

George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law, and Executive Director, Law & Economics Center

CLASSES AND HOTEL:

RESIDENCE INN BALLSTON, 650 NORTH QUINCY STREET, ARLINGTON, VA 22203

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 3301 FAIRFAX DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VA 22201

Friday, March 20

All classes held at George Mason University School of Law, Hazel Hall, Room 215

7:30 – 8:00 AM **BREAKFAST**
Residence Inn

8:00 AM **WALK**
Residence Inn to George Mason University School of Law

8:30 – 10:00 AM **CLASS 2: HARBERGER TRIANGLES AND TULLOCK RECTANGLES**

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Reading Assignment: Stearns and Zywicki, Chapter 2: Interest Group Theory and Rent-Seeking

Tullock, “The Welfare Costs of Tariffs, Monopolies, and Theft”, *Western Economic Journal*, 5:3 (1967:June), p.224

10:30 – 12:00 PM **CLASS 3: REGULATION AND RENT-EXTRACTION**

Fred S. McChesney

de la Cruz/Mentschikoff Endowed Chair in Law and Economics, University of Miami School of Law

Reading Assignment: Stearns and Zywicki, Chapter 2: Interest Group Theory and Rent-Seeking (continued)

Sidak, “The Petty Larceny of the Police Power”, 86 *Cal. L. Rev.* 655 (1998).

12:00 – 1:00 PM **LUNCH**
Rear Atrium

1:00 – 2:30 PM **CLASS 4: STATUTORY INTERPRETATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

Todd J. Zywicki

Reading Assignment: Stearns and Zywicki, Chapter 5: The Legislature

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Saturday, March 21

Morning Classes - Hazel Hall, Room 215; Afternoon Class - Residence Inn, Founders/Dominion Room

7:30 – 8:00 AM **BREAKFAST**
Residence Inn

8:00 AM **WALK**
Residence Inn to George Mason University School of Law

8:30 – 10:00 AM **CLASS 5: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL CHOICE**

Maxwell L. Stearns

Professor of Law and Marbury Research Professor, and Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Reading Assignment: Stearns and Zywicki, Chapter 3: An Introduction to Social Choice

10:30 – 12:00 PM **CLASS 6: EMPIRICAL STUDIES OF PUBLIC CHOICE**

Fred S. McChesney

Reading Assignment: Coate, et al, “Bureaucracy and Politics in FTC Merger Challenges”, 33 *J. L. & Econ.* 463 (1990)

McChesney, “Historic Self-Preservation”, *Library of Economics and Liberty* (January, 2002)

12:00 – 4:30 PM **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AND STUDY BREAK**

4:30 – 6:30 PM **CLASS 7: DISCUSSION SESSION, RESEARCH TOPICS**

Todd J. Zywicki
Maxwell Stearns
Fred S. McChesney
Henry N. Butler

6:30 – 9:00 PM **RECEPTION & DINNER**
Willow Restaurant, Arlington, VA

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Sunday, March 22

DEPARTURE - NO EVENTS PLANNED

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