Is Our Constitutional Order Broken - Structural and Doctrinal Questions in Constitutional Law: Letter from the Editor

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On October 15, 2010, Connecticut Law Review hosted a Symposium, Is Our Constitutional Order Broken? Structural and Doctrinal Questions in Constitutional Law. Scholars from across the United States gathered to examine the U.S. Constitution and discuss whether we are following a system that is either structurally or doctrinally dysfunctional. Two hundred and twenty-three years after the signing of the U.S. Constitution, the Symposium urged its participants to critically examine our founding document in light of history and with an eye to the future. This critical discussion centered on the use of the filibuster and possible senate reform; the future of equal protection doctrine; the impact of presidential term limits and whether they should be abandoned; the practice of gerrymandering and its consequences; and the implications of structural federalism and the tensions it creates between federal and state governments. This Issue collects papers presented by nine of the participants at the Symposium. Connecticut Law Review is honored to publish what promises to be a valuable resource toward ensuring our Constitution functions for its people.

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The efforts of many made this Symposium possible. Connecticut Law Review would like to thank each of the Symposium’s participants, moderators, and attendees. A special thanks to University of Connecticut School of Law Dean Jeremy Paul, whose enthusiasm and guidance was instrumental in the Symposium’s success, and to Professor Alexandra Lahav, our trusted advisor. The Connecticut Law Review would also like to thank Julia Dunlop and Michelle Helmin for their institutional support.

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