

# UC Irvine Emeriti Association

## Community Lecture Series

**December 8, 2015**

**Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.**

Wine and cheese reception

***Plutocrats United: Campaign Money, the Supreme Court and the Decline of American Democracy***  
***With Richard L. Hasen, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science***



Campaign financing is one of today's most divisive political issues. The left asserts that the electoral process is rife with corruption. The right protests that the real aim of campaign limits is to suppress political activity and protect incumbents. Meanwhile, money flows freely on both sides. In *Plutocrats United*, Richard Hasen argues that both left and right avoid the key issue of the new Citizens United era: balancing political inequality with free speech.

The Supreme Court has long held that corruption and its appearance are the only reasons to constitutionally restrict campaign funds. Progressives often agree but have a much broader view of corruption. Hasen argues for a new focus and way forward: if the government is to ensure robust political debate, the Supreme Court should allow limits on money in politics to prevent those with great economic power from distorting the political process.

**Richard L. Hasen** is Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California, Irvine. In 2013 he was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the *National Law Journal*. He lives in Studio City, CA.



### Lecture Location:

**University Club Library Room**

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With RSVP**

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