



## TERM LIMITS ISSUE FORUM EXPERT PANEL

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Professor Egan specializes in public opinion, political institutions, and their relationship in the context of American politics. He is co-editor of the volume *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy* (Oxford University Press, 2008) as well as numerous papers, including "Issue Ownership and Representation: A Theory of Legislative Responsiveness to Public Opinion," "Opinion Leadership, Backlash, and Delegitimation: Supreme Court Rulings and Public Opinion" (with Jack Citrin, UC Berkeley). Professor Egan served as an Assistant Deputy Mayor of Policy and Planning for the City of Philadelphia under former Mayor (current Governor) Edward Rendell of Pennsylvania. He was a visiting scholar at Princeton University's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics from 2006 to 2007. Professor Egan holds a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, an M.P.A. from Princeton University, and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

### **Richard G. Niemi**

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Professor Niemi specializes in voting behavior, legislative term limits, and civic education. His current research includes projects on college student voting, state legislative elections, and voting machines and ballot design. Professor Niemi is the co-author/editor of a new edition of the highly respected *Controversies in Voting Behavior* (CQ Press, 2010) and of the compilation, *Vital Statistics on American Politics, 2009-2010* (CQ Press, 2010). He is also co-editor of a comparative volume on voting and elections, *Comparing Democracies 3* (Sage, 2010); a work on usability aspects of voting machines and ballot design, *Voting Technology: The Not-So-Simple Act of Casting a Ballot* (Brookings, 2007); and of *Institutional Change in American Politics: The Case of Term Limits* (University of Michigan Press, 2007). Professor Niemi is the 2010 recipient of the William H. Riker University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Lawrence College.

### **Gregory Carl Schmid**

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Gregory Carl Schmid serves as general counsel for U.S. Term Limits, the grassroots organization that for over a decade has been the premier advocacy group for term limits nationwide. A frequent writer of legal technical works and public policy studies, Schmid has appeared on radio and television, and been published and quoted extensively in various news outlets and other media. Schmid holds a J.D. with distinction from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a B.A. from the University of Michigan. He has engaged in the practice of law in Saginaw, Michigan, since 1985.