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County Commissioner Mulroy To Speak at Voting Conference

Steven Mulroy, an associate professor of law at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and a member of the Shelby County Commission, has been invited to address a national conference today in Washington.

The conference addresses U.S. voting rights, an area in which Mulroy has been vocal.

He will discuss the ramifications of a case recently decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The case involved a lawsuit by an Austin, Texas, utility district seeking an exemption from the advance pre-clearance provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The high court's decision upheld the Texas entity's right to be exempt, but the court did not rule on the constitutionality of the law itself.

Mulroy is well known for his involvement in voting rights issues, and he has been a professor at the U of M since 2000.

The event is being sponsored by Fairvote, a national nonprofit organization that provides education, research and advocacy on election reform issues.

The conference will be streamed live on the Web, and the cable channel C-SPAN also is scheduled to cover it.