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2/28/06 Renowned American Constitutional Law Scholar, Supreme Court advocate, bestselling author, and named FAIR respondent Erwin Chemerinsky will be visiting Boston College Law School on Friday, March 3, at 2 pm to deliver an address in anticipation of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the landmark case of Rumsfeld v. FAIR. Chemerinsky, the Alston & Bird Professor of Law at Duke University, Law School will deliver his analysis of the Constitutional issues in the Rumsfeld v. FAIR, a which challenges the Solomon Amendment, a federal law that requires that universities be stripped of their federal funding unless they make an except from their non-discrimination policies to allow military recruiters on their campuses. The Coalition for Equality, a student group at BC Law, is also a named party in the action.

Chemerinsky’s remarks will be followed by a response by Professor Jackie A. Gardina. A BC Law School graduate from the Class of 1999 and former BC Law adjunct, Gardina teaches at Vermont Law School, one of the few schools in the country that have lost their federal funding as a result of their election not to amend their non-discrimination policies for the military. Her experience as an alumna, activist, academic will provide a practical perspective on the Solomon Amendment.

Prof. Kent Greenfield, a BC Law School Professor and president of FAIR will also participate in the presentation. This event represents the second part of a series entitled “RUMSFELD V. FAIR: Exploring the Solomon Amendment Challenge,” the first installment of which was a successful student-run conference that involved over 25 scholars from across the country. Video recordings of that event can be accessed here: streaming video.