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Rick Levy joined the KU Law faculty in 1985, having received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining KU Law, he served as a clerk for Judge Richard Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. In teaching and research, Professor Levy has focused on constitutional law and public law. He has a particular interest in government institutions, legislation, and public policy analysis. He was responsible for redrafting the University Senate Rules and Regulations relating to grievances and his expert advice has been sought on a number of occasions when he has testified before state legislative committees on issues ranging from flag burning to reorganization of the board of agriculture to campaign financing reform. Professor Levy’s lecture is entitled “Libraries and the Future of Campaign Finance Regulation” and will discuss the recent Supreme Court decisions, in particular Citizen’s United v. Federal Election Commission (overruling Buckley v. Valeo), which held that limitations on corporate spending in political campaigns violate the First Amendment. Indications are that the Supreme Court also may be prepared to overrule or narrow that part of Citizens United.  

Director’s Corner