

Dauphin County Bar Association Partners with Historical Society of Dauphin County for:

Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:30 a.m. Lunch | 12 Noon Program

DCBA | 1 Substantive Credit



Featuring: Professor Amy Gaudion  
Penn State Dickinson Law



Registration deadline: 12 noon, April 7

## AN OVERSIGHT TOOLKIT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL MINORITY



In the wake of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Founders set to the task of crafting a system of government that balanced the powers of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. As originally conceived, the United States government had a strong legislative branch with a weaker executive, much different from the executive powers exercised today. Over time, the U.S. Constitution strengthened the executive powers of the President, but allocated a number of oversight tools to the legislative branch. This program discusses the evolution of those checks and balances from the Founding to present day, focusing on the problem of what occurs when a congressional majority is unwilling to exercise its oversight powers to check the executive branch and how vigorous use of the oversight tools available to the congressional minority have historically functioned to serve the important roles of: truth-telling, accurate record-keeping, and preventing fraud, waste and abuse. The presentation explores the historical foundation and legal authority for the minority's exercise of oversight tools, including constitutional provisions, chamber rules in the House and Senate, and relevant memorandum from the Office of Legal Counsel. It then identifies and describes the oversight tools - both familiar and less heralded - available and considers their potential use.

### Registration for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 Lunch & Learn

\$25 Student Members & Paralegals | \$45 Members | \$65 Attorney non-members

**Registration Deadline: 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 7**

Register online [here](#) or return form to: DCBA, 213 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101; Fax: 717-909-1917; Email: [Bridgette@dcba-pa.org](mailto:Bridgette@dcba-pa.org)

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