

Biographical Information about Presenters

Dale Carpenter is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, the First Amendment, and sexual orientation and the law. Professor Carpenter is the Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar 2004-05 at the University of Minnesota Law School. He also serves as an editor of *Constitutional Commentary*.

Professor Carpenter received his B.A. degree in history, magna cum laude, from Yale College in 1989. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1992. Professor Carpenter clerked for The Honorable Edith H. Jones of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 1992 to 1993. After his clerkship, he practiced as an associate at Vinson & Elkins in Houston and Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin in San Francisco. Professor Carpenter testified before the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution regarding the Defense of Marriage Act.

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