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**‘Beyond Hate: Dangerous Speech in the Era of Social Media’ the
Topic of April 4 Zittrain Forum on Law and Public Policy**

Luncheon Event to be Held at Omni William Penn Hotel

WHAT: Allegheny County Bar Foundation Zittrain Forum on Public Policy: **“Beyond Hate: Dangerous Speech in the Era of Social Media.”**

WHEN: Thursday, April 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219

DETAILS: During this program, renowned national speaker Susan Benesch will discuss “dangerous speech,” how it differs from “hate speech” and moving forward in the aftermath of a hate-motivated tragedy.

SPEAKER: Professor Susan Benesch is the founder and director of the Dangerous Speech Project (www.dangerousspeech.org). Benesch is a Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. She previously taught human rights and refugee law at American University’s Washington College of Law, in addition to teaching at other universities including Georgetown and Princeton.

REGISTRATION: The event is open to the public and includes lunch, sponsored by Hefren-Tillotson. Cost is \$45 for law students, \$55 for ACBA members and \$60 for all others. For more information or to register, visit www.ACBF.org/zittrain-2019. Attorneys will receive one substantive CLE credit for attending.

ZITTRAIN FORUMS HISTORY: In 2000, Pittsburgh attorneys Lester and Ruth Zittrain established the Zittrain Forums to provide the community with educational, topical and informative programs to lead to a better understanding of the complex issues confronting our government and legal systems. Lester Zittrain passed away in 2003, leaving the ACBF a bequest to support the continuation of the Zittrain Forum fund. A well-known attorney throughout the region, Lester Zittrain was a partner at Zittrain and Zittrain and was an active member of Pittsburgh’s legal community. Lester Zittrain was an elected member of the ACBA Board of Governors, served on various ACBA Committees, and was a Charter Fellow and trustee of the bar foundation. His wife Ruth Zittrain, formerly a partner at Zittrain and Zittrain, served as an elected member of the ACBA Board of Governors and has served on various ACBA Committees. She is a Charter Fellow of the ACBF and was a member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County

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and a court-appointed Master for Arbitration Appeals in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. The Zittrain family is active at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

MEDIA INFO: Members of the news media are invited to cover the event. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting Brian Knavish at 412-901-5955 or bknavish@acba.org.

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