ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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AVAILABLE PRESENTATIONS

THE ELEPHANT (AND DONKEY) IN THE ROOM: THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ELECTION ISSUES IN MISSOURI AND THE NATION

Using examples from Missouri and across the country, election law attorney Steve Davis will explain issues of intense current debate, including voting rights, redistricting, voter fraud, and proposed election reforms. Steve will separate fact from fiction in the partisan debates and enable listeners to understand what happened in the 2020 presidential election and how the process really works.

"MORMONSING" POLITICAL & RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION IN 19TH CENTURY MISSOURI

Antebellum Missouri was a different place than the Missouri we now know. Attorney Steve Davis will reveal a little-known facet of Missouri history that will likely surprise listeners. Missouri’s state motto is “Salus Populi Supreme Lex Esto,” the welfare of the people is the supreme law, but this means something different today than it meant in 1820. In 19th Century Missouri, only the welfare of the popular majority was protected. When thousands of Mormons emigrated to western Missouri in the 1830s, their culture, politics, and religious beliefs clashed with other settlers so intensely that they were first expelled from Jackson County and then from the state entirely. Missourians’ solution to the “Mormon problem” – forced expulsion or “Mormonsing” – became the precedent for dealing with other unpopular groups, like Native Americans and abolitionists, and would lead to the Civil War.

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