

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

Jeff Clements

Free Speech For All The People: Overturing Citizens United



In 2010, the United States Supreme Court decided Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which dramatically altered the political landscape in this country. In a 5-4 decision, the Court, overruling prior decisions, held that the First Amendment prohibited the government from restricting independent political expenditures by corporations and unions.

Citizens United has been credited (and blamed) for the creation of “super PACs”, political action committees which make no contributions to candidates, and so can accept unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations and unions. Similar organizations (incorporated 501(c) (4) groups) do not have to include the names of their donors in their federal filings.

Jeff Clements, who has represented private clients and the public interest in litigation and appeals in state and federal courts since 1998, filed an amicus brief on behalf of advocacy organizations in Citizens United. He has continued the fight by forming a non-partisan campaign, *Free Speech for People* and, in 2012, by authoring Corporations Are Not People.

Mr. Clements has served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Public Protection Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney Generals’ Office. As Bureau Chief, he led more than 100 attorneys and staff in the enforcement of environmental, healthcare, financial services, civil rights, antitrust and consumer protection laws. He is currently a partner in Clements Law Office, LLC.

In addition to his other activities, he teaches Election Law at New England School of Law. He graduated with distinction in History and Government from Colby College, and *magna cum laude* from Cornell Law School.

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.