On the Front Line of Congressional Oversight

Special Tuesday Edition, Public Affairs Discussion Group With:

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Immediately after the midterm election, USA Today headlined, "Democrats Seize Control of House, Power to Investigate President Trump." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) warned that "presidential harassment" could backfire, as it had on Republicans in the late 1990s. But House Democrats already had a large agenda of issues to investigate, many documented in an April, 2018, report issued by House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler (D-NY).

On March 3 now-Chairman Nadler and his Committee sent more than 80 letters demanding all communications in regard to a wide range of controversies. In spite of concerns about partisan intent, oversight is a fundamental responsibility of Congress. So what are the key issues, what the key aspects of the law, and what might we hope to learn from this process? On March 19 we can hear a view from inside the House Judiciary Committee. Perry Apelbaum, the committee’s Staff Director and Chief Counsel, will join us to talk off the record about all the issues before the Committee, including oversight generally of the Department of Justice and, specifically, (i) the investigations of the special counsel, (ii) the National Emergencies Act of 1976, (iii) family separation policy, and (iv) executive privilege.

The Friday Public Affairs Discussion Lunch is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, emeriti and other members of our communities to learn and question each other about public policy issues at the international, national, and local levels. Faculty and other speakers share their research and experience to get beyond the headlines and repetition in the mass media, and the wild rumors of the internet. Lunch is brown bag, but cookies and some beverages are provided by the Center for Policy Studies of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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