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Friday 3:00-5:00 pm
SPECIAL BRIEFING
Human Rights and National Security Law

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004
5:30 PM Registration
6:10 PM Welcome
6:15 PM Moot Court Argument:
Roper v Simmons
7:45 PM The Law Under George W. Bush
9:15 PM Recess

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2004
9:00 AM Civil Rights
10:00 AM International Law at the U.S.
Supreme Court
11:00 AM Criminal Procedure
12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM Federalism
2:30 PM Business Law
3:30 PM Update and Looking Ahead:
Recent Certiorari Grants and
Upcoming Issues in the Court
4:30 PM Recess

All Events Take Place at the Law School
JOAN BISKUPIC has covered the Supreme Court since 1989. Before joining USA Today in June 2000, she was the Supreme Court reporter for the Washington Post (1992-2000) and a legal affairs writer for Congressional Quarterly (1989-1992). Biskupic holds a B.A. in journalism from Marquette University, an M.A. in English from the University of Oklahoma and a J.D. from Georgetown University. She won the 1991 Everett McKinley Dirksen award for distinguished reporting of Congress for her coverage of the Clarence Thomas nomination. She is the author of several legal reference books, including Congressional Quarterly’s two-volume Encyclopedia on the Supreme Court (3rd Ed., 1997) that she co-authored with Elder Witt. Biskupic is currently working on a book about Justice Sandra Day O’Connor for HarperCollins (Ecco Press Division). Much of her research for the book has been done while on leave from USA Today as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and daughter.

JOHN H. BLUME is currently a professor at Cornell Law School and the Director of the Cornell Death Penalty Project. He also serves as Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel (HAT). The purpose of HAT is to provide training and resource materials for Federal Public Defender Offices and private appointed counsel representing inmates sentenced to death in federal habeas corpus proceedings and to consult with the Defender Services Committee of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. A 1978 graduate of the University of North Carolina, a 1982 graduate of Yale Divinity School, and a 1984 graduate of Yale Law School, Blume is the former Director of the South Carolina Death Penalty Resource Center (1988-1996). He has represented, and currently represents, indigent death inmates sentenced to death in state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus proceedings in California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and the United States Military. He has argued four capital cases before the United States Supreme Court and has served as co-counsel in seven other cases heard by the Supreme Court. He has authored a number of law review articles addressing various substantive and procedural topics related to the representation of death sentenced inmates in collateral proceedings and has been a speaker at CLE programs devoted to the representation of death sentenced inmates in over thirty states.

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Carvin was one of the lead lawyers who argued before the Florida Supreme Court, on behalf of President George W. Bush in the 2000 election Florida recount controversy. He has also represented numerous state governments, financial institutions, telecommunications, and energy companies in “takings,” First Amendment, civil rights, and statutory challenges to federal government actions.
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MICHAEL GERHARDT, an Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law at William and Mary, has served as a Special Consultant to both the Clinton White House on judicial selection and the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal. He was a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Law before joining the William and Mary faculty of law in 1989. Professor Gerhardt visited at Cornell University during the 1994-95 academic term and at Duke Law School in the spring of 2000. He received his B.A. from Yale, his M.Sc. in Political Philosophy from the London School of Economics and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. He is the author of the second edition of The Federal Impeachment Process: A Constitutional and Historical Analysis (U. of Chicago Press, 2000) and of the book The Federal Appointments Process, (Duke University Press, 2000). He is also the co-author of the second edition of Constitutional Theory: Arguments and Perspectives (with Tom Rowe, Rebecca Brown & Girardeau Spann), and numerous articles on constitutional law. During the impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton in 1998-99, Professor Gerhardt consulted widely with members of Congress from both parties. He also served as the only joint witness to have appeared before the House Judiciary Committee in its special hearing on the impeachability of the President’s misconduct and as CNN's full-time, designated expert on the federal impeachment process. More recently, he has testified before various Senate committees. Last summer, he testified before the Senate Rules and Judiciary Committees on behalf of the constitutionality of the filibuster. He also spoke to the Democratic Senate Committee about the constitutionality of the filibuster. He is currently working on a book on the role of precedent in constitutional decision-making, tentatively entitled The Power of Precedent, which will be published by Oxford University Press. In the Spring of 2004, Professor Gerhardt was on leave as a visiting fellow in the Politics Department at Princeton University. This fall he will be visiting at the University of Minnesota Law School.
LINDA GREENHOUSE has been on the staff of the New York Times since 1968. She has covered politics, the New York State Legislature, the United States Congress and, since 1978, the Supreme Court. She received her B.A. from Radcliffe and earned a Masters of Studies in Law from Yale. She has six honorary degrees. Greenhouse is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the American Philosophical Society. For her coverage of the Supreme Court, she was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in journalism (best reporting) in 1998. In 2002, the American Law Institute awarded her the Henry J. Friendly Medal for contributions to the law. She also received the Legal Writing Institute's Gold Pen Award and the Carey McWilliams Award from the American Political Science Association "for a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics." This year she received the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

WILLIAM H. HURD served as the first Solicitor General of Virginia for five years before joining the Richmond office of Troutman Sanders LLP in 2004, where he focuses on appellate practice. In the 2002 term, he argued successfully before U.S. Supreme Court in two First Amendment cases: Virginia v. Black, 538 U.S. 343 (2003)(upholding state statute that prohibits cross-burning with intent to intimidate) and Virginia v. Hicks, 539 U.S. 113 (2003)(upholding public housing trespass policy). A graduate of the University of Virginia with degrees in government and law, Hurd is an Adjunct Law Professor at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, where he teaches Federalism and the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment. A winner of 2004 “Best Brief Award” from the National Association of Attorneys General, Hurd has argued more than 30 cases before federal and state appellate courts, providing representation on a wide variety of constitutional issues. Hurd currently serves as Special Counsel to the Attorney General of Virginia in the case of Bass v. Madison (No. 03-1404), a challenge to the constitutionality of the Prison Provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), now pending on a petition for certiorari before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the editor of Guidelines Concerning Religious Activity in the Public Schools, a widely-acclaimed document guaranteeing religious liberty and freedom of expression to Virginia public school students, adopted in 1995 by the Virginia State Board of Education. He is also the author of “Gone With the Wind? VMI’s Loss and the Future of Single-Sex Public Education,” 4 Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy (1997), an analysis of how public, single-sex education (e.g., all-girl math classes) may be defended after the Supreme Court decision striking down the all-male policy at Virginia Military Institute.

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