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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 14, 2007

WELCOME 6:05 p.m.

I. Executive Power and the War on Terror 6:10 p.m.

II. Moot Court: The Guantanamo Detainees and the Military Commissions Act 7:10 p.m.

III. The Roberts Court 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, September 15, 2007

IV. Individual Rights 9:00 a.m.

V. Business 10:00 a.m.

VI. Criminal 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Break 12:15 p.m.

VII. Election Law 1:30 p.m.

VIII. Judicial Modesty 2:30 p.m.
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Who's Who on the Panels


BETH BRINKMANN is chair of the Appellate Practice Group at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP. She is a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. Office, where her primary focus is on litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States and other appellate matters. Ms. Brinkmann has argued 21 cases before the Supreme Court and regularly files briefs in numerous cases before the Court each Term. She previously served for 8 years as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. She also served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Washington, D.C., and practiced in a small law firm in San Francisco. She received her A.B. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. from Yale Law School. She clerked for Judge Phyllis Kravitch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and for Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court.


JAMES E. COLEMAN is the Professor of the Practice of Law at Duke Law School where he teaches criminal law, legal ethics, negotiation and mediation, capital punishment, and wrongful convictions. Professor Coleman's prior legal experience includes serving as Chief Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives ethics investigation of Pennsylvania Representatives Joshua Eilberg and Dan Flood, the Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Education, as Assistant General Counsel of the Legal Services Corporation and as a partner at the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering. In private practice, he specialized in federal court and administrative litigation and represented criminal defendants in capital collateral proceedings. Professor Coleman is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School.
TED CRUZ serves as the Solicitor General of Texas. The chief appellate lawyer for Texas, he has authored over seventy U.S. Supreme Court briefs and presented twenty-seven oral arguments, including six in the U.S. Supreme Court. For four consecutive years, he has won the Best Brief Award by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), for best U.S. Supreme Court brief in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas Law School, where he teaches U.S. Supreme Court Litigation. Ted previously served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning for the Federal Trade Commission, as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as Domestic Policy Advisor to President George W. Bush on the 2000 Bush-Cheney campaign. Ted graduated from Princeton University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, and he served as a law clerk for Judge J. Michael Luttig on the Fourth Circuit and for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. He is the only Hispanic in history to have clerked for the Chief Justice of the United States.

WALTER DELLINGER is head of the Appellate Practice at O'Melveny & Myers and is the Douglas B. Maggs Professor of Law at Duke University. He served as acting Solicitor General for the 1996-97 Term of the Supreme Court. During that time, Walter argued nine cases before the Court, the most by any Solicitor General in more than 20 years. His arguments included cases dealing with physician-assisted suicide, the line item veto, the cable television act, the Brady Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the constitutionality of remedial services for parochial school children.


He is currently serving as Special Counsel to the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the NYSE’s transformation into a publicly held company and its acquisition of an electronic trading company.

After serving in early 1993 in the White House as an advisor to the President on constitutional issues, Walter was nominated by the President to be Assistant Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and was confirmed by the Senate in October 1993 and served for three years. As head of the OLC, Walter issued opinions on a wide variety of issues, including: the President’s authority to deploy United States forces in Haiti and Bosnia; whether the Uruguay Round GATT Agreements required treaty ratification; and a major review of separation of powers questions. He provided extensive legal advice on questions arising out of the shutdown of the federal government, on national debt ceiling issues, and on loan guarantees for Mexico.

Walter has published articles on constitutional issues for scholarly journals including the Harvard Law Review, the Yale Law Journal, and the Duke Law Journal, and has written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, Newsweek, the New Republic and the London Times. He has been a visiting professor at the Catholic University of Belgium and has given lectures to university faculties in Florence, Siena, Nuremberg, Copenhagen, Leiden, Utrecht, Tilburg,
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LYLE DENNISTON is covering the Supreme Court for an online legal clearinghouse about the Court, SCOTUSblog, and is the Supreme Court correspondent for Station WBUR, an NPR affiliate in Boston. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and received a master's degree in history and political science from Georgetown University. After retiring from the Baltimore Sun, he covered the Court for three years for the Boston Globe. He is the longest-serving correspondent for any news organization covering the Court. He is a recipient of the annual Toni House Award from the American Judicature Society for his career in covering the law, and has been named to the Hall of Fame of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He has received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. He is the author of The Reporter and The Law: Techniques of Covering the Courts (Columbia University Press, 1992), and is a chapter author for A Year in the Life of the Supreme Court (Duke University Press, 1995), which won the 1996 ABA Silver Gavel Award. He contributed two articles to 100 Americans Making Constitutional History (ed. by Melvin Urofsky, CQ Press, 2004) and a chapter to The Public Debate over Controversial Supreme Court Decisions (ed. by Melvin Urofsky, CQ Press, 2006).

DAVISON M. DOUGLAS is the Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law at the William and Mary School of Law and Director of the law school's Election Law Program. He received his A.B. from Princeton University, his Ph.D. in History from Yale University, and his J.D. from Yale Law School. He also has an M.A.R. from Yale Divinity School. Before joining the William and Mary faculty of law in 1990, he was a partner in a Raleigh, North Carolina, law firm and a law clerk for Judge Walter R. Mansfield of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Douglas is the author of Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle Over Northern School Desegregation, 1865-1954 (2005), Reading, Writing and Race: The Desegregation of the Charlotte Schools (1995), and the co-editor of A Year at the Supreme Court (2004) and Redefining Equality (1998) (both with Neal Devins). He has also co-authored a constitutional law casebook, Constitutional Law in Context (2003, 2006) and is currently writing a biography of Pauli Murray. Douglas is a visiting professor at Cornell Law School during the fall semester 2007.

MICHAEL GERHARDT is the Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law and Director of the Center on Law and Government at the University of North Carolina Law School. He is the author of several books, including The Federal Impeachment Process: A Constitutional and Historical Analysis (2nd edition, 2000); The Federal Appointments Process: A Constitutional and Historical Analysis (revised edition, 2003), and The Power of Precedent, which will be published by Oxford University Press in December 2007. He is also the co-author of the first, second, and third editions of a reader on constitutional theory, and has written more than fifty law review articles on different topics in constitutional law. He has consulted with members of Congress on many occasions. He testified as the only joint witness in the House Judiciary Committee’s 1998 hearing on the history of the federal impeachment process. More recently, he defended the constitutionality of the filibuster before the Senate Rules and Judiciary Committees. testified before the House Judiciary Committee in opposition to proposed measures.
to strip certain claims relating to gay marriage and the First Amendment from federal
jurisdiction, and testified before the Senate Judicial Committee on the nomination of Justice
Samuel Alito, Jr. In addition, he served as a special consultant to the National Commission on
Judicial Discipline and Removal, to the Presidential Transition in 1992-93 and to the White
House on the nomination of Stephen Breyer to the United States Supreme Court. Besides
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Institute of Bill of Rights Law at William & Mary Law School, and is currently working on a
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**LINDA GREENHOUSE** has been on the staff of the *New York Times* since 1968. She has
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McWilliams Award from the American Political Science Association “for a major journalistic
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**DAHLIA LITHWICK** is a senior editor at Slate. She received a 2001 Online Journalism Award
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MICHAEL W. McCONNELL. After 17 years teaching constitutional law and related subjects at the University of Chicago and later the University of Utah, Michael W. McConnell became a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in December 2002. He continues to teach part time as Presidential Professor at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah and as a visiting professor at Harvard and Stanford Law Schools.

In his academic work, McConnell has written widely on such subjects as freedom of religion, segregation, unenumerated rights, and constitutional history and theory. He is co-editor of Religion and the Law (Aspen Pub. Co. 2002) and Christian Perspectives on Legal Thought (Yale Univ. Press 2002).

McConnell was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 18, 1955. He graduated from Michigan State University (B.A. 1976) and the University of Chicago Law School (J.D. 1979). Before entering teaching, he served as law clerk to Chief Judge J. Skelly Wright on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Associate Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., on the United States Supreme Court, as Assistant General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, and as Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. Before moving to Utah, he was on the faculty at the University of Chicago Law School, where he held the William B. Graham Chair. Before becoming a judge, McConnell argued eleven cases in the Supreme Court, and served as Chair of the Constitutional Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, Co-Chair of the Emergency Committee to Defend the First Amendment, member of the President’s Intelligence Oversight Board, and special counsel to Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. In 1996, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

CARTER G. PHILLIPS is the Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office of Sidley Austin LLP, and is a member of the firm’s Management Committee. He served as a law clerk to both Judge Robert Sprecher on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Chief Justice Warren E. Burger on the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Phillips served as Assistant to the Solicitor General for three years, during which time he argued nine cases on behalf of the federal government in the United States Supreme Court. Since joining Sidley Austin LLP, Mr. Phillips has argued 45 cases before the Supreme Court for a career total of 54 appearances, as well as over 65 cases in the courts of appeals. Mr. Phillips has argued nine cases in the past two terms.

Examples of some of his cases from last Term are as follows:

Tellabs v. Makor Issues & Rights, which determined whether a complaint asserting a claim of securities fraud has alleged facts sufficient to establish a “strong inference” that the defendant acted with scienter, as required under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Norfolk Southern v. Sorrell, which determined whether the court below erred in determining that the causation standard for employee contributory negligence under FELA differs from the causation standard for the railroad’s negligence.

JEFFREY ROSEN is a professor of law at George Washington University and the legal affairs editor of The New Republic. His new book is The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America, the companion book to the PBS series on the Supreme Court. He
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SUZANNA SHERRY is the Herman O. Loewenstein Professor of Law at the Vanderbilt University Law School, where she has taught since 2000. Prior to moving to Vanderbilt, she held the Earl R. Larson Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. She has published more than 75 articles and book chapters, mostly on constitutional law. With Daniel Farber, she has written three books, Beyond All Reason: The Radical Assault on Truth in American Law (1997), Desperately Seeking Certainty: The Misguided Quest for Constitutional Foundations (2002), and A Call to Judgment: Separating Law From Politics in Constitutional Cases (publication expected 2008). She has also co-authored three textbooks, one each on federal court jurisdiction, civil procedure, and constitutional history.

PAUL M. SMITH is a partner in Jenner & Block's Washington, DC office. He is a member of the Firm's Management Committee. Mr. Smith also is Co-Chair of the Firm's Appellate and Supreme Court, and Media and First Amendment Practices and is a member of the Firm's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice. Mr. Smith has had an active Supreme Court practice for two decades, including oral arguments in twelve Supreme Court cases. These arguments have included LULAC v. Perry and Vieth v. Jubelirer, two congressional redistricting cases, Lawrence v. Texas, involving the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy statute, United States v. American Library Ass'n, involving a First Amendment challenge to the Children's Internet Protection Act and Mathias v. WorldCom (2001), dealing with the Eleventh Amendment immunity of state commissions. His first argument was in Celotox Corp. v. Catrett in 1986. Mr. Smith also worked extensively on several other First Amendment cases in the Supreme Court, involving issues ranging from commercial speech to defamation to "adult" speech on the Internet. Mr. Smith also represents various clients in trial and appellate cases involving commercial and telecommunications issues, the First Amendment, intellectual property, antitrust, and redistricting and voting rights, among other areas. Mr. Smith graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Amherst College in 1976 and received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1979, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Law Journal. He was a law clerk to Judge James L. Oakes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Mr. Smith is a member of the Board of Governors of the District of
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WILLIAM VAN ALSTYNE was appointed Lee Professor of Law at the Marshall-Wythe Law School at the College of William and Mary in 2004. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California (B.A. in philosophy, magna cum laude) and Stanford University Law School (J.D., Articles and Book Review Editor of The Stanford Law Review). Following his admission to the California Bar and brief service as Deputy Attorney General of California, he joined the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice handling voting rights cases in the South. After active duty with the U.S. Air Force, he was appointed to the law faculty of the Ohio State University, advancing to full professor in three years. Appointed to the Duke law faculty shortly thereafter, he was named to the William R. & Thomas S. Perkins Chair of Law in 1974. Van Alstyne’s professional writings have appeared during four decades in the principal law journals in the United States, with frequent republication in foreign journals. They address virtually every major subject in the field of constitutional law. His work has been cited in a large number of judicial opinions including those of the Supreme Court. The Journal of Legal Studies for January, 2000, named Professor Van Alstyne in the top forty most frequently cited legal scholars in the United States of the preceding half-century. Van Alstyne has also taught and given professional papers internationally, in Germany, Austria, and Denmark, in Chile, the former Soviet Union, China, Japan, Canada, and Australia. He has been a visiting faculty
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