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Robert Barnes has spent most of his career at The Washington Post, as a reporter and editor. He joined the paper to cover politics in 1987, and has covered campaigns at the presidential, congressional and gubernatorial level. He served in various editing positions, including metropolitan editor, deputy national editor in charge of domestic issues and the Supreme Court, and national political editor.

He returned to reporting to cover the Supreme Court in November 2006, and has done so since then, with a brief break to cover the conclusion of the 2008 presidential campaign. He covered the Supreme Court nominations of Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

He is a native Floridian, and previously worked at the Associated Press and St. Petersburg (now, Tampa Bay) Times. He gave up law school plans for a life in newspapers after taking a journalism class at the University of Florida.

Amy Coney Barrett was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in November 2017. Before joining the bench, she served on the faculty of the Notre Dame Law School, where she continues to teach.

Judge Barrett earned her J.D., summa cum laude, from Notre Dame, where she was a Kiley Fellow, earned the Hoynes Prize, the Law School’s highest honor, and served as executive editor of the Notre Dame Law Review. She clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. As an associate at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin in Washington, D.C., she litigated constitutional, criminal, and commercial cases in both trial and appellate courts.

From 2010–2016, she served by appointment of the Chief Justice on the Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. Judge Barrett has published widely in the areas of federal courts, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation. Her scholarship in these fields has been published in leading journals, including the Columbia, Virginia, and Texas Law Reviews.
STEPHANOS BIBAS - U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Stephanos Bibas is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Bibas was previously a professor of law and criminology at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. As director of the Penn Law Supreme Court Clinic, he argued six cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and filed briefs in dozens of others. He graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University in 1989 with a B.A. in political theory and from Oxford University in 1991 with a B.A. in jurisprudence. He then earned his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1994.

After graduating from Yale Law, Judge Bibas clerked for Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court and was a litigation associate at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, Judge Bibas served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he successfully prosecuted the world’s leading expert in Tiffany stained glass for hiring a grave robber to steal priceless Tiffany windows from cemeteries. Before his tenure at Penn Law, Judge Bibas taught at the University of Chicago Law School and the University of Iowa College of Law and was a research fellow at Yale Law School. He has published two books and more than sixty scholarly articles.

JOAN BISKUPIC - CNN

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In addition to her latest biography, “The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts," Biskupic is the author of books on Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, and Sonia Sotomayor. Before joining CNN, she spent a year as a visiting professor at the University of California, Irvine, law school. A native of Chicago, Biskupic holds a law degree from Georgetown University and lives in Washington, D.C.

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**BETH BRINKMANN - Covington & Burling**

Beth Brinkmann is a veteran appellate litigator with extensive experience in handling complex client matters. Ms. Brinkmann joined Covington & Burling as co-chair of the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Group after serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, where she oversaw the Division’s nationwide appellate litigation. She also has practiced for more than two decades before the Supreme Court of the United States, including as Assistant to the Solicitor General and in private practice. She argued her 25th case before the Supreme Court in 2019, and regularly argues in appellate courts across the country.

As the Civil Division’s top appellate lawyer, Ms. Brinkmann represented federal agencies and Executive Branch officials in high-profile cases across a range of subject areas, including constitutional law, regulatory challenges, intellectual property matters, FOIA, federal preemption, and national security cases. She coordinated with government trial teams on analysis of potential legal arguments at early phases of litigation, and collaborated across offices on development of appellate and Supreme Court strategy. Ms. Brinkmann also presented congressional testimony and advised senior leadership of cabinet-level departments and regulatory agencies regarding litigation risk, legislative proposals, and rule-making matters.

Previously, Ms. Brinkmann served as Assistant to the Solicitor General, briefing and arguing Supreme Court cases on behalf of the federal government. She served as Assistant Federal Public Defender, representing indigent criminal defendants, including approximately a dozen felony jury trials. Following law school, she served as a law clerk to Hon. Phyllis A. Kravitch, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and to Hon. Harry A. Blackmun, Supreme Court of the United States. Ms. Brinkmann graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, A.B. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Professor Bruhl received his J.D. degree from Yale Law School. While at Yale, he served as Book Reviews Editor for the Yale Law Journal and also worked on the Yale Law & Policy Review and the Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities. Professor Bruhl holds a master's degree in political theory from the University of Cambridge.
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Before joining the William & Mary faculty in 2015, Professor Bruhl taught at the University of Houston Law Center and served as a visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law. He is a recipient of the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence for 2017 and the Walter Williams Teaching Award for 2020.

**ERWIN CHEMERINSKY - UC Berkeley School of Law**

Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law. Prior to assuming this position, from 2008-2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. Before that he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2008, and from 1983-2004 was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science.

He is the author of twelve books, including leading casebooks and treatises about constitutional law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction. His most recent books are The Religion Clauses: The Case for Separating Church and State (with Howard Gillman) (Oxford University Press 2020), and We the People: A Progressive Reading of the Constitution for the Twenty-First Century (Picador Macmillan 2018).

He also is the author of more than 250 law review articles. He is a contributing writer for the Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times, and writes regular columns for the Sacramento Bee, the ABA Journal and the Daily Journal, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court.

**PAUL D. CLEMENT - Kirkland & Ellis**

Mr. Clement is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis. Mr. Clement served as the 43rd Solicitor General of the United States from June 2005 until June 2008. Before his confirmation as Solicitor General, he served as Acting Solicitor General for nearly a year and as Principal Deputy Solicitor General for over three years. He has argued over 100 cases before the United States Supreme Court, including McConnell v. FEC, Tennessee v. Lane, Rumsfeld v. Padilla, Credit Suisse v. Billing, United States v. Booker, ABC v. Aereo, Hobby Lobby v. Burwell, and Jesner v. Arab Bank. He has also argued many important cases in the lower courts, including Walker v. Cheney, United States v. Moussaoui, and NFL v. Brady.
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Cole has litigated many constitutional cases in the Supreme Court, including Texas v. Johnson and United States v. Eichman, which extended First Amendment protection to flag burning; Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, in which the ACLU represented a gay couple refused service by a bakery because they sought a cake to celebrate their wedding; and Bostock v. Clayton County, which established that Title VII bans discrimination on the basis of transgender status and sexual orientation.

The late New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis called Cole “one of the country’s great legal voices for civil liberties today,” and the late Nat Hentoff called him “a one-man Committee of Correspondence in the tradition of patriot Sam Adams.” Cole has received two honorary degrees and many awards for his civil liberties and human rights work, including the inaugural Norman Dorsen Presidential Prize from the ACLU, awarded to an academic for lifetime commitment to civil liberties.

KATHERINE MIMS CROCKER - William & Mary Law School

Professor Crocker joined the faculty of William & Mary Law School in 2019. Her scholarship concentrates on federal courts and structural constitutional law. She has published articles in the Michigan Law Review and the Georgia Law Review, essays in the Notre Dame Law Review and the Michigan Law Review Online, and a student note in the
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Professor Fisher’s successes include the landmark cases of Crawford v. Washington and Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts, in which he persuaded the Court to adopt a new approach to the Constitution’s Confrontation Clause; Riley v. California, in which the Court for the first time applied the Fourth Amendment’s protections against unreasonable searches to digital information on smart phones; Blakely v. Washington, in which the Court held that the Sixth Amendment right to a jury trial applies to sentencing guidelines; and Kennedy v. Louisiana, in which the Court held that the Eighth Amendment prohibits states from imposing capital punishment for crimes against individuals that do not result in death. Professor Fisher was also co-counsel for the plaintiffs in Obergefell v. Hodges, in which the Court held that the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees same-sex couples a right to marry.

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Mr. Garre has argued forty-four cases before the Supreme Court as well as briefing and serving as counsel of record for hundreds of additional cases before the Court at both the merits and certiorari stage. He successfully argued some of the highest profile cases before the Supreme Court including Fisher v. University of Texas, Florida v. Georgia, Ashcroft v. Iqbal, Christian Legal Society v. Martinez, FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., and Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.

In 2011, the Chief Justice of the United States appointed Mr. Garre to the Standing Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the highest rule-making body in the US Judicial System, where he served until 2017. In that capacity, Mr. Garre also served as a liaison member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules. In 2018, Mr. Garre was appointed to the Board of Directors of the US Chamber Litigation Center, the litigating arm of the US Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Garre has taught constitutional law and Supreme Court practice at the George Washington
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Mr. Garre earned his B.A. from Dartmouth College, and his J.D. from George Washington University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school, Mr. Garre served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and to Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

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Professor Gershowitz has won eight teaching awards, including the Professor of the Year prize at three different law schools. In 2015, the graduating class honored him with the Walter L. Williams, Jr. Memorial Teaching Award. Previously, he was awarded the All University Teaching Award at the University of Houston. Outside of the classroom, Professor Gershowitz has been quoted in hundreds of media stories, including in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and NPR.

Professor Gershowitz received his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Delaware. He then earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, won the Roger and Madeleine Traynor Prize for best paper by a graduating student, and served as the Articles Development Editor of the Virginia Law Review. After law school, Professor Gershowitz served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert B. King of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and worked as a litigation associate at Covington & Burling.

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Mr. Ginsberg joined Jones Day in 2014. He has served as national counsel to the Bush-Cheney presidential campaigns in the 2004 and 2000 election cycles and played a central role in the 2000 Florida recount. In 2012 and 2008, he served as national counsel to the Romney for President campaign. He also has represented the campaigns and leadership PACs of numerous members of the Senate and House as well as the national party committees.

Before entering law school, Mr. Ginsberg spent five years as a newspaper reporter at The Boston Globe, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The Berkshire Eagle (Massachusetts), and The Riverside Press-Enterprise (California). He has been a guest lecturer at the Stanford University Law School, a Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, and an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center. Ben recently served as co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. He appears frequently on television as an on-air commentator about politics and the law.

**REBECCA GREEN - William & Mary Law School**

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**LINDA GREENHOUSE - Yale Law School**

Linda Greenhouse is a senior research scholar at Yale Law School, where she has taught since 2009. She covered the Supreme Court for The New York Times between 1978 and 2008 and writes a biweekly op-ed column on law as a contributing columnist. Ms. Greenhouse received several major journalism awards during her 40-year career at the Times, including the Pulitzer Prize (1998) and the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in American Journalism.
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Judge Harris also taught constitutional law and criminal procedure at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Georgetown Law Center, served as executive director of Georgetown Law Center’s Supreme Court Institute, and was a co-director of Harvard Law School’s Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy Clinic. She teaches the short course Current Issues in the Supreme Court at the University of Virginia Law School. A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, she served as a law clerk to Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and Judge Harry T. Edwards of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Alli Larsen is Professor of Law and Director of the William & Mary Law School’s Institute of Bill of Rights Law. Since joining the William & Mary law faculty in 2010, she has received many awards honoring her teaching and scholarship including: the university’s Alumni Fellowship Award, the Walter L. Williams Jr. Memorial Teaching Award, two
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Professor Larsen is a scholar of constitutional law and legal institutions, with a focus on how information dynamics affect both. Her work on fact-finding at the Supreme Court has been featured multiple times in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal. She has published in the nation’s top law reviews and has been cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and for the Seventh Circuit. Larsen also appeared with Stephen Colbert as a guest on The Colbert Report (Comedy Central) to discuss her scholarship on Supreme Court amicus briefs.

Professor Larsen received her B.A. from William & Mary in 1999 and her law degree in 2004 from the University of Virginia where she graduated first in her class. After law school, Professor Larsen clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for Justice David Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining the William & Mary faculty, Professor Larsen was an associate in the appellate practice group at O’Melveny and Myers in Washington DC.

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ADAM LIPTAK - New York Times

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A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, Liptak practiced law at a large New York City law firm and in the legal department of The New York Times Company before joining the paper’s news staff in 2002. Liptak was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in explanatory reporting in 2009 for “American Exception,” a series of articles examining ways in which the American legal system differs from those of other developed nations. He received the 2010 Scripps Howard Award for Washington reporting for a five-part series on the Roberts Court. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Ms. Murphy’s work before the Supreme Court has included briefing such high-profile and high-impact cases as Maine Community Health Options v. United States, American Broadcasting Companies v. Aereo, Bond v. United States, and NFIB v. Sebelius. She also has a robust practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals, where she has argued before most of the circuits on several important statutory and constitutional questions, including the scope of the First and Second Amendments, the Takings Clause, the Federal Power Act, and the National Labor Relations Act. Her extensive appellate experience spans a wide range of topics and has included several cases dealing with energy law, labor law, bankruptcy law, the Affordable Care Act, and property rights to submerged lands.

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Before joining Akin Gump, Mr. Shah served for more than five years as an Assistant to the Solicitor General at the Department of Justice. He received a number of awards for his advocacy before the Supreme Court during that time, including the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award for his role as lead drafter of the successful challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act in United States v. Windsor.
Prior to his work in the Solicitor General’s office, Mr. Shah worked in the appellate practice of another international law firm, taught constitutional law, and clerked for Justice Stephen G. Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge William A. Fletcher on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. from Princeton University and with a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

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Prior to private practice, Kannon served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice. He also served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and to Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Mr. Shanmugam received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Harvard University. He was also a Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford.

One longtime Supreme Court reporter recently said that Kannon “has perhaps the most eloquent and elegant manner ... that I’ve ever seen in my 40 years covering the Court,” adding that Kannon “projects calm, confidence, and authority from the moment he takes to the lectern.” In ranking Kannon in Band 1 of appellate advocates nationwide, Chambers USA described him as “absolutely extraordinary” and praised him as “smooth, unflappable, effective, and elegant ... an incredible lawyer in all respects.” Benchmark Litigation noted that Kannon is “one of the most respected and admired appellate practitioners” in the country, and Lawdragon praised him as “dazzlingly accomplished” and “inspiring and in demand.”

PAUL SMITH - Georgetown Law School and Campaign Legal Center

Professor Smith has nearly four decades of experience litigating a wide range of cases. He has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court 21 times and secured numerous victories, including in important cases advancing civil liberties. Two examples are Lawrence v. Texas, the landmark gay rights case, and Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Ass’n, which established First Amendment rights of those who produce and sell video games.
In addition, Paul has argued a number of important voting rights cases at the Supreme Court, including Gill v. Whitford and Vieth v. Jubelirer, involving partisan gerrymandering, LULAC v. Perry, involving the legality of Texas’s mid-decade redrawing of congressional districts, Crawford v. Marion County Election Board, involving the constitutionality of a voter identification law, and Harris v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, involving a constitutional challenge to Arizona’s legislative map.

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Mr. Verrilli is one of the nation’s premier Supreme Court and appellate advocates. He served as Solicitor General of the United States from June 2011 to June 2016. During that time he argued dozens of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, was responsible for representing the United States government in all appellate matters before the High Court and in the courts of appeals, and was a legal advisor to President Barack Obama and the Attorney General.

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