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On Saturday, September 12 at 4:15pm, the Supreme Court Preview will feature a panel on “What is the Future of the Supreme Court? Potential Reforms, Their Likelihood, and Their Implications.” Democrats recently unveiled “structural court reforms” as part of their platform. These potential reforms include, among others, adding seats to the Supreme Court, making changes to the confirmation process, and shortening the Justices’ terms of office. This panel will discuss which reforms seem most likely to be adopted and what concerns are motivating them. Twenty-five W&M students will also bring their questions to the panel about the future of the Supreme Court. On this page, you will find relevant articles and materials to help you discover the intricacies of this topic:

- The Need for Supreme Court Term Limits - Maggie Jo Buchanan, Center for American Progress
- Should we restructure the Supreme Court? - Russel Wheeler, Brookings Institute
- Reform the Court, but Don’t Pack It - Ryan D. Doerfler & Samuel Moyn, The Atlantic
- Countering G.O.P. on Courts, Democrats Will Call for ‘Structural Change’ - Carl Hulse, The New York Times
- Did John Roberts doom Supreme Court reform with his decisions? - Kent Greenfield & Adam Winkler, The Hill
- Eighteen (yes!) is enough: Limit the terms of Supreme Court justices - The Times Editorial Board, Los Angeles Times
- Democrats Want to Reform the Supreme Court, Not Pack It - Eric Levitz, New York Intelligencer
- If We Don’t Reform the Supreme Court, Nothing Else Will Matter - Elie Myssal, The Nation
- If Democrats win in November, should they pack the Supreme Court? - Jeff Neal, Harvard Law Today