

“Reaching Back, Lifting Up 2010” Education Panelists

The Honorable Alvin T. Wong

State Court of DeKalb County – Division 1
Decatur, Georgia
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Alvin T. Wong was elected Judge of the State Court of DeKalb County, Georgia’s third largest county, in 1998. He was the first Asian American to run for public office in metropolitan Atlanta and is the only Asian Pacific American to be elected judge in the Southeast. Judge Wong’s most recent project has the creation of a DUI court to treat chronic alcohol addiction.

Judge Wong serves on the Fernbank Museum of Natural History Board of Trustees, the Georgia Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Law Foundation Board. Judge Wong received the State Bar of Georgia’s 2002 Excellence in Bar Leadership Award for his work as co-founder of the Georgia Asian Bar and the architect of its free legal clinic for recent immigrants. He was named “Citizen of the Year” 2000 by the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and was honored as a National NAPABA Trailblazer in 1997. Judge Wong graduated from Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School in 1976.



The Honorable Abdul Karim Kallon

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Born in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Judge Kallon earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1990 and a law degree in 1993 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Articles Editor for the University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Business Law. Kallon served as a law clerk for Judge U. W. Clemon of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama from 1993 until 1994. On July 31, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Kallon to the United States District Court for the Northern District Of Alabama. Kallon was nominated for the seat vacated by Clemon, who retired earlier in 2009.



The Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Judge Gilmore was appointed a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas in the Houston Division by President Clinton. She took the oath of office on June 10, 1994. With that appointment, she became the youngest sitting federal judge in the nation.

Governor Ann Richards appointed Gilmore to the Texas Department of Commerce Policy Board in 1991, where she also served as chairperson from 1992- 1994. This appointment made Judge Gilmore the first African-American to serve on the Policy Board.

The native of Silver Spring, MD, Judge Gilmore was the youngest member of her freshman class at her alma mater, Hampton University. Gilmore decided to undertake a

career in law after she represented herself and won a minor civil lawsuit; she graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 1981.

After being licensed by the State Bar of Texas in 1982, Gilmore began a 13-year tenure at a Houston law firm that later became known as Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery. An active member of the Houston civic community, Gilmore has served on the boards of the YWCA, Child Advocates, the End Hunger Network, the Houston Ballet, the Houston Zoo, the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Spaulding for Children, Habitat for Humanity, and the Board of Trustees for Hampton University. She is the recipient of numerous civic awards for community service and is a member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and Jack & Jill of America, Houston Chapter.



The Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Prior to his appointment to the United States District Court, Judge Lee was a trial judge with the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia (Fairfax) for six and one-half years. During his tenure on the Fairfax Bench, Judge Lee was an active member of the Virginia Judges Judicial Conference, where he served on the Circuit Court Judicial Education Committee and the Circuit Court Judges Bench Book Committee. As Chairman of the Judicial Educational Committee, and was responsible for ongoing training and continuing education programs for 150 state trial judges.

Judge Lee has been a member of the legal community for twenty-five years. Subsequent to his appointment to the Fairfax Circuit Court in 1992, he became known throughout the legal community for his handling of complex civil cases, his efforts to improve the court's use of technology, and his commitment to community service.

In April 1998, Virginia's U.S. senators Chuck Robb and John Warner recommended Judge Lee for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, to fill the seat vacated when Judge James C. Cacheris took senior status. President Clinton made the appointment on May 22, 1998, which was confirmed by the Senate in unanimous vote on September 28, 1998.



Dean David F. Partlett

Emory Law School

David F. Partlett assumed the deanship of Emory Law on July 1, 2006 as Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law. Dean Partlett previously served as vice president, dean and professor of law at Washington and Lee University School of Law, as well as holding a faculty position at the Vanderbilt University Law School, a fellowship in the Institute for Public Policy Studies, and the position of Acting Dean from 1996-1997. Dean Partlett held positions in the Australian government as a senior legal officer for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra, where he was responsible for policy advice on the Racial Discrimination Act and other related human rights and racial discrimination legislation. He later was appointed to the Australian Law Reform Commission.

From 1978-1987, Dean Partlett was a member of the faculty of the Australian National University, and he served as associate dean from 1982-1985. He is a member of the American Law Institute, the American Society of Law and Medicine and the Selden Society. A native of Australia, Dean Partlett earned his LLB degree from the University of Sydney School of Law in 1970, an LLM from the University of Michigan Law School in 1974 and an SJD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1982.



Dean Rebecca Hanner White
University of Georgia Law

Rebecca Hanner White, J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law, became the permanent dean of the School of Law on Oct. 1, 2004, after serving as interim dean. Previously, she served as associate provost and associate vice president of academic affairs for the University of Georgia. She specializes in the areas of labor law, employment discrimination, employment law and labor arbitration.

White's scholarship, cited by federal and state courts across the country, includes numerous articles on employment discrimination and labor law. In addition, she is a co-author with Charles Sullivan and Michael Zimmer of *Employment Discrimination* (3rd ed., Aspen 2002) and *Cases and Materials on Employment Discrimination* (7th ed., 2008). White also serves on the editorial board of *The Labor Law Journal*.

In 2000, White received the Josiah Meigs Award, UGA's highest honor for teaching excellence. She has been selected by law graduates six times as the recipient of the Faculty Book Award for Excellence in Teaching and has also received the John C. O'Byrne Award for Contributions Furthering Student/Faculty Relations. She served as a UGA Senior Teaching Fellow in 2000-01 and was inducted into UGA's Teaching Academy. In 2002, she was selected as a senior faculty fellow for the university's Foundation Fellows program.

White earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University and graduated first in her class from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she was editor in chief of the *Kentucky Law Journal*. She served as a judicial law clerk to Chief Judge George C. Edwards of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, then practiced labor and employment law at the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl in Cincinnati, Ohio, for seven years before beginning her teaching career at UGA.



Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
University of California, Irvine School of Law

Erwin Chemerinsky is the founding dean and distinguished professor of law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science.

Previously, he taught at Duke Law School for four years, during which he won the Duke University Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award in 2006. Dean Chemerinsky also taught for twenty-one years at the University of Southern California School of Law where he served as director of the Center for Communications Law and Policy for four years, and has also taught at UCLA School of Law and DePaul University College of Law.

His areas of expertise are constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of seven books and more than one hundred articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation's

highest courts, and also serves as a commentator on legal issues for national and local media.

Chemerinsky holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University.



Gordon Alphonso
McGuire Woods, LLP

provides environmental representation, counseling and litigation services to corporations on legislative, regulatory and judicial matters under state and federal environmental laws, with an emphasis on air, solid and hazardous waste issues. His practice covers day-to-day compliance matters, permitting, enforcement defense, and assessment of potential environmental liabilities in connection with corporate transactions.

Mr. Alphonso focuses on the coordination of regulatory actions driven by government agencies arising from hazardous substances or petroleum contamination. He routinely provides strategic advice to property owners on issues arising from hazardous substance or petroleum contamination of their property, including indoor air quality affected by vapor intrusion from the existing contamination.



Hinton J. Lucas, Jr.
DuPont

Mr. Lucas is vice president and assistant general counsel for DuPont. Mr. Lucas has been with DuPont for over 30 years in a number of different areas of responsibility, including Legal, Operations, Technical Marketing, Marketing, Government Affairs and as director of Personnel and Labor Relations in Human Resources.

As a member of DuPont Legal for over 25 years, Mr. Lucas, in his current position, is responsible for all legal aspects for DuPont in the areas of labor, employment, benefits and immigration, including corresponding litigation. In addition, as chief administration counsel, he is responsible for DuPont Legal's organizations focused on information technology, administrative and litigation services and finance/budgeting. He was named to his current position in July 2008.

Mr. Lucas has a long and distinguished record of community and external service. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Blood Bank of Delmarva, the Board of Managers for The Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. He also is an active member of the General Counsel Roundtable, the National Bar Association and the American Corporate Counsel Association. As a member of the American Bar Association, he is a member of the Labor and Employment Section, and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

He is management champion for DuPont Legal's Pro-Bono program which includes Delaware agencies and Delaware Court interactions. He also is the sponsor of the DuPont Pipeline Project, a program that develops skills and interest in middle and high school students from the Wilmington, Del., area and is a management champion for the DuPont Street Law Program.

Mr. Lucas has been a repeat guest speaker on the national front in the areas of labor and employment law issues, as well as corporate legal department management and cost. On the topic and related issues of diversity in the legal profession, he has been a speaker,

presenter and change agent on the national front.

He is a graduate of Hampton Institute (University). He received a masters in business from Central Michigan University and a J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law.



N. Cornell Boggs III
Coors Brewing Corp.

Prior to accepting his position as Chief Responsibility and Ethics Officer, Mr. Boggs was the chief legal officer and group vice president of public affairs at Coors Brewing Company, where he was responsible for legal, government affairs, corporate communications, alcohol responsibility and water and natural resources. Before joining Coors in 2005, Cornell served as vice president and general counsel for Tyco Plastics and Adhesives, directing corporate reporting and a wide variety of legal matters. Earlier in his career, he served as associate general counsel for Anheuser-Busch.



Gary Pilnick
Kellogg Company

Mr. Pilnick was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary in August 2003 and assumed responsibility for Corporate Development in June 2004. He joined Kellogg as Vice President - Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary in September 2000 and served in that position until August 2003. Before joining Kellogg, he served as Vice President and Chief Counsel of Sara Lee Branded Apparel and as Vice President and Chief Counsel, Corporate Development and Finance at Sara Lee Corporation.



Mike Carvin
Jones Day

Mr. Carvin focuses his practice on constitutional, appellate, civil rights, and civil litigation against the federal government. He has argued numerous cases in the United States Supreme Court and in virtually every federal appeals court. These cases include the decisions preventing the Justice Department from obtaining monetary relief against the tobacco industry under RICO, overturning the federal government's plan to statistically adjust the census, limiting the Justice Department's ability to create "majority-minority" districts, and upholding Proposition 209's ban on racial preferences in California.

Mr. Carvin was one of the lead lawyers, and argued before the Florida Supreme Court, on behalf of George W. Bush in the 2000 election Florida recount controversy. He also has represented state governments, financial institutions, telecommunications, and energy companies in "takings," First Amendment, civil rights, and statutory challenges to federal government actions.



Thomas C. Goldstein

Akin Gump

Thomas C. Goldstein is the presiding co-leader of Akin Gump's firmwide litigation management committee, with a practice focused on Supreme Court litigation. In the Supreme Court and elsewhere, Mr. Goldstein litigates and advises clients in a broad range of issue, ranging from patent law to the First Amendment to questions relating to the game of poker, including its lawfulness as a matter of federal and state law.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Goldstein teaches Supreme Court litigation at Stanford Law School and Harvard Law School. Mr. Goldstein also founded and publishes SCOTUSblog, which in 2010 became the only weblog ever to receive the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award for fostering the American public's understanding of law and the legal system.

Mr. Goldstein has been repeatedly recognized as a leading member of the bar. In 2010, *The National Law Journal* named him one of the 40 most influential lawyers of the decade; *Legal Times* named him one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years" and praised him for "transforming the practice" of law before the Supreme Court. Mr. Goldstein is also included on the most recent lists of the 100 most influential lawyers in America (*The National Law Journal*); the 50 most influential people in Washington, D.C. (*GQ*); the leading appellate lawyers in Washington, D.C. (*Legal Times*); one of the nation's leading attorneys under the age of 40 (*The National Law Journal*); one of the nation's top 45 attorneys under the age of 45 (*The American Lawyer*); and one of the 30 best lawyers in Washington, D.C. (*Washingtonian*). He has also been recognized as a leading lawyer in 2010 by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of appellate.

Mr. Goldstein is involved with a number of professional organizations. He was appointed by the president of the ABA to its Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs, and he also serves as the vice chair of the Amicus Committee of the ABA's Intellectual Property Section. In those capacities, he has authored several Supreme Court *amicus* briefs for the ABA. In addition, Mr. Goldstein serves on the boards of advisors of the Washington Legal Foundation and the Georgetown University Supreme Court Institute.

Mr. Goldstein received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina in 1992 and his J.D. summa cum laude from American University's Washington College of Law in 1995, after which he clerked for the Honorable Patricia M. Wald of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland bars.

Before joining Akin Gump, Mr. Goldstein was a partner at Goldstein & Howe, the firm he founded in 1999. He previously practiced law at two other law firms.



Sri Srinivasan

O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Mr. Srinivasan is a partner in O'Melveny's Washington, DC office, and his focus is on appellate and complex litigation.

Mr. Srinivasan has argued seventeen cases before the US Supreme Court, and also briefed numerous additional cases in the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts on a broad array of legal and constitutional issues. His arguments in the Supreme Court have encompassed such areas as federal preemption, federal court jurisdiction, banking law, federal contracting law, administrative law, criminal law and procedure, immigration law, and education law. In addition to his work in the Supreme Court, Mr. Srinivasan is presently involved in a number of matters in federal and state court addressing a wide variety of subjects, including patent and intellectual property law, antitrust law, labor law, First Amendment law, federal preemption, and tax law. Mr. Srinivasan also maintains an active pro bono practice.

He is a lecturer at Harvard Law School, where he co-teaches a course on Supreme Court and appellate advocacy. He has published articles on various subjects including the Supreme Court's approach in cases involving business interests. He is also a frequent speaker on matters such as appellate advocacy and federal preemption, including at the ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference.

Mr. Srinivasan has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 2008, *The National Law Journal* named Sri one of the "50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America." He has been named by *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, and *The Best Lawyers in America* as a leading practitioner in the appellate area. He has also been named "Litigator of the Week" by *The American Lawyer*. In 2009, Mr. Srinivasan received the North American South Asian Bar Association's (NASABA) annual "Cornerstone Award," given to individuals who "best exemplify through their legal work the objectives of NASABA," and the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut's (SABAC) Distinguished Legal Professional Award, which recognizes "exemplary professional accomplishments and contributions to the South Asian legal community as a whole." Mr. Srinivasan is also a member of NASABA's National Advisory Council.

Before returning to O'Melveny in 2007, Mr. Srinivasan was in the Office of the Solicitor General for a period of five years. While with the Solicitor General's office, he received two awards for his government service—the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security in 2003 and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Award for Excellence in 2005.



Seth Paul Waxman

WilmerHale

Mr. Waxman joined the United States Department of Justice in May 1994. Prior to being appointed Solicitor General, he served in a number of other positions in the Department of Justice, including Acting Solicitor General, Acting Deputy Attorney General, Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and Associate Deputy Attorney General. He was nominated by President Clinton on September 19, 1997, and confirmed by the United

States Senate on November 9, 1997 as the 41st Solicitor General of the United States. He received his commission and took the oath of office on November 13, 1997, serving as Solicitor General until January 20, 2001.

Mr. Waxman is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and graduated from the area's public schools. He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1973 and was a Rockefeller Fellow in Kenya during the following year. In 1977, Waxman received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Mr. Waxman served as a law clerk to the late Gerhard A. Gesell, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Thereafter, he entered the private practice of law with the firm of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, where he specialized in complex criminal, civil, and appellate litigation.

Mr. Waxman has received substantial recognition for his pro bono work, including the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico award and the Anti-Defamation League's Benjamin N. Cardozo Certificate of Merit. He has long been active in Bar, community, and school organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Professionalism, a current and past ex officio member of several committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States, an ex officio member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the Visiting Committee for Harvard College.



Drew Saunders Days III
Yale Law School

Mr. Drew Saunders Days III served as United States Solicitor General from 1993 to 1996 under President Bill Clinton. He also served as the first African American Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division in the Carter Administration from 1977 to 1980.

He assumed the position of Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law at Yale Law School in 1992. Since 1997, he has also headed the Supreme Court and appellate practice at Morrison & Foerster LLP and is currently of counsel at the firm's Washington, D.C. office.



Don Ayer
Jones Day

Mr. Ayer is Jones Day's most experienced Supreme Court lawyer, with eighteen arguments before the Court. His experience covers subject areas ranging from criminal appeals to business torts to a wide range of constitutional and technical statutory and regulatory issues. He also has been lead counsel in twenty federal court jury trials.

He serves as president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and has served as president of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ayer currently teaches a course in Supreme Court Advocacy at Georgetown University Law Center and Duke University Law School. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (appellate practice), *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, *Chambers USA* (national appellate), *Washingtonian* magazine's "Top Supreme Court Lawyers in Washington," and *Super Lawyers* "Top 100 Lawyers" in the D.C. area.

Don previously served as the Deputy Attorney General and Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States and as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of

California. He is a member of the ALI, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and serves on the advisory boards of the NYU Institute of Judicial Administration, the Georgetown Law School Supreme Court Institute, the State and Local Legal Center, and the Publications Committee of the Supreme Court Historical Society.



Kannon Shanmugam

Williams & Connolly

Mr. Shanmugam is a partner focusing on Supreme Court and appellate litigation. He has been described as a "wunderkind" (*Am Law Litigation Daily*) and "rising star" (*Legal Times*) of the Supreme Court bar.

Mr. Shanmugam joined Williams & Connolly in 2008 after serving as an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice. While representing the United States before the Supreme Court, he developed a particular expertise in securities, antitrust, and complex criminal litigation. During his tenure at the Justice Department, Mr. Shanmugam was responsible for preparing the briefs of the United States in a number of other significant Supreme Court cases, including *Arthur Andersen v. United States*, an appeal by Arthur Andersen from its conviction for obstruction of justice in connection with the collapse of Enron. He received a commendation from the Justice Department's Environmental and Natural Resources Division for his work on environmental litigation.

Prior to joining the Justice Department, Mr. Shanmugam was an associate at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, where he worked on a variety of Supreme Court and appellate matters.

Mr. Shanmugam was born in Lawrence, Kansas, the son of Indian immigrants. He grew up there and was co-valedictorian of his class at Lawrence High School. He went to Harvard at age 16, where he majored in classics and graduated *summa cum laude*. After being selected as a Marshall Scholar, he obtained a master's degree in classics from the University of Oxford. He then returned to Harvard Law School and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1998; there, he served as executive editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and argued the case for the winning side in the moot court competition. After law school, he served as a law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court and then-Judge J. Michael Luttig on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Shanmugam has spoken extensively on the Supreme Court and legal issues. He currently serves on the boards of trustees of the Supreme Court Historical Society, the American Inns of Court, and the Association of Marshall Scholars. He has served as secretary of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court, and as a member of the executive committee of the American Bar Association's Council of Appellate Lawyers. He is a member of the firm's pro bono committee and is active in the Washington community. He currently serves on the vestry of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, Virginia, and has worked as a volunteer teacher at Anacostia High School in Southeast Washington.



Mr. Charles J. Cooper
Cooper & Kirk, PLLC

Charles J. Cooper is a founding member and chairman of Cooper & Kirk, PLLC. Named by The National Law Journal as one of the 10 best civil litigators in Washington, he has over 25 years of legal experience in government and private practice, with several appearances before the United States Supreme Court and scores of other successful cases on both the trial and appellate levels.

Shortly after serving as law clerk to Judge Paul Roney of the Fifth (now Eleventh) Circuit Court of Appeals, and to Justice (later Chief Justice) William H. Rehnquist, Mr. Cooper joined the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in 1981. In 1985 President Reagan appointed Mr. Cooper to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. Mr. Cooper reentered private practice in 1988, as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of McGuire Woods. From 1990 until the founding of Cooper & Kirk in 1996, he was a partner at Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge where he headed the firm's Constitutional and Government Litigation Group.

Mr. Cooper's practice is national in scope and is concentrated in the areas of constitutional, commercial, and civil rights litigation. He is currently representing private clients in a variety of commercial cases, including antitrust, intellectual property, and contract disputes. Mr. Cooper also represents a number of state and local government bodies, as well as private clients, in a wide range of constitutional and federal statutory cases.

In 1998 Mr. Cooper was appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to serve as a member of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Mr. Cooper is a member of the American Law Institute and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and he has spoken and published extensively on a wide variety of constitutional and legal policy topics.



Mr. David C. Frederick
Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, PLLC

David C. Frederick has argued twenty-one cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, including nine in the past three Terms, and has argued cases in eleven of the thirteen U.S. Courts of Appeals. A recipient of the Coast Guard Medal for Distinguished Public Service (2000) for his advocacy in the Locke case, and of the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award (1998), Frederick was an Assistant to the Solicitor General at the United States Department of Justice from 1996 to 2001. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh (B.A., summa cum laude); the University of Oxford (D. Phil.), where he was a Rhodes Scholar; and the University of Texas (J.D. with honors).

Mr. Frederick was a law clerk to the Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of the United States, and to the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of *Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy* (West, 2003); *The Art of Oral Advocacy* (West, 2003); and *Rugged Justice: The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the American West, 1891-1941* (University of California Press, 1994)



Mr. Gregory G. Garre

Latham & Watkins LLP

Gregory G. Garre is a former United States Solicitor General, serving between June 19, 2008 to January 20, 2009. He spent his early life in his hometown of Barrington, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College in 1987 and his law degree from George Washington University Law School in 1991. Garre clerked for Chief Judge Anthony Joseph Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and then for Chief

Justice William H. Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Garre went into private practice with the Washington D.C. firm Hogan & Hartson from 1993 to 2000; in September 2000 Garre joined the office of the Solicitor General, and in July 2004 returned to Hogan & Hartson. In September 2005, Garre returned to the Solicitor General's office as Deputy Solicitor General. As Principal Deputy Solicitor General, Garre became Acting Solicitor General upon the resignation of his predecessor Paul Clement on June 19, 2008. He was nominated on the same day to be Solicitor General by President George W. Bush, a position to which he was confirmed on October 2, 2008. He is currently a visiting professor at his alma mater, George Washington University Law School, teaching Constitutional Law and a class on the Supreme Court.



Mr. Steven Shapiro

Mayer Brown

Stephen Shapiro is the founder and senior member of the Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation practice group at Mayer Brown. Under his leadership the group has grown to become the largest Supreme Court and appellate practice in the country. It is ranked first nationally by both *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*.

Chambers 2008 said that the group “stands head and shoulders above its competitors.” Lawyers in the group have argued over 200 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and a large number of appeals in federal and state courts across the country. Mr. Shapiro personally has been responsible for briefing more than 200 cases and for arguing twenty-nine cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Shapiro has represented clients in private practice include many members of the Fortune 500 in virtually all industries and areas of business, as well as national and state governments, other governmental entities, leading trade and professional associations, and high-profile not-for-profit organizations. The precedent-setting cases that he has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court have led to far-reaching decisions reshaping the law of antitrust, securities regulation, taxation, banking, administrative law, and federal-state relations.



Mr. Andrew Pincus

Mayer Brown

Andrew Pincus focuses his appellate practice on briefing and arguing cases in the Supreme Court of the United States and in federal and state appellate courts, as well as on developing legal arguments in trial courts. He has argued nineteen cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, and has filed briefs in more than one hundred other cases in the Court. Prior to joining Mayer Brown, he was an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the United States Department of Justice (1984-1988).

Mr. Pincus also advises clients on legislative and regulatory matters. While serving as General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce (1997-2000), he formulated and implemented policy concerning intellectual property, electronic authentication, privacy, domain name management, taxation of electronic commerce, telecommunications matters, export controls, international trade, and consumer protection. He advocated these policies in negotiations with foreign governments and in testimony before Congress; and he had principal responsibility for the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Mr. Pincus successfully represented clients in connection with passage of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

According to *Legal 500* (2008), Andy "is cited by clients as 'a total superstar' who is 'unbelievably smart,' and who 'objectively belongs on any list of leaders.'" *Chambers USA* (2009) reports that Andy "is commended for his 'masterful performances'" before the Supreme Court. Andy's appellate experience has also won him recognition in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2006-2008).

Before joining Mayer Brown, Andy served as General Counsel of Andersen Worldwide S.C. Following law school graduation, Andy was Law Clerk to The Honorable Harold H. Greene, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1981-1982), after which he practiced with another major law firm in Washington. He currently serves as co-director of the Yale Law School's Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic.



Mr. Richard Bress

Latham & Watkins LLP

Richard Bress focuses his practice on appellate and Supreme Court litigation. He has handled a broad range of cases for a diverse client base, including the United States House of Representatives, AOL, The Capital Group Companies, DirecTV, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, Inc., HCA, Mirant, Molten Corporation, PG&E, Sithe Energies and the Calvary Chapel ministry. He has argued dozens of appellate cases, including seven in the Supreme Court. Mr. Bress is also a frequent commentator on appellate advocacy issues.

Mr. Bress is recognized as one of the top US appellate and Supreme Court advocates by *Legal 500*, which has described him as "'a great litigator' who 'provides great representation'" and whose "resume displays an impressive range of experience at the top level." He was also recognized by *Washingtonian* magazine in 2007 as one of the Washington, D.C.'s "Big Guns," a list of the area's top lawyers, based primarily on peer recommendation.

Mr. Bress has experience litigating appeals in the Supreme Court and courts of appeals in a broad range of matters, including:

- constitutional, statutory, and administrative challenges to federal agency rules and orders, particularly those involving EPA, FERC, FCC, HHS and HUD
- challenges to laws and regulations affecting commercial speech
- judgments under the federal securities and antitrust laws, and ERISA
- challenges to punitive damages awards
- patent, Lanham Act and other intellectual property disputes
- challenges to governmental takings of private property
- disputes over government contracts

Before joining Latham, Mr. Bress served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. During his tenure in the Solicitor General's Office, he argued several cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, drafted more than 100 briefs (including petitions for and briefs in opposition to certiorari) and assisted the Solicitor General in developing the government's position on a broad range of constitutional and commercial issues in the Supreme Court and the federal courts of appeals.

Prior to his work in the Solicitor General's Office, Mr. Bress spent several years in private practice, engaged primarily in general and appellate litigation. Before entering private practice, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Antonin Scalia and D.C. Circuit Judge Stephen F. Williams.

Mr. Bress is admitted to the bars of the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Federal and D.C. Circuits and the Court of Federal Claims.

Mr. Richard Taranto

Farr & Taranto

(no photo)

Richard Taranto is a partner in the Washington, DC, firm of Farr & Taranto. He graduated from Pomona College in 1977, and received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1981. He served as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the United States Supreme Court from 1983-1984. He worked in the Solicitor General's office of the Justice Department, handling and arguing cases before the Supreme Court, from 1986 to 1989. Since then, he has been engaged in private practice specializing in Supreme Court and other appellate litigation, particularly in Federal Circuit patent cases. He argued the Warner-Jenkinson case in the Supreme Court and has taught at Georgetown and Harvard law schools.