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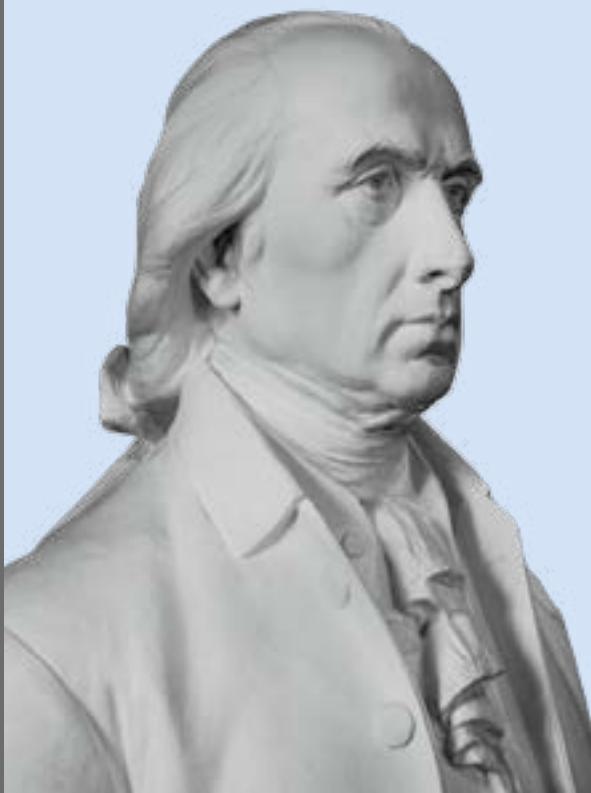
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“The courts must declare the sense of the law; and if they should be disposed to exercise **will** instead of **judgment**, the consequence would equally be the substitution of their pleasure to that of the legislative body.”

Federalist No. 78



Dear Friend,

The past couple of months have been a busy time in American politics and law. President Obama's term came to an end, President Trump was inaugurated, and, perhaps of special interest to Federalist Society members, Judge Neil Gorsuch was nominated to fill the Supreme Court seat left open when Justice Antonin Scalia passed away last year. The Federalist Society has been correspondingly busy putting on events, publishing articles, and recording podcasts and videos featuring top legal experts discussing key issues in law and policy.

Our signature yearly event—the National Lawyers Convention—took place in Washington, DC in November, and it featured a roster of top-notch speakers honoring and discussing Justice Scalia's jurisprudence and legacy. In the early months of 2017, our Western Lawyers Chapters and Florida Lawyers Chapters held their annual regional conferences focused on state law issues. The Ohio Lawyers Chapters will hold their inaugural conference in late March.

Our Annual Faculty Conference was held alongside the AALS conference in San Francisco in early January, and featured stimulating panel discussions as well as commentary on works-in-progress by faculty members. Practice Groups held conferences on matters including international law in the Trump era and federal criminal prosecution, while also putting on a steady stream of teleforum conference calls to keep members informed on a wide range of important issues. At a special event in February, Vice President Mike Pence discussed the nomination of Judge Gorsuch at Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Members of our Student Chapters came together in early March for the annual National Student Symposium, which was hosted by our Columbia Student Chapter. The theme of the conference was *The First Amendment in Contemporary Society*—undoubtedly a timely topic in our era of political polarization.

Remember to check out **fedsoc.org** to find all of the resources the Federalist Society makes available to you, including scholarly articles, quick blog posts, short videos, and in-depth podcasts. Please send any comments or suggestions to **katie.mcclendon@fedsoc.org**. I look forward to hearing from you!

Katie McClendon
Director of Publications



INAUGURAL OHIO CHAPTERS CONFERENCE

Friday, March 31, 2017

The Athletic Club of Columbus
Columbus, OH

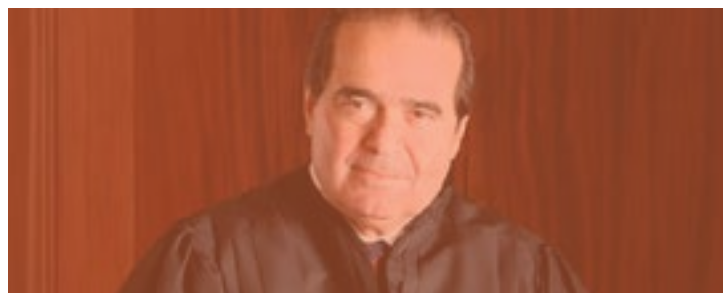
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH REVIEW CONFERENCE

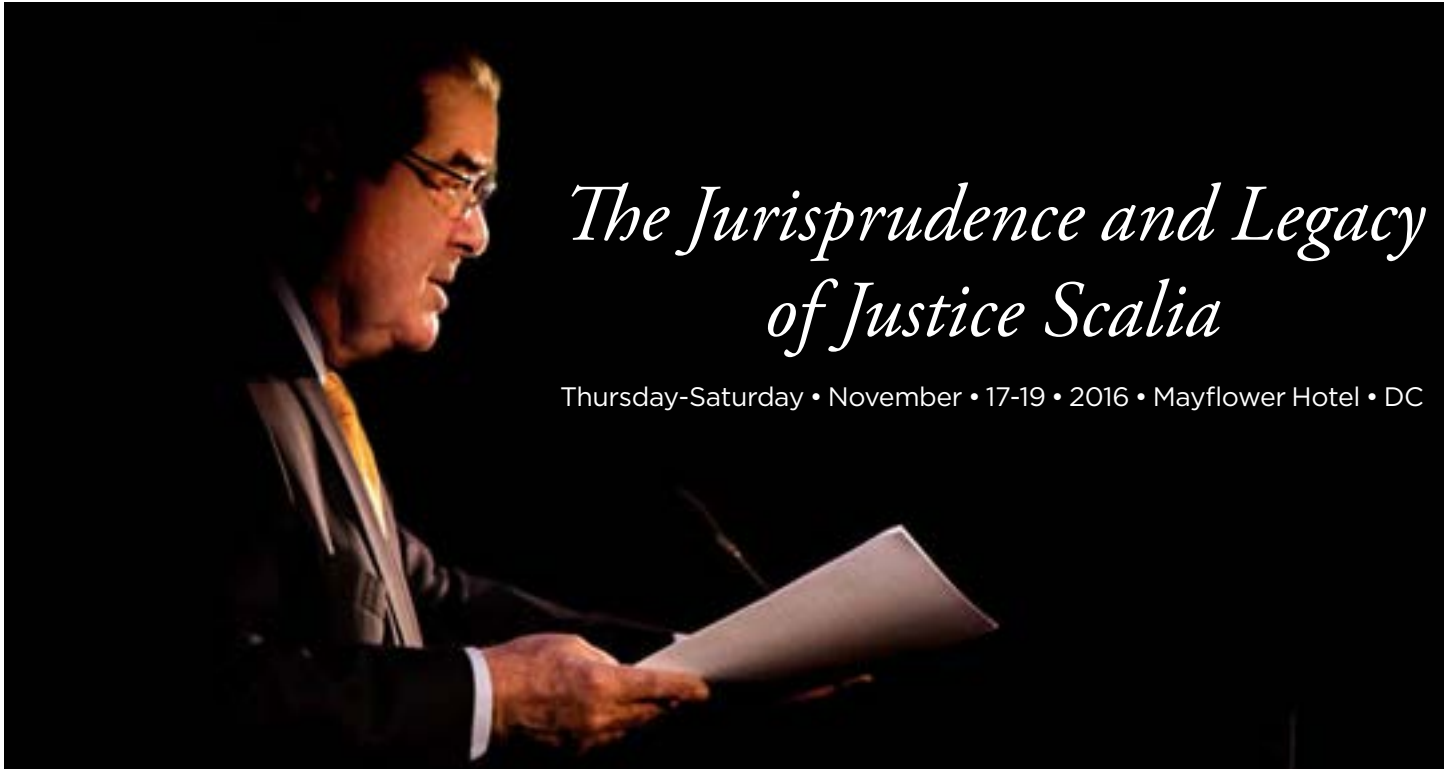
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC

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NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION



The Jurisprudence and Legacy of Justice Scalia

Thursday-Saturday • November • 17-19 • 2016 • Mayflower Hotel • DC



Top: Justice Alito opens the 2016 National Lawyers Convention with a speech giving tribute to Justice Scalia's legacy and addressing the future of the Supreme Court. Prof. Brian Fitzpatrick films a video about Justice Scalia's writing (watch it on our YouTube page).

Middle: Attendees watch and listen to a panel discussion and chat in between sessions.

Left: Megan Brown of Wiley Rein speaks to the Harvard Alumni Lunch.

On November 17-19, 2016, hundreds of lawyers gathered to honor Justice Scalia's legacy and discuss today's most pressing legal issues. Throughout the enjoyable weekend characterized by thoughtful discussions over coffee and panel debates under the Mayflower's chandeliers, we experienced camaraderie from shared interests, career paths, and goals, alongside diverse views on politics and law.

As a student volunteer at the Convention for the second time, I was intellectually challenged by the events I attended, personally encouraged by the lawyers I met and reconnected with, and impressed by the organization and hospitality of the Federalist Society staff in running everything smoothly.

Frank Chang, a third-year student at GW Law, had a great experience as well. His verdict on the event: "The National



Left: Madison Club members arrive at and enjoy the Madison Club reception.

Above: Attendees enjoy the dinner, Federalist Society President Gene Meyer introduces Eugene Scalia, announcing that this event will now be known as the Antonin Scalia Memorial Dinner.

Lawyers Convention is the best! I loved being able to interact with and listen to all the big names, connect with my good friends, and build new professional contacts. The panels brought intellectually stimulating discussions featuring diverse viewpoints on Justice Scalia's legacy."

An event I particularly enjoyed was the Religious Liberties panel, where five distinguished law professors discussed the future of religious liberty, the importance of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and several nuanced ways to approach the issues given the uncertainties of a new presidential administration, Congress, and Supreme Court justice. As a law student, hearing from top experts on these issues gave me fresh insights for my own courses on the First Amendment and constitutional law. I appreciated how the professors recognized incongruities in the case law that make it difficult to chart a path forward, and that while they shared some policy goals, their perspectives on how to achieve them were diverse. Overall, I was encouraged to advocate for the public good of religious liberty and to uphold the First Amendment's broad freedoms.

Another especially relevant event was the Ninth Annual Rosenkranz Debate about hostile environment law and free speech on college



Above: Justice Clarence Thomas speaks to the crowd of 1,700 dinner attendees about his late friend and fellow Justice Antonin Scalia, relating heartfelt memories, praising his jurisprudence, and predicting a lasting legacy.

Left: Justice Thomas poses with his former clerks in attendance.



Top: Then-Gov. Nikki Haley addresses the NLC, attendees look at printed Instagrams of the NLC, Prof. Victoria Nourse speaks on a panel about rules versus standards in constitutional and statutory interpretation.

Above: Prof Akhil Amar speaks on the rules versus standards panel, Sen. Ted Cruz addresses the NLC, and an attendee asks a question.



Above: 5th Circuit Judge Edith Jones moderates a panel discussing whether the CFPB has helped consumers, Prof. Stephen Vladeck and Elizabeth Goitein discuss Justice Scalia's jurisprudence with respect to national security law, Prof. Nadine Strossen contributes to a panel on originalism and the First Amendment, attendees watch and listen to speakers from the balcony.

Right: Sen. Ben Sasse delivers the 2016 Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture.



NATIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION

campuses, which showed me the value of vigorous debate between well-informed speakers. On our campus at GW, the most engaging events for students are always the lively debates. I appreciate how the Federalist Society encourages us to present and consider multiple viewpoints on issues. In this debate, Prof. Eugene Volokh defended free speech rights and gave an account of the way that hostile environment laws restrict them in the university and employment contexts. Prof. Deborah Rhode presented an excellent rationale for these laws, however, by describing the problems of cyberbullying, unreported sexual assault, and the chilling effect on free speech that these persistent problems have. Both speakers made strong points and shed light on a wide range of substantive legal issues that are so often forgotten on platforms like Twitter.

Events like these showcase the lasting relevance of the Federalist Society. In an era where tweets and sound bites increasingly dominate the media and jumping to political conclusions is the norm, the Federalist Society provides us a collegial forum to dig into substantive legal and policy issues rather than skimming the surface.

Zach Tyree, another 3L at GW Law, sums it up: “Fed Soc has been an invaluable part of my law school experience. Not only has it helped me to develop the analytical skills necessary for effective advocacy, it has also provided a network of colleagues who are similarly committed to the rule of law.”

Reflection by Kayla Murrish, 2L at GW Law, Co-President of GW's Federalist Society Student Chapter



Above: Prof. Abbe Gluck speaks on a panel discussing the transformation of statutory interpretation, Prof. Lisa Heinzerling and moderator Eugene Scalia discuss the evolution of Justice Scalia's views on administrative law, Prof. Eugene Volokh chats with students during a break, Paul Clement participates in the administrative law discussion, attendees mingle between sessions.

Below: 5th Circuit Judge Jennifer Elrod moderates the Rosenkranz debate, in which Prof. Eugene Volokh and Prof. Deborah Rhode sparred over whether hostile environment law, on and off campus, often violates the First Amendment.



2017 National Student Symposium

*The First Amendment in Contemporary Society • fedsoc.org/symposium
Friday-Saturday • March • 3-4 • 2017 • Columbia Law School • NYC*



Top left: Doug Laycock speaks about religious liberty. Above: Ciara Torres-Spelliscy discusses campaign finance. Left: Third Circuit Judge Thomas Hardiman moderates a panel.



Above: UT Law students. Below: Eugene Volokh debates Robert Weiner on ABA Model Rule 8.4, Suzanne Goldberg speaks on a panel discussing universities and the First Amendment, Will Baude receives the Bator Award at the banquet, Richard Epstein speaks about privacy and the press.



Students gathered in New York City on the first weekend in March for the 36th Annual National Student Symposium, hosted by the Columbia Student Chapter (led by Pres. Shiva Logarajah). Panels discussed the First Amendment in depth, and Richard Epstein gave the keynote address. The Ohio State Student Chapter won the award for best chapter of the year (see right for a profile their president).



Above and below: Students mingle and chat in the Columbia Law School hallways between panel sessions. Left: 11th Circuit Judge William Pryor moderates a panel.



Panels:

- Privacy and Freedom of the Press
- Universities and the First Amendment
- Debate on ABA Model Anti-discrimination Rules
- Religious Liberty
- Campaign Finance and Free Speech

Speakers:

- Hon. William H. Pryor, Jr. (11th Circuit)
- Prof. Robert Post (Yale Law)
- Prof. Steve Coll (Columbia Journalism)
- Prof. Eugene Volokh (UCLA Law)
- Prof. Richard Epstein (NYU Law)
- Prof. Philip Hamburger (Columbia Law)
- Prof. John O. McGinnis (Northwestern Law)
- Prof. Brad Smith (Capital Law)
- Prof. Douglas Laycock (UVA Law)
- Prof. Michael S. Paulsen (St. Thomas Law)
- Prof. Irina Manta (Hofstra Law)
- Mr. Jameel Jaffer (Columbia)
- Hon. Reena Raggi (2nd Circuit)
- Prof. Richard Pildes (NYU Law)
- Prof. Ciara Torres-Spelliscy (Stetson Law)
- Hon. Richard J. Sullivan (SDNY)
- Mr. Robert N. Weiner (Arnold & Porter)
- Hon. Lavenski Smith (8th Circuit)
- Prof. Bill Marshall (UNC Law)
- Prof. Marci Hamilton (Penn Law)
- Prof. Suzanne Goldberg (Columbia)
- Hon. Thomas Hardiman (3rd Circuit)
- Prof. William Baude (Chicago Law)
- Prof. Thomas Merrill (Columbia Law)
- Hon. Lee Liberman Otis (Fed Soc)
- Hon. Debra Livingston (2nd Circuit)

STUDENT DIVISION

Student Leader Profile: Jedidiah Bressman

*President of Ohio State's Federalist Society Student Chapter
Symposium Editor of OSU's Journal on Dispute Resolution
Treasurer of OSU's Jewish Law Student Association*

How did you initially get involved with the Federalist Society, and what made you decide to become a leader in your chapter?

I became involved with the Toledo Chapter before I transferred to The Ohio State University, and I was amazed by the amount of discussion each event created. Every event was about a new and interesting topic that was either not covered in class or covered from only one point of view. When I came to OSU, the events and my involvement grew. Bryan Dove was the president, and I immediately asked to help out. I helped set up and take down events, and I enjoyed meeting the speakers and getting to hear more about the subjects they spoke about.

However, I first knew I wanted to be President of the OSU chapter at the 2016 National Student Symposium at UVA. I attended with three friends from the OSU chapter's executive board, and we were amazed by the quality of speakers and the content we were able to absorb in such a short time. The first panel included Dr. Yaron Brook, and he wowed us. We all immediately knew that he had to come to OSU, and we were able to book him far in advance. I made friends at the symposium from chapters all over the country who I still communicate with to this day. By the time the symposium ended, there were three professors I knew we had to bring to OSU, and I wanted to lead the organization that had allowed me to have this experience so that I could convince others to attend the next symposium.

How has your experience with Fed Soc complemented your legal education so far?

Sometimes I find myself listening to a lecture and thinking about whether I am the only one who believes a particular way about an issue. For instance, in my International Climate Change Law class, I began thinking about how government subsidies of corn have contributed to our climate change problem. With less government intrusion, maybe our situation would be better. Then I remembered when Professor Adler came to speak to OSU last year about this exact topic. I was able to find his talk online

and reviewed it again, so that I could be better prepared for class. This is just one example of many involving my classes.

Our Supreme Court Previews and Round-Ups have featured some of the smartest professors discussing precedent-setting cases and their potential impact on our legal careers. Without Fed Soc providing us with the opportunity to fund these events, my law school experience would be much less robust.

What has been a highlight of your experience with Fed Soc?

One highlight of my experience with Fed Soc so far is an event we did earlier this year. We co-sponsored an event with the Military Law Student Association and the American Constitution Society called *National Security, Military, and International Law*, which focused on how 9/11 has affected these areas on its fifteenth anniversary. We brought in Jamil Jaffer from Scalia Law School, and he was a delight the entire time. He met with me before the event, and we discussed my career interests, my life before law school, and the presidential election. He went on to give the best speech discussing national security policy I have heard. But he didn't stop there. At OSU we have a tradition of taking our speakers to an OSU-themed restaurant called *Sloopy's* (after the song sung at football games: *Hang on Sloopy*). He took five students with him who were interested in national security and discussed his speech with them in greater depth. Fed Soc provides unique opportunities like these to interact with some of the best legal minds at such a personal level.

What advice would you give to other chapter presidents on what it takes to lead a thriving chapter on their campuses?

My first piece of advice is to make sure to have great people around you. OSU would not have such a successful chapter without my supporting officers—Jay Payne, Tara Workman, Andy Hopkins, Amanda Morris, Tom Lampman, Bryan Dove—and my advisor Chris Walker. I am lucky to have two former presidents on my team,



and their drive has made our events successful. We first met as a team last April to plan out the entire next year. By the time the summer was over, we had booked speakers for all of our fall events and even a few for the spring semester. We put our heads together to find great speakers for great events.

Our success was also built on the *No-Pizza Pledge*. My goal was to never have pizza at a Federalist Society event, and still stay under budget. We did this with every single event (even including one event where we served sushi!).

My final piece of advice is to use any funds your school gives you. The executive board decided that giving out t-shirts would help convince students to become more active within the group, and we were able to offer the shirts for free using funding from OSU.

How do you like to spend your time when you're not studying?

I (usually) enjoy being the head coach of a middle school wrestling team. I am a huge Buckeyes football fan and will spend a good amount of time reading up on the current recruits and season analysis. I also enjoy cooking and trying new foods.

Thanks for sharing about your experience as a Fed Soc student leader, Jedidiah, and for your great work at OSU—and congrats on your Feddie! ⁹

Annual Western Chapters Conference

State Constitutions and Individual Rights

Saturday • January • 28 • 2017 • Ronald Reagan Presidential Library • Simi Valley • CA



Gene Meyer introduces the opening panel:
Forty Years Later: The Brennan Article and State Constitutions.



7th Circuit Judge Diane Sykes moderates a conversation with State Supreme Court Justices.



Hon. Carolyn Kuhl moderates *Litigating State Constitutional Issues.*



Hon. Clint Bolick speaks to the lunch crowd at a
Conversation with State Supreme Court Justices.



10 9th Circuit Judge Carlos Bea moderates a
debate about *State Blaine Amendments.*



In a 1977 Harvard Law Review article, Justice William J. Brennan Jr. called for state constitutions and courts to be more protective of individual rights than even the increasingly protective federal Constitution and case law. A series of panels at this year's Western Chapters Conference considered whether state lawmakers and judges have heeded his call. Attendees gathered at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for a day-long conference in January to listen to a slate of all-star speakers tackle these difficult issues.

Watch the panels on the Federalist Society's YouTube page.





Annual Florida Chapters Conference

Justice Scalia's Legacy and State Law Issues

Friday-Saturday • February • 3-4 • 2017 • Disney Boardwalk Inn • Lake Buena Vista • FL

Attendees at this year's Florida Chapters Conference were treated, as always, to excellent panels on a variety of state law issues. The conference opened with a discussion of Justice Scalia's legacy and featured two keynote addresses from prominent conservative U.S. Senators. Attendees honored Florida Supreme Court Justice Alan Lawson at a reception, and Judge Stephanie Ray received the Good Shepherd Award.

Watch the panels on the Federalist Society's YouTube page.



Above: Assistant U.S. Solicitor General Rachel Kovner speaks on a panel about *Justice Scalia's Legacy*.
Below: Attendees chat at the conference.



Above: Sen. Marco Rubio delivers the Friday evening keynote address.
Below: Attendees mingle between sessions.



Above: Sen. Mike Lee delivers the luncheon keynote, Good Shepherd Award winner Judge Stephanie Ray poses with past winners. Below: State SGs discuss combating federal overreach, attendees enjoy Disney World at night.



FACULTY DIVISION

19th Annual Faculty Conference

Corpus Linguistics, the Thirteenth Amendment, and "Dear Colleague" letters
 Thursday-Friday • January • 5-6 • 2017 • Parc 55 Hotel • San Francisco • CA



Above: Suja Thomas (Illinois) debates the role of the jury; Alexander Tsesis (Loyola Chicago), Josh Blackman (South Texas), Lee Strang (Toledo), and Jennifer Mascott (Georgetown) pose between sessions. Below: AALS Pres. Kellye Testy speaks; Richard Epstein (NYU) asks a question.

Above: A panel discusses administrative law innovations. Below: Saurabh Vishnubhakat (Texas A&M) listens to a panel; Renee Letow Lerner (GWU) debates the role of the jury; Lee Otis chats with Mark Storslee (Stanford); Steven Calabresi (Northwestern) remembers Justice Scalia.



Young Legal Scholars

Paper Competition Winners

Chevron Step One-and-a-Half

Prof. Daniel Hemel (University of Chicago Law School)

Prof. Aaron Nielson (Brigham Young University School of Law)

Patent Injunctions on Appeal: An Empirical Study of the Federal Circuit's Application of eBay

Prof. Ryan Holte (Southern Illinois College of Law)

Prof. Christopher Seaman (Washington & Lee University School of Law)

Pennoyer Was Right: Jurisdiction and General Law

Prof. Stephen Sachs (Duke Law School)

Legislating in the Shadows

Prof. Christopher Walker (Ohio State University College of Law)

As-Applied Nondelegation

Mr. Ilan Wurman (Winston & Strawn)

Over 100 professors and aspiring legal academics joined us at the Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco for the 19th Annual Federalist Society Faculty Conference. Once again, our conference was part of the official AALS Annual Meeting, and we were able to allow any interested scholars to attend our program free of charge. Prof. Steven Calabresi (Northwestern) drew attendees' attention to the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia during his welcoming remarks, and the late justice's legal thought was discussed widely during the conference. Panels on *Corpus Linguistics*, the *Thirteenth Amendment 150 Years Later*, and "Dear Colleague"/*Guidance Letters* were all well-attended and were followed by excellent Q&A opportunities. Our marquee luncheon debate drew a large crowd as Prof. Renee Lettow Lerner (George Washington) and Prof. Suja Thomas (Illinois) debated the past and future of the criminal and civil jury. During the Young Legal Scholars Paper Presentations, Prof. Richard Epstein (NYU) provided keen insight and thoughtful criticism that made for a lively conversation among the winners. This year, 40 scholars presented their works in progress on five panels—more than we have ever had before.

Visit our YouTube page to watch videos of these great panels.



2017 Paul M. Bator Award

Awarded annually to a young academic who has demonstrated excellence in legal scholarship, a commitment to teaching, a concern for students, and who has made a significant public impact.

Congratulations to
Prof. William Baude (Chicago)

The Limits of Federal Criminal Law

Thursday • December • 8 • 2016 • National Press Club • Washington • DC



In 2016, the Department of Justice lost three major cases against Fed Ex, Vascular Solutions, and Warner Chilcott. Critics argue that each case was an example of over-enforcement by DOJ and overcriminalization by Congress. Proponents assert that the government must police and dissuade bad acts by citizens and corporations.

Are there too many federal agencies, giving prosecutors too much power over individuals and corporations? Is it good policy to prosecute individual employees of a corporation, as suggested in the Yates memo? Panelists, including defense lawyers in each of these three cases and a DOJ prosecutor, discussed the limits of federal criminal law and prosecutions at this event sponsored by the Federalist Society's Criminal Law & Procedure Practice Group.

Visit our YouTube page to watch the video of this heated panel discussion.



Ben Hatch (McGuire Woods)
John Richter (King & Spalding)
Joseph Savage (Goodwin Proctor)
Cristina Arguedas (Arguedas, Cassman & Headley LLP)
Leslie Caldwell (Assistant AG, Criminal Division, US DOJ)
Stuart Taylor moderated the panel.



International Law in the Trump Era: Expectations, Hopes, and Fears

Monday • January • 23 • 2017 • Georgetown University Law Center • DC



The Federalist Society's International & National Security Law Practice Group and Georgetown Student Chapter, along with the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), co-sponsored a half-day conference entitled *International Law in the Trump Era: Expectations, Hopes, and Fears*. The conference was held at Georgetown University Law Center three days after Donald Trump was sworn in as President of the United States.

The first panel focused on the future of trade law under a president who made free trade agreements like the TPP and NAFTA a campaign issue. Prof. Timothy J. Keeler, Prof. John O. McGinnis, Prof. Alvaro Santos, and moderator Matthew R. A. Heiman discussed this topic as President Trump was formalizing U.S. withdrawal from TPP negotiations.

The second panel featured a lively discussion among Hon. Brian H. Hook, Hon. Lawrence Korb, Amb. Kristen Silverberg, and moderator Prof. Jamil N. Jaffer on the future of American alliances and interventions under the Trump administration.

During lunch, leading international lawyers Hon. John Bellinger and Prof. Rosa Brooks debated about whether international law will matter in the new administration, guided by moderator Prof. David Stewart, President of ABILA.

Visit our YouTube page to watch the videos of these panel discussions.



SPECIAL PROJECTS



Article I Initiative Conference

Thursday • January • 12 • 2017 • Capitol Visitors Center • Washington • DC

The overarching objective of the Federalist Society's Article I Initiative is to provide an explanatory theory of Congress and its role in the American constitutional system as envisioned by the Framers. To that end, the Society brought together top academics in the field to discuss their ideas in a forum accessible to those who have the most influence over the institutional health of the U.S. Congress. This all-day conference featured discussions of white papers geared towards exploring the role of Congress.

Panels, Authors, and Commentators

Congress' Constitution: A Bird's Eye Perspective

Author: Prof. Sai Prakash, UVA Law

Commentator: David McIntosh, Club for Growth

Collective Congress: Lawmaking in the Structural Constitution

Author: Prof. Neomi Rao, Scalia Law

Commentator: Rep. Ron DeSantis

The Place of Congress in the Constitutional Order

Author: Prof. Keith Whittington, Princeton

Commentators: Tom Hungar, U.S. House counsel; Rep. Steve King

Wealth and Congress

Author: Prof. Jonathan Klick, Penn Law

Commentator: Former Rep. Tom Davis

Can the Constitution Save Congress?

Author: Prof. Jim Ceaser, UVA

Commentators: Prof. David Schoenbrod, NYU Law; Former Rep. Chris Shays

Congress and the Dilemma of Fiscal Restraint

Author: Hon. Chris DeMuth, Hudson Institute

Commentators: Prof. Michael Greve, Scalia Law; Hon. Jim Buckley, DC Circuit



**Regulatory
Transparency
Project**
Unlocking Innovation & Opportunity

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In the ultra-complex, interconnected, and breakneck-speed digital age in which we live, government must sometimes issue and enforce regulations to protect public health and safety. However, despite the best of intentions, government regulation can fail, stifle innovation, foreclose opportunity, and harm the most vulnerable among us. It is for precisely these reasons that we must be diligent in reviewing how our policies either succeed or fail us and think about how we might improve them. The goal of the Regulatory Transparency Project is to engage in that sort of examination.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Vice President Mike Pence

Remarks upon the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court

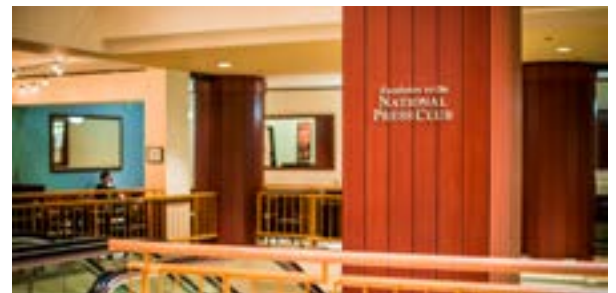
Saturday • February • 4 • 2017 • Independence Hall • Philadelphia • PA



Rep. Bob Goodlatte

Presentation of the House Judiciary Committee Agenda for the 115th Congress

Wednesday • February • 1 • 2017 • National Press Club • DC



Member Profile: Justice Rebecca Bradley *Wisconsin Supreme Court*



When and how did you first get involved with the Federalist Society?

In the early 1990s, my undergraduate law and economics professor, aware that I would attend the University of Wisconsin Law School, encouraged me to join the Federalist Society. I joined the student chapter and appreciated hearing a different perspective on the law and the proper role of the judiciary. Many law schools at that time taught that judges have a role to play in shaping public policy on important social and economic issues. In contrast, the Federalist Society promoted the rule of law as a guiding principle for judges, rather than subjective policy preferences. I joined the Milwaukee Lawyers Chapter when I started practicing law in 1996.

How has your involvement with the Society changed over the years?

In the early 2000s, I was invited to serve as an officer of the Milwaukee Lawyers Chapter, and in 2007 my fellow officers asked me to serve as President. I transitioned to the Board of Advisors after taking the bench in 2012. I continue to serve in that role. I look forward to speaking to the Marquette Law School Chapter in April, the first time I will participate in a Federalist Society event as a speaker.

As a jurist, who do you look up to as role model?

As a law student, Judge Robert Bork's *The Tempting of America: The Political Seduction of the Law* was the earliest and strongest influence in developing my approach to the law. Many judges, including me, strive to write with the punch and vigor of Justice Antonin Scalia. As a textualist and originalist, it is extraordinarily satisfying to read opinions by proponents of the "living constitution" who nevertheless attempt to ground their constitutional

interpretations in history and text by citing Justice Scalia's writings. Justice Clarence Thomas' opinions exhibit a clarity of analysis and writing that allows non-lawyers to understand them, something I aim to accomplish in my own opinions. Justices Thomas and Scalia served on the Court throughout my legal and judicial careers and have most influenced my judicial philosophy.

What is your favorite Federalist Society memory?

My favorite Federalist Society memories come from the National Lawyers Conventions. In 2007, Justice Thomas signed copies of his newly published autobiography, *My Grandfather's Son*. I remember standing in line to obtain his autograph and watching him happily pose for cell phone photos with admiring young lawyers. When I spoke with him, I was impressed by this brilliant man's approachability and affability. In 2012, shortly before I became a judge, Leonard Leo introduced me to Justice Scalia, who was signing copies of his newly published masterpiece, *Reading Law*. I was thrilled to meet a jurist I greatly admired. Another favorite memory connected to the Federalist Society relates to my 2016 Wisconsin Supreme Court campaign. My opponent thought she would harm me by revealing that my campaign "slogan"—it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is—was taken from the website of the Federalist Society. During a debate, I explained that this statement of the proper judicial role is properly attributed to Chief Justice John Marshall, writing for the United States Supreme Court in *Marbury v. Madison* in 1803. I treasure the friendships I made over the years with Federalist Society staff and members at the national conventions as well as at the Midwestern leadership meetings in Chicago.

Thank you for speaking with us, Justice Bradley, and for all your service to the Federalist Society!

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