

American Illness Symposium and Book Project

December 3 – 4, 2010

Morrison House Hotel, Alexandria Virginia

Agenda

FRIDAY, December 3

4:30 pm

Welcome, *Louis IX Room (all classroom sessions)*

Henry N. Butler, *Executive Director, Law & Economics Center and
George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, School of Law*

Daniel D. Polsby, *Dean and Professor of Law, George Mason University
School of Law*

Overview

American Exceptionalism as a Two-edged Sword

The Rise of the Rest: Free Trade, Immigration, Taxation, Human Capital

Francis H. Buckley, *Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University
School of Law*

Cross-Country Litigation Levels: America as the World's Outlier

Eric B. Rasmusen, *Professor of Business Economics & Public Policy,
Dan R. and Catherine M. Dalton Professor, Indiana University,
School of Business*

J. Mark Ramseyer, *Mitsubishi Professor of Japanese Legal Studies,
Harvard Law School*

Lawyers and Economic Growth: Evidence from America and the Rest of the First World

Stephen P. Magee, *Bayless/Enstar Chair and Professor of Finance and
Economics Department of Finance, University of Texas*

Does Products Liability Law Make Us Safer?

W. Kip Viscusi, *University Distinguished Professor of Law, Economics, and
management, Vanderbilt University School of Law*

Regulation vs. Litigation: Complements, Not Substitutes

Jonathan Klick, *Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School*
Eric Helland, *Robert J. Lowe Professor of Economics, Claremont McKenna*

7:15-9:45 pm

Reception and Dinner, *Parlor*

SATURDAY, December 4

7:30 – 8:30 am

Breakfast, *Dining Room*

8:30 – 10:00 am

Civil Procedure in a Second-best World: Lawyer Advertising, Costs, Contingency Fees, Third Party Financing

Todd J. Zywicki, *Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*
Jeremy Kidd, *Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit*

Notice Pleading and Discovery

Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge, *Associate Professor, University of Georgia Law*

The Other Path: Civil Procedure in Canada

Daniel Jutras, *Dean, Faculty of Law, McGill University*

10:15am – 11:45 pm

Class Actions, Causation and Damages

George Priest, *Edward J. Phelps Professor of Law and Economics and Kauffman Distinguished Research Scholar in law, Economics, and Entrepreneurship, Yale Law School*

Comparative Tort Law

Michael Trebilcock, *Chair in Law and Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*

Regulation by Litigation - Viscusi

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Lunch, *Dining Room*

12:45 – 2:45 pm

An English Lawyer Looks at American Contract Law

Michael Bridge, *Cassel Professor of Commercial Law, London School of Economics, Department of Law*

Contract Modification and Interpretation

Robert E. Scott, *Alfred McCormack Professor of Law, Columbia School of Law*

Exit Rights

Larry E. Ribstein, *Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Chair, University of Illinois College of Law*

Consumer Protection

Joshua D. Wright, *Associate Professor, George Mason University School of Law*

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Corporate and Securities

Stephen Bainbridge, *William D. Warren Professor of Law, UCLA Law*

Overcriminalization of Corporate Behavior

Jeffrey S. Parker, *Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*

Institutional Design and Entrepreneurship

Robert D. Cooter, *Herman F. Selvin Professor of Law; Director, Program in Law and Economics, Berkeley Law, University of California*

How Might the Rule of Law Emerge from the State of Nature: The Case of China

Francis Fukuyama, *Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli*

Institute

for International Studies, Stanford University

Law and Economic Prosperity

Richard Epstein, *James Parker Hall Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Director, Law and Economics Program, The University of Chicago, The Law School*

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Reception and Dinner, *Gadsbys Tavern, 138 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia (703) 548 - 1288*