

# AGENDA

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

**4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration,** Registration Foyer

**6:30 - 9:00 pm** Welcome Reception and Dinner, Tea Garden and Center Court

**Henry N. Butler,** Allison and Dorothy Rouse Dean; George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law; Executive Director, Law & Economics Center, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Andrew S. Oldham, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

All class sessions held in the Estuary Room

**8:00 - 8:50 am Breakfast,** *The Grill* 

EMERGING SUPREME COURT CASES

9:00 - 9:50 am Allen v. Cooper

**Ashley Keller,** Partner, Keller Lenkner **Sarah Harris,** Partner, Williams & Connolly

Moderator: Andrew S. Oldham

10:00 - 10:50 am Ramos v. Louisiana

Jeff Harris, Partner, Consovoy McCarthy

Patrick Strawbridge, Partner, Consovoy McCarthy

Moderator: William S. Consovoy, Partner, Consovoy McCarthy

11:00 - 11:50 am Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue

**Evan Young,** Partner, Baker Botts

**John Bursch**, Vice President of Appellate Advocacy and Senior Counsel,

Alliance Defending Freedom

Moderator: Andrew S. Oldham

12:10 - 1:00 pm Moda Health Plan v. United States

**Erin E. Murphy,** Partner, Kirkland & Ellis **Elbert Lin,** Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth

Moderator: William S. Consovoy

1:00 pm Program Adjourns for Afternoon

**6:30 - 9:00 pm** Closing Reception and Dinner, Port Royal

**Keynote Address on Interpretation/Constructions Distinction** 

**Randy E. Barnett**, Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory, Georgetown University Law Center

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

All classroom sessions held in the Estuary Room

**8:00 - 8:50 am Breakfast,** *The Grill* 

9:00 - 10:15 am Response to Keynote Address on Interpretation/Constructions Distinction

**Aditya Bamzai,** Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of

Law

Randy E. Barnett, Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory,

Georgetown University Law Center

Robert Leider, Assistant Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin

Scalia Law School

Nicole Stelle Garnett, John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law, University

of Notre Dame Law School

**Moderator: William S. Consovoy** 

10:30 - 11:45 pm Emerging Academic Issues and Impact on Appellate Litigation

Aditya Bamzai, Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of

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11:45 am Closing Remarks and Program Adjourns

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Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Andrew Oldham is a Circuit Judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Before ascending to the bench, Judge Oldham served as General Counsel to Texas Governor Greg Abbott, where he advised the Governor on a range of issues under federal and state law and managed litigation in which the Governor was an interested party. Before moving to Texas, Judge Oldham was an attorney at Kellogg Hansen Todd Figel & Frederick in Washington, DC. His practice focused on appellate litigation in federal courts of appeals throughout the country. Judge Oldham earned a BA from the University of Virginia with highest honors, a Truman Scholarship for graduate school, an MPhil, first class (with distinction), from Cambridge University, and a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

### **WILLIAM S. CONSOVOY**

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Mr. Consovoy assists clients on a broad range of litigation and appellate issues primarily before the Supreme Court of the United States and federal appellate and district courts, as well as before federal agencies. Mr. Consovoy represents clients in cases involving constitutional issues, interpretation and enforcement of federal statutes, administrative law, civil rights disputes, and a variety of other civil litigation issues. Mr. Consovoy recently argued two cases—Spokeo v. Robbins and Evenwel v. Abbott—before the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Consovoy is a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Judge Edith H. Jones of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the 17th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Since 2011, Mr. Consovoy has been the co-director of the Supreme Court Clinic at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, where he also is the co-director of the Administrative Law Clinic. Mr. Consovoy earned his BA from Monmouth University, and his JD magna cum laude from George Mason University School of Law.

#### **HENRY N. BUTLER**

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Henry N. Butler is the Allison and Dorothy Rouse Dean, a George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, and the Executive Director of the Law & Economics Center at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School. For over 30 years, he has developed and led educational programs that teach the basics of economics, finance, accounting, statistics, and the scientific method to federal and state judges, as well as other legal professionals and scholars. From 2007 to 2010, Henry served as the first Executive Director of the Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth at Northwestern University School of Law. He has held prior appointments at the Brookings Institution, Chapman University, the University of Kansas, the University of Chicago, and Texas A&M University. He received an MA and PhD in economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a JD from the University of Miami School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Richmond.

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Aditya Bamzai teaches and writes about civil procedure, administrative law, federal courts, national security law and computer crime. He joined the University of Virginia School of Law's faculty as an associate professor in June 2016. He has argued cases relating to the separation of powers and national security in the US Supreme Court, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, DC Circuit, and other federal courts of appeals. Before entering the academy, he served as an attorney-adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel of the US Department of Justice, and as an appellate attorney in both private practice and for the National Security Division of the Department of Justice. He is a graduate of Yale University and of the University of Chicago Law School, where he was the editor-in-chief of the law review.



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John Bursch is vice president of appellate advocacy and senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom. Bursch has argued eleven US Supreme Court cases since 2011 and has the sixth highest win rate among all lawyers with four or more 5-4 Supreme Court decisions since the 2005 term. Bursch served as solicitor general for the state of Michigan from 2011-2013. As part of his private firm, Bursch Law PLLC, he has represented Fortune 500 companies, foreign and domestic governments, top public officials, and industry associations in high-profile cases, primarily on appeal. His work has resulted in repeated listings in Michigan Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers. He is also the principal author of the Michigan Supreme Court's Guide for Counsel. Before entering private practice, Bursch served as a law clerk to the Honorable James B. Loken on the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He received his JD magna cum laude in 1997 from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as chief note & comment editor for the Minnesota Law Review. Prior to that, he attended Western Michigan University, where he received degrees in mathematics and music performance summa cum laude. He graduated from the Lee Honors College in 1994. Bursch is admitted to practice in numerous federal district and appellate courts, including the US Supreme Court.

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Restoration of Urban America (Yale University Press, 2009) and Lost Classroom, Lost
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Mr. Harris is an experienced litigator who focuses on constitutional, appellate, and regulatory matters. In 2015, he was named to the *Legal Times* list of "D.C.'s Rising Stars," which identified "some of the most accomplished young attorneys in the DC area." Mr. Harris previously served as associate administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). Before his government service, Mr. Harris was a partner at Bancroft PLLC and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where his practice focused on Supreme Court, appellate, and complex litigation. Mr. Harris has extensive experience litigating before the US Supreme Court. He has argued before the Court in a major civil rights case, has been the lead drafter of more than 100 merits briefs, amicus briefs, and certiorari-stage briefs, and has contributed to ten wins in cases before the Court. He earned his JD *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School and his AB *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Virginia bars.

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Ashley Keller is a Partner at Keller Lenkner LLC. He is listed by Lawdragon as one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America. Ashley co-founded the litigation finance firm Gerchen Keller Capital, which was the world's largest private investment manager focused on legal and regulatory risk before it was acquired by Burford Capital in 2016. Before co-founding Gerchen Keller, Ashley was a partner at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP, *The American Lawyer's* litigation boutique of the year, where he handled various trial and appellate matters involving multi-billion-dollar securities and patent cases, contractual disputes, mass torts, and class actions. Ashley also worked as an analyst at Alyeska Investment Group, a Chicago-based market neutral hedge fund. Before practicing law, Ashley was a law clerk for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy at the US Supreme Court and Judge Richard Posner at the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College and received an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated first in his class.



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