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Henry Casselli
Watercolorist
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Henry Casselli has been recognized as one of the top watercolorists in the nation and one of the most nationally-renowned Louisiana artists of the past quarter century. Mr. Casselli painted the official portrait of President Ronald Reagan and the large oil portrait of Mohammed Ali entitled "Cat's Cradle," both displayed in the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery. He is a recipient of the Gold Medal of Honor from the American Watercolor Society and a full Academician of the National Academy in New York. Compared to and influenced by Andrew Wyeth, Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas and John Singer Sargent, Mr. Casselli's works invoke a personal element of psychological depth and empathy that lift them from mere representation to high art.



Professor John C. Coffee, Jr.
Professor of Law
Columbia University Law School
New York, New York

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Professor John C. Coffee, Jr. is the Adolf A. Berle Professor of Law at Columbia University Law School and Director of its Center on Corporate Governance. Prior to entering academia, Professor Coffee practiced corporate law as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore. Professor Coffee testified before Senate and House committees during the drafting of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act. Author and editor of numerous publications on corporations, securities regulation, takeovers, business organization and finance, Professor Coffee is "... the most cited law professor in law reviews in the combined corporate, commercial, and business law field." He is repeatedly listed among the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal.



The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas A. Cromwell
Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

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The Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in December 2009, having served on the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal since 1997. Justice Cromwell practiced law, was a Professor of Law at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia and was active as a labour arbitrator. Justice Cromwell served on the Canadian Judicial Council's working committees to prepare the publication, *Ethical Principles for Judges* and to address Jury Charges and Education. He served as President of the Canadian Association for the Administration of Justice. The author or contributor of six books and numerous articles, Justice Cromwell has served on the editorial boards of CRIMJI (Canadian Criminal Jury Instructions) and the *Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice*.



Professor Neal Katyal
Acting Solicitor General
Office of the Solicitor General
Washington, D.C.

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Acting Solicitor General of the United States Neal Katyal has argued several high-profile cases on behalf of the United States, including *Northwest Austin v. Holder*, which challenged the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Professor Katyal was the Paul and Patricia Saunders Professor at Georgetown University Law School, at which time he argued *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* before the United States Supreme Court, winning the landmark case that challenged the existing policy of military trials at Guantánamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba. Professor Katyal served as Vice President Gore's co-counsel in the 2000 election dispute before the Supreme Court, and he represented the major law school deans in the 2003 University of Michigan landmark affirmative action case of *Grutter v. Bollinger*. A former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Professor Katyal's writings have appeared in most major law reviews and newspapers.

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**The Honourable
Michael Kirby AC CMG**
Retired Justice
High Court of Australia
Sydney, Australia

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As Australia's longest-serving judicial officer, Michael Kirby was one of seven Justices of the High Court of Australia, the country's highest constitutional and appellate court. Justice Kirby has also served in many international and United Nations positions including President of the International Commission of Jurists and Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Human Rights in Cambodia. A former member of the governing body of three Australian universities, Justice Kirby holds honorary degrees of Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Laws and Doctor of the University from eighteen Australian and foreign universities.



Michael E. Mone, FACTL
Past President, American College
of Trial Lawyers
Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile
Boston, Massachusetts

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A nationally-recognized civil trial lawyer, Michael E. Mone has been a pioneer in tort litigation with particular emphasis in products liability, medical malpractice, aviation and insurance law litigation. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. Mone has been awarded honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Middlebury College and Suffolk University. Mr. Mone is Past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and is the first and only plaintiff's lawyer to have served as President of the College. Ensuring adherence to the Great Writ, Mr. Mone has worked tirelessly on behalf of detainees at the U.S. Naval Base Guantánamo Bay (GITMO) in Cuba.



**The Right Honourable the Lord
Phillips of Worth Matravers**
President of the Supreme Court
of the United Kingdom
London, England

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Lord Phillips is the first President of The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, having previously served as Judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division of the Commercial Court, presiding over the *Barlow Clowes and Maxwell* prosecutions. He was promoted to the Court of Appeal and subsequently elevated to Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, being appointed Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice. Appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, he was named Senior Law Lord, thus becoming the first President of The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Lord Phillips is an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



**The Honorable
Sonia Sotomayor**
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of the
United States
Washington, D.C.

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The most-recently appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sonia Sotomayor previously served as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge of the District Court for the Southern District of New York. When appointed to replace Justice David H. Souter, Justice Sotomayor was hailed by President Barack Obama as being known for her thoughtful opinions and "one of the ablest federal judges currently sitting." The President described Justice Sotomayor as "a role model of aspiration, discipline, commitment, intellectual prowess and integrity." Her American story and three-decade career in nearly every aspect of the law provide unique qualifications and a common-sense understanding of how the law affects the daily realities of people's lives.

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The Honorable Sam Sparks, FACTL
United States District Judge of the Western District of Texas
Austin, Texas

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Judge Sam Sparks served as law clerk to the Honorable Homer Thornberry, United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division in the early part of his legal career. He subsequently entered private practice with Grambling, Sims & Galatzan. After being appointed United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, Judge Sparks was named Trial Judge of the Year by the Texas Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has served as Federal Judicial Liaison to the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas. Judge Sparks is to receive the prestigious Sandra Day O'Connor Jurist Award in recognition of his courage and commitment to the Rule of Law in presiding over the trial and sentencing of multiple members of the Texas Syndicate, including the gang's leader in the Austin, Texas Branch of the Syndicate.



Professor Laurence H. Tribe
United States
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Washington, D.C.

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Laurence H. Tribe is Senior Counselor for Access to Justice at the U.S. Department of Justice. Currently on leave as the Carl M. Loeb University Professor from Harvard University, Tribe teaches constitutional law and is a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Tribe has helped write constitutions for the countries of South Africa, the Czech Republic and the Marshall Islands. The recipient of numerous honorary degrees, he is a leading appellate advocate and has served as lead counsel in at least 35 United States Supreme Court cases. Mr. Tribe is the author of more than one hundred books and articles, and has been recognized for his influence in the development of American constitutional law and his "preeminence ... as a practitioner and ... scholar of constitutional law."



Anton R. Valukas, FACTL
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Anton R. Valukas is Chairman of Jenner & Block in Chicago, where he is a partner in the Litigation Department. A former United States Attorney, Mr. Valukas specializes in major civil and white collar criminal litigation, representing individuals and leading corporations in contested matters. Having served as lead counsel in a wide variety of matters related to government contracts, fraud and compliance, conflicts of interest, ethics violations and internal corporate investigations, Mr. Valukas is widely sought for his expertise in health care, class actions and mass tort claims. He was appointed by the court trustee as Examiner in Lehman Brothers Holdings bankruptcy, where his report to the court set forth an extensive analysis of the largest bankruptcy filing in United States history. Mr. Valukas is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

