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50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

*In Partnership with the*  
William French Smith Lecture Series



# Agenda

**9:00–9:15 am**

Opening Remarks

**Noon–1 pm**

Lunch

**9:15–10:30 am**

**Forecasting the Federal Court:  
Structure, Ethics, and Multidistrict  
Litigation**

**1–2:10 pm**

**Judging the Judiciary—Then, Now,  
and in the Future**

*The William French Smith Endowed  
Lecture Series Presentations*

**10:30–10:50 am**

**Morning Break**

*Sponsored by the Palmer Center for  
Entrepreneurship and the Law*

**2:10–2:30 pm**

**Afternoon Break**

**10:50 am–Noon**

**Motion for Summary Judgment: A  
Discussion of the  
District Courts**

**2:30–4 pm**

**En Banc: The Future of Consensus  
Building, Dissent, and Technology  
in the Federal Courts of Appeals**



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# All Rise: The Future of the Federal Judiciary

Pepperdine Law Review is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year by continuing to pursue scholastic excellence, in line with the broader mission of Pepperdine Caruso School of Law. Entitled *All Rise: The Future of the Federal Judiciary*, the Symposium will feature prominent experts, Federal District Court and Circuit Court judges, and esteemed scholars from across the country.

During a time when public confidence in the federal judiciary is at an all-time low, Symposium panelists will provide an inside look at many of the most pressing issues facing each level of the federal judiciary. Specific topics discussed in relation to the future federal court include judicial ethics, partisanship, court structure, consensus-building, technological advancements, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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# Judging the Judiciary – Then, Now, and the Future

## The William French Smith Endowed Lecture Series Presentations

Moderated by Christine Chambers Goodman  
1:00 – 2:10 pm



**Judith Resnik**

**Yale Law School**  
Arthur Liman Professor of  
Law



**Erwin Chemerinsky**

**UC Berkeley School of Law**  
Dean and Jesse H. Choper  
Distinguished Professor of  
Law



**Lee Epstein**

**USC Gould School of Law**  
Charles L. and Ramona I.  
Hilliard Distinguished  
Professor of Law

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# Forecasting the Federal Courts: Structure, Ethics, and Multidistrict Litigation

Moderated by Robert J. Pushaw  
9:15 – 10:30 am



**James Pfander**

Northwestern Pritzker Law  
School

Owen L. Coon Professor of  
Law



**Lynn Baker**

University of Texas at Austin  
School of Law

Frederick M. Baron Chair in  
Law



**Laurie Levenson**

Loyola Law School

Professor of Law and David  
W. Burcham Chair in Ethical  
Advocacy

# En Banc: The Future of Consensus Building, Dissent, and Technology in the Federal Courts of Appeals

Moderated by Joel S. Johnson  
2:30 – 4:00 pm



**The Honorable  
Consuelo M. Callahan**

**Circuit Judge**

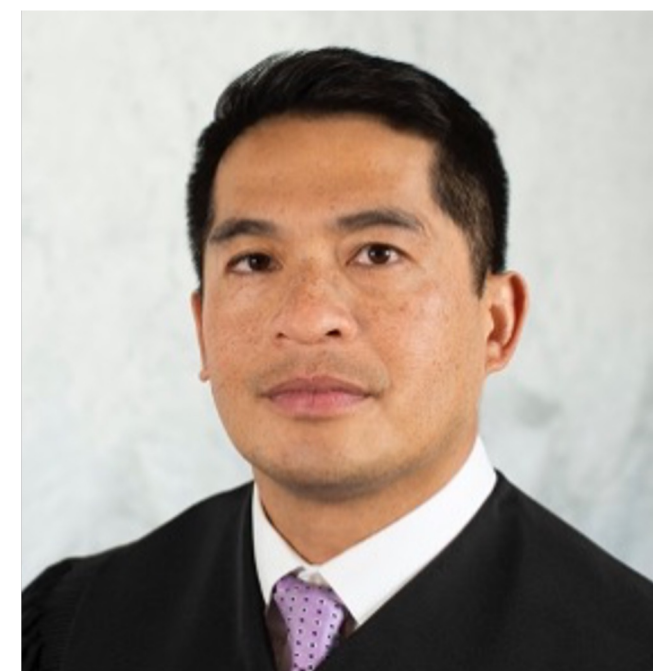
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit



**The Honorable  
Jimmie V. Reyna**

**Circuit Judge**

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit



**The Honorable  
Patrick J. Bumatay**

**Circuit Judge**

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit



**The Honorable  
Holly A. Thomas**

**Circuit Judge**

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

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# Motion for Summary Judgment: A Discussion of the District Courts

Moderated by Barry P. McDonald  
10:50 am – 12:00 pm



The Honorable  
André Birotte, Jr.  
(JD '91)

**District Judge**

United States District Court  
for the Central District of  
California



The Honorable  
Jennifer A. Dorsey  
(JD '97)

**District Judge**

United States District Court  
for the District of Nevada



The Honorable  
Charles R. Eskridge  
(JD '90)

**District Judge**

United States District Court  
for the Southern District of  
Texas



The Honorable  
Margo A. Rocconi  
(JD '91)

**Magistrate Judge**

United States District Court  
for the Central District of  
California

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# Symposium Panel Moderators

Moderator: Forecasting  
the Federal Courts



Robert J. Pushaw

Pepperdine Caruso School of  
Law

James Wilson Endowed  
Professor of Law

Moderator: Judging the  
Judiciary



Christine Chambers  
Goodman

Pepperdine Caruso School of  
Law

Professor of Law

Moderator: Motion for  
Summary Judgment Panel



Barry P. McDonald

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Professor of Law

Moderator: En Banc  
Panel



Joel S. Johnson

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Associate Professor of Law

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# Opening Remarks

9:00 – 9:15 am



**Ahmed Taha (Host)**

Pepperdine University  
Caruso School of Law

Professor of Law



**Jake Porath**

Pepperdine Law Review  
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**Paul L. Caron**

Pepperdine University  
Caruso School of Law

Duane and Kelly Roberts  
Dean

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# Event Details

**Date:** March 24, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Pepperdine Caruso  
School of Law; Caruso  
Auditorium

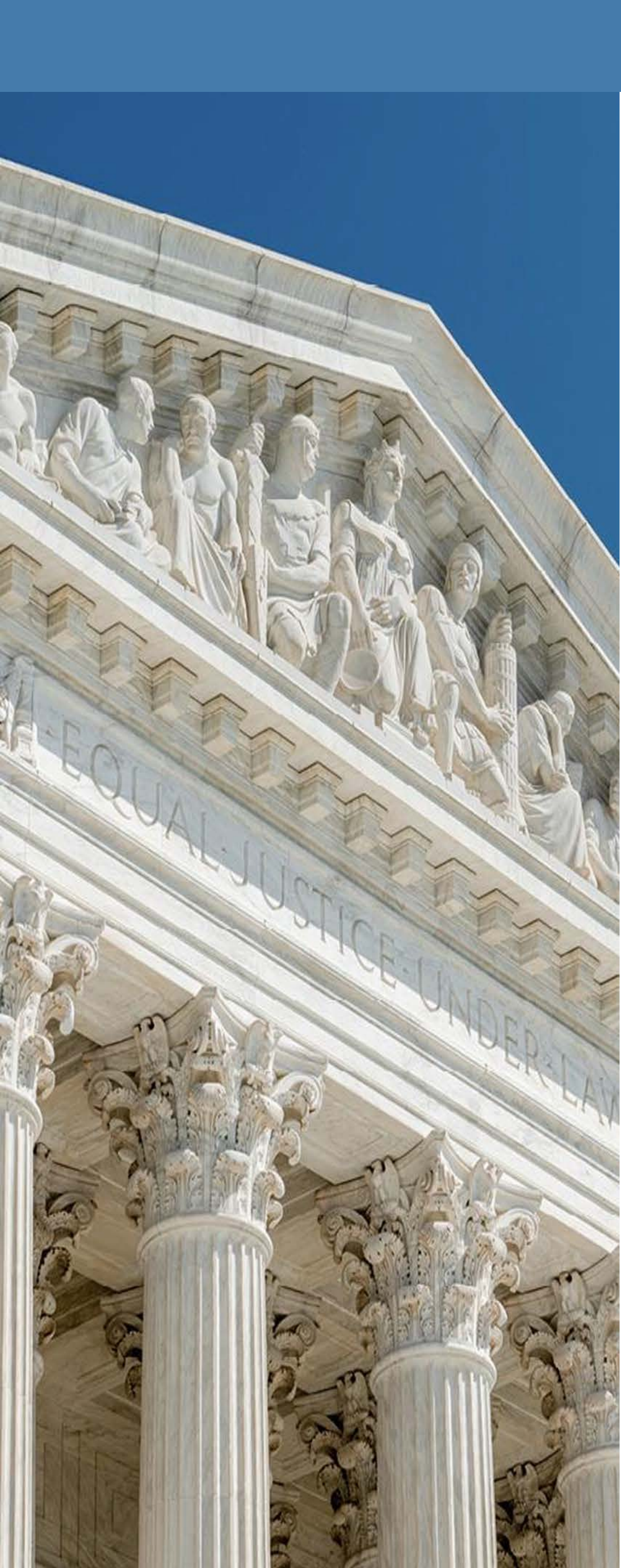
**Address:** 24255 Pacific Coast  
Highway, Malibu,  
CA 90265

**Attire:** Business Casual

**MCLE:** 5 hours



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# Event Registration

## Registration:

- Please click [here](https://engage.pepperdine.edu/s/lt-event?id=a2n4N00000CfCiHQAV) to register or visit <https://engage.pepperdine.edu/s/lt-event?id=a2n4N00000CfCiHQAV>

## Law Student and Faculty Registration:

- Registration is free for Pepperdine Caruso Law School students and faculty, and includes both a complimentary continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 am, and lunch. Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 am.

## Agenda:

- Please click [here](#) for a Symposium Agenda and speaker information.

## Meals:

- Registration includes a continental breakfast service beginning at 8:30 am, a coffee break 10:30 am, and a buffet style lunch at noon.

## MCLE Offered:

- This symposium has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit by the State Bar of California for 5 credit hours. Pepperdine University School of Law certifies that this activity conforms to the standard for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.

## Questions?

- For questions, please contact Symposium Editor Jake Porath at [Jake.Porath@Pepperdine.edu](mailto:Jake.Porath@Pepperdine.edu).

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