

Hofstra To Hold Conference On Judicial Ethics

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From Sunday, September 14 through Tuesday, September 16, 2003, Hofstra University School of Law will hold a conference entitled "Judging Judges' Ethics." The Hon. Roger Miner of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit will deliver the Keynote Address on Sunday morning, and Professor Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School will deliver a banquet address on Sunday night.

Sunday afternoon, the conference will explore "The Future of Judicial Speech." Speakers will include: Hon. Thomas Spargo, who brought suit to enjoin major provisions of the New York Code of Judicial Conduct relating to campaign activities by judges; Gerald Stern, Chief Counsel of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; Hon. Thomas Penfield Jackson, who presided over the Microsoft antitrust trial until the U.S. Court of Appeals assigned the case to another judge on remand because Judge Jackson had granted interviews about the case during the trial; and Professor Geoffrey Hazard of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, who will address the implications of *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 122 S. Ct. 2528 (2002), which struck down portions of Minnesota's Code of Judicial Conduct.

Later on Sunday afternoon, Professor Charles Fried of Harvard Law School, formerly Solicitor General of the United States and a Justice on the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, will speak about "The Office of Judge," followed by commentary from a panel of reporters including Adam Cohen and Adam Liptak of The New York Times, Nancy Katz of the New York Daily News, Tony Mauro of Legal Times, Tony Kovalski of KMGH-TV in Denver, and Jeffrey Rosen of The New Republic.

Monday and Tuesday's sessions will feature speeches by Hon. Alex Kozinski and John Noonan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Hon. Shira Scheindlin of the Southern District of New York, Hon. Jack Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York, Professor Andrew Kaufman of Harvard Law School, and Dean David Yellen of Hofstra University School of Law. Topics will include judicial disqualification, sentencing guidelines, unpublished opinions, and judges' personal ethical dilemmas.

The Conference Co-Directors are Hofstra Professors Monroe Freedman and Roy Simon, who organized major legal ethics conferences in 1996, 1998, and 2001. For more information, call (516) 463-6889 or visit www.hofstra.edu (click on "Academics," then "School of Law," then "The 2003 Legal Ethics Conference: Judging Judges' Ethics").