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# Annual Lecture Delivered by Retired Chief Justice Burger for Sixteenth Annual Meeting

On June 3rd the Society held its Sixteenth Annual Meeting in the Supreme Court of the United States. The day's events included the annual lecture, a tour of the building provided by the Office of the Curator of the Court, the annual meeting of the membership and the Board of Trustees, and concluded with the customary black tie reception and dinner. The dinner was chaired this year by Judge Howard T. Markey, who became Dean of the John Marshall Law School in Chicago on May 1st.

The Society was honored to have Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Retired Chief Justice of the United States, deliver the annual lecture this year. It was an impressive address, delivered without notes, and reflected his deep interest in and study of Supreme Court history. Chief Justice Burger discussed Jefferson's attempts to curtail the power and authority of the federal judicial system in general and the Supreme Court in particular. He discussed the personalities of Jefferson, Marshall and Burr, pointing out the disparity of their economic backgrounds, and the differences in their personal traits. He focused on their interaction and mentioned the election of 1800 in which Jefferson barely defeated Aaron Burr for President of the United States on the 36th ballot in the House of Representatives. He touched upon the famous case of Marbury v. Madison in which the Court asserted its authority to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. He also discussed the trial of Aaron Burr where he was tried for treason at a circuit court in Richmond with Chief Justice

A retrospective on Justice Thurgood Marshall, who has announced his intention to retire effective upon the appointment of his successor, will appear in the Fall issue of the *Quarterly*.



Retired Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, the Society's Honorary Chairman, greets Mr. and Mrs. Leon Silverman following the Annual Lecture. Mr. Silverman was elected as President of the Society at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees later that day.

Marshall presiding over the circuit court.

Following the address, members were invited to tour the Supreme Court Building. These tours were led by guides from the Office of the Curator of the Court. The Society is grateful to the Curator, Ms. Gail Galloway, for making her staff available for these tours each year. During these tours the guides discussed the construction of the building, the architectural details and the ornamentation of the building. They also touched upon the acquisition of furnishings and paintings that enhance the building. The Society has assisted in obtaining these furnishings and portraits and members had the opportunity to see many of the tangible results of our acquisitions program.

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Meeting I was honored to be elected the Society's fourth President. Each of my able predecessors, founding President Elizabeth Hughes Gossett, her successor, Governor A. Linwood Holton, and my immediate predecessor, Justin A. Stanley, contributed greatly success. I will do my best to facilitate the Society's continued progress.

Before we continue along

Leon Silverman

this road, however, it is proper that I pay a well-

deserved tribute to my immediate predecessor, Justin A. Stanley, who served as the Society's President from May 1987 until June 1991. His accomplishments on the Society's behalf have been numerous, and of great importance to the organization's future.

Although Justin was one of the Society's founding members, distractions such as the American Bar Association Presidency precluded him until 1984 from focusing his considerable energies upon improving the Society. It was then that Chief Justice Warren E. Burger asked Justin to assume the chairmanship of the Membership Committee.

During his tenure in that post, the Society's membership rose from 2,500 to approximately 3,300 members. Much of this increase was the direct result of a massive state-by-state membership campaign Justin both organized and supervised.

Typically, when he discovered at the outset that the Society's staff lacked the computer equipment necessary to support such a campaign he contributed personally toward its purchase and rounded up a handful of other like-minded supporters of the Society to do the same. That equipment purchase not only lead to the in-house computerization of the Society's membership records, but literally brought an ill-equipped historical society into the twentieth century, enhancing the Society's operations from record-keeping to publications.

When Justin assumed the Society's Presidency in 1987 he established for himself an ambitious agenda. He first determined to reorganize the Society's volunteer committee structure and to fill the new committees with active and involved members.

In the interval between his Membership Committee chairmanship and his election as President, the Society's membership and associated dues revenues had stagnated. Justin placed a high priority on restoring membership growth. Against the future possibility of such fluctuations in the Society's fortunes, he pressed for the establishment of an endowment program with a goal of \$2.5 million to enable the Society to better fulfill its missions in education, historical research and preservation of the Court's rich history. Again typically, he was among the first to make a personal pledge of \$25,000 while prevailing upon his law firm, Mayer, Brown and Platt to do likewise.

The results achieved by Justin have been commendable. The

# A Letter from the President

At the June 3rd Annual Society, aided by the untiring efforts of Special Gifts Committee Chairman Vincent C. Burke, Jr., has now raised over \$2.4 million in endowment related pledges and contributions. The Membership Committee, chaired by Frank C. Jones has elevated the Society's membership to a record level of over 4,000 and he seeks to attain a goal of 4,500 by next June. The Society's Program Committee, chaired by E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr., is overseeing several new endowment-supported programs. Our Publications Committee, under the chairmanship of Kenneth S. Geller, is developing a new collection of illustrated biographies of the Justices to be published next year by Congressional Quarterly. to the Society's present-day Inc. The Acquisitions Committee, under the aegis of Patricia Dwinnell Butler, and working in conjunction with the Court Curator's Office, has just recently acquired two new Thomas Sully portraits for the Court's permanent collection--one of Justice Peter V. Daniel, and the other of his wife, Elizabeth. This acquisition was accomplished with a generous gift from Society Trustee S. Howard Goldman. Our Facilities Committee, under Frank Gilbert, is overseeing the Society's Supreme Court gift shop, the revenues from which have risen nearly tenfold in the past decade.

> Perhaps my most daunting task as Justin's successor will be to move the Society forward on the path he has so well charted. But thanks to his strong organizational skills. I enjoy from the outset the valuable services of a cadre of able volunteers serving on the Society's various committees and within its expanding membership. I am happy to report that Justin will be counted among these volunteers for the foreseeable future, as he has agreed to continue his work on the endowment campaign at least through the end of the year. I share, along with the other Officers and Trustees, the Society's deepest gratitude to Justin Stanley for all that he has done for the Society, and all that he continues to do.

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# Annual Meeting (continued from page one)

At the conclusion of the lecture, Vincent C. Burke, Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee, presided over an award ceremony honoring Endowment Leadership Donors. Chief Justice Burger presented awards to the following individuals and organizations:

> William Edlund--representing Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro John Elam -- representing Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease Bruce J. Ennis--representing Jenner & Block Fulton Haight--representing Haight, Brown & Bonesteel Edward Reitman--representing United Parcel Service Bernard G. Segal -- personal gift John C. Shepherd--personal gift

The Annual Meeting of the Members was held in the Suwith Professor Samuel R. Olken, this year's first prize winner of preme Court Chamber with the Annual Meeting of the Board of the Hughes-Gossett Award for Historical Excellence. Trustees immediately following. Justin A. Stanley presided over the Annual Meeting of the Membership. This year, in addition to the formal business of the meeting, awards were presented to Other State Chairmen who had met their goals but could not State Chairs who had reached their annual goals for recruitment be present to receive their awards are: of new members. Justice Byron R. White joined Mr. Stanley and Mr. Frank C. Jones, Chairman of the National Membership John Deacon -- Arkansas Committee, to assist in presenting these awards. Awards were Richard Sutton -- Delaware presented to the following state chairmen: John Marshall -- Georgia

Edward Hendricks -- Arizona Harvey Koch -- Louisiana Frank Gundlach -- Missouri Eugene Wait -- Nevada Becky Klemt -- Wyoming





Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (right) and Dean Howard T. Markey (center), the Society's Annual Meeting Chairman, talk

Robert Stachler -- Ohio Foster Arnett -- Tennessee Wayne Fisher -- Texas L.C. Hammond, Jr. -- Wisconsin

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Chief Justice Burger presents awards to Endowment Leadership Donor Bernard Segal (above, left) for his personal gift of \$25,000 and to Fulton Haight (above, right) representing the firm of Haight, Brown & Bonesteel which also donated \$25,000 to the Society's endowment. The endowment awards presentation took place in the Great Hall following the Annual Lecture.

## Annual Meeting (continued)

Mr. Jones called attention to the outstanding efforts of Henry Miller and Andrew Hartzell as the New York State Chair and Vice Chair respectively pointing out that, as of June 3rd, they had recruited 91 new members.

During the Annual Meeting of the Members, Mr. Stanley, President of the Society since 1987, announced that he was retiring. He expressed his gratitude to the Officers and Trustees and members of the Society for their support and cooperation during his years as President. He said he had greatly enjoyed his service, but that he had many other projects that needed his attention. He said he thought he had accomplished many of the goals he had set for the Society during his tenure, and pledged his service in the future. In particular, he pledged to continue working on the Endowment Campaign through the end of 1991.

Dean Erwin N. Griswold, Chairman, presided over the meeting of the Board of Trustees. He thanked Mr. Stanley for his great service to the Society, praising him for his dedication and hard work. He cited the financial reports in particular that "reflected his leadership and dedication," such as the Endowment Fund Mr. Stanley created and worked so hard to realize that will give the Society financial security and allow expansion of programs and projects. Mrs. Virginia Daly, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of suggested candidates for officers and At-Large members of the Executive Committee. The following individuals were elected to serve an initial three-year term as a Trustee of the Society:

> Charlton Dietz John C. Elam James D. Ellis Wayne Fisher Fulton Haight George S. Leisure, Jr. William Bradford Reynolds

In addition the following individuals were reelected to serve an additional three-year term as a Trustee of the Society: Noel J. Augustyn



Associate Justice Byron R. White (right) joins Membership Justice White presents a membership award to Wyoming State Committee Chairman Frank C. Jones (left) to present an award Membership Chair Becky Klemt for exceeding her annual to Missouri State Membership Chairman Frank N. Gundlach. membership goal.



Chief Justice Rehnquist presents Justin A. Stanley with a set of biographies of Chief Justice John Marshall in recognition of Mr. Stanley's four years as the Society's President.

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In addition to these elections, Mr. Leon Silverman of New York City, a former Vice President of the Society and active participant in the Endowment Campaign, was elected President of the Society.

The Annual Reception and Dinner were held in the East and



West Conference Rooms and the Great Hall. Just before dinner was served, an award presentation was made to Mr. Samuel R. Olken of the John Marshall School of Law who won first prize in this year's Hughes-Gossett Award for Historical Excellence. Chief Justice Rehnquist presented the plaque to Mr. Olken. In recognition of Mr. Stanley's tenure as President of the Society, a special presentation was made to him by Chief Justice Rehnquist. The Chief Justice presented a beautiful edition of Beveridge's biography The Life of John Marshall to Mr. Stanley "for his dedicated work on behalf of the Society."

#### Individuals:

Mr. S. Howard Goldman Mr. William T. Gossett Mr. William J. Harte Mr. David Lloyd Kreeger Mr. Jeremiah Marsh Mr. Dwight Opperman Mr. Bernard G. Segal Mr. John C. Shepherd Mr. Justin A. Stanley

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This year a string unit from the U.S. Air Force Band provided chamber music during the reception. During dinner, guests were entertained by the Strolling Strings of the U.S. Army Band. To conclude the evening, the Singing Sergeants of the U.S. Air Force Band, under the direction of Lieutenant Phillip Waite, performed a concert. The concert consisted of a variety of music ranging from Broadway show tunes to patriotic music. It was a wonderful climax to a successful Annual Meeting.

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# Justice Samuel Freeman Miller of Iowa: The First Westerner Joins the Court by Burnett Anderson

Samuel Freeman Miller, appointed by President Abraham Lincoln on July 16, 1862, was the first associate justice born west of the Appalachians and the first to be appointed from west of the Mississippi River. Only fifteen years earlier he had been a practicing physician in a hamlet in the hills of southeastern Kentucky.

Little schooled in the law, his only judicial experience being as a justice of the peace, he went on to write the opinion of the Supreme Court in 616 cases, 95 of them on constitutional issues. He also authored 78 dissents.

He became, in the words of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, "beyond question the dominant personality ... upon the bench, whose mental force and individuality . . . were felt by the Court more than any other." He commented himself in later years that he had been the "organ of the Court" in constitutional cases as often as anyone who ever sat on the high bench.

Miller was born in Richmond, Kentucky on April 5, 1816, in the blue grass region, "twenty-four miles from the home of Henry Clay, and twelve miles from the historic spot where Daniel Boone laid the first rude foundations of civilization on the soil of Kentucky."

The area of the Miller farm was known locally as Poosey's Ridge, where, according to an old resident, "nobody was rich and nobody poor; there were very few slaves." Samuel was the firstborn of eight children of Frederick and Patsy Freeman Miller. Miller was of Pennsylvania-German stock, Patsy one of thirteen children of Samuel Freeman, who had come to Kentucky from North Carolina.

Biographers have turned up only one cryptic reference to the influence of his parents, in a letter about his mother written by Miller at the age of 56. "I think you know how much I value her, how dearly I loved, and how much of the success which has attended my life I attribute to her example, her instruction, and the qualities I have inherited from her," he wrote his lifelong friend and brother-in-law, William Pitt Ballinger.

"Owing to my father's habits I was at a very early age taken into her confidence as a substitute, and the care of my younger sisters and my brother were a joint affair ...."

Brought up to the age of twelve on the family farm, Miller attended schools in Richmond until the age of fourteen, including a respected academy where he was said to be at the head of his class and particularly strong in mathematics and grammar.

He left school to work in a local drug store, owned by a relative of his mother. There, he later wrote,

at the age of eighteen [I] began the study of medicine, and after several years study which included two courses of lectures in the medical department of the University of Transylvania at Lexington, received the diploma of Doctor of Medicine in 1838.

For the next nine years Miller practiced the primitive medicine of the day in the hamlet of Barbourville, a settlement of only a few hundred inhabitants near the Tennessee and Virginia borders and the seat of Knox County. The life of a lone country six feet in height and weighing more than 200 pounds. His head



**Associate Justice Samuel Freeman Miller** (1862 - 1890)

doctor was a hard one, "riding horse over rough mountain roads from cabin to cabin, day and night, carrying his portable drug store in his saddle bag." His office was a log cabin shared, significantly, with a young lawyer named Silas Woodson.

Yet the tiny village harbored such an active intellectual life that it was later described, no doubt expansively, as having been "the Athens of the Kentucky highlands." Certainly a Barbourville Debating Society which Miller helped organize in 1837 contributed to this recognition; it was a remarkable group in the number of its members who attained high state and federal office.

A number of topics debated over the next three years have a contemporary ring: education, immigration, political contributions, presidential patronage, capital punishment, regulation of interest rates. Germs of later decisions of the circuit and Supreme Court benches have been found in Miller's arguments. Five times he argued that there was no moral justification for capital punishment; an antipathy to taking human life reflected in his judicial career by a reluctance to impose or confirm a death sentence.

Samuel Miller was impressive physically, standing well over

was large, with clearly defined features and a penetrating gaze. He had a confident personality and enjoyed riding, dancing, singing, working and laughing. He made a forthright attack on intellectual problems. He professed no love of physical labor, and later in life used to say his rule was, "Never walk when you can ride, never sit when you can lie down."

On November 8, 1842, Miller married Lucy L. Ballinger, daughter of locally prominent parents who had come from North Carolina. The marriage produced three children before Lucy Miller's death of consumption at a young age.

It was in Barbourville that Miller acquired his first training in public affairs, when in April, 1844, he was sworn in as a justice of the peace and took his seat as a member of the County Court. He soon abandoned the medical profession and began reading law in his shared office. Two years later, on March 27, 1847, he was admitted to the bar of the circuit court of Knox County, on motion of his office mate and debating partner, Silas Woodson.

For three years Miller practiced his new profession in the same community, long enough to aspire to a seat in the Kentucky constitutional convention of 1849 as an advocate of the emancipation of slaves. He withdrew, however, in favor of his friend Woodson, on condition that the latter stand openly in favor of gradual emancipation of the slaves.

The attempt to do away with slavery in Kentucky failed completely. Miller, whose aversion to the institution went back to his childhood and the sight of seeing his black nursemaid flogged,



became satisfied that slavery would never be voluntarily abolished in a slave state such as Kentucky. After a tour of the Northwest in the fall of 1849, he settled on Keokuk. Iowa, a free state, for his new residence, and arrived there by riverboat on May 7, 1850 with his wife and children. He also brought his slaves, and freed them.

Now almost 35 years old, but still a fledgling lawyer, Miller was able to enter into a partnership with an already prominent attorney, Lewis Reeves, who had a large practice in land-title, steamboat and commercial law. Almost at once. Miller developed a remunerative practice, and within a year had become known throughout the state.

In 1854 death claimed both Miller's wife and his law partner. He formed a new partnership with another leading Keokuk lawyer, John Rankin, which endured until Miller's appointment to the Supreme Court. Two and a half years after his wife's death he formed a new domestic partnership, marrying Eliza Winter Reeves, the widow of his first law partner. Described as high spirited and warm-hearted, she bore him two children and survived him by ten years. It was said at the time that "the old firm of Reeves and Miller was renewed under a different contract."

There is impressive evidence of Miller's success as a lawyer. In a communication of 1856, he speaks of some 300 cases in which he was engaged that were awaiting trial in the next term of court. -continued on next page

This photograph of the Waite Court was taken between 1874 and 1877, approximately half-way through Miller's tenure on the bench (1862-1890). From left to right are: Associate Justices Joseph P. Bradley, Stephen B. Field, Samuel Freeman Miller, Nathan Clifford, Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite, and Associate Justices Noah H. Swayne, Clifford Davis, William Strong and Ward Hunt.

Photo courtesy of Curator, Supreme Court

# Justice Miller (continued)

He appeared frequently before the Iowa Supreme Court, his name figuring in 70 of the reported cases from 1851 to 1862. He was also emerging as a political force in the nascent Republican Party, and was chosen in 1856 as chairman of the first Republican organization in Keokuk. Later that year he was nominated for the state senate, but, as expected, he was not elected. In 1861 he lost the Republican nomination to Governor Samuel Kirkwood, the incumbent.

Miller continued to denounce slavery as evil "to both the white man and the black." He called it "the most stupendous wrong, and the most prolific source of human misery, both to the master and the slave, that the sun shines upon in its daily circuit around the globe." He condemned the extremists on both sides. abolitionists and pro-slavery Democrats alike, opposed the extension of slavery into free territory, argued against secession, recognized states' rights, and strongly favored both a system of gradual emancipation and preservation of the Union at all costs. His position was similar to that of Abraham Lincoln, whom he backed strongly for the Republican presidential nomination. Once the Civil War came, Miller put his money where his words were: he gave his own notes to raise and arm troops.

Miller's appointment as an Associate Justice was something of a cliff-hanger. He had an unprecedented level of support in his own and neighboring states, but the selection was to depend on whether Congress created a new judicial circuit embracing only states west of the Mississippi, Six months of intricate maneuver on Capitol Hill produced the desired result, at which point Miller himself and his friends prevailed successfully upon President Lincoln to name Miller to the Court.

Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood, who had roundly defeated Miller for the gubernatorial nomination only a year earlier, was in Washington and called upon Lincoln to urge Miller's appointment. According to an account written in 1891, they found Lincoln at his writing desk.

The visitors told the President they were most eager that he should make an appointment, at which point Lincoln straightened up, reached for pen and paper, and asked whom they wanted appointed and to what position. Mr. Miller of Iowa to the mentioned for the Presidency in 1880 and 1884, but he never mus-Supreme Court, was the response.

"Well," Lincoln said, putting down his paper, "that is a very important position, and I will have to give it serious consideration. I had supposed you wanted me to make some one a Brigadier General for you." Another supporter who called on Lincoln found, to his chagrin, that Samuel Miller's reputation had not even reached Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois.

Within a day after the new circuit was established by law, Miller's supporters were able to present the President with petitions for his appointment signed by 28 of the 32 Senators then in Congress and by 129 members of the House, some three-fourths of the membership. Lincoln sent Miller's nomination to the Senate the evening of July 16, 1862, and it was confirmed within a half hour without reference to committee. Miller himself recalled later hearing President Lincoln say that he had never before or since received such recommendations for office.

Miller was sworn in July 21, 1862, becoming the first member of the Court appointed from west of the Mississippi River. Miller

was concerned about joining a court that had rendered decisions that were anathema to a westerner and an opponent of slavery. Although he had never met him, Miller said he "hated" Chief Justice Roger Taney for attempting to throttle the Bank of the United States, and for being the chief spokesman for the Court in the controversial Dred Scott case, which ruled that blacks were not citizens of the United States.

"But from my first acquaintance with him, I realized that these feelings toward him were but the suggestions of the worst elements of our nature; for before the first term of my service in the Court had passed, I more than liked him" Miller later remarked of Taney, further adding that "conscience was his guide and sense of duty his principle."

Taney fully reciprocated Miller's respect and affection. When the Court rose a year later, the Chief Justice took leave with these moving words, as recalled by a close friend: "My brother Miller ... At the beginning of the term I feared that the unhappy condition of the country would cause collisions among us. On the other hand, this has proved one of the pleasantest terms I have ever attended. I owe it greatly to your courtesy. Your learning, zeal, and powers of mind assure me that you will maintain and advance the high traditions of the Court. I predict for you a career of great usefulness and honor."

The prediction was more than borne out in the succeeding 28 years. Soon Miller was being assigned twice the normal share of cases in which the Constitution was to be interpreted. Scholars will differ for generations yet to come over his individual opinions, but none has been able to fit him into a simple category. All agree that he became the dominant force on the Court. He found his own balance under the Constitution between the federal power and that of the state, zealous to protect both, and has been praised and criticized from both perspectives. He became known for his dissents as well as his opinions for the majority, and he wrote more of the latter, 616, than any Justice before him. He lived to see some of his dissents accepted by the Court in later decisions. He was direct, forthright, commonsensical, articulate, and persuasive. He may well have been appointed Chief Justice by Presidents Grant or Cleveland, but both were apparently reluctant to "promote from the Bench." His name was also tered enough support.

Miller sat for the last time, while presiding over a circuit court in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 2, 1890. The 74-year-old Justice then returned to Washington for the Supreme Court term. As he neared his home on Massachusetts Avenue following a visit to the Court on October 13, he suffered a stroke, and died a few hours later.

The last paragraph of a biographical sketch by William Gillette, of the Rutgers University faculty, could have furnished his epitaph:

As boldly and nationally constructive as John Marshall, with the intellectual muscle of an Oliver Wendell Holmes, and as respectful of legislative and state responsibility as Felix Frankfurter, Miller was the best of Lincoln's appointments-a great Justice, indeed one of the finest to grace the bench in the nation's service.

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## Justice Kennedy to Speak at First National Heritage Lecture Series

The National Heritage Lecture Series will be launched in the Nation's Capital on November 7, 1991. The new lecture program has been established by the three historical societies dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the three branches of the Federal Government--namely, the Supreme Court Historical Society, the White House Historical Society and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Each annual lecture will focus on one of the three Branches of government. The first of the annual lectures will be given by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and will be held in the Supreme Court Chamber at 6:00 p.m. Attendance will be by invitation from the three historical societies.

The inaugural lecture in the fall of 1991 will relate to the Judicial Branch of our Government. Justice Kennedy will deliver an address on President Franklin Roosevelt's plan of 1937 to enlarge the Supreme Court. Justice Kennedy took his seat on the Court on February 18, 1988. Prior to that time he was in private practice in San Francisco and Sacramento, California. In 1975 he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit where he served until his appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. His skills as a speaker are known nationally and include lectures at the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific where he served as a Professor of Constitutional Law from 1965

The Supreme Court Historical Society 111 Second Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002 until 1988.

The purpose of the National Heritage Lecture series is to promote a greater appreciation of and insight into the momentous events of the past associated with the history of the three branches of the Federal Government. Each year the individual selected to deliver the lecture will be an authority of national stature with knowledge and experience in the intricate processes of one particular branch of the Government--Judicial, Executive or Legislative.

The Society's President, Leon Silverman, U.S. Capitol Historical Society President Fred Schwengel, and White House Historical Association Chairman Robert L. Breeden, along with all three sponsors' Boards have given enthusiastic approval to the jointly-sponsored lecture series. It is their hope that this series will contribute to a greater appreciation of our system of Government and the democratic principles underlying the Nation's heritage.

Attendance at the lecture will be limited, due to seating capacity. While all three Societies are actively involved in the planning for the lecture series, the Supreme Court Historical Society is serving in a coordinating role for the first lecture. Persons who wish to learn more about the lecture series may contact the Supreme Court Historical Society at (202) 543-0400.

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