



Wednesday, February 26 – Friday, February 28  
The Heritage Foundation | 214 Massachusetts Ave. NE

## Federal Judicial Clerkship Training Academy

### AGENDA

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION

*TBD*

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:15 a.m.

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

*Schaul Conference Room*

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION I – TEXTUALISM AND CANNONS OF  
STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

*Van Andel Center*

Josh Blackman  
Associate Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law, Houston

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BREAK

12:15– 2:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION

*Allison Foyer*

CLERKSHIP AND CAREER ADVICE:  
A CONVERSATION WITH TWO APPELLATE JUDGES

The Honorable Alice M. Batchelder  
Senior Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

The Honorable James C. Ho  
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Moderator: John Malcolm – The Heritage Foundation

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

BREAK

2:30 – 4:45 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION II – AN INTRODUCTION TO CORPUS LINGUISTICS:  
MAKING ORIGINALISM EMPIRICAL

*Van Andel Center*

The Honorable Thomas Rex Lee  
Associate Chief Justice, Utah Supreme Court

James Heilpern

Associate, Schaerr Jaffe LLP

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

**PRE-LECTURE COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

*Schaul Conference Room*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**A DEBATE: JUDICIAL ENGAGEMENT VS. JUDICIAL RESTRAINT**

*Lehrman Auditorium*

Introduction: The Honorable Edwin Meese III  
75<sup>th</sup> United States Attorney General

Ed Whelan  
President, Ethics and Public Policy Center

Randy Barnett  
Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory  
Georgetown University Law Center

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7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

**DINNER AND KEYNOTE**

*Allison Foyer*

**REMARKS: “GIVE ME LIBERTY: A HISTORY OF AMERICA'S EXCEPTIONAL IDEA”**

Richard Brookhiser  
Author, Historian, and Senior Editor, National Review

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:15 a.m.

**NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

*Schaul Conference Room*

9:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

**PLENARY SESSION III – THE STEPS TO STANDOUT LEGAL WRITING:  
BENCH MEMOS, OPINIONS, AND DISSENTS**

*Van Andel Center*

Ross Guberman  
President, Legal Writing Pro LLC

11:45 – 12:15 p.m.

**BREAK**

12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION**

*Allison Foyer*

**TOPIC: WHAT I WISH I KNEW BEFORE MY CLERKSHIP?**

- Will Haun – Former clerk to Circuit Judge Janice Rogers Brown and District Judge Claude Hilton
- Jeff Johnson – Former clerk for Justice Elena Kagan and Circuit Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson
- Joel Alicea – Former clerk to Justice Samuel Alito and Circuit Judge Diarmuid O’Scannlain
- Christine Carletta – Former clerk to Circuit Judge Chad Readler and District Judge James Mahan
- Moderator: John Malcolm – The Heritage Foundation