Federal Judicial Clerkship Training Academy

AGENDA

**Wednesday, March 24**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Welcome Reception**

**Thursday, March 25**

8:15 a.m.  
**Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
**Plenary Session I — Textualism and Canons of Statutory Construction**

Josh Blackman *(confirmed)*
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**

**Clerkship and Career Advice: A Conversation with Two Appellate Judges**

The Honorable Stuart Kyle Duncan *(confirmed)*  
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

The Honorable Greg Katas *(confirmed)*  
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC 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**

The Honorable Thomas Rex Lee *(confirmed)*  
Associate Chief Justice, Utah Supreme Court

James Heilpern *(confirmed)*  
Associate, Schaerr Jaffe LLP
4:45 – 5:45 p.m.  PRE-LECTURE COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  A DEBATE: ORIGINALISM VS. COMMON GOOD ORIGINALISM

John McGinnis (confirmed)
George C. Dix Professor in Constitutional Law
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Josh Hammer (confirmed)
Opinion Editor, Newsweek and
Research Fellow, Edmund Burke Foundation

Moderator: Paul Larkin – The Heritage Foundation

7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  DINNER AND KEYNOTE

REMARKS: “ONE VOTE AWAY: HOW A SINGLE SUPREME COURT SEAT CAN CHANGE HISTORY”

The Honorable Ted Cruz (R-TX) (invited)
United States Senator

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

8:15 a.m.  NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  PLENARY SESSION III – THE STEPS TO STANDOUT LEGAL WRITING: BENCH MEMOS, OPINIONS, AND DISSentingS

Ross Guberman (confirmed)
President, Legal Writing Pro LLC

12:00 – 12:15 p.m.  BREAK

12:15 – 2:15 p.m.  LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE

REMARKS: “SUPREME DISORDER: JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS AND THE POLITICS OF AMERICA’S HIGHEST COURT”

Ilya Shapiro (confirmed)
Director, Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies, Cato Institute

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  PLENARY SESSION IV – WHAT I WISH I KNEW BEFORE MY CLERKSHIP?

- Tiffany Bates – Former clerk to Circuit Judge Kyle Duncan (confirmed)
- David Rosenthal – Former clerk to Circuit Judge Joel Carson and District Judge James Teilborg (confirmed)
- Megan Lacy Owen – Former Clerk Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Circuit Judge Diarmuid O’Scannlain, and District Judge Sidney Fitzwater (confirmed)
- Sherif Girgis – Former clerk to Justice Alito and Circuit Judge Thomas Griffith (confirmed)
- Moderator: John Malcolm – The Heritage Foundation