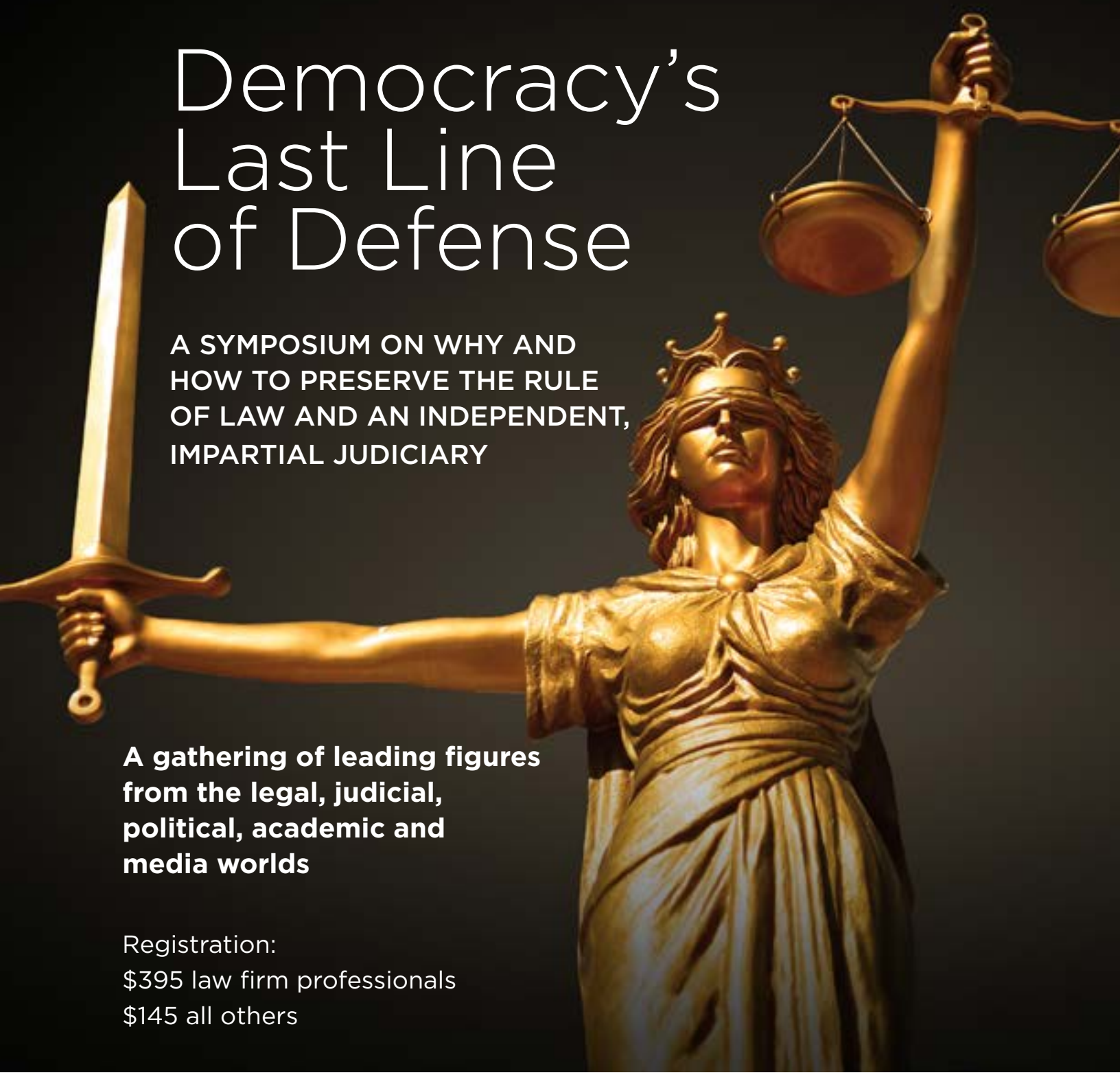
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Democracy's Last Line of Defense

A SYMPOSIUM ON WHY AND HOW TO PRESERVE THE RULE OF LAW AND AN INDEPENDENT, IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY



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AGENDA

MAY 25

6:00-8:00 PM **WELCOME RECEPTION**
Remarks by **Marc Racicot,** former governor of Montana and chair of the Republican National Committee

MAY 26

8:00-8:15 AM **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**
Roman Silberfeld, Immediate Past President, International Academy of Trial Lawyers
Hon. Benes Aldana (Ret.), President & CEO, The National Judicial College
Andrew Bradt, Faculty Director, Civil Justice Research Initiative
Reginald Turner, President, American Bar Association
Hon. Anne M. Burke, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois

8:15–8:45 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Doug Jones, Former Senator and United States Attorney from Alabama

8:45-8:50 **MORNING STRETCH**

8:50-10:20 **DEMOCRACY AND THE COURTS** Independent, impartial courts are critical to ensuring the fairness and legitimacy of democratic political systems. Yet in the United States and other traditional democracies, anti-democratic forces are trying to politicize the courts and reduce their independence, threatening the very foundations of democracy. This panel will assess the danger to democracy of this assault on the courts and propose tactics to defend against them.

10:20-10:35 **BREAK**

10:35-12:05 PM **SOCIAL MEDIA AND COUNTERING DISINFORMATION IN THE COURTS**
The spread of disinformation by public and private entities on social media platforms such as Facebook has undermined faith in the courts, both in the United States and abroad. Not only have judges and other judicial officers encountered threats of violence, they have been targets of rising real-world violence driven by disinformation. This panel will explore how state and non-state actors are threatening judicial independence through social media and what can be done about it.

12:05-1:30 **LUNCHEON BREAK AND THE FUTURE OF THE SUPREME COURT PROGRAM**

1:30-3:00 **RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE COURTS** This panel will address issues of implicit bias and systemic racism in the law and how real, longstanding shortcomings in our justice system undermine public support for the judiciary and threaten the system's sustainability. The panelists will examine these topics through a wide variety of approaches and perspectives.

3:00-3:15 **BREAK**

3:15-4:45 **NEXT STEPS TO PROTECT THE JUDICIARY** This panel will break out into five groups. Expert facilitators will lead each in brainstorming concrete, specific steps that each sector of the legal profession can take to protect the independence of the judiciary. Then all will reconvene to share insights and ideas.

4:45-5:15 **CLOSING REMARKS** **Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye,** Chief Justice of California

5:15-5:20 **WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT** **Roman Silberfeld** and **Hon. Benes Aldana (Ret.)**

MODERATORS & PANELISTS

DEMOCRACY AND THE COURTS

MODERATOR: David Corn, Bureau Chief, *Mother Jones* magazine, On-Air Analyst, *MSNBC*
Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, U.C. Berkeley Law
Hon. Reggie Walton, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for District of Columbia
Hon. Ganna Vronska, Justice, Supreme Court of Ukraine
Alicia Bannon, Judiciary Program Director, Brennan Center for Justice
Kim Lane Scheppele, Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs and the University Center for Human Values

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COUNTERING DISINFORMATION IN THE COURTS

MODERATOR: Hon. Robert M. Brutinel, Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court
Philippa Stewart, Head of Digital Communications, Clooney Foundation for Justice
Elizabeth R. Parker, Dean Emerita, Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Hon. Robert Torres, Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
Leslie C. Levin, Hugh Macgill Professor of Law, UCONN School of Law

FUTURE OF THE SUPREME COURT

MODERATOR: Hon. Jeremy Fogel (Ret.), Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute
Melissa Murray, Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law, New York University School of Law
Hon. Thomas Griffith (Ret.), U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
David Kaplan, Author of *The Most Dangerous Branch*, former *Newsweek* legal affairs editor, Adjunct Professor, New York University

RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE COURTS

MODERATOR: Hon. George Draper, Justice, Supreme Court of Missouri
Jerry Kang, Distinguished Professor of Law and Distinguished Professor of Asian American Studies, UCLA School of Law
Hon. Anne M. Burke, Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court
Deanie Brown, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Illinois Supreme Court
Eva Paterson, President and Co-Founder, Equal Justice Society
Victor Quintanilla, Professor, Indiana University School of Law

NEXT STEPS TO PROTECT THE JUDICIARY

GROUP 1: HOW CORPORATE LEADERS CAN RESPOND Led by: **Ivan Fong*,** Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Medtronic Inc., Chair of Equal Justice Works; and **Ricky Raven,** Senior Vice President – Deputy General Counsel, Allstate Insurance

GROUP 2: HOW JUDGES CAN RESPOND Led by: **Hon. Bernice Donald,** U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and **Hon. Scott Bales (Ret.)** former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court

GROUP 3: HOW PRACTITIONERS CAN RESPOND Led by: **Judy Perry Martinez,** Of Counsel, Simon, Peragine, Smith and Redfearn, and **Denyse Clancy**, Partner, Kazan Law

GROUP 4: HOW NONPROFITS AND FOUNDATIONS CAN RESPOND Led by: **Qudsiya Naqui,** Officer, Pew Charitable Trusts, and **Jocelyn Larkin,** Executive Director, Impact Fund

GROUP 5: HOW THE LEGAL ACADEMY CAN RESPOND Led by: **Kellye Testy,** President and CEO, The Law School Admission Council, and **David Yellen,** Chief Executive Officer, Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System

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