

First Annual

MATTHEW J. RYAN

LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

March 30, 2007 | National Constitution Center | Philadelphia, PA

This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for four substantive credits and one ethics credit.

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE is a cornerstone of American society. However, aspects of judicial independence are also controversial, sparking pockets of opposition. The collection of distinguished speakers at the Inaugural Ryan Forum will explore judicial independence from a variety of angles. For example, how can accountability enhance judicial independence? Furthermore, what is the connection between judicial independence and modes of judicial selection?

THE MATTHEW J. RYAN LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY FORUM honors the memory of one of Villanova Law's most distinguished alumni, the Honorable Matthew J. Ryan '59, the former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This annual public forum will foster discussion of current questions of law and public policy important to the Commonwealth and the nation.

The Matthew J. Ryan Law and Public Policy Forum brings together distinguished legal scholars, legislators, government officials and other public figures in a bipartisan atmosphere of full and frank discussion and analysis. The goal of the Forum is to make a significant contribution to important public debates, to perpetuate the memory of Matthew J. Ryan's many contributions to public service. Mr. Ryan who died in March 2003, was elected to his first house term in 1962, a Republican representing Delaware County. He served as majority leader for the 1979-80 session, and was first elected speaker in 1981. From 1983 to 1994, he was minority leader. He was elected speaker for his second two-year term in 1995 and for each successive two year term until his death. In 1999, the Capitol Annex was renamed the Speaker Matthew J. Ryan Legislative Office Building, a rare honor for a living legislator.

The Ryan Forum was made possible by the generosity of his many friends and the leadership of Arthur J. Kania '56, Albert A. Lindner '68, James E. McErlane '67 and Richard Phillips '66.



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Founded in 1895, the Pennsylvania Bar Association strives to promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the law; improve public understanding of the legal system; facilitate access to legal services; and serve the 29,000 lawyers who are members of the association.

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8:00-9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Welcome, Introduction and Background Dean Mark A. Sargent and PBA President Ken Horoho
9:15-10:45	Judicial Independence in Perspective Moderated by Dean Mark A. Sargent, Villanova University School of Law The Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit The Honorable Stephen J. McEwen, Jr., President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court of Pennsylvania Jane L. Dalton, Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association Ken Horoho, PBA President Questions and Answers
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Judicial Accountability Moderated by PBA President-elect Andrew Susko The Honorable Rebecca Love Kourlis, former Justice, Colorado Supreme Court; Executive Director, Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, University of Denver Penelope Pether, Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law David B. Rotman, Principal Court Research Consultant, National Center for State Courts Questions and Answers
12:30-1:30	Lunch Delegates Restaurant, National Constitution Center (Voucher included in registration fee)
1:30-3:15	The Link Between Judicial Selection and Judicial Independence Moderated by Associate Dean Doris DelTosto Brogan, Villanova University School of Law Darren Breslin, Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence The Honorable Thomas G. Saylor, Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Benjamin Wittes, Former Editorial Writer, <i>The Washington Post</i> and author of <i>Confirmation Wars: Preserving Independent Courts in Angry Times</i> (2002) The Honorable Roberto A. Rivera-Soto, Associate Justice, New Jersey Supreme Court Questions and Answers
3:15-3:30	Closing Remarks Dean Mark Sargent & President-elect Andrew Susko

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General registration, including full program materials, Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education certificate, continental breakfast and lunch is \$100. For advance registration, please contact or return the registration form to:

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The symposium will be held at
the National Constitution Center,
525 Arch Street, Independence Mall,
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