

“An independent judiciary...is one of the crown jewels of our system of government today.”

Chief justice William Rehnquist

The courts play a critical and unique role in our democracy. They resolve criminal and civil cases and they protect our constitutional rights

It is imperative that our justice system remain fair and neutral and we must ensure that they are accountable only to the law and not to special interests. With trust in government at new lows, it is vital that the public not lose faith in the concept of an independent judiciary

The way judges are selected, the decisions they make and how they behave while on the bench is a hot topic across the country. From the U.S. Supreme Court to the county courthouse, judges and their decisions are under great scrutiny and have become targets of politicians and special interests.

Should judges be chosen through competitive elections or by appointments? Is it proper for judicial candidates to raise campaign contributions from attorneys? How do we insulate judicial selection from politics without sacrificing accountability?

Our distinguished panel will explore these topics and more at the December 16th seminar. With both Tea Party and Occupy protesters calling the courts to task, this seminar will be both timely and extremely informative. We hope you will join us and add your voice to the discussion.

Panelists

The Honorable Theodore Boehm

Theodore R. Boehm was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1996 and retired in 2010. He grew up in Indianapolis and received his A.B. from Brown Univ. in 1960 and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1963, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U.S. Supreme Court before joining Baker and Daniels in 1964 where he later became managing partner. Justice Boehm was also general counsel at General Electric and Eli Lilly.



Professor Charles Geyh

Prof. Geyh is Associate Dean for Research and John F. Kimberling Professor of Law at IU Law Bloomington. He earned both his B.A. and J.D. at the Univ. of Wisconsin and his teaching and scholarship focus on the operation of state and federal courts in relation to the political branches of government and the legal profession. His work on judicial independence, accountability, administration and ethics has appeared in over 40 books and other publications. He currently chairs the editorial committee for *Judicature* and is Director of the ABA Judicial Disqualification Project.



Bert Brandenburg

Bert Brandenburg is Executive Director of the Justice at Stake campaign, a nonpartisan partnership to keep courts fair, impartial and independent. He holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Virginia. He served as the U.S. Justice Department's Director of Public Affairs under Attorney General Janet Reno and is currently an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He serves on the boards of the National Institute on Money in State Politics and the National Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Conduct.

Registration Form

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Registration deadline is Dec. 14th

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