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Sustaining the Legitimacy of the Supreme Court

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Neil S. Siegel is the David W. Ichel Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at Duke Law School, where he also serves as Director of the Summer Institute on Law and Policy. Professor Siegel's research and teaching span the areas of U.S. constitutional law, constitutional politics, and constitutional theory.

Professor Siegel currently teaches Duke Law students and Duke undergraduates. As well he judges in Duke's Master of Judicial Studies Program. Professor Siegel is a renowned expert on U.S. Constitutional law, theory, and the federal courts. He frequently testifies at hearings of Congressional Subcommittees on Constitutional matters and writes in a variety of areas affected by U.S. law. He has served as special counsel and advisor to several U.S. Senators during U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Specifically, he served as special counsel to U.S. Senator Christopher Coons during the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Ketanji Brown Jackson, Amy Coney Barrett, and Brett Kavanaugh, and he advised Senator Coons during the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearing of Neil M. Gorsuch. Professor Siegel also served as special counsel to U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden during the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings of John G. Roberts and Samuel A. Alito.

In 1994, Professor Siegel received his B.A. (Economics and Political Science), summa cum laude, from Duke University. In 1995, he received the M.A. (Economics) from Duke University and in 2001 he earned joint degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, with a J.D. from Berkeley Law and a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy. During the October 2003 term, he clerked for Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Siegel was a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice during the tenure of Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson, and served as a law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Throughout the year, Professor Siegel offers U.S. Supreme Court updates and other talks at judicial conferences and law firms throughout the country. We are so pleased that he will share his insights into historical and current trends of the Supreme Court in this Lindgren Lecture.

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