Renewing Trust in Democracy: The Role of Courts

A William W. Treat Lecture

October 21, 2021, 5:30 to 6:30 PM
at Dartmouth College

Hanover, NH (September 20, 2021) – On October 21, join former U.S. Solicitors General Gregory Garre and Neal Katyal in conversation about court advocacy and reform, the role of courts in our democracy, and the landmark cases they have argued – and won – before the Supreme Court. Laura Knoy, former host of New Hampshire Public Radio’s acclaimed call-in news show The Exchange, will moderate this special event.

The Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education, and the Warren B. Rudman Center at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law and are pleased to present this William W. Treat Lecture. The event will be held at Dartmouth College in Filene Auditorium (Room B13) in Moore Hall, 3 Maynard Street, Hanover.

This is a free, in-person event that will also be livestreamed. Please link here to register and to receive a livestream link. The link will be emailed to all registered attendees the day before the event.

Role of Courts Crucial Today

“We have seen how courts, across levels and jurisdictions, work to safeguard democracy in America,” said Jason Barabas, director of the Rockefeller Center. “This event is an important
reminder that many of the basic freedoms we enjoy are due to the hard work of judges, lawyers, and many others in the legal system.”

Speakers to Share Insights, Experience
"We are grateful that former Solicitors General Gregory Garre and Neal Katyal can join us for this special event, and share their insights regarding the role that courts might play in instilling confidence in our government and helping us to navigate the challenging times that we face,” added John Greabe, director of the Rudman Center.

Gregory G. Garre served as the 44th Solicitor General of the United States from 2008 – 2009. He is currently a partner at Latham & Watkins, a private law firm in Washington, D.C., where he is Global Chair of the firm’s Supreme Court & Appellate Practice. He counsels clients on regulatory, statutory, and constitutional matters, and handles an array of complex litigation in the federal and state court systems. He has argued 46 cases before the Supreme Court.

Neal Katyal is the Paul and Patricia Saunders Professor of Law at Georgetown University and a partner at Hogan Lovells. He previously served as Acting Solicitor General of the United States. He has argued 44 cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. At the age of 51, he has already argued more Supreme Court cases in U.S. history than has any minority attorney, recently breaking the record held by Thurgood Marshall.

Laura Knoy will moderate the event. She is the former host of The Exchange, New Hampshire Public Radio’s acclaimed call-in news program. As host, first executive producer, and co-founder, Ms. Knoy shepherded The Exchange into one of New Hampshire’s most recognized and respected daily news programs. In addition, Ms. Knoy has moderated and hosted numerous special events and political debates, is a frequent keynote and commencement speaker, and has received countless national and state awards and accolades.

Generous Supporters
“This event, and the William W. Treat Lecture Series, is made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities,” said Martha Madsen, executive director of the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education. “The Treat Lecture Series honors Judge Treat’s legacy of bridging political and other divides to improve discussions central to democratic society.”

Parking for the Event
Parking at Dartmouth College is available in the G lot or Maynard Lot, and is free after 5 pm. These lots are a 10-minute walk from Filene Auditorium, and there is also a shuttle. Link [here](#) for more information.

COVID Guidelines
Dartmouth expects that all who access Dartmouth campuses and buildings are fully vaccinated and must wear a mask indoors. Please check the [Dartmouth Visitor Guidance](#) page before attending any event.

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About the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education

The New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education (NH Civics) has a mission to develop, nurture, and maintain an informed, engaged, and civil New Hampshire citizenry. Students who have access to high-quality civics education are more likely to vote and discuss politics at home, volunteer and work on community issues, speak publicly, and communicate with elected representatives. NH Civics provides educator professional development, student programming, public events, and leads the NH Civic Learning Coalition. Committed to non-partisanship, NH Civics believes people of varied perspectives and ages deserve high-quality information, hands-on learning that lasts, and a confidence that their voice matters.
**About the Rockefeller Center**

The **Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College** is a catalyst for public policy research, teaching, and deliberation. Dedicated to providing an interdisciplinary perspective on policy-related topics, the Center fosters a commitment to the ideals of public service and informed public debate exemplified by Nelson A. Rockefeller, former governor of New York State and Vice President of the United States.

**About the Warren B. Rudman Center**

The **Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service** at the **UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law** serves as a hub for public discourse on the policies and current events that shape our society. It provides programmatic and financial support for students interested in exploring careers in public service while supporting public programming and academic inquiry that align with its mission. The Center honors former U.S. Senator Warren B. Rudman, also the state’s attorney general, who was widely admired for his integrity and willingness to work with politicians across the aisle to advance the public interest.