Bill of Rights Institute to Host Community Lecture Featuring Jonathan Adler

Arlington, VA  Noted legal scholar Jonathan Adler will present a lecture in Wichita on Thursday, April 24, hosted by the Bill of Rights Institute and the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation.

Adler’s presentation, “From Marshall to Scalia: The Role of the Courts in American History,” will be at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend the lecture and a reception, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Professor Adler will speak on the Supreme Court and its evolving role throughout American history, focusing especially on debate concerning access to justice and the increasing politicization of the judiciary. Adler, a professor of law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, has appeared on a variety of radio and television programs, including the “NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,” NPR's “Talk of the Nation,” and “The O'Reilly Factor.” His articles have appeared in publications such as the Harvard Environmental Review and The Wall Street Journal.

“We are delighted to have Professor Adler join us at our community lecture in Wichita,” said Victoria Hughes, president of the Bill of Rights Institute. “His legal expertise will shed light on an important and timely topic—the Supreme Court’s impact on America’s past and present.”

“The actions and decisions of the Supreme Court affect every American,” said Susan Addington, community relations manager for the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation. “We are pleased to sponsor this visit by Jonathan Adler, a scholar noted for his ability to present complex legal issues in terms a general audience can understand and appreciate.”

The day after the lecture, Mr. Adler will be the featured scholar at the Institute’s Constitutional Seminar for teachers, titled “The Federal Courts in History.” Social Studies educators from grades 9 through 12 will analyze the majority and dissenting opinions of landmark Supreme Court cases and learn how to address the topics in the classroom.

For more details on the event, please contact Marianne Scott, Education Programs Coordinator, at 800-838-8083, ext. 10. Media inquiries should be directed to Kimberly Ash, Vice President of Marketing, at 800-838-8083, ext. 18.

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The Bill of Rights Institute, founded in 1999, is a nonprofit educational organization. The mission of the Bill of Rights Institute is to educate young people about the words and ideas of America’s Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society.

Established in 1952, the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation focuses on non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life in Kansas. The Foundation works to advance a culture of individual freedom, responsibility and principled entrepreneurship. Mary Koch (1907-1990), a 1929 graduate of Wellesley College, was widely recognized for her contributions to the arts. Fred Koch (1900-1967), graduated from MIT in 1922 and co-founded what is now Koch Industries, Inc. in 1940.