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Speaker Biographies  
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**Dr. John C. Eastman**, Dean and Donald P. Kennedy Chair in Law, Chapman University School of Law  
Dr. John C. Eastman was appointed Dean and Donald P. Kennedy Chair in Law in June 2007. Previously, Dr. Eastman was the Henry Salvatori Professor of Law & Community Service, and Director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute that he founded in 1999. Prior to joining the Chapman Law faculty in August 1999, he served as a law clerk with Justice Clarence Thomas at the Supreme Court of the United States and with Judge J. Michael Luttig at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After his clerkships, Dr. Eastman practiced with the national law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, specializing in major civil and constitutional litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Dr. Eastman earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated with high honors in 1995. He was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif and was a member of the *Law Review*, a Bradley Fellow for Research in Constitutional History and an Olin Fellow in Law & Economics. Dr. Eastman also has a Ph.D. and M.A. in Government from the Claremont Graduate School, with fields of concentration in Political Philosophy, American Government, Constitutional Law, and International Relations. He has a B.A. in Politics and Economics from the University of Dallas. Prior to law school, he served as the Director of Congressional & Public Affairs at the United States Commission on Civil Rights during the Reagan administration and was the 1990 Republican Nominee for Congress in California's 34th District.

**Judge William Fletcher**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge William Fletcher was sworn in as United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit on February 1, 1999. He was a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) from 1977 to 1999, specializing in Federal Courts and Jurisdiction and in Civil Procedure. He is the author of articles in these subject areas, among them "A Historical Interpretation of the Eleventh Amendment," 35 *Stan.L.Rev.* 1003 (1983); "The General Common Law and Section 34 of the Judiciary Act of 1789," 97 *Harv.L.Rev.* 1513 (1984); "The Structure of Standing," 98 *Yale L.J.* 425 (1988). He is the co-author, with Professors Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr., Colin C. Tait, and Stephen McG. Bundy of *Pleading and Procedure: State and Federal* (9th ed., Foundation Press, 2005). At the time of his retirement from Boalt Hall, he was Richard W. Jennings, Jr., Professor of Law. He is a member of the American Law Institute. Judge Fletcher clerked for the Honorable William J. Brennan, Jr., of the United States Supreme Court from 1976 to 1977. He received a B.A. from Harvard College in 1968 in English History and Literature; a B.A. from Oxford University in 1970 in English Language and Literature; and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975. He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy as a Lieutenant in 1972.

**Pamela S. Karlan**, Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law and co-director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law School.

Pamela S. Karlan is the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law at Stanford Law School, where she also co-directs the school's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. From 1986 to 1988, she served as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where she specialized in voting rights and employment discrimination litigation. She remains a cooperating attorney with LDF. From 2003 to 2005, she served on the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the body responsible for implementing and enforcing California's campaign finance and conflict-of-interest laws. She is the co-author of several leading casebooks, including *Constitutional Law* (6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2009), *The Law of Democracy: Legal Structure of the Political Process* (rev. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2007), and *Civil Rights Actions: Enforcing the Constitution* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2007), as well as dozens of scholarly articles. Professor Karlan is also the co-author of *Keeping Faith with the Constitution*, published by the American Constitution Society this past spring. Karlan has also done extensive *pro bono* litigation, including more than fifty cases before the U.S. Supreme Court (six of which she argued). Professor Karlan has received the University of Virginia's Outstanding Teaching Award, the Virginia State Council of Higher Education Outstanding Faculty Award, and Stanford's John Bingham Hurlburt Award for Excellence in Teaching (twice). Karlan received her B.A., M.A. (history), and J.D. from Yale. She clerked for Judge Abraham D. Sofaer ( S.D.N.Y.) and Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

*Moderator*, **Richard T. Ford**, George E. Osborne Professor of Law, Stanford Law School

An expert on civil rights and anti-discrimination law, Richard Thompson Ford (BA '88) has distinguished himself as an insightful voice and compelling writer on questions of race and multiculturalism. His scholarship combines social criticism and legal analysis and he writes for both popular readers and for academic and legal specialists. His work has focused on the social and legal conflicts surrounding claims of discrimination, on the causes and effects of racial segregation, and on the use of territorial boundaries as instruments of social regulation. Methodologically, his work is at the intersection of critical theory and the law. Before joining the Stanford Law School faculty in 1994, Professor Ford was a Reginald F. Lewis Fellow at Harvard Law School, a litigation associate with Morrison & Foerster, and a housing policy consultant for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has also been a Commissioner of the San Francisco Housing Authority. He has written for the *Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Christian Science Monitor* and for *Slate*, where he is a regular contributor. His latest book is *The Race Card: How Bluffing About Bias Makes Race Relations Worse*. Ford received his B.A. from Stanford in 1988 and obtained his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1991.