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**APPELLATE EXPERTS TO REVIEW
OCTOBER 2008 SUPREME COURT TERM
*Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 8:30 a.m.***

The Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) will hold a media briefing ***Tuesday, June 30 at 8:30 a.m.*** at its M.J. Murdock Center for Free Enterprise, **2009 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.**, Washington, D.C. (near the Dupont Circle Metro North Exit). The speakers will assess rulings that affect the free enterprise system and other key developments from the term. Our panelists will be:

The Honorable Dick Thornburgh, who has served as Governor of Pennsylvania, Attorney General of the United States, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations during a public career which has spanned over 25 years. He is currently counsel to the law firm K&L Gates LLP in its Washington, D.C. office. He is the Chairman of Washington Legal Foundation's Legal Policy Advisory Board.

Walter Dellinger is Chair of the Appellate Practice at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, heads the Harvard/O'Melveny Supreme Court and Appellate Practice Clinic, and is a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University. He is on leave from his professorship at Duke Law School. Mr. Dellinger served as Assistant Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) from 1993 to 1996. He was acting Solicitor General for the 1996-97 Term of the U.S. Supreme Court. During that time, Mr. Dellinger argued nine cases before the Court, the most by any Solicitor General in more than 20 years.

Thomas C. Goldstein, the head of the Supreme Court practice at the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Goldstein teaches Supreme Court litigation at both Stanford Law School and Harvard Law School. Since 2003 he has been principally responsible for SCOTUSblog (www.scotusblog.com), which is devoted to coverage of the Court and is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading legal blogs. This year, *Legal Times* recognized him as one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years," and praised him for "transforming the practice" of Supreme Court law in the last decade.

Dan Himmelfarb, who practices in the Supreme Court & Appellate and White Collar Defense & Corporate Compliance groups of the law firm Mayer Brown LLP. Before joining the firm in 2007, he served for five years as an Assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General, during which time he argued 10 cases and filed more than 150 briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court on a wide variety of issues. Mr. Himmelfarb served for five years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. He has also served in clerkships with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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