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## **APPELLATE EXPERTS TO PREVIEW OCTOBER 2009 SUPREME COURT TERM**

***Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m.***

The Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) will host a media briefing ***Tuesday, September 15*** from ***9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*** at the M.J. Murdock Center for Free Enterprise, **2009 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.**, Washington, D.C. (Dupont Circle Metro). The program will preview free enterprise related cases to which the Court has granted review and offer insight about the Court's October 2009 term. Panelists include:

**The Honorable Dick Thornburgh**, Of Counsel to the international law firm of K&L Gates LLP in its Washington, D.C. office, and Chairman of WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board. During a 25-year public career, Hon. Thornburgh served as Governor of Pennsylvania, Attorney General of the United States, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

**Michael A. Carvin**, a partner with the law firm Jones Day LLP, who concentrates on constitutional, appellate, civil rights, and civil litigation against the federal government. He has argued numerous cases in the United States Supreme Court and in virtually every federal appeals court. Mr. Carvin served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel and the Civil Division at the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Gene C. Schaerr**, chair of the nationwide appellate and critical motions practice of the law firm Winston & Strawn LLP. He is an expert on appellate proceedings of all kinds; on the preparation of high-risk cases for an eventual appeal; and on motions that may prove critical to the outcome of a case at the trial court or agency level. Mr. Schaerr served as a law clerk to United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Justice Antonin Scalia, and the Hon. Kenneth W. Starr of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

**Kannon K. Shanmugam**, a partner with the law firm Williams & Connolly, who focuses on Supreme Court and appellate litigation. Mr. Shanmugam joined the firm in 2008 after serving as an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice. He served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Judge J. Michael Luttig.

National in scope, the **Washington Legal Foundation (WLF)** works with our allies in government and our legal system to maintain balance in the Courts and help our government strengthen America's free enterprise system. WLF champions free market principles, limited and accountable government, individual rights, business civil liberties, and legal ethics.

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