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Speakers' Biographies

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 international law firm of K&L Gates LLP in its Washington, D.C. office. He is the Chairman of Washington Legal Foundation's Legal Policy Advisory Board.

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.

Thomas G. Hungar is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Co-Chair of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group. His practice focuses on appellate litigation, and he assists clients with complex trial court litigation matters as well. He has presented oral argument before the Supreme Court of the United States in 24 cases. Mr. Hungar served as Deputy Solicitor General of the United States from 2003 until 2008. He also served as a law clerk to Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court and to Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Richard A. Samp is Chief Counsel of the Washington Legal Foundation. Mr. Samp leads WLF's *amicus* and original litigation practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the lower federal courts, and all levels of state courts. He has argued two original WLF actions before the Supreme Court, and is a frequent commentator on the Court and its docket with the national print and broadcast media. Mr. Samp is a 1974 graduate of Harvard College and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1980. Before joining WLF in 1989, Mr. Samp was a litigator at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Shaw Pittman.