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PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS TO ASSESS HIGH COURT AT MID-TERM

Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

The Legal Studies Division of the Washington Legal Foundation will hold a media briefing on *Tuesday, February 12 at 9:00 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). A panel of experts will preview key cases the U.S. Supreme Court has remaining on its argument schedule, discuss some of the term's rulings, and analyze the direction and activity of the Court. The program will be webcast live starting at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. Access is available at www.wlf.org. Questions during the program can be emailed to interactive@wlf.org.

The discussion will be moderated by **The Honorable Dick Thornburgh** and will feature commentary by **Patricia Ann Millett**, **Gene C. Schaerr**, and **Robert N. Weiner**.

The Honorable Dick Thornburgh 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 Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP in its Washington, D.C. office. He is the Chairman of Washington Legal Foundation's Legal Policy Advisory Board.

Patricia Ann Millett co-heads the Supreme Court practice of the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. From August 1996 to September 2007, Ms. Millett served as an assistant to the solicitor general in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. During that time, she argued 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and briefed more than 50 cases. Prior to her employment with the Office of the Solicitor General, Ms. Millett worked for four years in the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Appellate Staff, and also previously clerked for two years for the late Judge Thomas Tang, on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Gene C. Schaerr is chair of the nationwide appellate and critical motions practice of the law firm Winston & Strawn LLP. Mr. Schaerr served as a law clerk to United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice Antonin Scalia. He also served as a law clerk to the Hon. Kenneth W. Starr of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In addition, he served for two years as associate counsel to the President of the United States.

Robert N. Weiner is a partner with Arnold & Porter LLP, where he has headed the firm's litigation and business litigation practice groups. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Weiner served as Senior Counsel in the White House Counsel's Office. He also clerked for Judge Henry Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. On behalf of the Product Liability Advisory Council, Mr. Weiner has filed *amicus* briefs this term in *Medtronic v. Riegel* and *Warner-Lambert v. Kent*.