

Donald Verrilli's Upcoming Jackson Lecture, Chautauqua Institution, July 1, 2019

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I am very pleased to report that Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., former Solicitor General of the United States (2011-2016), will give Chautauqua Institution's 15th annual Robert H. Jackson Lecture on the Supreme Court of the United States, on Monday, July 1, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., in Chautauqua's Hall of Philosophy.

Mr. Verrilli, a graduate of Yale College and Columbia Law School and a former law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge J. Skelly Wright (D.C. Cir.) and U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., is an acclaimed American lawyer and courtroom advocate, including arguing fifty cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Following two decades in private law practice, Mr. Verrilli served in the Obama Administration, first as Associate Deputy Attorney General, then as Deputy White House Counsel, and then as Solicitor General of the U.S.

As Solicitor General, Mr. Verrilli, among other highlights, successfully defended the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act¹ and the constitutional protection of marriage equality.²

Since 2016, Mr. Verrilli has been a partner in Munger, Tolles & Olson, handling matters before the Supreme Court and the U.S. Courts of

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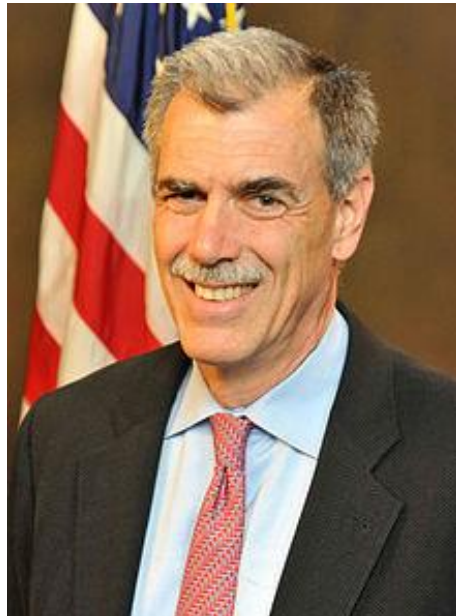
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¹ See *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, 567 U.S. ____ (2012). Case information and links to oral argument audio files are here: www.oyez.org/cases/2011/11-393.

² See *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. ____ (2015). Case information and links to oral argument audio files are here: www.oyez.org/cases/2014/14-556.

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Appeals and representing and counseling clients on litigation, regulatory, and public policy problems—for his law firm page, [click here](#).



The Jackson Lecture will bring Mr. Verrilli to Chautauqua Institution, a special venue of arts, education, and recreation in western New York State. Chautauqua was a very significant part of Robert H. Jackson's life, his broad and self-directed education, his public speaking training and experiences, and his thinking. For an earlier Jackson List post on Chautauqua Institution, [click here](#). To view a 2011 documentary, "An American Narrative," on Chautauqua, [click here](#). And [click here](#) for its website.

The Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution is a leading annual consideration of the Supreme Court of the United States, on which Justice Jackson served from 1941-1954, in the weeks following the completion of the Supreme Court's annual Term.

In 2019, with the Supreme Court scheduled to begin its summer recess late in June and a number of momentous decisions expected before then, Mr. Verrilli's Jackson Lecture will be especially well-timed.

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In past years, Chautauqua Institution's Jackson Lecturers have been:

- 2005: Geoffrey R. Stone, University of Chicago professor;
- 2006: Linda Greenhouse, *New York Times* writer and Yale Law School professor;
- 2007: Seth P. Waxman, WilmerHale partner and former Solicitor General of the United States;
- 2008: Jeffrey Toobin, staff writer at *The New Yorker* and CNN senior legal analyst;
- 2009: Paul D. Clement, Kirkland & Ellis LLP partner and former Solicitor General of the United States;
- 2010: Jeff Shesol, historian, communications strategist, and former White House speechwriter;
- 2011: Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor at *Slate* and *Amicus* podcast host;
- 2012: Pamela Karlan, Stanford University professor;
- 2013: Charles Fried, Harvard University professor and former Solicitor General of the United States;
- 2014: Akhil Reed Amar, Yale University professor;
- 2015: Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard University professor;
- 2016: Tracey L. Meares, Yale University professor;
- 2017: Judge Jon O. Newman, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and
- 2018: Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, of the Supreme Court of Canada.

For a video library of some past Jackson Lectures, and also video of interviews with lecturers during their visits to Chautauqua Institution, [click here](#).

For further information on Don Verrilli's upcoming lecture, [click here](#).