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JOAN BISKUPIC TO DISCUSS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 28, 2009) – Veteran Supreme Court correspondent **Joan Biskupic** will join the National Constitution Center on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her latest book, *American Original: The Life and Constitution of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia*. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

An outspoken proponent of “textualism” in interpreting the Constitution, and a champion of social conservatives, Justice Scalia has long been a lightning rod for liberal criticism. *American Original*, the first full-scale biography of Justice Scalia, is an even-handed and insightful portrait of one of the Supreme Court’s most colorful, complex, and provocative justices.

Joan Biskupic has covered the Supreme Court since 1989. Before joining *USA Today* in June 2000, she was the Supreme Court reporter for the *Washington Post* and legal affairs writer for *Congressional Quarterly*. Prior to that, she covered government and politics for newspapers in Wisconsin and Oklahoma. She is the author of *Sandra Day O’Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice*.

Marcia Coyle, Chief Washington Correspondent for *The National Law Journal*, will moderate. Coyle, a lawyer and a journalist, has covered the Supreme Court for twenty-two years. She is also a regular contributor of Supreme Court analysis to PBS’ *The NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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