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LAURENCE H. TRIBE DISCUSSES HOW THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 29, 2008) – **Laurence H. Tribe**, renowned constitutional law expert, will join the National Constitution Center to discuss his provocative new book, *The Invisible Constitution*, on the Constitution and how it should be interpreted. This program will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In *The Invisible Constitution*, Tribe writes that there is a hidden and obscured Constitution which is essential to understanding key meanings and many common beliefs about constitutional rights that the visible text alone cannot provide. Through a variety of historical episodes and key constitutional cases, he brings to life this invisible Constitution, showing how it has evolved and how it works. Tribe explains how the real power of the Constitution rests in what we don't see, but nevertheless accept as "constitutional," and addresses how the unwritten beliefs we have come to accept are as binding as if they were spelled out in the text.

Laurence H. Tribe is one of the foremost scholars of constitutional law. A former Visiting Scholar at the National Constitution Center, he is currently the Carl M. Loeb University Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Tribe has published more than 100 books and articles, including *American Constitutional Law*, *On Reading the Constitution*, and *Abortion: The Clash of Absolutes*. He has also argued more than three dozen cases before the Supreme Court and over two dozen before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, he frequently

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has used his expertise to testify before Congress on constitutional issues and is a co-founder of the American Constitution Society. A native of San Francisco, Tribe holds an A.B. in Mathematics, summa cum laude, from Harvard College and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

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

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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