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EXPERTS DEBATE REHNQUIST COURT LEGACY AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (March 30, 2005) – With the anticipated retirement of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the National Constitution Center has convened a group of national experts to look at the legacy of the Rehnquist court and changes that may come after his departure. The program will take place on Wednesday, April 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The panelists for “Judging the Court: Looking Back at the Rehnquist Court” include Constitution Center Visiting Scholars Kathleen Sullivan and John Yoo, as well as two veterans of the U.S. Solicitor General’s Office, the department that represents the United States before the Supreme Court: Seth Waxman, who served as Solicitor General under President Clinton and Carter Phillips, an assistant solicitor general under President Reagan who has argued more than thirty cases in front of the court. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions and debate the issues with the panelists.

About the Panelists:

John Yoo: As a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2001 to 2003, he was extensively involved with various issues concerning foreign affairs, national security and the separation of powers. He served as General Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee from 1995 to 1996. A graduate of Yale Law School, Yoo clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court. He currently serves as a visiting scholar with the National Constitution Center’s and on its Distinguished Scholars Advisory Panel. He is a professor with the University of California Law School at Berkeley (Boalt Hall).

Kathleen Sullivan: An award-winning teacher of constitutional law, Professor Sullivan has

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made numerous oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court, including the case under review this term about the Internet sale of wine. The Stanley Morrison Professor of Law will direct Stanford's new Constitutional Law Center and is the former dean of the Stanford Law School. Sullivan is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Like Yoo, she is a Constitution Center Visiting Scholar and serves on its Distinguished Scholars Advisory Panel.

Seth Waxman: From 1997 through 2001, Waxman served as Solicitor General of the United States under President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno. Considered one of the nation's top appellate advocates, Waxman has an impressive record of 40 oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, including ten in the last two terms. Among others, Mr. Waxman was part of the team that successfully represented Senators John McCain and Russell Feingold in the case testing the constitutionality of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act. He currently heads the appellate practice at Wilmer Cutler law firm. A graduate of Yale Law School, he clerked for Judge Gerard A. Gisell in the U.S. District Court, D.C. Circuit.

Carter Phillips: Under President Reagan, Mr. Phillips served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General for three years. A graduate of Northwestern Law School, Mr. Phillips has argued 36 cases before the Supreme Court, as well as numerous cases before the courts of appeals. Phillips was a former law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger on the Supreme Court.

The program costs \$9 for members, \$12 for non-members and \$6 for students. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Please call 215.409.6700 for tickets. For questions, please e-mail adultprograms@constitutioncenter.org or call 215.409.6700.

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 its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, 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 and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.