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**BEST-SELLING AUTHOR SCOTT TUROW
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
As part of 1210 AM's Michael Smerconish Book Club**

Philadelphia, PA (November 16, 2006) – The National Constitution Center and Michael Smerconish's Book Club present best-selling author Scott Turow as he talks about his latest works, *Limitations* and *Ordinary Heroes* on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Smerconish, host of The Michael Smerconish Show weekdays 5:30-9:00 a.m. on The Big Talker WPHT 1210AM, will interview Turow. Tickets cost \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members, and \$10 for K-12 teachers and students. Tickets for an exclusive reception at 5:30 p.m. with VIP seating and a copy of *Limitations* cost \$60. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Limitations is a compilation of the series commissioned by *The New York Times Magazine*, in which the author tells the story of George Mason. Mason seems to have lived a good life. His days as a criminal defense lawyer are long behind him and now at fifty-nine, he is in his tenth year as a judge. Yet, when a disturbing rape case is brought before him, Mason begins to question the very nature of the law and his role within it. The book explores how this horrific case of sexual assault, now on trial in Mason's courtroom, has led him to question his fitness to judge.

In *Ordinary Heroes*, Turow explores fundamental questions of law, justice, and moral ambiguities through the story of Stewart Dubinsky, a 55-year-old crime reporter. As a young man, Dubinsky heard how his father had rescued his mother from the Balingen

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concentration camp. Many years later, however, he discovers that his father had another side after finding old letters from World War II, which detail the family man's secret court-marshal and imprisonment for aiding a suspected spy. Stewart embarks on a quest to find the truth about his father's wartime legacy.

One of America's most masterful writers of suspense, Scott Turow is an attorney and partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago. Prior to his work at the law firm, Turow worked as a prosecutor in the Chicago U.S. Attorney's office. He is the author of seven novels, including *Presumed Innocent*, which was made into a major motion picture in 1990 starring Harrison Ford. Turow's books have won several literary awards, including the Heartland Prize in 2003 and the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 2004. He frequently contributes to the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Atlantic*.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of the 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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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