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## **NPR'S *JUSTICE TALKING* AND NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOST SUPREME COURT REVIEW**

Philadelphia, PA (July 5, 2005) An all-star cast will be on hand at the National Constitution Center on July 12 to discuss the important issues and decisions of the Supreme Court's 2004 term. New York Times Supreme Court reporter Linda Greenhouse will be joined by American Civil Liberties Union President Nadine Strossen and National Constitution Center Visiting Scholar John Yoo in a debate over the most important Supreme Court cases of the last year for a taping of NPR's *Justice Talking*. Hosted by Margot Adler, the lively and informative debate will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Kirby Auditorium, and is open to the public. Admission is FREE, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.573.8919.

The highlights of a packed Supreme Court session include the Court's rulings on the death penalty for minors, wine sales over the Internet, placement of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms and on government property and Internet file sharing and copyright. The annual review by *Justice Talking* and the National Constitution Center will include debate by the panelists and a session of questions and answers from the audience. In addition to the cases heard by the Court this term, issues which may be discussed include the Court's refusal to hear the Terry Schiavo case, a refusal to hear journalist's privilege cases and the possibility of a new Chief Justice.

Linda Greenhouse, the Supreme Court reporter for The New York Times, won a Pulitzer Prize in 2004 for her coverage of the Supreme Court. She has over 20 years experience as the Supreme Court correspondent for The New York Times and is a frequent panelist on Washington Week.

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In 2004, she received the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Recently, she published "Becoming Justice Blackmun," a book which draws on the late Justice's papers and tapes.

John Choon Yoo, a Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, worked on issues involving foreign affairs, national security and the separation of powers as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U. S. Department of Justice from 2001 to 2003. He has testified before the judiciary committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and has advised the State of California on constitutional issues. Yoo is the author of "War, Peace, and the Constitution."

Nadine Strossen, Professor of Law at New York Law School, has extensive experience in practice, lecture and writing on constitutional law and civil liberties. Since 1991, she has served as President of the American Civil Liberties Union, the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. She is the author of "Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights."

Margot Adler, the host of *Justice Talking*, has covered topics such as the death penalty, complex issues in the right-to-die movement, the debate over family values, and affirmative action as an NPR correspondent. Since September 11, 2001, she has spent much of her time detailing the human story in the aftermath of the attacks in New York City for NPR programs *All Things Considered*, *Morning Edition* and *Weekend Edition*. She is the author of "Drawing Down the Moon" and "Heretic's Heart."

*Justice Talking* is an award-winning NPR program that engages listeners in timely, refreshingly honest debates on the legal battles that are capturing our nation's attention. Each weekly program tackles complex issues with an intriguing and unapologetic mix of voices and opinions. The program is broadcast on more than 100 NPR stations across the country, on NPR Worldwide, Armed Forces Radio Network and Sirius Satellite Network.

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Located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center 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". From June 10 through November 4, the museum is also featuring its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

The National Constitution 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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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