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THE SUPREME COURT REVEALED WITH JEFFREY ROSEN AND JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (January 24, 2007) – Supreme Court experts **Jeffrey Rosen** of *The New Republic* and ABC's **Jan Crawford Greenburg** will join the National Constitution Center for a revealing *Citizens' Constitutional Conversation* about the nation's highest court on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$12 for members, and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215-409-6700.

In *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America*, Rosen examines four pairs of contrasting personalities in the history of the Court. The story begins with Chief Justice John Marshall and President Thomas Jefferson, cousins from the Virginia elite whose differing visions of America set the tone for the Court's first hundred years. Rosen also tackles John Marshall Harlan and Oliver Wendell Holmes, who clashed over the limits of majority rule. Rosen then looks at the Warren Court era through the lens of liberal icons Hugo Black and William O. Douglas. He concludes with a pairing from our own era by exploring the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Antonin Scalia, conservatives with very different styles. His book is a companion to a PBS series, "The Supreme Court," produced by WNET.

In *Supreme Conflict*, Greenburg focuses on recent political history, arguing that though the Court includes seven justices appointed by Republican presidents, the third branch

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has proved to be deeply disappointing to conservatives. Greenburg discusses new information about the contemporary court, including how Chief Justice Rehnquist's illness affected the work of the Court, the little-known details behind Harriet Miers's doomed nomination, and how the appointment of two conservative jurists may change the direction of the Court.

Jeffrey Rosen is a law professor at George Washington University and a frequent contributor to *The New York Times* and its *Sunday Magazine*. He is the author of several books, including *The Most Democratic Branch*. His articles have also appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly* and *The New Yorker*. He contributes often to National Public Radio. Rosen's latest work is part of the series "The Supreme Court" that premieres on Public Broadcasting System on January 31, 2007.

Jan Crawford Greenburg is an ABC News correspondent who covers the Supreme Court, law, and politics for *World News with Charles Gibson*, *Good Morning America*, and *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*. She previously served as the Supreme Court analyst for the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS and *Face the Nation* on CBS, and was the chief legal affairs writer for the *Chicago Tribune*.

A book sale and signing for both books will follow the program courtesy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop. *Citizens' Constitutional Conversations* are underwritten by the Citizens Bank Foundation.

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

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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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