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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
HOSTS DRAMATIC CIVIL RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, CLE COURSE
Presented in partnership with Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Philadelphia, PA (January 7, 2005) – The National Constitution Center and Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) will present a Continuing Legal Education Course, combining a theatrical performance and a panel discussion, on Thursday, January 20 and Friday, January 21. The program, titled *Thurgood Marshall's Coming!* will take place in the Kirby Auditorium of the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach at the Constitution Center from 6 – 9:15 p.m. on January 20 and Noon – 3 p.m. on January 21. *Thurgood Marshall's Coming!* is a one-man show featuring actor T. Mychael Rambo as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in his later years, reliving and telling about important Supreme Court cases, past trials and victories—especially *Brown v. Board of Education*, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. Using Marshall's own writings and reflections, the play explores racial and civil rights issues and provides an engaging tool to provoke discussion about race, civil rights, the Constitution and the lawyer's responsibility for equal justice.

The play will be followed by a panel discussion involving leading judges and attorneys, including Phoebe A. Haddon, Temple University; Honorable Renee Cardwell Hughes; Honorable George W. Overton; Honorable Lillian Harris Ransom; Michael H. Reed, Pepper Hamilton LLP; Carl E. Singley, Blank Rome LLP; Prince Atlee Thomas, Fox Rothschild LLP; Honorable Petrese Brown Tucker; Honorable John M. Younge.

“This is a great way for attorneys to earn their continuing legal education credits, and also a fantastic way to honor Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday, whether you are a lawyer or not,” said Anthony Green, National Constitution Center Senior Director of National Programming.

Harry Owens, PBI Program Attorney extolled the partnership with the National Constitution

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Center. “There is no more appropriate venue in the country for this program,” he said. “The Constitution Center is a perfect backdrop for a play about the struggle for civil rights that was at the heart of Justice Marshall’s career.”

This is a Continuing Legal Education course for attorneys (3.0 credits, including 1.0 in ethics), but the general public is invited and would find this presentation an excellent way to mark the week of Martin Luther King’s Birthday.

National Constitution Center members receive a reduced rate of \$45 (no CLE credit). The fee schedule is as follows: PBA Member or member of any bar association, \$199; non PBA members \$219; members admitted after 1/1/01, \$179; paralegal attending alone, \$159; paralegal attending with attorney, \$129; guest with attendee (no CLE credit), \$50. To register, call (800) 932-4637 or (800) 247-4724 or go to www.pbi.org. A portion of the proceeds from the programs will benefit the National Constitution Center.

About the National Constitution Center

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.

The National Constitution Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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