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UNDERSTANDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RULINGS OF THE 2013-2014 SUPREME COURT TERM AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (June 16, 2014) – Join the National Constitution Center and the [Anti-Defamation League](#) (ADL) for an in-depth review of the Supreme Court's 2013-2014 session with legal scholars **Erwin Chemerinsky** and **Frederick Lawrence** as well as **Deborah Lauter**, ADL's Civil Rights Director. The trio will discuss the significant rulings of the term including legislative prayer, the contraceptive mandate of the Affordable Care Act, affirmative action, and campaign finance, exploring how the outcomes of these decisions will directly impact the lives of Americans. The program also will touch on the legacy of one of the most significant Supreme Court rulings of the last century, *Brown vs. Board of Education*, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

One of the most popular programs of the Constitution Center's Town Hall series every year, the 2013-14 Supreme Court Review will take place on **Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 12 p.m.** Admission is \$10 for members and non-members, \$30 with CLE credit, and free for 1787 Society. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 215-409-6700 or visiting constitutioncenter.org. The program will be streamed live on the Anti-Defamation League's website at adl.org/supremecourtreview. This is the second straight year the National Constitution Center and the ADL have co-presented this program.

[Erwin Chemerinsky](#) is the founding dean and distinguished professor of law and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. His areas of expertise include constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of eight books, including this fall's forthcoming *The Case Against the Supreme Court*, and nearly 200 articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation's highest courts and also serves as a commentator on

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legal issues for national and local media. Chemerinsky holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University.

[Frederick Lawrence](#) is the president of Brandeis University. An accomplished scholar, teacher, and attorney, Lawrence is one of the nation's leading experts on civil rights, free expression, and bias crime. Prior to Brandeis, Lawrence was Dean and Robert Kramer Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School from 2005-10. With over 30 years in law, Lawrence has written, lectured, and testified widely on civil rights and hate crimes and is the author of *Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law* (1999), which examines bias-motivated violence and how such crimes are dealt with in the United States. Lawrence, a native of Long Island, N.Y., received a bachelor's degree in 1977 from Williams College and a law degree in 1980 from Yale Law School.

Deborah Lauter is the director of Civil Rights of the Anti-Defamation League. She has been with the ADL for 15 years, having previously served as its regional director in Atlanta. She oversees domestic policy, programs, and staff for the ADL Legal Affairs Department, the Center on Extremism, the Research Center, and the Library and Archives. Lauter received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from Cardozo School of Law. Prior to joining the staff of ADL, she practiced corporate law in San Francisco, and served as the Community Relations Director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

About the Anti-Defamation League

The Anti-Defamation League is one of the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agencies fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defending democratic ideals, and protecting civil rights for all. Founded in 1913 to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people" and to "secure justice and fair treatment for all," ADL has submitted more than 250 *amicus* briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court, including four briefs during the 2013-14 Supreme Court term. For more information, go to adl.org.

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About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](https://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia is the Museum of We the People, America's Town Hall, and a Headquarters for Civic Education. As the **Museum of We the People**, the National Constitution Center brings the United States Constitution to life for visitors of all ages and inspires active citizenship by celebrating the American constitutional tradition. The museum features interactive exhibits, engaging theatrical performances, and original documents of freedom. As the only institution established by Congress to "disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a non-partisan basis," the National Constitution Center serves as a **Headquarters for Civic Education**—offering cutting-edge learning resources including the premier online Interactive Constitution. As **America's Town Hall**, the National Constitution Center hosts timely constitutional conversations uniting distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists from across the political spectrum. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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